Dean’s Message

The many accomplishments of the last academic year remind me of what a wonderful community we have at UCLA School of Law. At this year’s commencement, over 400 graduating students had the opportunity to hear Hilda Solis, former secretary of labor, deliver an inspiring address on the imperatives of public service. These students joined the ranks of our impressive alumni network. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand ’91 returned to share the story of her path to a distinguished career in the United States Senate. We celebrated our Alumni of the Year, Stephen D. Greenberg ’77 and Alicia Miñana de Lovelace ’87, for their achievements, and we welcomed back a record number of our graduates for Reunions 2013. We honored outstanding faculty like Patrick Goodman who make the learning experience here so satisfying and productive, and we recruited new senior staff who will keep our law school a strong and vibrant place. The capstone for the year was a generous gift from Chuck Williams to sustain the transformative work of the Williams Institute. Philanthropic leaders like Chuck, along with our students, alumni, faculty and staff make our continued success possible. I am grateful to all of them for their leadership and support of this unique law school community.

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

Gift of $5.5 Million to Support the Williams Institute

Philanthropist Charles R. “Chuck” Williams has made a $5.5 million gift to support the leadership of the Williams Institute—the first and only law school initiative dedicated to the study of sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy—and to foster the institute’s growth in the next decade.

Since its founding in 2001 with an inaugural $2.5 million gift from Chuck Williams—at that time the largest donation ever given to any academic institution in support of a gay and lesbian academic program, in any discipline—the institute has gained national renown as an academic research center dedicated to conducting rigorous, independent research on sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy. To date, Chuck Williams has committed more than $15 million to help establish the institute as a preeminent source of high-quality research in this arena, with real-world relevance for judges, legislators, policymakers, media and the public.

Reunions 2013!

The extended law school family gathered in June to celebrate alumni from the classes of ’63, ’68, ’73, ’78, ’83, ’88, ’93, ’98, ’03 and ’08. A record-breaking number of alumni returned to campus for the special reunion reception and intimate class dinners where alumni reconnected, shared their stories and fond law school memories and had fun posing together for pictures in the photo booth.

Reunions 2013 marked the fourth year of the Reunion Challenge, an opportunity for alumni to honor their reunion class with a financial commitment to the law school. We would like to thank Melanie Cook ’78, national Reunion Challenge chair, and the reunion committees for their dedication in making Reunions 2013 a great success.
Alumni of the Year: Stephen D. Greenberg ’77 and Alicia Miñana de Lovelace ’87

UCLA School of Law celebrated the achievements of Stephen D. Greenberg ’77 and Alicia Miñana de Lovelace ’87, the 2013 Alumni of the Year, at a luncheon in May held at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. Greenberg, a managing director at Allen & Company, received the Professional Achievement award. Miñana de Lovelace, a member of the UCLA Board of Governors and the advisory board of the UCLA Graduate School of Education & Information Studies and UCLA School of Law, was honored with the award for Public and Community Service.

Greenberg has focused on the sports and media industries, representing numerous owners in the purchase and sale of major league sports teams, including the Milwaukee Brewers, Cincinnati Reds, Atlanta Braves, Houston Astros, San Diego Padres, New York Mets, Cleveland Cavaliers and Washington Wizards. Miñana de Lovelace, who has spent 25 years as a practicing attorney, is the founding chair of the board of directors and a volunteer attorney for the Learning Rights Law Center, a nonprofit organization founded entirely by UCLA Law graduates.

Please join us in congratulating these esteemed colleagues.

Commencement 2013

On May 17, 2013, more than 400 UCLA School of Law students joined the alumni community as they were awarded J.D. and LL.M. degrees at the school’s 62nd annual commencement ceremony. It was a celebration not only of their achievement of this major milestone but also of the impact that is now possible in their future careers.

Commencement speaker Hilda Solis, former United States secretary of labor, addressed the graduates and shared lessons from her career. She spoke on achieving social justice as lawyers, and challenged the graduates to take on leadership roles in order to help move toward fairness and equality. “There are so many ways to make a difference,” she said. “Every time you apply your new skills to correct the injustices all around us, you are leading! I’m filled with confidence that you will rise to this moment.”

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand Visits UCLA Law

UCLA School of Law welcomed United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand ’91 (D-NY) to the law school in May. Her return to campus included an intimate speaking engagement attended by alumni, faculty members and newly admitted students. After a welcome from Dean Rachel F. Moran and Scott Waugh, UCLA executive vice chancellor and provost, Senator Gillibrand discussed her journey to public service from private practice, and her experience in the Senate, including efforts to rebuild the country’s economy and provide access to health care. Afterwards, she answered questions posed by audience members.

Dean’s Office Welcomes New Associate, Assistant and Vice Deans

Eileen Scallen has joined UCLA School of Law as associate dean for curriculum and academic affairs, where she will develop strategies for curriculum scheduling and curriculum development and ensure the law school’s continued success in academic planning. She takes over for Professor Steven Bank, who has overseen curriculum as vice dean for curriculum and intellectual life for the past six years. She will also be joined in September by Tracey Parr, who will serve as the assistant dean for academic and strategic planning. Assistant Dean Parr will be involved with the law school’s academic planning, co-curricular and student support programs, academic personnel functions, and she will serve as a liaison between the Dean’s Office and the Office of Career Services. Associate Dean Scallen joined the law school from the William Mitchell College of Law, where she was a professor of law. Assistant Dean Parr will join UCLA Law from New York Law School, where she was assistant dean for graduate and continuing legal education and assistant dean for academic program development.

In addition, Professors Ann Carlson and Laura Gómez have assumed the roles of vice dean. Professor Carlson is the vice dean for faculty recruitment and intellectual life and Professor Gómez is the vice dean for faculty development. They will both work with Dean Moran to help recruit and retain faculty members, to nurture a new generation of leading scholars and to maintain a robust schedule of programs and events that strengthen the school’s intellectual community.
**Patrick Goodman Honored with Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching**

Lecturer in Law Patrick Goodman was honored with the 2013 Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching at the 34th Rutter Award Presentation Ceremony in February. The award, established by William "Bill" Rutter, is presented annually to a professor who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to teaching.

After accepting the award from Paul Rutter '78, Professor Goodman spoke passionately about his journey as a teacher and the lessons he has learned. He thanked his students, as well as his wife, children and parents, and said he has the "greatest job in the world." Professor Goodman also talked about the changes in legal education and where legal education should be headed, and received a standing ovation at the conclusion of his remarks.

**Bruins Hiring Bruins**

Help Build the Alumni Network!

The next time you are looking to hire on a full-time, part-time or contract basis, turn to the UCLA Law Office of Career Services to connect you to talented UCLA Law students and alumni. The Office of Career Services provides employers with an opportunity to post job listings or collect resumes, free of charge, for UCLA Law students and alumni. Jobs may be posted directly to the UCLA Law Career Services site by clicking law student posting or attorney job. For additional information, please contact Lisa Barash, alumni counselor, or Beth Moeller, assistant dean of career services, at (310) 206-1117.