Dean’s Message
As we begin the new semester and the new year, I want to share with you some of the law school’s highlights from the fall. We had a busy and productive semester, filled with stimulating lectures and conferences on timely topics, and we hosted many other special events. We inaugurated the annual NYU-UCLA Tax Policy Conference in October, and welcomed Luis Moreno-Ocampo, prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, to our school in November.

I am delighted to share these brief stories with you – please enjoy reading them. I hope to see many of you on campus this spring at our upcoming events. Remember to save the date, May 19, 2012, for Reunion 2012!

Warmly,
Rachel F. Moran
Dean and Michael J. Connell Distinguished Professor of Law

Inaugural NYU-UCLA Tax Policy Conference
In October, the law school hosted the inaugural NYU-UCLA Tax Policy Conference, bringing together experts from two of the nation’s strongest tax law faculties. Sponsored by the Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy, the conference focused on the tax policy implications of health care reform. Panelists discussed the history and politics of taxation and the health care system, addressed questions of tax alternatives to fund health care reform, and talked about health care policy and the long-term fiscal outlook, among other topics.

The joint annual conference provides a forum for leading scholars, policymakers and practitioners to offer expert perspectives on complex tax policy issues and options for reform from both a legal and economic perspective. The second conference will be held in October 2012 in New York and will focus on the 100th anniversary of the modern U.S. income tax.

Visit by Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court
Luis Moreno-Ocampo, prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), delivered a keynote address at UCLA School of Law in November. His lecture focused on questions concerning the ICC’s issuance of arrest warrants for Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi and his son Saif al-Islam. To a packed audience, Prosecutor Moreno-Ocampo posed the question of whether the situation in Libya signals that the world is no longer accepting crimes against humanity, or whether this was a unique case. The visit, co-sponsored by UCLA School of Law’s Sanela Diana Jenkins Human Rights Project, was part of the American Society of International Law’s (ASIL’s) second annual Midyear Meeting, which was held at the law school.

The law school was also pleased to welcome Judge Joan Donoghue of the International Court of Justice to UCLA Law as part of the ASIL event. Judge Donoghue spoke to students about her experience on the court in The Hague, and talked about international law and today’s global challenges.
Dean Moran Appointed by President Obama to Key Administrative Post

Dean Rachel F. Moran, Michael J. Connell distinguished professor of law, was appointed by President Obama in September to serve as a member of the Permanent Committee for the Oliver Wendell Holmes Devise. The committee, which was established by Congress in 1955 to administer the funds the late Justice Holmes bequeathed to the government, is charged with preparing a history of the U.S. Supreme Court and sponsoring the Oliver Wendell Holmes Lecture.

Dean Moran, the eighth dean of UCLA School of Law, is highly active in the legal community. She was appointed as president of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) in 2009. She is a member of the American Law Institute and served on the executive committee of the Association of American Law Schools. She sat on the standing committee of the Division of Public Education, American Bar Association; serves as a member of the editorial board for the *Supreme Court Preview*; and is a member of the advisory board for the Law School Survey of Student Engagement. She is currently a senator for the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

UCLA Law Celebrates Golden Years Reunion

The law school hosted the second annual Golden Years Reunion in November, a special event for alumni celebrating 50th or higher class reunions. More than 60 people attended the reunion luncheon, including representatives from each celebrating class.

It was a festive event filled with shared stories and fond memories of law school. We are already looking forward to the next Golden Years Reunion!
Save the Date for Reunion 2012
The law school is gearing up for Reunion 2012, which will be held on May 19. Jeffrey Silberman '82, president and CEO of Carleton Management, Inc. has been named the National Reunion Challenge Chair.

Now in its third year, the Reunion Challenge is an opportunity for alumni to honor their reunion class with a financial commitment to the law school. As national chair, Jeff will work with reunion classes with years ending in 2 and 7 to increase challenge participation and help to make the reunions a great success.

Epstein Program Hosts Speaker Series
The David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy hosted the first program of its 2011-12 speaker series in October, "Invisible Wounds, Broken Promises and Violated Trust: Litigating for Homeless Veterans in Los Angeles." The panelists discussed a federal class action, Valentini et al. vs. Shinseki, et al., filed against the Veterans Administration for violating the rights of homeless veterans. Three of the lawyers for the plaintiffs, including Professor Gary Blasi, and Elly Kugler '10 and Melissa Tyner of the Inner City Law Center, spoke about the litigation. They also talked about the broader issue of veterans who are unable to obtain the benefits and services to which they are legally entitled because of their disabilities or homelessness.

A second event in the series, held in November, focused on the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Plata, requiring California to reduce its prisoner population. The panelists, including Professor Sharon Dolovich and Kelly Knapp '07, of the Prison Law Office, explored Plata's implications. They focused in particular on prisoners' rights litigation, prison mental health care and prison reform more generally. The event was moderated by Acting Professor Allison Hoffman.

Emmett Center Publishes Pritzker Policy Brief
Cara Horowitz, the Andrew Sabin Family Foundation executive director of the Emmett Center on Climate Change and the Environment, published the second Pritzker Environmental Law and Policy Brief in October. The paper, "Bright roofs, big city: Keeping L.A. cool through an aggressive cool-roof program," recommends the widespread use of cool roofing material to reduce air pollution and energy costs in Los Angeles. It proposes law and policy strategies for achieving this goal to combat climate change.

The Pritzker Environmental Law and Policy Briefs are supported by a gift from Anthony Pritzker, the managing partner and co-founder of The Pritzker Group. They provide expert analysis on legislation, academic research, corporate actions and public dialog on urgent issues impacting the environment. The third Pritzker Policy Brief will be authored by Professor Timothy Malloy and will address California's newly proposed green chemistry regulations.

Ten Students Receive California Bar Foundation Scholarships
Ten UCLA School of Law students received 2011 California Bar Foundation Scholarships—the most scholarship recipients from any California law school this year. The scholarships assist students with tuition and related education expenses, and are awarded to exceptional law students who demonstrate a commitment to public service and academic excellence.

Five students received awards from the foundation’s flagship Public Interest Scholarship Program and five were awarded scholarships under the foundation’s Diversity Scholarship Program. The students were honored at the organization’s scholarship reception, which was held in San Francisco in September.