Dean’s Message
As we begin the new year and the spring semester at the law school, I want to take a moment to share with you some recent law school highlights. We had a busy and productive fall semester, filled with stimulating lectures, conferences on timely topics, notable visitors, as well as many other special events. We recently had the honor of welcoming Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor to campus for a discussion with our students. We also had the pleasure of hosting Regents Lecturer Dan Emmett for a two-week visit. Our centers and programs continue to sponsor numerous thought-provoking lectures, such as a talk on alternative investment funds organized by the Lowell Milken Institute and a review of recent landmark Supreme Court decisions co-sponsored by the Williams Institute and the David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy. And, I am delighted to report that we have received an important challenge gift to help bolster our scholarship program and support our students.

I am pleased to share these brief stories with you, and I hope to see you at some of our upcoming events. Please remember to save the date, May 31, 2014, for Reunions 2014!

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

Million Dollar Scholarship Challenge
UCLA School of Law has received a major challenge gift from an anonymous donor to enhance our scholarship program. The recently established Million Dollar Scholarship Challenge will match scholarship gifts at the level of $2,500 or more, dollar for dollar, up to a maximum amount of $125,000 per gift. A donor therefore can create a fully endowed $250,000 scholarship with a $125,000 gift. Scholarships are critical to admitting the best and brightest students to our law school, and the Challenge will have an immediate and significant impact on our ability to attract these students to UCLA Law as members of the class of 2017 and beyond. By increasing resources from donor-based scholarships and financial aid, we can make UCLA Law accessible to all students, regardless of their financial resources. The challenge runs from December 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, or until the matching funds are exhausted.

Justice Sandra Day O’Connor Visits UCLA Law
UCLA School of Law welcomed Justice Sandra Day O’Connor to the law school in December. During her visit, she participated in an iCivics event with local elementary school children and a Q&A discussion with UCLA Law students. Four distinguished UCLA Law faculty members—Professors Iman Anabtawi, Stuart Banner, Dan Bussel and Eugene Volokh, who all had the honor to serve as clerks to Justice O’Connor—participated in the conversation. Dean Rachel F. Moran moderated the discussion, posing questions for the panel to address. Justice O’Connor discussed a wide variety of topics, ranging from her time on the Supreme Court to how she began her career in the law, including the difficulties she faced as a female attorney in getting a job after law school.

Regents Lecture with Dan Emmett
Dan Emmett, chairman of Santa Monica-based Douglas Emmett, Inc. and founder of the law school’s Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, spent two weeks at the law school in November as a Regents Lecturer. During his time at UCLA Law, he met with students and faculty members, participated in law school classes, conducted a dean’s roundtable and panel discussions, and presented a timely public lecture on fostering a productive relationship between environmental regulators and the business community. As part of a panel of experts, who brought perspectives from business, academia and government, he led a lively conversation about one of the most critical issues facing California and the world: how to deal with the threat of climate change.

This spring, we are delighted that Kim McLane Wardlaw ’79, judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, will also visit UCLA Law as a Regents Lecturer.
Harvey Weinstein Headlines Annual UCLA Entertainment Symposium

Academy Award-winning producer and studio executive Harvey Weinstein, co-founder of Miramax Films and The Weinstein Company, will serve as the keynote speaker at the 38th Annual UCLA Entertainment Symposium. The event, to be held March 7-8, will welcome several hundred leading entertainment industry executives who will explore the latest trends and issues affecting the industry. Weinstein will be interviewed by Ken Ziffren '65, in front of an audience of industry executives, producers, agents, managers, attorneys and students at UCLA. The one-on-one dialogue will allow him to present his views on the industry and the future of entertainment.

Save the Date for Reunions 2014!

The law school is gearing up for Reunions 2014, which will be held on May 31. Rich Parker '74, a partner at O'Melveny & Myers LLP, has been named the National Reunion Challenge Chair. Now entering its fifth 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, Rich will work with reunion classes with years ending in 4 and 9 to increase challenge participation and help to make the reunions a resounding success.

Business Law Breakfast

In October, the Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy sponsored a Business Law Breakfast with Timothy Spangler, director of research at the Lowell Milken Institute and a partner and chair of the Investment Funds Group at Kaye Scholer LLP. Spangler, who is also an adjunct professor at UCLA Law, gave a talk on his new book, *One Step Ahead: Private Equity and Hedge Funds After the Global Financial Crisis*, in which he explores how the structures of alternative investment funds enable them to adapt and react to global financial conditions. A panel of industry insiders participated in the discussion and offered comments.

Annual Nimmer and Green Lectures

In November, the law school hosted the 27th Annual Melville B. Nimmer Memorial Lecture and the 17th Annual Irving H. Green Memorial Lecture. The Nimmer Lecture commemorates the career of leading copyright authority and UCLA Law Professor Mel Nimmer by showcasing the work of a scholar advancing the fields of copyright, entertainment law or freedom of speech. This year’s lecturer was Professor Steven Shiffrin, Charles Frank Reavis Sr. Professor of Law at Cornell Law School. Professor Shiffrin, a constitutional law expert and a prominent figure in First Amendment scholarship, gave a talk entitled “The Dark Side of the First Amendment.” The Green Lecture honors the late attorney Irving Green by bringing outstanding trial lawyers to UCLA Law to inspire students. This year’s lecturer was Arnoldo Casillas ’91, a principal in the law firm of Casillas, Moreno & Associates, which specializes in civil rights and police misconduct litigation as well as catastrophic tort litigation. He talked about his practice, some of the high-profile trials with which he has been involved and his work on behalf of plaintiffs.
Whither the Court?
UCLA Law hosted the Allan C. Lebow Annual Supreme Court Review, “Whither the Court? Equality Under The Roberts Court: Fisher, Shelby, Windsor, Perry and Baby Veronica,” in August. This year’s program focused on a review of the latest Supreme Court decisions in Fisher v. University of Texas, Shelby County v. Holder, United States v. Windsor, Hollingsworth v. Perry and Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl, and participants discussed the implications of these decisions for lawyers, academics and citizens. The participants included UCLA School of Law Professors Kimberlé Crenshaw, Cheryl Harris, Angela Riley and Adam Winkler, as well as UC Irvine School of Law Professor Doug NeJaime. The discussion was moderated by Brad Sears, assistant dean and executive director of the Williams Institute. To watch a recording of the event, please click here.

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