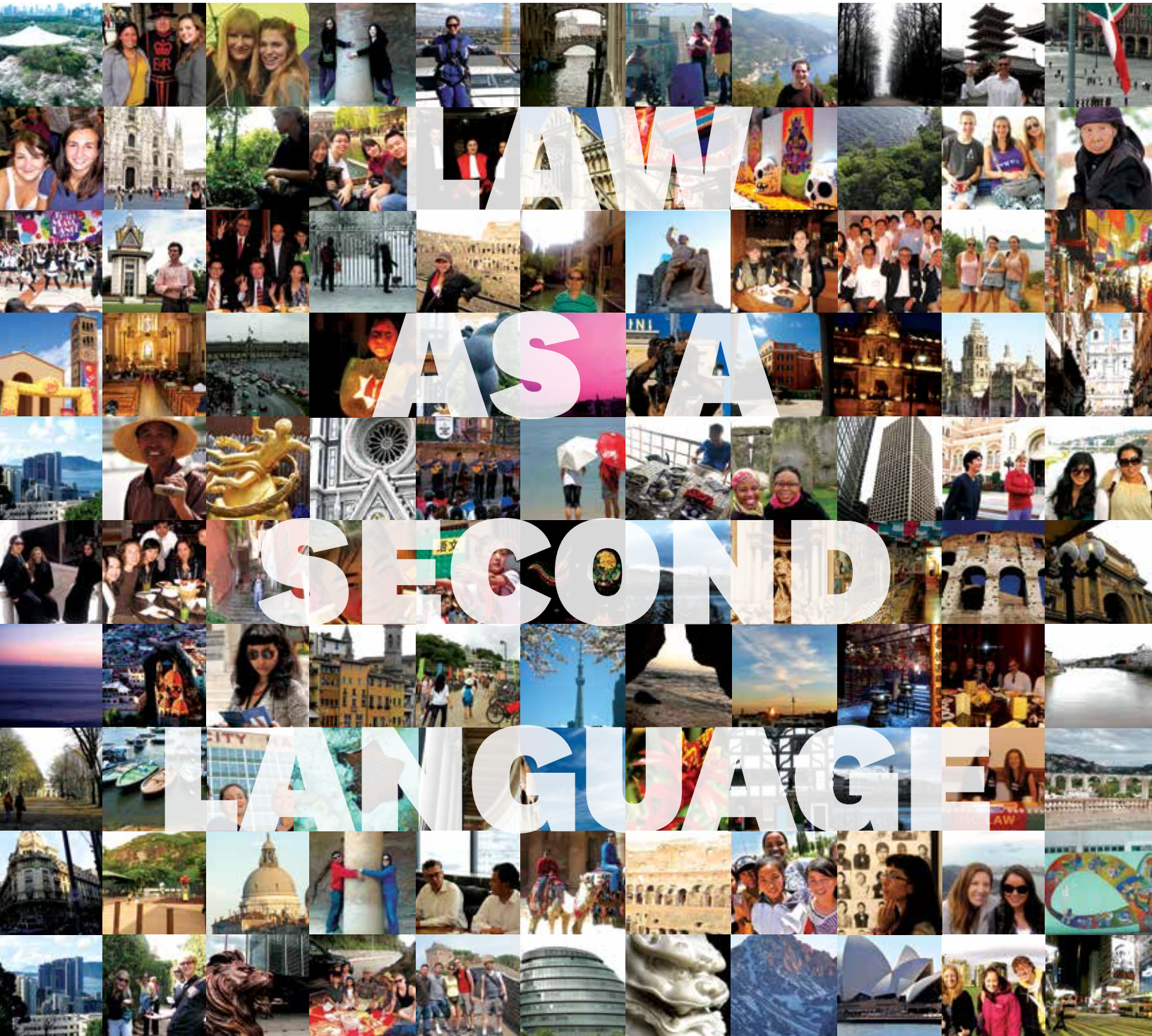


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As I meet with many of our friends and supporters, two questions inevitably come up. The first is: How are our students faring in what is by all accounts a choppy job market? The second is: How are we at USC Gould enhancing the education of our students? I addressed the latter question in the Summer 2012 issue of this magazine, in describing our move towards an inter-professional, client-focused program. In this letter, I would like to share with you some thoughts on the first question.

It is beyond cavil that the current job market is tight, and law students and recent alumni face greater employment challenges than at any point in our lifetime. It is precisely in this climate that I am so grateful for your continued support of our students and recent graduates. One way to measure the success of our students is to look at how many of them receive jobs in one of the top 250 law firms, as determined by the National Law Journal. For the Class of 2011, students from USC Gould were 12th in the nation in securing such positions, with roughly a third of our graduates joining these top firms. There are currently fewer such jobs than were available five years ago, but our students remain highly sought after. Over all, I can report that well over 90 percent of the Class of 2011 has secured permanent, long-term employment. The job search is often longer than it has been in the past, but the

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perseverance of our graduates and the willingness of alumni and supporters to help out have led to a favorable outcome for the vast majority of our students. Of course, USC Gould continues to work with each student to help enable a successful transition into a meaningful legal career.

In this environment, I continue to ask for, and find encouragement in, your support. Our students remain among the most capable, hard-working and dedicated in all of legal education. All they need is an opportunity to show what they can do. With that opportunity, they will continue to enhance the legacy of our Trojan Network.

As we continue to improve the quality and depth of our educational program at USC Gould, we attract innovative scholars to our ranks. Joining us this fall as an assistant professor is Alex Lee. You can learn more about Alex and other developments as you scan this magazine.

I continue to look forward to working with you as we chart the future of this great institution.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob".

Robert K. Rasmussen
Dean and Carl Mason Franklin Chair in Law

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6 LAW AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

They already possess law degrees and often have worked as attorneys. So what draws nearly 200 international graduate students to the USC Gould School of Law each fall? As top foreign lawyers pursue an LL.M. degree for their professional advancement, they also help prepare J.D. students for an increasingly global practice.



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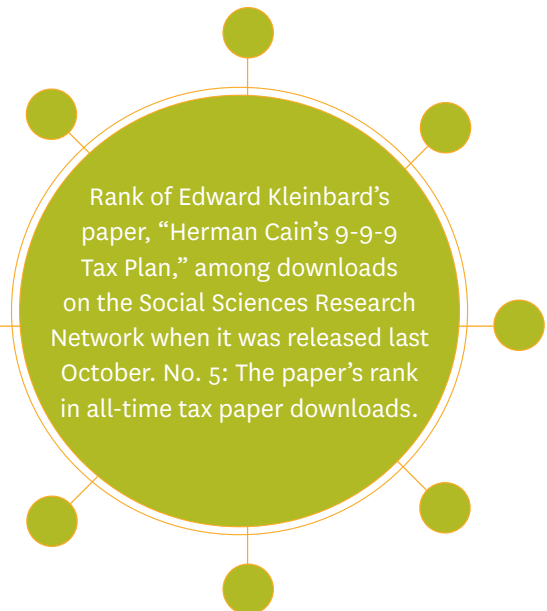
USC Gould welcomes Alex Lee, assistant professor of law. Lee, who holds an M.A. in mathematics from Cambridge University, and a J.D. and Ph.D. in economics from Yale University, most recently was senior counsel at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. He also clerked for U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Thomas B. Griffith. Lee will teach Securities Regulation and Regulatory Law and Policy. ... Lecturer in Law John Garman has been elected as a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Europe and Southern California Chapter. Garman, who teaches International Negotiation and Mediation and teaches in the Summer Law and English Program, currently serves as vice chair of chapters and on the executive committee of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, North American Branch. ... Prof. Nancy Staudt will serve as academic director of the newly established USC Schwarzenegger Institute for State and Global Policy, housed at the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy. ... Prof. Jack Lerner was a keynote speaker at the California State Bar Association's annual meeting in October. He spoke at the annual State Bar Breakfast. 🍷



Nancy Staudt

In June, USC Gould hosted the 16th Annual Conference of the International Society for New Institutional Economics. Keynote speakers included Gillian Hadfield, Richard L. and Antoinette Kirtland Professor of Law and Economics at USC Gould, who presented "(When) was Law Invented?"; William M. Landes, Clifton R. Musser Professor Emeritus of Law and Economics at the University of Chicago; and Richard A. Posner, judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and senior lecturer in law at the University of Chicago.

Other speakers included Profs. Jonathan Barnett, Nancy Staudt and Abby Wood. Prof. Lee Epstein, who chaired the conference's organizing committee, and Profs. Scott Altman, Thomas Griffith and Daniel Klerman also chaired panel sessions on topics including contracting and organizations in the movie industry, property rights, and credit and finance.





REMEMBERING THURGOOD MARSHALL

USC Gould, the USC School of Dramatic Arts, and USC Visions & Voices screened HBO's award-winning film, "Thurgood," about the life of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. Following the viewing, USC Gould Dean Robert K. Rasmussen moderated a discussion with Judge Dorothy Nelson, former USC Gould dean, Provost Elizabeth Garrett and Prof. Rebecca Brown.

The three panelists agreed that knowing and working with Justice Marshall had a meaningful impact on their lives, both personally and professionally.

"He was the best lawyer of the last century," said Garrett, who clerked for Marshall. "What was so special about him was that he brought a real-world experience to the court. He didn't go to an Ivy League law school; he didn't live an upper-middle-class

life. He knew what it was like to face discrimination and he dealt with it with enormous humor and an abiding faith."

Brown also clerked for Marshall and credits him with inspiring her to teach.

"It was clear that he had been shaped so much by his law professors and that was part of the reason he became involved in the civil rights movement," Brown said. "He believed that law professors can not only have an impact through their students but also through getting involved in policy to make the world a better place." 🍷

Dean Robert K. Rasmussen, Judge Dorothy Nelson, Provost Elizabeth Garrett and Prof. Rebecca Brown

“I studied law because I wasn’t sure that I could become a philosopher, and I studied philosophy because I wasn’t sure that I want to become a lawyer. So here I am, decades later, still half in a philosophy department and half in a law school, and still agonizing....”

—Prof. Andrei Marmor to *3:AM Magazine* in an extensive interview, “*The endless search for truth*”



High school students and USC Gould mentors participate in the USC Street Law program.

USC Gould's rank among entertainment schools in the country, per The Hollywood Reporter

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PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT

The USC Neighborhood Outreach program has awarded a grant to USC Street Law, a program that connects law students with neighborhood schoolchildren to share a practical education about the law through topics and situations relevant to their lives.

“This grant is one recognition of the many ways our students and Office of Public Service work to improve our community,” says Robert K. Rasmussen, dean and Carl Mason Franklin Chair in Law and Professor of Law and Political Science.

Street Law allows law students to serve as mentors for inner-city middle and high school students. In addition to weekly

lessons about law, democracy and human rights, the neighborhood students spend a day at the law school each semester.

Crystal Luisjuan, 17, a rising senior at New Designs Charter School, says she benefits from the frequent visits of USC law students.

“Each year we study a different topic,” Luisjuan says. “In ninth grade, we learned about English common law. This year we learned about different types of contract law, the amendments and how a courtroom works.”

Previous grants have funded the purchase of textbooks for students and legal curriculum training for their teachers.

“The law students really enjoy going to the classrooms,” says Malissa Barnwell-Scott, director of the law school’s Office of Public Service. “In addition to Mentor Day on the USC campus, they are planning to take their students on a field trip to the Los Angeles Superior Court.”

USC Neighborhood Outreach works to enhance the quality of life in the neighborhoods surrounding the University Park and Health Sciences campuses. Gifts from USC faculty, staff and other donors through the annual USC Good Neighbors Campaign are the primary source of USC Neighborhood Outreach funding. 🗑️

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Number of people who have watched Prof. Elyn Saks’ TEDGlobal talk, “A tale of mental illness — from the inside” [<http://on.ted.com/Saks>]

“A law degree is a powerful thing. Use it wisely.”

—The Hon. Jean Rosenbluth '93, U.S. magistrate judge for the Central District of California, to the Class of 2015 before administering the New Student Oath

THOMAS BARRACK JR. NAMED NEW USC TRUSTEE

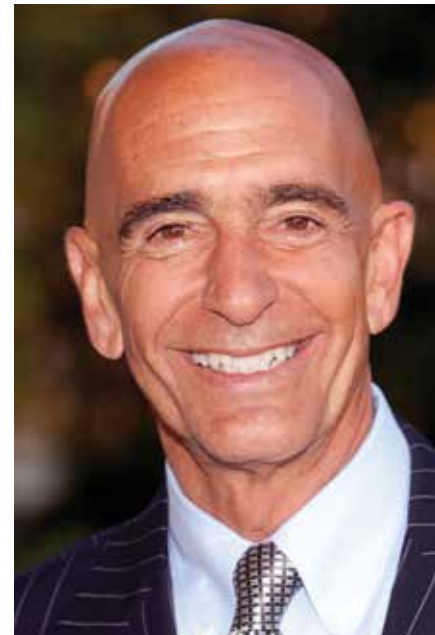
Thomas Barrack Jr. USC '69, founder, chairman and CEO of Los Angeles-based Colony Capital LLC, one of the world's largest private equity real estate firms, was elected to the USC Board of Trustees in June.

Barrack founded Colony Capital in 1991. As chairman, he has invested approximately \$45 billion in assets worldwide and oversees a global organization located in 13 cities and 10 countries.

“I am very proud to announce that Thomas J. Barrack Jr. has been elected to the USC Board of Trustees,” said USC President C. L. Max Nikias. “A true Trojan, Tom brings the unique perspective of an extraordinarily creative and successful entrepreneur to our board. His spirit of adventure, leadership, and wealth of experience in finance and real estate development will be invaluable as we secure USC's place among the ranks of the world's truly elite universities.”

The son of Lebanese immigrants, Barrack is a Los Angeles native and a graduate of Loyola High School. He received a bachelor's degree in sociology from the USC Dana and David Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences in 1969 and later attended the USC Gould School of Law, where he served as an editor of the *Southern California Law Review*, and the University of San Diego, where he earned his J.D. in 1972.

“I am thrilled that Tom will be sharing his leadership and vision with USC,” said USC Gould Dean Robert K. Rasmussen. “Tom through his distinguished career has shown how a rigorous legal education can provide a foundation for success across a variety of areas. Modern society needs those like Tom who have the ability to analyze new and seemingly chaotic situations and craft innovative solutions.” 🗡️



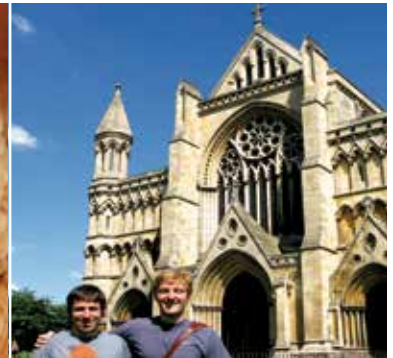
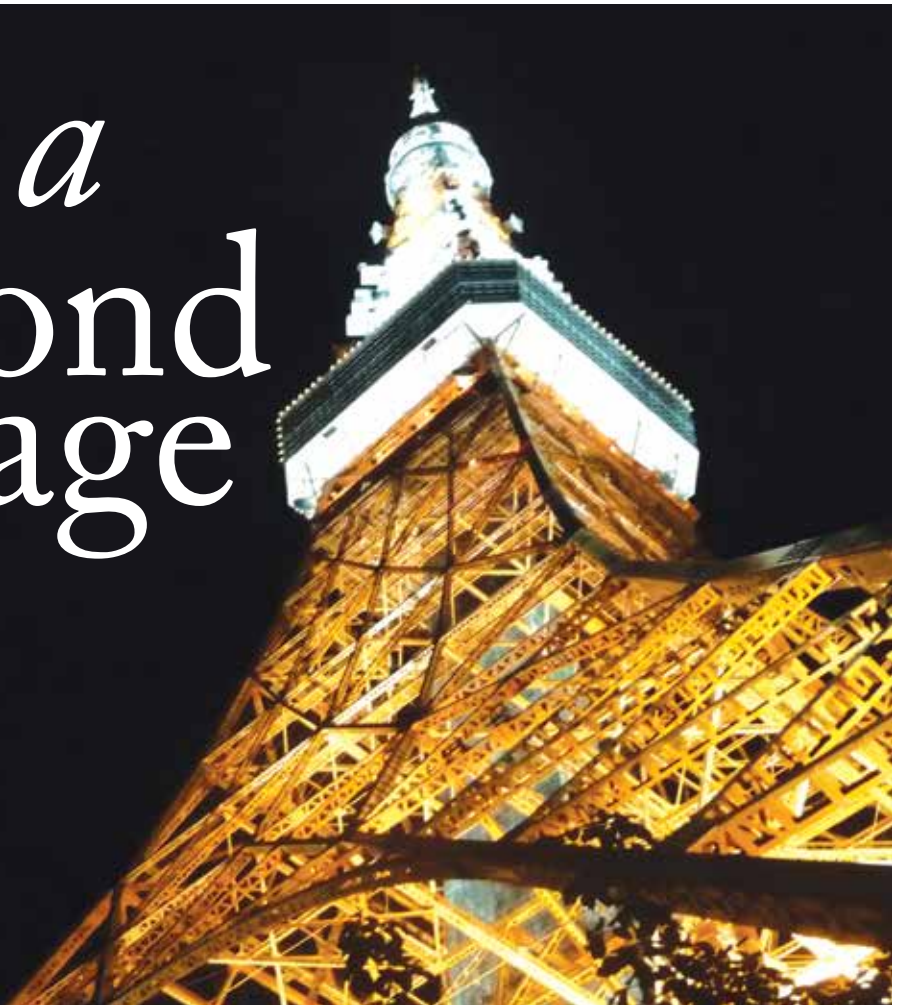
“With this application of international humanitarian law to the conflict, key government officials could be held responsible for ... massacres against civilians and also for the treatment of captured combatants, in this case rebel fighters, to the degree they're abused, harmed or killed.”

—USC Gould Lecturer Josh Lockman '08, speaking to Al Jazeera after the International Committee of the Red Cross said it considers the Syrian conflict a civil war



Law as a Second Language

By Darren Schenck



J.D. and international students study together — and learn from each other

J.D. students at the USC Gould School of Law spend countless hours learning to think like a lawyer. In recent years, they have been joined by an increasing number of classmates who already think like lawyers.

That's because they're lawyers.

This fall, 174 students from 29 countries arrived at USC Gould as members of the law school's eleventh LL.M. (Master of Laws) for Foreign Lawyers class. Each student has already earned a law degree in his or her home country, and many of them have worked as attorneys for several years.

The appearance of such students at USC Gould and other top law schools represents the confluence of two trends in legal education: an emphasis on preparing J.D. students for the increasing globalization of legal practice, and the rising importance of an LL.M. degree as a professional credential for foreign lawyers.

"Just as an effective legal education must prepare students to work with professionals in other fields, it must also equip them for a practice that crosses national borders," Dean Robert K. Rasmussen says. "By coming to USC Gould, our LL.M. students both learn more about American legal practices and they also share with the J.D. students a perspective on foreign legal traditions and international law. These interactions among our students enhance mutual learning and foster relationships that will last throughout a career."

USC Gould's current LL.M. class — its largest yet — also signals a trend among law schools nationally to establish or expand LL.M. programs. The state of California alone is home to nearly 20 such programs.

"We're all seeing an increase in the number of applications," says Associate Dean Deborah Call, who heads the LL.M. program and oversees the law school's Office of Graduate & International Programs (G&IP). "These students are coming to expand their legal education. When we look at the websites of law firms in the major metropolitan areas of countries we draw from, we find that most of the partners have LL.M.s."

Prof. Edwin "Rip" Smith, an international law expert who was instrumental in the creation of the LL.M.

program, says that the program provides the students with graduate training in American law.

"The students use their year at USC Gould to pursue specializations, particularly in intellectual property, M&A, and corporate and business law," he says. "When they return home, it's very beneficial to them."

The LL.M. is the largest of the law school's international programs, which also include a Master of Comparative Law degree program, a Visiting International Program for Lawyers (VIP), a four-week Summer Law & English program, and a J.D. Study Abroad program with partner institutions in Hong Kong; Milan, Italy; Lyon, France; Queensland, Australia; and, beginning next fall, São Paulo, Brazil.

WHY AN LL.M. PROGRAM?

In the early 1990s, Prof. Smith was teaching predominantly international law at USC when he spent a year as a visiting professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. That experience, he says, was his first encounter with LL.M. students and their perspectives on international law.

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— Prof. Edwin "Rip" Smith

law's relative importance compared to U.S. law students," he recalls. "It occurred to me that it would be nice to have foreign law students in my classes at USC, particularly in international law but in lots of other classes, as well."

Upon returning to USC, Smith began making the case for bringing LL.M. students to the law school.

In 2001, then-Dean Matthew Spitzer committed to launching an LL.M. program. For this, he hired Deborah Call, who had previously served as president and chief operating officer of Acor Programs, Inc.

“I had been consulting for Dean Spitzer, and our research led us to believe that there would be a large audience of highly qualified lawyers for an LL.M. program at USC Gould,” Call says. “In 2002, they enrolled their first class of 12 students.

EVOLUTION OF A PROGRAM

One member of that inaugural class was Adeline Simenon LL.M. ’03, an associate at Wolfsdorf Immigration Law Group in Santa Monica, Calif. A native of Normandie, France, Simenon had worked in corporate law before deciding to pursue an LL.M.

“That first year was very interesting — we had to try and test and do things that were brand new,” she says. “Taking a class alongside first-year J.D.s, I saw a different level of anxiety and stress. Because most LL.M.s were already members of a bar and practicing, we brought a certain level of maturity as well as a different perspective and more international approach to the study of law.”

“From admissions and orientation to events and career services and beyond, we are a one-stop shop,” says G&IP Director Misa Shimotsu-Kim. “Our students like to know that we’re going to take care of them.”

Every year, the international students are asked to assess the program. Their responses form the basis for continual tweaks and upgrades.

“The G&IP staff really have the students’ interests in mind,” says Siyuan An LL.M. ’10, J.D. ’12, a native of China who is doing an externship with the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia at The Hague. “I found it helpful that we could give ideas directly to them so they can make the program better and more useful for students.”

Bar prep has become increasingly important to incoming students, according to G&IP Associate Director Anne Marlenga. Approximately 60 percent of the LL.M. students take the New York Bar Exam after graduating, and another 10 percent take the California Bar.

Much of the bar prep falls to John Heilman ’82, a law lecturer who teaches both LL.M. and J.D. students. He also teaches one of the two required LL.M. courses, Topics in American Law.

“We do [bar prep] lectures on the weekend or in the evening as their schedule dictates. It’s difficult

“I know the LL.M. program is something that’s always going to be with me. I don’t feel nearly as close to my undergraduate college as I do to USC. There’s a sense of a family—it’s really special.”

— Moises Amsel LL.M. ’10

Simenon says her background allowed her to make substantial contributions to the program.

“While we were debating during one of the international business transaction classes, I started talking about EU law, which is originally my specialty,” she says. “We realized there was a need to further expand the curriculum in that respect.”

The next year, she developed an EU law course and began co-teaching it with Prof. Smith. She still serves as a lecturer at the law school.

Responsiveness to the international students’ changing needs and interests is a hallmark of the program, as is the end-to-end, personal support the G&IP staff provide.

because there’s so much to cover,” Heilman says. “But they know it will be valuable as they’re preparing for the New York Bar or the California Bar.”

In response to LL.M. students’ demand for business law courses and credentials, the G&IP office also helps guide them through the Business Law and Entertainment Law certificate programs.

Donald Scotten, G&IP’s associate academic director and an adjunct assistant professor of law, teaches Business Organizations and Mergers & Acquisitions, as well as Introduction to the U.S. Legal System exclusively for the LL.M.s.

“More than 80 percent of our foreign students want to take Business Organizations,” Scotten says.



“They’re business lawyers, and they’re coming here to learn American business law.”

THE TROJAN NETWORK

Scotten could be describing Attilio Mazzilli LL.M. '07, a native of Milan and a partner at Carnelutti Studio Legale, one of Italy’s oldest corporate law firms.

“I was working for a firm in Italy for six or seven years, doing M&A and private equity transactions,” Mazzilli says. “I wanted to improve my English and get in touch with international students, increase my network of colleagues, and try to approach the law from the perspective of different countries.”

Mazzilli says the many connections he made while he was at USC Gould later enabled him to attract work from U.S. firms.

“USC is one of most important universities in the U.S. for business and business law,” he says. “And L.A. is the best city in world.”

As the LL.M. program has grown, both the foreign lawyers and J.D. students have sought new ways to network and collaborate. One way in which they interact is through the J.D./

LL.M. Partnership Program, created by the law school’s International Law and Relations Organization (ILRO). Established in 2010, the program matches J.D. and LL.M. students, pairs of whom meet outside of school to socialize, network or practice their language skills.

Paul Moura '12, who recently relocated to London as part of a telecommunications and intellectual property law research project at the London School of Economics, served in the ILRO and participated in the partnership program. He says getting to know the LL.M. students helped the international students better acclimate to the U.S. and enabled all the students to network and continue their relationships after graduation.

“I was sometimes surprised to hear about how legal practice is done outside of the U.S.,” he says. “I think there are both strengths and weaknesses to our own system, and getting an outside perspective allows us to better improve how we operate.”

Mario Fratto '12 recently returned from Milan, Italy, where he spent a semester studying law at Bocconi University as part of USC

above, top left: Laurie Choi '13, Deema Abini '14 and Dorna Moini '12 at the King Abdullah I mosque in Amman, Jordan, on a trip with the USC Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project.

above, bottom left: Tokyo, as shot by Alyson Parker '09

above, right: Mariachis play in Queretaro, Mexico. Photo by Fabiola Mayora LL.M. '13



above, left and center: G&IP's Anne Marlunga, Donald Scotten, Deborah Call and Misa Shimotsu-Kim

Gould's J.D. Study Abroad programs. He says he first met LL.M. students at a bar review held at the law school. He and one of those students, Moises Amsel LL.M. '10, a native of Venezuela, today are the best of friends.

"I was already kind of internationally oriented, and meeting international students gives you the idea that you might do the same thing," Fratto says.

Just as Fratto will consider practicing law in Milan, his friend Amsel has put down roots in Los Angeles, establishing his own production company, Imaginarium Entertainment.

"I know the LL.M. program is something that's always going to be with me," Amsel says. "I don't feel nearly as close to my undergraduate college as I do to USC. There's a sense of a family — it's really special."

Kenji Hirooka LL.M. '04, a partner at the Tokyo office of Bingham McCutchen, actively engages USC LL.M. and other USC alumni and prospective students. He assists the G&IP staff on recruitment visits and hosts an annual send-off event where he and his fellow alumni meet LL.M. students before they leave for Los Angeles.

"USC Gould has nearly 200 alumni from Japan, and we have a very good community," he says. "That is because we have the Trojan Family. Everyone who spends a year at USC is part of the Trojan Family, because we share the same values."

One of those Trojans is Alyson Parker '09, an associate at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP. Last year, when her firm sought volunteers for a two-year assignment in Tokyo, Parker jumped at the opportunity. Then she called Masahisa Mitsunaga LL.M. '07, one of her good friends from law school, for advice about living and working in Japan.

"Just spending time with international students at USC really helped," she says. "That's where you learn the most practical skills, when you have the opportunity to interact with people who have been practicing in their home country, especially for students who want to work in international law and even those who will work in transactional law."

Today, the law school's international programs alumni network is 981 strong, with 67 countries represented. The J.D. Study Abroad programs count another 74 alumni.

Even with the program expanding to accommodate interest, competition for admission is tougher than ever; applications are up 25 percent this year.

"Our initial concern about expanding the program was that we would lose quality as we increased numbers," Prof. Smith says. "But the quality of our students has actually improved."

Which means the impact of international students on the USC Gould alumni network will be felt far and wide for years to come. 🚀

Legal English

By Meghan Heneghan

Last summer, the USC Gould School of Law welcomed 116 students from 26 countries to its Summer Law and English program (SLE). The program is in its ninth year and has grown consistently — fewer than two dozen students were in the first group.

The program attracts students from across the globe to learn American law and the intricacies of the United States legal system, further their English-speaking legal education, and network with classmates.

Incoming USC LL.M. candidate Oluwatamilore Ige '13 of the United Kingdom immediately recognized the Trojan bond among the crowd of diverse students.

"You go here and you're here for life," Ige said. "Everyone is very connected."

Of the 116 students who participated over the summer, 75 matriculated into USC's LL.M. program for 2012-13. The others will attend programs at other universities or were here solely for the summer program.



“There are so many people from so many countries. The diversity is the best part.”

— *Maria Ochoa, SLE student*

"A huge part of the program for us is to prepare LL.M. students for the master's program," said Anne Marlenga, associate director of the school's Graduate & International Programs. "[That preparation] comes from time in the classroom spent practicing English skills."

Students were exposed to an array of topics, including business law, criminal law, international negotiation and arbitration, intellectual property, contracts, and entertainment law. Experts in their respective fields taught the classes.

The USC Rossier School of Education's Language Academy runs the legal English part of the program and has expanded the legal writing curriculum.

USC Gould Lecturer Helen Fong taught legal English. Her class consisted of just 22 students from 16 countries.

The ages among the student body varied as well; some students were current or recent undergraduates, while some have practiced law for many years.

The students shared one unmistakable trait, Fong said: "the lawyer personality. It must be universal. They all love to talk and to debate."

The afternoon legal English lessons mirrored what the students learned in the morning, with further discussion about legal issues and instruction in relevant vocabulary and concepts.

"My favorite classes were the ones about cases," said Siyi Zhao of China. "It's great to know the difference between our countries' laws and the USA's law."

Maria Ochoa, who came to USC from Mexico, added: "There are so many people from so many countries. The diversity is the best part, finding out how things work in different countries." 🇲🇽

Global Hori

By Lori Craig

“Nothing has such power to broaden the mind as the ability to investigate systematically and truly all that comes under thy observation in life,”

Marcus Aurelius wrote in his third book of Meditations.

By this measure, a legal education may be the best preparation for a life of learning, exploring, and expanding one’s horizons. Enterprising USC Gould students are widening their arenas of observation beyond the local and even the national.

Following her first year of law school, Melody Shekari ’14 spent the summer conducting field work in East Africa, investigating the recurrent yet little-studied ethnic conflict and genocide in Burundi. Like its neighbor to the north, Rwanda, Burundi has suffered atrocities stemming from conflicts between the Hutu and Tutsi ethnic groups. The two internationally recognized waves of genocide in Burundi in 1972 and 1993 are only part of the ongoing struggle, Shekari says.

“What’s different about the genocide in Burundi is that it wasn’t hundreds of thousands of people killed really quickly, really systematically, like what occurred in Rwanda,” Shekari says. “Instead, the perpetrators continued to pick off parliamentary members one by one and kill people in the countryside where it wasn’t as visible and wouldn’t be seen in the media.”

Shekari investigated how legal institutions might enable Burundians to resist genocide. She traveled to Tanzania, Burundi and Rwanda to interview Hutus and Tutsis about what laws and institutions might allow them to safely live in their home country.

“I met a lot of refugees who never knew their parents, they just ran away from the violence,” says Shekari, whose study was funded by the USC Dornsife 2020 Research Center. “I met more than one person who had 40-plus members of their family die in three days.”

GOVERNMENT AID

Students in the Intellectual Property and Technology Law Clinic, under the guidance of Prof. Jack Lerner, have



worked with the governments of several countries to assist them with difficult copyright and intellectual property issues. Lili Wyckoff ’13 and other students spent last year advising policymakers in a developing country on issues involving copyright and education. Among other tasks, Wyckoff and Nicole Giuntoli ’12 identified the most common methods other countries use to solve similar problems and provided the client with examples and analysis.

The following semester, the client asked Wyckoff and Giuntoli to re-focus their research and analysis on a different area of the law, and this past spring they presented their findings to the client in a three-hour presentation.

“Knowing all about the web of international treaties has been extremely useful in understanding why our current intellectual property laws are so complex,” says Wyckoff, who hopes to work in IP public interest after law school. “It puts the domestic situation into perspective when you realize that most of what we do in this country in IP must work within the international IP system.”

BORDER CROSSINGS

Foreign affairs weigh heavily on the work of students like David Delgado ’13, a member of USC Gould’s Immigration Clinic, directed by Prof. Niels Frenzen. In advocating for asylum for their clients, he and his fellow students must be well-versed in American immigration law and relevant laws and prejudices in clients’ home countries.

“We file a petition for asylum with the court, do the declaration about why the client fears returning to his or her

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country, and we do the background research on what's going on in that particular country and try to document that there is a reasonable basis for the client's fear of returning home," Delgado says.

Delgado worked with a client whose activist parents were killed in El Salvador before he escaped to the United States at the age of 10. Last spring, students in the clinic won asylum for a transgender woman who escaped extreme abuse in her native Honduras.

"Being in front of an immigration judge and eliciting testimony while trying not to violate the rules of evidence is great because it allows you to apply the things you learned in class in a practical setting," says Delgado, an intern with the Los Angeles District Attorney's office's major crimes unit. "Working at the Immigration Clinic was definitely an eye-opener about immigration issues because it put a face to some of the things that people have to endure."

A FAIR TRIAL

A recent graduate, Zach Crowley '12 continues his pursuit of international justice begun when he was a third-year student in the International Human Rights Clinic, directed by Prof. Hannah Garry. He is a judicial intern in the Pre-Trial Chamber of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), which prosecutes senior Khmer Rouge perpetrators.

Crowley reviews appeals from the ECCC's co-investigative judges. He also worked on the appeal judgment in the case against "Duch," Kaing Guek Eav, who was convicted of murder, torture, enslavement and other crimes as the administrator of the Tuol Sleng prison camp.

"Because of Prof. Garry's strong reputation in the international criminal law community, we had the opportunity to be involved in a substantive way with the process," Crowley says. "I had the opportunity to draft, edit, and cite-check sections of the judgment, which is thrilling as a law student."

Today, he is soaking up the "phenomenal" experience of working internationally with French, British, Australian and Cambodian attorneys.

"Each interaction teaches me more about other national legal systems and how they differ from our practice of law," Crowley says. "The attorneys at the tribunal are brilliant and often see the nature and purpose of law in a fundamentally different way." 🍷

above, from left: Lili Wyckoff '13, David Delgado '13, Melody Shekari '14

above: Zach Crowley '12, in light blue shirt, with his Pre-Trial Chamber colleagues.



BEYOND COMMON LAW

Gabriel Henriquez '12 shares his study abroad experience in his own words

I came to the USC Gould School of Law hoping to build upon my background in international affairs, and enrolled in several courses with an international focus. However, knowledge being so intimately intertwined with culture, I wanted to pursue such studies in a foreign setting to fully understand the role of an American lawyer in an international field, and to learn how foreign institutions interact with American attorneys.

That very opportunity presented itself with USC Gould's first-ever offering of a study abroad program in Lyon, France.

What in my mind was to be nothing more than supplemental knowledge regarding the Civil Law system and the law of the European Union instead became a vital yin to my Common Law yang.

Walking along the cobbled streets of Vieux Lyon (Old Lyon), it is easy to imagine why Julius Caesar's lieutenants made Lyon the capital of Gaul. The city sits at the convergence of two major French rivers: the Rhône and the Saône, which creates geological curiosities, such as the city's center "Presqu'île" ("peninsula;" literally, "almost island"). Along the bank of the Rhône sits an imposing, regal building: the Université de Lyon III's law school, where I spent the fall semester of my 3L year.

Lyon's LL.M. program offers courses on topics of international trade law and the law of the European Union. The courses analyze the evolution of the legal traditions of continental Europe and how they evolved into the EU.

The most striking aspect of the program was the encyclopedic knowledge of the various professors, who hailed from Luxembourg, France, the United Kingdom, Lebanon, and Greece. One was a lobbyist for the EU in Brussels, another worked at the European Court of Justice, and some taught at the finest legal institutions of Europe.

The curriculum was not a mere supplement to my American legal education; it was another way of understanding the concept of law itself. Notions like "courts at equity" or "case law" suddenly had a rich historical meaning. When contrasted with "public v. private law" or "inquisitorial procedure," a new concept of justice emerges — and of what it means to be a lawyer.

One of the benefits of studying in Lyon is the credits count toward both a J.D. and an LL.M. Having graduated from USC Gould in May and sat for the California Bar Exam in July, I returned to Lyon to obtain an LL.M. by December. Armed with a B.A., J.D., LL.M. and California Bar license, the job market is looking a little less intimidating. 📌



Marlena McMurchie '14



Michael Santos '13

A Summer in the 'CORPS'

Students receive Equal Justice Works awards

By Meghan Heneghan

Last summer, Marlena McMurchie '14 was reminded why she went to law school in the first place.

Meanwhile, Michael Santos '13 reaffirmed his desire to work with vulnerable immigrant populations.

The students, along with Gabrielle Bass '14, spent the summer doing nonprofit public interest work at organizations of their choosing as members of the Equal Justice Works Summer Corps, dedicated to expanding the delivery of critically needed legal assistance across the country.

McMurchie chose Public Counsel's Homelessness Prevention Law Project in Los Angeles, advocating for poor and homeless clients who are detained or having trouble receiving their benefits.

"It allows me to work directly with the homeless, something in which I was very interested," McMurchie says. "Beyond providing legal services, arguably the most important part of what we do is listen to these peoples' stories, look them in the eye and tell them that they're not alone. It's amazing going into the office and asking, 'What can I help you with?' and the way people open up to that."

Law firms in the L.A. area partner with Public Counsel, where McMurchie trained and supervised the summer associates in their advocacy at the Department of Public Social Services.

"Surveys have found that homeless people believe loneliness, social isolation, is the thing they hate the most about being homeless," McMurchie says. "We provide, more than

anything, the basic human interaction that they're deprived of day to day. That's the part that really drew me to this project."

Santos, who worked in the USC Immigration Clinic as a 2L, last summer continued his advocacy for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) immigrants with Chicago's National Immigrant Justice Center. LGBT immigrants often struggle against a complex immigration system that has become "a giant monster designed to keep immigrants out," Santos says.

The system's flaws seem nearly identical to what they were more than a decade ago.

"I remember when I had to go through the process of emigrating from the Philippines myself," Santos says. "Now, I see the same thing happening every time I interview my clients."

Santos represented LGBT individuals before immigration judges, explaining their fear of persecution if they were to return to their home countries.

"How can you easily prove someone's sexuality? It's difficult and can even be a very traumatizing experience for an asylum applicant to discuss in front of strangers," Santos says. "But I get to control how the story is told to the judge and how to ensure its credibility."

The benefits, for Santos, extend beyond success in the courtroom. "I'm making a difference, and that's why it's so gratifying ... seeing a client get out of detention, hearing the diversity of stories. Whether a person gets deported can be a matter of life or death, particularly if they risk persecution because of their sexual orientation or gender identity." 🏠

ONLY HUMAN

Dan Simon shows how psychological research can promote criminal justice reform

By Darren Schenck

Considering the lengthy prison term or even death sentence facing someone accused of a serious crime,

you might think that the criminal justice system's overriding concern lies with the accuracy of the verdicts it produces.

But that is not the case, according to Prof. Dan Simon, author of the recent book "In Doubt: The Psychology of the Criminal Justice Process" (Harvard University Press).

"The criminal justice system is concerned, for historical reasons, with the procedural rights that are afforded suspects and defendants and with various bureaucratic considerations," says

Simon, the Richard L. and Maria B. Crutcher Professor of Law and Psychology. "That to my mind is missing the most important question: the accuracy of the verdicts."

Simon points to the launch last spring of the National Registry of Exonerations, which indicates that since 1989, some 950 convicted inmates have been exonerated, whether through DNA testing or via some other method. (The registry also refers to another 1,100 known exonerations).

As Simon argues in his book, human testimony that underpins verdicts is habitually incomplete and contains an unknown mix of accurate and erroneous evidence.

"The problems with evidence are twofold: first, the procedures used in

criminal investigations don't necessarily elicit accurate evidence, and second, the evidence often gets contaminated subsequent to the investigation," he says. "And the adjudicative phase is not an ideal process for uncovering those errors."

To find ways to improve the accuracy of the evidence and, ultimately, of verdicts, Simon has long looked to psychological

research. He says there is a vast body of research that is relevant to the criminal justice process.

"This research is not sufficiently recognized and understood by the people who design the process and govern its operations," he says. "Because of that lack of knowledge, the system does not work as well as it should."

Simon hopes that by bringing this research to the attention of judges, lawyers and scholars, his book will enrich the public debate and promote reform.

EVIDENCE VULNERABLE TO ERROR

Simon points to three types of evidence that are particularly vulnerable to error: the identification of perpetrators, peoples' memories for the details of the criminal event, and confessions.

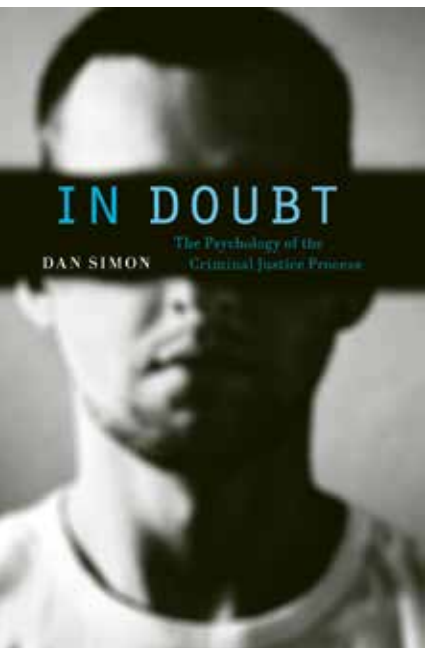
"These major types of evidence rely on complicated psychological processes that can readily lead to mistaken conclusions," Simon says. "The truth is that mistakes occur at higher rates than we tend to believe, even when everyone involved in the process is behaving honestly and diligently."

Hundreds of studies have demonstrated that eyewitness identification is particularly prone to error, according to Simon. As he points out in "In Doubt," about one third of the people picked out by witnesses at lineups are actually innocent fillers. The rate of error reaches almost 50 percent in target-absent lineups — that is, lineups that do not include the suspect.

Simon also addresses the enigmatic phenomenon of false confessions, where people confess to crimes they did not commit.

Although most people say they would never provide such a confession, Simon argues that it is even more enigmatic why guilty people confess, considering that doing so all but guarantees a conviction.

"To get a better sense of why innocent people confess to the police, we have to get a glimpse into what occurs in the interrogation room," he says. "The interrogation methods used by most police departments are a very powerful tool that can cause people to behave in a tragically self-defeating way."





Tellingly, he says, most innocent suspects recant their confessions as soon as the pressure of the interrogation recedes.

REFORMS — AND THEIR PROSPECTS

Simon notes that the vast majority of investigative procedures conducted today are based not on research, but on age-old intuitions and habits.

“The research shows the many ways in which these procedures can go wrong, and provides a detailed framework for correcting them,” he says.

For example, to prevent the inevitable “creep” in a witness’s testimony that occurs over the months and even years leading up to the trial, Simon recommends videotaping every encounter with all potential witnesses and sharing those statements with everyone involved in the process. Making the investigation more transparent, he says, is bound to increase the ability of jurors to decide the case correctly, and it should also increase trust among police officers, prosecutors and defense attorneys.

The book offers many recommendations for enhancing the accuracy of the procedures in both the investigative and adjudicative phases of the process. For example, the book suggests more than a dozen recommendations on how to conduct a lineup, such as using sequential — as opposed to simultaneous — presentation of targets.

“Notably, the person administering the procedure should be blind to the identity of the suspect; the fillers should be chosen carefully to make for a meaningful test of the witness’s memory;

and correct instructions should be given to the witness,” he says. “And the entire process should be videotaped.”

Introducing more accurate and transparent evidence promises to reduce both unjust prosecutions and frivolous defense claims, he says.

Simon recognizes that police chiefs, district attorneys and judges have a strong yet understandable reluctance to admit to the system’s mistakes.

“There is an extra level of defensiveness that has to be overcome to actually engage in critical analysis and move toward reform,” he says.

Unfortunately, Simon explains, the U.S. Supreme Court is showing no signs of self-reflection. Still, he finds room for optimism, citing evidence of local reforms, initiated by state legislators, state courts, and even district attorneys and police chiefs. For example, he notes the District Attorney of Dallas County, Texas, whose Conviction Integrity Unit has produced more than two dozen exonerations so far.

“We’re at a very interesting point in the history of this debate,” he says. “The people who operate the criminal justice process are coming to realize that it doesn’t work as well as we all once believed. For the first time in recent memory, the conditions are ripe for making the criminal process more capable of reaching the level of certitude that befits its solemn nature.” 🍷

A Love for Learning

By Maria Iacobo

Persuasive arguing. The time-honored art honed in law school also is how Donald Scotten identifies his teaching method.



“The methodology of teaching is very similar to persuasive arguing in the courtroom and convincing a jury,” Scotten says. “You explain what the law is, and then argue how it should apply in various circumstances. Students may not always agree with me. There rarely is just one answer to a legal problem.”

Scotten, USC Gould’s newly appointed associate academic director for Graduate and International Programs and adjunct assistant professor of law, was introduced to teaching with a two-year stint at a private school between graduating from the University of Pennsylvania and enrolling at the College of William & Mary Law School.

“I loved it,” Scotten says of the experience. “The fulfillment I had from watching my students learn and helping them grow and experience life was exhilarating. From that point I wanted to make a career of teaching.”

Before he began as a USC lecturer in law in 2007, Scotten’s business acumen was polished as an associate at Howrey LLP

in their downtown Los Angeles office, and as in-house counsel at Countrywide Financial. Experience at the latter showed him how legal advice affects the bottom line of a company and that it is only one of many factors in a business’s decisions. This understanding informs his Business Organizations classes comprised of both LL.M. and J.D. candidates.

“My classes are practically based,” Scotten says. “These are future transactional lawyers who will need to advise real people on real decisions. They must understand how to provide legal advice to work through business issues so their clients can avoid litigation.”

His students appreciate this “real world” approach.

“He had the ability to make the general rule or a concept come to life by giving us examples of how they would be applied in practice,” says Lida Ter-Kachatryan LL.M. ’12, a student from Armenia who took Scotten’s Business Organizations and Mergers and Acquisitions courses. “For example, when discussing the default rule he cautioned that we need to contract around these to ensure they fit our client’s needs.”

The majority of foreign students at USC Gould study business law topics; Scotten says the demand for these classes continues to grow.

“I’m a true believer in education,” he says. “I believe it opens your mind, expands your horizons and makes you a better person because it gives you more ways to think about things.”

The professor practices what he preaches; Scotten is currently earning an LL.M. in tax law at New York University School of Law.

“To truly teach business organization law well, you have to understand the tax implications of business behavior,” he says. “Everything a business does potentially has tax liability. I find it curious that most business organizations textbooks don’t even talk about tax. It’s a whole realm of business behavior that’s not integrated [in the curriculum], but should be.” 📖

The **TEACHER** Becomes The **STUDENT**

By Maria Iacobo

When John Heilman '82 looks back on his career, it surprises him. Teaching law to established judges and lawyers from around the world is not something the Ohio native envisioned. But as a lecturer charged with introducing the LL.M. class to American law, he now has a following of former students around the globe.

"Teaching in the LL.M. program has widened my horizons and world viewpoint," says Heilman, a USC Gould lecturer in law since 1995. "The LL.M. students have been so warm and welcoming to me. I've got my crazy hair and I'm probably a little bit different from most professors they've seen ... They're incredibly appreciative and respectful."

Heilman's Topics in American Law course provides international students with an overview of the major areas of law and gives them a head start on preparing to take an American state bar exam. As Heilman notes, constitutional law, criminal procedures, and the U.S. tort system are very different from what they've studied or experienced in their home countries.

"I find that they really are like sponges, just dying to absorb all of this information," Heilman says.

J.D. and LL.M. candidates also enroll in Heilman's popular Community Property class; Heilman was honored with the Outstanding Adjunct Professor of the Year award in 2008. He says J.D. students benefit tremendously from classroom discussions with foreign classmates, some of whom may have years of experience in multinational companies or leadership roles in foreign governments.

"It's also a tremendous lesson in diversity," Heilman says. "USC attracts incredibly smart and talented people from all around the globe. It's impressive to see so many intelligent and hard-working students from throughout the world."

Heilman says he jokes with his international students that he should be their student, given their considerable

experience, but his significant civic work provides plenty of perspective and real-world examples for his students. Shortly after graduating from USC Gould, Heilman got involved in the City of West Hollywood's successful efforts to incorporate and was voted to serve on the city council. Heilman is that city's longest-serving council member, having served continuously since 1984, including seven terms as mayor.

When same-sex couples were allowed to marry in California, Heilman was sworn in as a deputy commissioner of civil marriage and performed dozens of ceremonies until the ban took place. He was the first person who came to mind for his former J.D. students Rebecca Tierney '10 and Christopher Koepsel '11 when they were choosing someone to officiate at their wedding.

"In law school, I was attracted to professors who were genuine and engaged — people who personalized their legal careers and seemed truly fulfilled with their chosen path," Tierney says. "From the second I met John, he served as the model for those ideals, someone I could learn from as a teacher and a friend." 🍷



A Reunion to Remember

By Meghan Heneghan

More than 200 alumni gathered at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica in June to commemorate the anniversary of their legal education. Those in attendance shared an evening of dinner, dancing and, of course, camaraderie.

“The Reunion is first and foremost a fun opportunity to reconnect with friends and classmates as well as professors from my days at USC Gould,” says Michael Schroeder ’82, the 2012 Reunion Chair. “Never missing a reunion means we catch up every five years, no matter what.”

Attendees spent the first part of the evening in individual class receptions and later mingled with Trojans of all graduation years.

The event featured plenty of Trojan fanfare, including appearances by the Trojan Marching Band and the USC Song Girls. Later in the evening, Dean Robert K. Rasmussen shared his vision of the school’s future and encouraged alumni to stay involved.

“Reunions give me a special opportunity to see firsthand how alumni use the education they received at our law school to lead meaningful lives and improve their communities,” Dean Rasmussen said. “We have the most powerful and engaged alumni network in legal education, and it is stirring to see so many gathered together, reconnecting and reflecting on their law school experience. It is a visible manifestation of the Trojan Network.”

Alumni who attended Reunion contributed funds to support student scholarships. Together, the classes raised more than \$856,000 in gifts and pledges.

Schroeder called their generosity “invaluable.”

“I understand that tuition didn’t cover the entire cost of my law degree, without which my life would look very different,” he said.

The class of 1972, celebrating its 40th reunion, had another reason to celebrate. In response to classmate Jane Barrett’s proposal to create an endowed scholarship, the class established a fund with commitments totaling more than \$81,000.

“It is gratifying to know that our class has started a fund that will benefit law students in perpetuity,” says Jack Baker ’72. “[My wife] Ayne and I look forward to making annual contributions that will grow the fund and increase its impact on future scholarship recipients. I encourage all members of the Class of ’72 to include the scholarship endowment fund in their own philanthropic and estate plans, as we have.”

The June 9 celebration included classes from 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002 and 2007. Alumni who graduated prior to 1962 met for the annual Golden Years Reunion at USC on June 8. 🍷



top: Dean Rasmussen with members of the Class of 1987

middle, left: J. Scott Hodgkins '92 and Hilary Hodgkins

middle, right: Tom Tengan '87 and Vince Gonzales '87

bottom: 2007 alumni Arnab Banerjee, Martina A. Slocomb, Maximilian H. Jo, Sean Kundu, Deborah L. Jokinen and Eric A. Jokinen

TROJAN FAMILY TIES

By Lori Craig

It would surprise many that the most loyal alumni in the law school world did not have an alumni association. A group of alumni has remedied this situation through the newly established USC Gould School of Law Alumni Association. All alumni of the law school are invited to participate in the group, which is already well established in the Southern California region and is seeking to expand its presence wherever USC Gould alumni reside.

“USC is known for its extraordinary network of alumni famous for loyalty to the school and to one another — in fact, it is this network that drew many of us to USC for law school,” says Nina Ries ’01, founding president of the USC Gould School of Law Alumni Association and principal of the Ries Law Group. “In my own practice, I am always happy to refer a client to a fellow USC Gould alum, and my preference is to do so. This alumni association seeks to facilitate such networking.”

The group aims to reinforce the alumni connection to USC Gould through professional events where alumni can sharpen their skills, earn MCLE credits and network; through social events for alumni and their families, like the annual tailgate with Dean Robert K. Rasmussen; and through public service opportunities. The recently launched association grew out of the school’s former young alumni group.

“We want to build, foster and facilitate our alumni’s connection to the law school,” Ries says. “It was important to me that we made a concerted effort to offer something for everyone, no matter their years in practice, practice area or setting, or geographic location. It makes for a well-rounded alumni association.”

“Great law schools have great alumni. There is no more passionate nor loyal group than those who were educated at the USC Gould School of Law,” says Dean Robert K. Rasmussen. “I look forward to working with the new association to make it even easier to maintain close contacts with the school and with other alumni. Especially in today’s legal environment, the



commitment of our alumni is a real distinguishing factor for us among the country’s elite law schools.”

In May, the group launched a lunchtime speaker series, including events that offer MCLE credits. The first event featured Judge Jacqueline Connor (Ret.) USC ’73, J.D. ’76, who shared her experiences with juries’ internet use during trial. In January 2013, JAMS arbitration, mediation and ADR services will present a half-day MCLE course in downtown Los Angeles as well as in Orange County. The group also participated in a recent USC leadership conference, a walking tour of downtown L.A.’s financial district, and a family trip to a pumpkin patch.

Due to the popularity of the lunches among local alumni, Ries already has scheduled monthly lunches for 2013, to be held in Beverly Hills, downtown L.A., Pasadena, the Valley and Orange County.

Ries says she hopes the group’s expansion will continue as alumni outside of Southern California get involved, launching satellite organizations and planning events for local alumni.

“I see an incredible opportunity for our members to hone their skills, to learn about the business of law, to build and foster professional relationships, and to socialize with fellow USC Gould graduates and their families,” Ries says.

Alumni automatically become members of the USC Gould School of Law Alumni Association upon graduation. Alumni who want to get involved with the group’s steering committee may contact Ries at nina@rieslawgroup.com; or USC Gould’s Lorri Grubaugh, director of annual giving, and Pasha Hawthorne, associate director of annual giving, at alumni@law.usc.edu. 📌

Caroline Vincent ’78 and Nina Ries ’01

HONOR ROLL

Peter Afrasiabi '97 released "Show Trials: How Property Gets More Legal Protection than People in our Failed Immigration System," published by Envelope Books. The book was a finalist in the 2012 National Indie Excellence Book Awards. Afrasiabi is a founder of the entertainment and intellectual property law firm One LLP.



Jim Curtis '82 received the Distinguished Instructor Award from UCLA Extension, where he teaches a course in Contracts for the Paralegal Training Program. Curtis, vice president and senior counsel for Bank of the West, also teaches Commercial Paper at USC Gould and is a founding member of the Law Leadership Society.

Mark E. Foster '98 was appointed general counsel of Sabal Financial Group, a privately held diversified financial services firm in Newport Beach, Calif. Foster previously served as vice president and senior counsel at The Rockefeller Group.

Laurie Hasencamp '85 received the 2012 Allies for Justice Award from the National LGBT Bar Association. Hasencamp serves as the interim executive director of Equality California.



Susan McCarthy '86 is serving as vice president of the Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association in 2012 and will be president of the group in 2013. McCarthy is a civil litigator with Arnold LaRochelle Mathews VanConas and Zirbel in Oxnard, Calif., focusing on business, commercial, real property, and probate litigation.

Paul Morantz '71 released "Escape: My Lifelong War Against Cults," published by Figueroa Press. Co-authored by Hal Lancaster, "Escape" recounts Morantz's 40-year career as a lawyer specializing in cult and brainwashing cases.



Shelley Reid '80 is senior vice president of business and legal affairs at MGM Television. Reid previously served five years as senior vice president of business and legal affairs at Fox Television Studios, a division of News Corp.



Diidri Wells Robinson '04 was appointed to the Seventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission by Florida Governor Rick Scott. Robinson has been an assistant U.S. attorney for the Middle District of Florida since 2011. She previously practiced with Holland and Knight, and was an assistant state attorney with the Seventh Circuit State Attorney's Office.

Vered Yakovee '02 is the sports division co-chair for the American Bar Association Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries. Yakovee has a sports and insurance practice in Marina Del Rey and is a lecturer at USC Gould.

VICE PRESIDENT, YOUR HONOR



As the U.S. vice presidential candidate for the Libertarian Party, the Honorable **James P. Gray (Ret.) '71** believes his political views are squarely within the mainstream, even if his political party is not.

As the running mate of presidential nominee and former two-term governor of New Mexico Gary Johnson, Gray has been traveling across the country, appealing to voters who feel ignored by the two major parties.

"We appeal to people across the spectrum," Gray says. "We appeal to the Tea Party, in that we really would reduce government. We appeal to the Occupy movement, because we would take away corporate welfare, as well as subsidies for drilling for oil.

"We are financially responsible and socially tolerant, well inside the mainstream of political thought today."

He also reminds voters who are seeking change that powerful financial institutions like JPMorgan Chase and other "name players" have given huge sums of money to the campaigns of both Mitt Romney and Barack Obama.

Gray, a former federal prosecutor and self-described "drug warrior" who publicly came out against the nation's drug policy in 1992, says he met Johnson after the governor adopted a similar position in 1999. Although the two became further acquainted in the years since, Gray says he accepted Johnson's invitation to run for vice president on one condition.

"That we run to win," Gray says. "None of this 'moral victory' stuff."

Johnson heartily agreed, and Gray has been on the campaign trail since.

"I tell people that this is the most exciting thing that has happened to me since the birth of my children," Gray says. "I enjoy representing so many good people — people who don't want to go to war in Iran, people who want to address the drug policy issue. This is something that can work." 🚩

—Darren Schenck

Homeland *is* Where the Heart *is*

Rubab Razvi '03 heeds the call of government service



By Lori Craig

Rubab Razvi LL.M. '03 knows her way around the United States immigration process. She first experienced it as an immigrant from Pakistan, having moved from her native Karachi after marrying her American husband.

During and after law school, she worked with immigrants seeking asylum, first with USC Gould's Immigration Clinic and later with a private immigration attorney.

For the past five years, Razvi has worked on the "other side of the fence" as assistant chief counsel in the Los Angeles office of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE). As a trial attorney for the enforcement arm of the Department of Homeland Security, Razvi works at a breakneck pace: L.A. has the busiest federal immigration court in the country with about 56,000 pending cases.

"I've loved every minute of it," Razvi says. "We are in court every single day, and the variety of trial experience that ICE attorneys get is not like anything in the private sector. It's a lot of challenging, hard work, with such a heavy case load.

"The law is so cutting-edge and so policy-driven that it's really interesting. I like what I do and I feel I'm on the right side of the law."

Growing up in a family of lawyers, many of whom were in government service, Razvi says she always thought she would end up in the public sector. She immigrated to the U.S. shortly after passing her local bar, but after arriving in California with two young children, she decided to take a break from her legal career. She got a teaching credential and taught early childhood education part time until a few years after having her third child, who is now 11 years old.

Razvi did not need an American law degree to take the California bar and practice here, but she wanted a thorough introduction to the American legal system.

"The Pakistani system is based on British common law, and the legal education system is different, too. It's all black-letter law with no practical component," Razvi says. "Here, it's a very hands-on, practical approach to law, with clinics and practical work and internships available to students."

While researching LL.M. programs in the L.A. area, Razvi contacted USC Gould and discovered the school was launching a degree program. She joined the inaugural class of 12 students.

"It worked out wonderfully, I just loved the program," Razvi says. "The professors and staff were just wonderful.

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Peter Steinwachs came for an LL.M., stayed for a J.D.

By Andrew Clark

When most international students come to America for their LL.M., they usually don't stay to pursue their J.D.

But then again, Peter Steinwachs, '08 LL.M., '10 J.D. isn't most students.

These days, Steinwachs spends his days as an associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, working on corporate transactions. He started off in the firm's New York office. And at the end of this summer, he moved to their London office.

It's not too much of a transition for Steinwachs. A native of Groß-Gerau, Germany, he's already spent most of his life in Europe.

"Having grown up and studied in Germany, I'm able to have a very different perspective when it comes to legal problems," says Steinwachs, 36.

"It really helps sometimes to have that civil law point of view, either when it comes to issues in law school or in the field of corporate transactions."

Steinwachs came to Los Angeles in 2006 after receiving his law degree from the Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz. It was fortunate timing, he says. He enrolled at USC in 2007, the second year of USC Law's International Law and Relations Organization, a student organization which fosters relationships between new international scholars and domestic students and attorneys.

For him, the organization made the transition to America much easier.

"They really try to help integrate the new international students into the law school," Steinwachs says of the program.

"Students get to know one another rather quickly. There are all of these different events they throw. It made being at USC this truly multicultural experience. It's a program I became really passionate about."

In Steinwachs's eyes, the program made an impact on his career going forward.

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“Of course, I had taken a decade off, so it took a lot of determination on my part to buckle down, but the learning experience was an amazing difference of approach. It was geared toward getting you into the working world, and learning was based on the study of case law, which was much more stimulating.”

Also stimulating was the interaction between the new foreign students and the USC Gould J.D. students, who pleasantly “bombarded” Razvi and her classmates with questions about their backgrounds, careers as attorneys, and home legal systems.

Following graduation, Razvi worked with Prof. Niels Frenzen and the Immigration Clinic, where she handled her first U.S. legal case.

“I wanted to focus on immigration because I felt that I understood immigrants because I’m an immigrant and I went through the process,” Razvi says. “I feel for the people who are running away from persecution or unpleasant circumstances, and I could relate to it.”

She worked as a teaching assistant and then as directed research coordinator with the LL.M. program for several years before going to work for a private immigration attorney. However, after several negative experiences with cases, Razvi found herself struggling with wanting to help people but no longer enjoying the work. Soon, she joined ICE, where she says she feels comfortable with her role in enforcement.

“Temperamentally, I feel I’m in the right place,” she says. “The general perception of ICE is that they’re out to get people, but that’s not the case. We apply the law, and that’s what I feel best about.

“That’s not to take away from the work that the Immigration Clinic and other advocates do. Coming from Pakistan, I know what it means for people who are desperate to get out of their home countries. And I’ve seen persecution. There are definitely people who are eligible for relief, and I fully support them.”

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“It’s the type of organization where any time you have a question or an issue, someone can help you. And the friendships I built there are ones that I’ve carried with me past law school.”

According to Michael Gerst ’09, a close friend and former classmate of Steinwachs who is now an attorney at Reed Smith in Los Angeles, Peter’s success since graduating isn’t too much of a surprise.

“Pete’s best traits are that he is always very well prepared and actively engaged,” says Gerst, who fondly recalls a moment in one of their secured transactions classes.

“A law partner of the professor was covering that day, and we were discussing recording systems. The substitute lecturer discussed whether several countries, including Germany, had recording systems for personal property. Well, Pete studied law in Germany, and knew the lecturer was giving incorrect information.

“He promptly raised that point and refused to back down when challenged by the lecturer, making sure the class wasn’t getting the wrong information.”

After his 2L year, Steinwachs landed a summer position at Cravath, which ultimately turned into an offer for full-time employment. According to Steinwachs, the firm is unique in the respect that it offers rotations for all associates. At the beginning of his tenure, he was assigned to mergers and acquisitions. He opted to move to London as part of the firm’s rotational practice. Steinwachs will focus on securities there, in addition to other corporate work.

No matter where he goes, Steinwachs will be happy as long as he has the chance to practice corporate transactions.

During his time at USC, Steinwachs made a conscientious effort to load up on as many classes in the field as he could. In high school, Steinwachs helped his father, who was an entrepreneur, translate contracts from German to English. He counts this as the impetus for his love of corporate transactions.

“This is a field of law that I’ve always enjoyed,” says Steinwachs, who made the move to London with his wife and two children.

“There are so many interesting components to it, from trying to go about and understand the language and mechanics of a contract to drafting its clauses and to negotiating deals.”

Katharine B. Kennedy '38 died April 25, 2012, at the age of 99. Born in Pittsburgh, Kennedy moved to Los Angeles in the early 1930s. After her husband died in 1981, she enjoyed traveling abroad each year. She is survived by her son, John H. Kennedy, and her two granddaughters, Rachel and Anna.

Joyce R. Tanton '41 died on June 21, 2012, at the age of 96. She is survived by her four children, 11 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Thomas E. Joyce '49 died on July 17, 2012. He was 93 years old. Joyce was raised in Southern California, and he earned his B.A. at the University of California, Berkeley, prior to enlisting in the United States Naval Reserves. After four years of active duty in which he and his two brothers served in the Pacific during World War II, Joyce returned to California to attend USC Gould. He remained in the Naval Reserves until he retired, as captain, and became the Annapolis recruiting point for Southern California. Joyce worked for seven years in the Central Intelligence Agency and spent the remainder of his career as an attorney with Hughes Aircraft. Joyce was predeceased by his wife, Delores. He is survived by his companion, Ethel Grace Thatcher, and her son and daughter; and his brother, Dick.

The Hon. Edwin F. Beach, Ret., '50 died July 4, 2012. He was 88. Beach was born in Lima, Peru, and moved with his family to California when he was 6. While attending Pasadena City College, he volunteered for the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII. Returning to civilian life, Beach met and married Janet Freeman while attending USC. He opened a law practice in Santa Paula, Calif., and in 1968, he was appointed to the Ventura County Superior Court, where he served until being appointed to the California Court of Appeal in 1973. He was the first recipient of the Ventura County

Bar Association's Ben E. Nordman Humanitarian Award in 1989. Beach remained active in civic life in Santa Paula. He was predeceased by his wife, Janet. He is survived by his wife of 11 years, Barbara; seven children; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Owen W. Strange '53 died July 5, 2012. Strange was born in Hollywood, Calif., and obtained his undergraduate degree at Occidental College before attending USC Gould. One of the few U.S. attorneys admitted to the Korean Bar, he served in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. Strange was a founding partner of the law firm of Booth, Mitchel & Strange, LLP, in downtown Los Angeles. Strange was a prominent presence in the Los Angeles trial and appellate courts, handling health and life insurance matters, as well as real estate development and savings and loan law. He was a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel and the American Bar Association (Tort and Insurance Practice Sections). Strange was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth; his sons, Bill and Owen; and daughter, Kathy. He is survived by his son Brian, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

James Bedford Russell, Jr. '58 died April 9, 2012, at the age of 82. Born in Clinton, Okla., Russell's family moved to Long Beach when he was 9. He graduated from California State University, Long Beach, and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War before attending USC Gould. Russell worked for the Long Beach City prosecutor's office and later became partner at the law firm of Pray, Price, Williams and Russell. He was president of the Long Beach Bar Association. Russell was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Virginia. He is survived by his son, Christopher; daughter, Lisa; and granddaughters, Jaclyn, Reanne, and Danielle.

Lloyd C. Ownbey, Jr. '60 died May 18, 2012, at the age of 79. Born and raised in Los Angeles, Ownbey obtained his undergraduate and law degrees at USC, serving in the U.S. Navy for two years before attending USC Gould. He practiced law for more than 50 years in San Marino, Calif., where he was president of the San Marino Rotary and involved with the YMCA. Ownbey was predeceased by his son, Grant. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jean; daughter, Katherine; and grandchildren, Molly, Amanda, and Elliot.

Kent B. Froehlich '62 died March 20, 2012, at the age of 75. Froehlich was born and raised in Los Angeles and completed his undergraduate studies at UCLA. He worked for the L.A. City Attorney and then in private practice for many years. He is survived by his children, Roger, Jason, and Wendy; and grandchildren, Jakob, Brynn, Cody, Jake and Sofie.

Ruth Sward '62 died Feb. 25, 2012, at the age of 97. Born and raised in Pennsylvania, Sward received her undergraduate degree from Pennsylvania College for Women (later renamed Chatham College). During World War II she was a high-level manager in the Los Angeles County Housing Authority. She completed three graduate degrees: a master's in English from the University of Pittsburgh, a master's in social work from the University of Washington, and a law degree from USC Gould. During her career, she held a variety of jobs, working as a college English teacher in Omaha, Neb., a social worker in Seattle, and taking cases of families referred to her by Legal Aid Services after earning her law degree. She was predeceased by her husband, Keith, and is survived by her daughters, Susan, Martha, and Ellen, and five grandchildren.

Michael A. O'Flaherty '72 died on April 12, 2012. He was 65. Born in Chicago, O'Flaherty grew up in Southern California. O'Flaherty was a prominent civil litigator, defending doctors, nurses, and hospitals in medical malpractice lawsuits for 40 years. He most recently was of counsel with Fonda and Fraser. Previously, he was the founder and senior trial partner of O'Flaherty, Abrahams and Carl, and various subsequent firms. He was a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates for 30 years, attaining its highest rank of "Diplomate." He also was named Defense Trial Lawyer of the Year in 1987 and Super Lawyer in 2009 and 2010. O'Flaherty is survived by his wife, Tina; sons, Brian and Kevin; and daughter, Amanda.

Charles Z. Wick, Jr. '77 died March 19, 2012, at the age of 59. Wick was born in New York City and spent most of his life in Los Angeles. He graduated from UCLA before attending USC Gould. Since 2010, he served as president of Wick Financial Corporation. Previously, he served as director of dramatic development for ABC Television, president of Michael Douglas Television, and television executive for Dodi Fayed. Wick is survived by his wife, Susan, and daughter, Vivian.

Timothy C. Riley '83 died Aug. 17, 2012. A native of Woonsocket, R.I., Riley was a *summa cum laude* graduate of Bentley College in Boston. Riley was predeceased by his brother, Daniel. He is survived by his ex-wife, Debra; brothers, Jack and Terrence; and sisters, Priscilla, Fay, Jennifer, Elizabeth, and Sarah.

Steven Andrew Jaye '84 died on July 13, 2012. He was 55 years old. Jaye lived most of his childhood in Tarzana, Calif., and was a graduate of the University of California, San Diego. Jaye began his career as an associate at the San Diego office of Latham and Watkins. Over the next 20 years, he served as in-house counsel for several organizations, including Magma Power Co., Sunrise Medical Inc. and Jones Healthcare. Since 2008, he was of counsel to Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch. Jaye is survived by his wife, Amy; children, Caitlin, Andrew, and Rosie; and his parents.



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FRIDAY, NOV. 9

38th Annual Trust and Estate Conference
Millennium Biltmore Hotel
(Continuing Legal Education program)

THURSDAY, NOV. 15

Saks Institute Distinguished Lecture: Pete Earley
USC Gould, Room 3

SATURDAY, DEC. 1

USC Gould School of Law Alumni Association
Holiday Party & Toy Drive
Hornblower Cruises & Events Long Beach, Calif.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

Institute for Corporate Counsel
Private Club, Downtown Los Angeles
(Continuing Legal Education program)

FRIDAY, DEC. 7

Bar Admission Ceremony
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MONDAY, JAN. 28–WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

2013 Tax Institute
The Westin Bonaventure Hotel
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THURSDAY, FEB. 21

11th Annual Law and Humanities Distinguished Lecture:
Robert W. Gordon
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THURSDAY, FEB. 28

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THURSDAY, MARCH 7

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THURSDAY, MARCH 14

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(Continuing Legal Education program)

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