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1) Leading Interdisciplinary Scholar Joins USC

>> The University of Southern California has recruited Mathew D. McCubbins, a nationally recognized interdisciplinary scholar at the University of California, San Diego, to join the faculty this January as a Provost Professor. McCubbins will share appointments in the USC Marshall School of Business, USC Gould School of Law and USC College of Letters, Arts & Sciences. McCubbins has been a Visiting Professor of Law at USC since 2006 and is co-director of the USC-Caltech Center for the Study of Law and Politics.
McCubbins is a distinguished professor in political science at UC San Diego, where he holds the Chancellor's Associates Endowed Chair. He is a foundational figure in the study of government regulatory agencies, the organization and behavior of legislatures, and the use and abuse of the popular initiative. Further, he has made important contributions to understanding communication in organizations and he is regarded as one of the founders of the Positive Political Theory of the Law.

"Mat embodies the aspiration of the University of Southern California," said USC Law Dean Robert K. Rasmussen. "He has made important contributions across a number of areas. The fact that he received appointments in the Marshall School of Business, the College and the Gould School of Law is testimony to the fact that he is viewed as one of the nation's leading scholars in business schools, political science departments and law schools. In the law, Mat's work on statutory interpretation and law and politics is required reading for any serious scholar in the field. We are a better law school, and a better university, with Mat as part of our intellectual community."

Read more about Prof. McCubbins' appointment.

2) USC Law Grads Sworn In

>>More than 100 USC Law graduates returned to campus recently to participate in a swearing-in ceremony that officially marks the start of their careers as lawyers. The newly minted attorneys - who took the bar exam in July - were sworn in by the Hon. James N. Bianco '87 and the Hon. Jacqueline Chooljian '86, both USC Law alums.

"This really completes the journey you started three years ago," said USC Law Dean Robert K. Rasmussen, who hosted the event. "It also commemorates the time, support and love your friends and family have invested in you."

Read more about the bar ceremony.

3) Exploring Art Law

>>Leading attorneys specializing in art law recently shared with students how they broke into the industry and rose to represent some of the world's most famous museums, artists and collectors. Speaking at the lunchtime discussion sponsored by Art Law Society were: Maria Seferian, who worked on the Armand Hammer Museum restructuring; William Brutocao, who represents artists, including Kent Twitchell; and Robert Darwell, who worked on the Louis Vuitton collaboration with Murakami for MOCA.
"When I started working, I wanted to be an entertainment lawyer and later go off and open an art gallery or do something else art or music related," said Seferian, who also worked with MOCA during its recent financial difficulties and is a partner at Munger, Tolles & Olson. "But I find my job very rewarding. You have to do what you love to do, and I'm doing exactly what I want to do in a context I didn't expect."

Read more about the art law discussion.

4) Students Take to Street Law

>> USC Law students shared their experiences pursuing college and law degrees during a panel discussion for high school students participating in Street Law's annual Mentor Day.

"We want the students to get a better idea of what it means to be a law student, have a fun time learning the law, and be inspired to pursue higher education," said Alaina Walker '11, chair of Mentor Day. "We're dispelling the myth that it's not cool to be smart."

The Street Law program sends USC Law students to work with local public schools during the year and teach students about legal issues that impact their lives, such as juveniles being tried as adults in court. Recently, three schools - Dorsey, South East and New Designs - sent students to USC Law for the day-long Mentor Day program where they were encouraged by law students to begin thinking seriously about attending college and even graduate school. About 100 law students participated.

Read more about Street Law's Mentor Day.

5) USC Law Seeks Alumni Mock Interviewers

>> USC Law's Career Services Office cordially invites you to participate in its eighth annual Spring Alumni Mock Interview Program. While second-year students participate in the Fall Mock Interview Program, the Spring Alumni Mock Interview Program is limited to first-year students, many of whom are commencing their first legal job search. As with the fall program, students get the opportunity to interview with USC Law graduates in the areas of private practice, government or public interest.

The mock interviews will take place on Tuesday, January 26, and Wednesday, January 27, and you are welcome to participate on either or both of these
evenings. An orientation, which includes a light dinner, will begin at 6:45 p.m. The first interviews will begin at 7:15 p.m. Each graduate will be assigned two 45-minute interviews, comprised of 30 minutes of mock interviewing and 15 minutes of constructive feedback. The interviews should conclude by approximately 8:45 p.m.

If you are able to participate, please sign up online at https://mylaw.usc.edu/survey/takeSurvey.asp?surveyID=44. Please feel free to contact the Career Services Office at 213.740.7397 with any questions. USC Law greatly appreciates your time and support!

6) Career Services Office Welcomes New Assistant Director

Rachel Kronick Rothbart has joined the Career Services Office as an assistant director for the next 12 months to help the office assist the increasing number of students and alumni who are seeking its services during these challenging economic times. Rothbart received her B.A. from Brandeis University and her J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law. She has spent the past 10 years working in Los Angeles at the Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law, most recently as the Director of Legal Services. The Career Services Office can be reached at 213.740.7397.

7) Upcoming events: ALUMNI HOLIDAY PARTY, CEOs AND THEIR GENERAL COUNSEL, TAX INSTITUTE

DECEMBER 10: YOUNG ALUMNI COMMITTEE HOLIDAY PARTY
- ORANGE COUNTY
All USC Law alumni are invited to celebrate the holiday season with a special holiday party in Orange County. Hosted by Shadie Berenji '04 and Sean Kundu '07, this gathering will take place from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the Sports Club and Game Room at their apartment complex, The Village at Irvine Spectrum [50 Prism, Irvine 92618]. On offer will be holiday appetizers, chocolate fountain, pool table, shuffleboard, foosball, poker tables and two plasma TVs. Bring your own alcohol. For more information, visit http://law.usc.edu/alumni/events/receptions.cfm. To RSVP, contact Assistant Director of Development Brooke Duebler at 213.743.1833 or bduebler@law.usc.edu

JANUARY 15: CONFERENCE ON "AMERICA'S LOOMING FISCAL CRISIS"
USC-Caltech Center for the Study of Law and Politics and the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center are hosting a conference on "America's Looming Fiscal Crisis." Leading experts will assess the challenges facing the country in
the next decade and potential responses by the federal government and states. The event will be held in Room 7 of the law school from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be served. To RSVP, e-mail lcrall@law.usc.edu. Learn more about the conference.

JANUARY 21: CEOs AND THEIR GENERAL COUNSELs
FEATURING LARRY FLAX '67 AND CHRIS O'BRIEN '91
Join USC Law Dean Robert K. Rasmussen as he chats with two accomplished alumni: Larry Flax '67, the founder of California Pizza Kitchen, and Chris O'Brien '91, his general counsel. The event will be held in Room 7 of the law school from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. For more information or to RSVP, please e-mail events@law.usc.edu.

JANUARY 25 - 27: USC LAW TAX INSTITUTE
USC Law Continuing Legal Education (CLE) hosts its annual, not-to-be-missed three-day institute for tax professionals at the Wilshire Grand in Los Angeles. Register online at http://law.usc.edu/cle/tax/.

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