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**LEADING THE WAY**  
D.C. Power Players

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**In August, I had the pleasure of welcoming our new JD students to the law school just before they started the fall semester. These first-year students, who represent the Class of 2019, display a remarkable level of energy and have already accomplished so much.**

Our new students include an All-American swimmer, a classically trained violinist, a museum curator, a Peace Corps volunteer, a skateboard company owner and a Top 40 hip-hop artist. Our youngest first-year student is 17, and the oldest is 34. I was impressed that 40 of these students demonstrated their service ethic by volunteering the Saturday before classes began with the Inner City Law Center and the Skid Row Citation Clinic.

While it's exciting to meet our new crop of 1Ls, we also know that for them — and for us — the best is yet to come: three years that combine deep dives into legal theory and critical analysis of cases, statutes, and regulations with the practical application of law in classes and seminars as well as clinics, externships, and pro bono service.

Evidence of the extraordinary alumni that our highly talented students become can be found in the profiles of five “D.C. Power Players,” beginning on p. 8. From *The Washington Post* publisher Fred Ryan '80 to Michelle Van Cleave '79, the first head of U.S. counterintelligence, they share stories of how Gould prepared them for high-level careers inside the Beltway.

*“Here at the law school, my colleagues and I are already deeply engaged in the exciting process of preparing the Class of 2019 for a fast-changing legal landscape.”*

Although nearly 100 Gould graduates work in the D.C. area, the nation's capital isn't the only place you'll find our alumni in leadership roles. Maryland's Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford '90 is two years into his first term, seeking ways to make his state's government more efficient (p. 21), while here in Los Angeles, Kimberley Guillemet '05 has just launched the first-of-its-kind Office of Reentry at the behest of Mayor Eric Garcetti. On p. 22, she reflects on how her time at Gould put her on a path to a career in restorative justice.

I'm also proud to report on the achievements of our LLM alumni. In 2002, we launched our LLM program with 12 students. In 2016, we graduated a robust class of 213, including our inaugural class of online LLM graduates. On p. 24, you can learn how an LLM from Gould boosted the careers of our foreign-educated students, many of whom are now judges, government officials and corporate legal counsel, not just in their home countries, but here in the United States as well.

Here at the law school, my colleagues and I are already deeply engaged in the exciting process of preparing the Class of 2019 for a fast-changing legal landscape. We're mindful that before we know it, these students will be Gould alumni, helping to chart the future for their communities and our nation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AG'.

Andrew T. Guzman

*Dean and Carl Mason Franklin Chair in Law*





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Meet five members of Washington, D.C.'s powerful elite, all Gould alumni who launched prominent Beltway careers.



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## RECRUITMENT SEASON

This summer USC Gould's Career Services Office hosted Meet the Firm Night, a first-of-its-kind career event that gave law students the chance to make personal connections with potential employers before recruitment season kicks into high gear.

"One of our objectives is to find our students good jobs where they can thrive and succeed," said Dean Andrew Guzman, as he thanked the firms for giving Gould students the "opportunity to get to know you."

"This was a great way for first-year students to get an introduction to firms and firm practice," said Denise McKenzie '96, a patent litigator at Arnold & Porter LLP. "For us, it was a way to give back as well as to answer general questions from students and help them form their goals."

*Are you an employer who wants to hire one of our highly regarded students? Visit: [gould.usc.edu/careers/employers/](http://gould.usc.edu/careers/employers/)*

*Photos: Held on June 29 at Town & Gown, Meet the Firm Night boasted more than 130 guests (including 86 alumni) who represented 43 law firms. Approximately 150 students took advantage of the networking evening.*

## REWARDING HARD WORK

USC Gould Prof. Heidi Rummel and Post-Conviction Justice Project student Scott Mills '16 were named 2016 California Lawyer Attorneys of the Year (CLAY) in the Criminal Justice category by the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* newspaper and *California Lawyer* magazine.

The pair was recognized at a recent ceremony in San Francisco for their groundbreaking legal work in the resentencing of the first juvenile offender under the California Fair Sentencing for Youth Act and his subsequent release on parole.

"It was extremely fulfilling to be part of this case," Mills said. "I learned so much working with my professors from both a legal and personal standpoint."

The client, Edel Gonzalez, served 24 years in prison for aiding and abetting a murder committed by adult codefendants. He was the youngest person in Orange County to receive a life sentence without possibility of parole.

In addition, Gould alumna Amy Forbes '84 was an honoree in the Real Estate & Development category for her work lead-



ing the Gibson Dunn team that developed a successful strategy to secure approval of an NFL-ready stadium in Inglewood.

## ON THE TICKET: 2 GOULD GRADS



Two Gould alumnae will appear on election ballots this November, as they each make a run for Congress.

On Aug. 8, Melody Shekari '15 won the Democratic primary in Tennessee, where she's seeking to represent the 3rd Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Shekari beat out three other Democrats in the primary and will next face Republican incumbent Chuck Fleischmann. If Shekari wins the seat, she will be the first Iranian American elected to Congress.



No stranger to leadership roles, Shekari worked as a policy fellow in the mayor's office in Chattanooga, and while a student at Gould she earned the prestigious Shattuck Public Service Award and served as president of USC Graduate Student Government.

Meanwhile, Nanette Barragán '05 — who, like Shekari, is a first-generation American — aims to represent California's 44th district, centered in South LA and the harbor area, for the U.S. Congress. Barragán, who grew up in Harbor City, will compete against another Democrat for the seat. Barragán has worked in D.C. at the White House for President Clinton and at the NAACP, where she focused on social justice issues and researched racial health disparities.

Most recently Barragán, who earned her B.A. from UCLA in political science with a minor in public policy, was a leader in the successful fight against Measure O, a ballot measure that would have allowed oil companies to drill in the Santa Monica Bay. She served as the first Latina elected to the Hermosa Beach City Council. 🏳️‍🌈

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## GOULD QUOTABLES



*“With his nomination secure, Donald Trump has made it clear that he will not release his tax returns. ... Why has Mr. Trump staked out this politically unpalatable position? The answer lies not in any sordid details that Trump's tax returns might reveal, but rather in what the refusal itself says about the man and his ambitions.”*

Excerpted from op-ed by **Prof. Edward Kleinbard** for The Hill



*“Could a firm with a different business model suffer, potentially, if they don't match the \$180,000 (starting salary)? Maybe. But that's where I think we in the career counseling office will be having heart-to-heart conversations with students to say, ‘Don't let the absence of the top salary necessarily impact your decision-making about going with one firm or another.’”*

Associate Dean and Dean of Career Services **Elizabeth Armour**, interviewed by the *National Law Journal* about law students' salary expectations and on-campus interview participation trends



*“Investors may have also seen the Autopilot feature as technology in development, and that errors were inevitable, which makes it a difficult case.”*

Associate Professor **Yoon-Ho Alex Lee**, interviewed by the *Los Angeles Times* about whether the Securities and Exchange Commission will find that Tesla violated security laws by not disclosing a fatal accident for a vehicle in Autopilot mode.

## BUSINESS SAVVY WITH A PASSION

As the new vice dean of USC Gould, Donald Scotten is fusing his three talents — law, business and teaching.

Scotten, who was appointed by Dean Andrew Guzman in July, joined the law school in 2007 as a Lecturer in Law while he served as the business director of Akerman LLP. Three years later, he became the associate academic director of Graduate and International Programs at Gould.

Guzman describes Scotten as a gifted lawyer with a keen business sense. “In his role as the number two at USC Law, it really helps to have corporate-world experience. We are an educational institution, but we need to be business savvy too. Donald thinks outside the box, and I have no doubt he will help us achieve great things.”

Scotten, known for his high-energy personality, says he is excited to work with Guzman. “My goal is to drive the Dean’s vision. I’m really excited about my new role and collaborating with Andrew, staff and the faculty to achieve many, many great things.”

As vice dean, Scotten oversees the day-to-day administration of the law school, but he has expanded his role to include outreach to law firms, interaction with part-time faculty and helping to establish innovative programs.

“We’re putting a priority on legal outreach,” Scotten says. “Los Angeles is home to a great legal market with a deep and vast base

of highly accomplished lawyers. Our hope is to bring the lawyers here as part-time faculty or as speakers.”

To the relief of his students, Scotten is not ready to give up the classroom. He is teaching Business Organizations this fall. A perennial favorite professor, Scotten received the coveted



Outstanding Professor of the Year Award and William A. Rutter Distinguished Teaching Award in 2015.

“I love teaching — it’s truly my passion,” Scotten says. “And it’s what initially brought me to USC. Even with this position, I can’t walk away from the classroom. Taking on the role as vice dean is a true honor. I’m looking forward to helping to take our law school to new heights.” —*Gilien Silsby* 🖋️

*Dean Andrew Guzman (left) confers with newly appointed Vice Dean Donald Scotten.*



## FIRST GEN FOLLOW-UP

Congratulations to Thai Phan '16, who took the February bar exam and found out she passed on Commencement Day, giving her another milestone to celebrate. In June, she was sworn into the California Bar and the Central District of California by Judge Dolly Gee for whom she externed in 2015. While at Gould, Phan was an integral part of our First Generation Professionals Program. This fall, she joins Rutan & Tucker as a first-year associate. It’s been quite a year for Phan, who in July married fellow Gould alumnus Paurav Raghuvanshi '15, now a JAG with the U.S. Air Force. 🖋️

*Find out more about the First Gen Program: [gould.usc/go/fgp](http://gould.usc/go/fgp)*

*Thai Phan '16, pictured in Judge Gee’s courtroom with Gould’s Career Services Director Rachel Kronick Rothbart.*



Prof. Elyn Saks takes a bow with her friend Dr. Kenneth Wells, who wrote the opera based on her memoir *The Center Cannot Hold*. (Photo/Joseph Mango)

## ELYN SAKS: THE OPERA

Who among us has lived a life worthy of an opera? USC Gould Law Professor Elyn Saks, an acclaimed author and MacArthur Fellow, can now stake that claim after the recent debut of a powerful new chamber opera based on her 2007 memoir, *The Center Cannot Hold: My Journey Through Madness*.

Although her best-selling and award-winning memoir reveals her lifelong

struggle and journey with mental illness, the opera itself focuses on Saks' years as a Yale law student — when she experienced her first psychotic episode and was hospitalized and diagnosed with chronic paranoid schizophrenia.

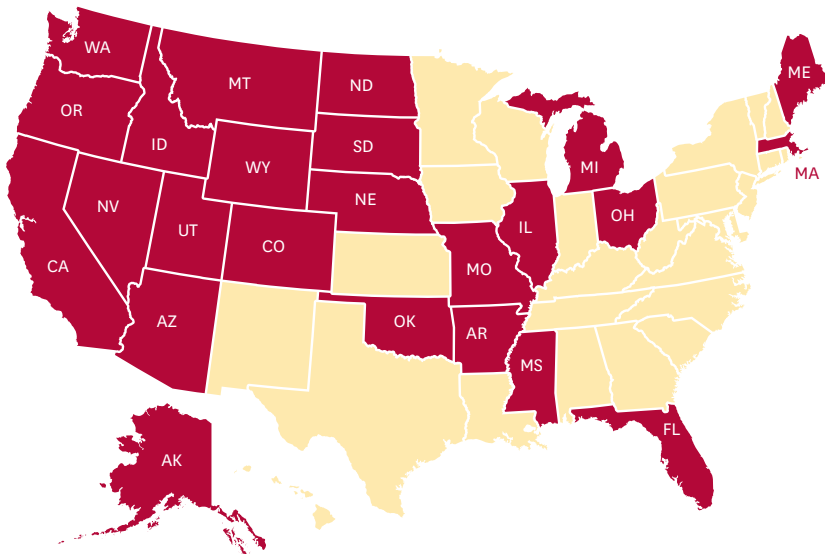
Psychiatrist Kenneth Wells, a longtime friend of Saks, composed the opera and collaborated with her on the libretto. Its three-show premiere in July at the UCLA

Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior, where Wells is director of the Center for Health Services and Society, quickly sold out. 🎫

—Anne Bergman

*Save the date: Thursday, Nov. 17 for the fall Saks Institute for Mental Health, Law, and Ethics legal discussion "Supported Decision-Making," featuring Prof. Saks. Details: [gould.usc.edu/centers/saks](http://gould.usc.edu/centers/saks)*

## DIRECT DEMOCRACY ACROSS THE UNITED STATES



In 24 states, citizens can place propositions on their ballots via the initiative process. Led by Executive Director John Matsusaka, the USC Initiative and Referendum Institute tracks, counts and maintains databases on initiatives and referendums, making it a go-to source for media, citizens and lawmakers. Read the full story on p. 30.



## SNAPSHOT: CLASS OF 2019

**3.76** median GPA & **165** median LSAT

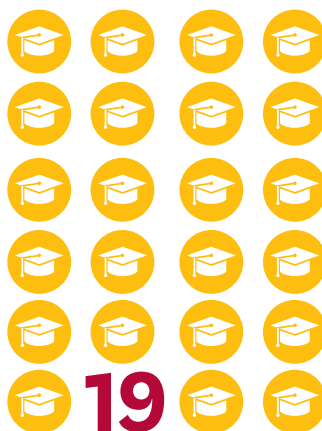


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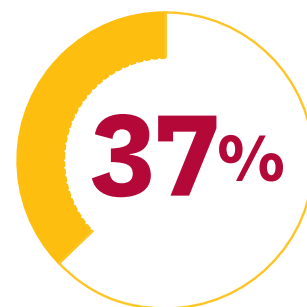


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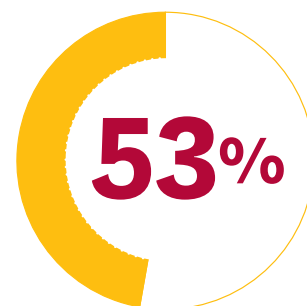
**23** median age



earned advance degrees



diversity rate



women



**1** All-American swimmer

\*Per ABA Standard 509, official class data will not be available until after Oct. 5, 2016

## GOULD STUDENTS WIN ASYLUM FOR TANZANIAN SISTERS



Prof. Jean Reisz '05 greets Tanzanian sisters who were granted asylum thanks to work of USC law students in Gould's Immigration Clinic.

Two sisters with albinism who were targets of violence in their native Tanzania, were granted asylum in the United States thanks to the work of USC law students in Gould's Immigration Clinic.

Amy Stern '16 spent about 80 pro bono hours on the case before she graduated in May, transferring the work to 2L Elena Babakhanyan, who prepped and represented the teenagers for their asylum interview. The students worked under the supervision of Prof. Jean Reisz '05, the Audrey Irmas clinical teaching fellow.

"This is what the clinical experience is all about: providing a service to an underrepresented community, and preparing law students to be outstanding lawyers," says Reisz. "In handling real cases, our students see how a law degree can be used to improve lives." News of the teens receiving asylum and their subsequent visit to the law school in August was featured on ABC7 and in the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Daily Trojan*. 🇺🇸

*Learn more about the USC Gould Immigration Clinic: [immigrationclinic.usc.edu](http://immigrationclinic.usc.edu)*

## WELCOMING D.C. NEWCOMERS

When USC Gould alumni go to Washington, they can be sure of two things: They will be ready to face the unique challenges awaiting them in the capital, and other Trojans will be there to welcome them.

Daron Watts '94, who is a partner at Sidley Austin LLP in D.C. and co-leader of the firm's Government Strategies practice, points out that USC Gould's interdisciplinary approach primes lawyers for success in D.C. where being able to adapt to multiple interests, institutions and audiences is essential.

"We understand the connection between different areas of law, between law and business, law and technology, law and policy," he says about USC Gould graduates. "That serves people well in Washington."

As does the Trojan Family connection. Karen A. Lash '87, the executive director of the White House Legal Aid Interagency Roundtable, assures potential D.C. newcomers that they can expect warm welcomes and advice from their fellow graduates. "There's a myth that USC Law alums don't land on the East Coast," she says. "In fact, we're up and down the Eastern Seaboard and well positioned in both the public and private sectors in Washington D.C."

The list of USC Gould alumni in D.C. with especially strong Trojan ties includes people like Norman Barker '72, a principal at Bernstein Private Wealth Management, who has hosted numerous alumni events in the area and Prof. Susan B. Bayh '84, who helps run USC Gould's "SC in DC" program, providing students interested in government and nonprofit employment with externships. A philanthropist and former attorney, Bayh has extensive experience with corporate governance and regulatory compliance, especially in the pharmaceutical and biotech industries. 🇺🇸

—Christina Schweighofer



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# LEAD D.C. P

By Gilien Silsby



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# SHAPING THE WAY: POWER PLAYERS



For decades, USC Gould graduates have made their mark in the nation's capital, a town whose primary products are policy and politics.

Over the years, many Gould alumni have been among the elite lawyers in Washington, holding key government positions and pursuing high-powered careers inside the Beltway.

They have ascended to high-profile posts, such as the chief of staff of Homeland Security, head of National Counterintelligence and even publisher of one of the world's most powerful newspapers, *The Washington Post*.

Gould grads have followed the call of the capital since the William Howard Taft Administration in the early 1900s. Today, nearly 100 Gould alumni are working in the Washington, D.C. - area, representing USC's second-largest contingent on the East Coast.

"We prepare our graduates for challenges they will face in the real world — whether they are working on passing a law in Congress, arguing a case before the Supreme Court or working on legal aid," says Gould Dean Andrew Guzman. "We are proud of our graduates who have made and are making an impact in Washington."

Countless USC Gould alumni in the capital actively give back to the law school by hiring or mentoring members of the Trojan Family or being involved in the robust Washington, D.C., alumni organization.

The following is a snapshot of Trojan spirit seen through the eyes of five alumni working in leadership positions in Washington, D.C.

## FRED RYAN '80

From Politico to *Post*

At the center of *The Washington Post's* newsroom, a series of monitors stretches across an open, two-floor space displaying real-time traffic statistics of stories on its website. By early afternoon, nearly 5 million unique visitors have reached *The Post's* website, a substantial gain from prior years.

"It's really quite incredible what we can measure — and measure by the minute, even the second," says Fred Ryan '80, a media entrepreneur, who was named publisher of *The Washington Post* two years ago after co-founding the national media publication Politico.

Under Ryan's leadership, *The Washington Post* has undergone a digital transformation with a big payoff — the publication has tripled its web traffic and gained a significant national and international presence.

"The media world is rapidly changing, and I'm proud that *The Post* is in the forefront of incredible change," Ryan says.

Ryan took the helm of *The Washington Post* under its new owner, Amazon founder Jeff Bezos. As publisher of *The Post*, he followed in the footsteps of several generations of the Graham family, including Katharine Graham, who oversaw the famed Watergate coverage that brought down President Richard Nixon.

"I am honored to follow four generations of Graham family leadership and thrilled to work with Jeff Bezos and the incredibly talented team at *The Post*," Ryan says.

Ryan took a circuitous — but important — route to landing the top job at *The Washington Post*.

In his third year at USC Gould, he worked on Ronald Reagan's presidential campaign, and eventually

was hired as one of the youngest senior staffers in Reagan's White House. After nearly eight years in the White House — holding an array of positions and becoming one of Reagan's senior advisers — Ryan worked to help establish the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Library in Simi Valley, Calif.

"It was truly an honor to work for President Reagan," Ryan says. "I learned and experienced so much in his administration."

Ryan says he has used his law degree in every job he has held.

"Being a lawyer and having a degree from USC gives you a unique perspective on life in Washington. Over my years in Washington, I have watched the process of lawmaking and governing. As a USC law student, I was trained to be rigorous in my analysis and think outside the box. Directly or indirectly, it seems I use my law degree virtually every day."

After the Reagan Library opened, Ryan returned to Washington D.C. in 1995, ready for his next challenge. He was tapped to serve as a top executive at Allbritton

PHOTO BY: ELLIOTT O'DONOVAN



# st Publisher



Fred Ryan '80,  
pictured in *The  
Washington Post*  
newsroom

Communications, which owned and operated television stations, websites, newspapers and a cable news station before its sale to Sinclair Broadcasting in 2014.

It was there that he helped launch Politico, originally distributed to staff on Capitol Hill, and in the White House, as well as to political organizations and lobbyists.

In a short period, Politico's popularity exploded, earning it a national presence and achieving Ryan's goal: Politico became the "ESPN of politics."

Launching Politico prepared him for his biggest role to date — publisher of *The Washington Post*.

"There are many opportunities and great things on the horizon for journalism," Ryan says. "We are constantly experimenting and trying new things at *The Post*, making it an extremely exciting time for us."

Moment by moment, the web traffic monitors in *The Washington Post's* newsroom mirror that excitement — and maybe even feed it. 📰

— Gilen Silsby

PAUL ROSEN '05

# No Day the Same When Keeping the Country Safe

The call came in just after 2:30 a.m. A shooter pledging ISIS allegiance was holed up in a packed Orlando nightclub, after killing dozens of people and wounding many more.

As chief of staff at the Department of Homeland Security, Paul Rosen '05 sprang out of bed and into action. He quickly conferred with his boss, Secretary Jeh Johnson, then organized briefings and consulted with several agencies, including the FBI and the intelligence community.

"In an evolving situation, my job is to gather the facts and make recommendations about what immediate actions — if any — we need to take," says Rosen. "Depending on the incident, it could be an aviation security change, or it could be a change to our level of protection of federal buildings, for example."

Rosen — a political appointee of President Barack Obama — was tapped by Jeh Johnson in 2014 to advise on a range of homeland security-related priorities, including counterterrorism, cyber security, border security, trade and travel, and criminal law enforcement matters.

No day is the same, and Rosen knows that at any time his department may be called upon to make decisions that will keep the country safe. One minute he may be reviewing intelligence reports, the next boarding a plane with Secretary Johnson. He is often spotted talking on one phone, while holding a smart phone to check email.

"We start very early — at about 6 a.m.," Rosen says. "Every day a small group of us receive a top-secret security briefing, with the Secretary. We review worldwide threats, threats to the homeland, and based on the intelligence, we act accordingly."

Rosen landed his first Washington D.C. job soon after graduating from USC Gould and clerking for U.S. District Judge Gary Allen Feess.

Then Joe Biden, who at the time was a Delaware Senator, asked Rosen to serve as his counsel on the United States Senate Judiciary Committee. Rosen



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*Paul Rosen '05  
disembarks U.S.  
Coast Guard  
airplane*

deferred offers from big law firms to work for Biden and then served on the Obama-Biden presidential transition team for the new administration. Next he took a job in the Justice Department's criminal division where he worked directly for Assistant Attorney General Lanny Breuer, prosecuting a range of financial crime cases, including securities fraud, bank and mortgage fraud, money laundering and insider trading.

"Being in such a diverse environment like Washington, you get presented with interesting opportunities, and they just tend to keep coming up — particularly for a lawyer."

You also run into interesting people — literally. Rosen first learned about the job at Homeland Security when he was out for a weekend run and happened to see the then-newly Senate-confirmed Johnson walking his dog in a Georgetown park. "That's how small Washington is. We started talking and realized we knew people in common. The Secretary was looking for people to bring on board. I jumped at the opportunity to work for him, knowing I would learn a ton from the experienced civil and criminal litigator."

Although Rosen has enjoyed the past decade serving in the legal center of government and policy, he may be ready to head back to California when President Obama leaves office.

"I enjoy being a lawyer," he says. "I enjoy prosecuting, so working in a firm is definitely on the table in terms of my spectrum of interest. I will be looking at several private-sector opportunities. I'm looking forward to working outside the bubble — but only after a long vacation."

Rosen says his USC law school experience provided the baseline for the work he does today, helping him "to quickly identify facts, and figure out what the explosive touch points are, so I can chart out an appropriate path and resolution." Rosen recalls that the late Elizabeth Garrett, who taught civil procedure and legislative process, "constantly challenged me to reach my answers on my own — building my problem-solving skills that I now use every day. Those are some of the best tools law school gave me for succeeding in Washington."

Rosen never knows when the next 2 a.m. call will come, but he will be ready. 📞

— Gilien Silsby

ANNA CHU '05

# The Privilege to Serve

After President Barack Obama's election in 2008, Anna Chu '05 took a leap of faith. Inspired by the energy, excitement and promise of the new administration, she quit her job as an associate at a highly respected law firm in San Francisco and moved to Washington D.C.

*Anna Chu '05,  
pictured at the  
Lincoln Memorial*



She slept on a friend's couch, and by day she hit the pavement dropping off countless resumes to members of the U.S. Senate and Congress who focused on work she was interested in.

"I come from an immigrant family with no connections to or knowledge of the political class. But because I knew networking was so important in D.C., I did everything I could to play catch-up and build my base," she says. "USC law helped immensely with this transition. They gave me a list of alumni in the area, and it was through the USC alumni network that I got my start in D.C."

Within two weeks, she landed an internship and then a fellowship working on Capitol Hill on health care reform while the Affordable Care Act was being marked up.

"It was a great learning experience," Chu says. "It was trial by fire, but I loved it. It was exciting to be able to contribute to the work and to play a small part in expanding health insurance for Americans."

Her hard work eventually led to a fellowship via the Asian Pacific American Institute of Congressional Studies with the House Democratic Caucus, a

"I am thrilled to have joined the National Women's Law Center and to work toward strengthening economic security for women. I will be focusing on anti-poverty efforts, child care and education," she says. "I am hopeful in the next few years that we'll be able to enact policies that can put more money in the pockets of women and families who need it the most, reduce our child care crisis to help families better meet the dual demands of work and home, and eradicate barriers in education for girls of color."

Chu, who finds her work "tremendously fulfilling," sees it as a privilege to be serving the public. And while her clerkships with former Chief Judge Jane A. Restani of the U.S. Court of International Trade also helped advance her career in Washington D.C., it was her time at USC Gould that originally set her on this path.

"I wouldn't be here without USC," she says. "The skills I learned helped set me apart on the Hill, and were the foundation for each of my jobs in D.C."

Even more importantly, Chu discovered her passion for serving the public at USC Gould. Her work in the Post-Conviction Justice Project, which is co-directed by


**"I wouldn't be here without USC. The skills I learned helped set me apart on the Hill."**

permanent position after her fellowship, and then a position with the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee as its policy director.

Chu's hustle and determination have paid off.

After serving as vice president of policy and research at the Center for American Progress Action Fund, Chu was named vice president of income security and education at the National Women's Law Center in May. Here, she uses her legal training to advocate for economic change and education for low-income women and women facing discrimination.

Prof. Michael Brennan, confirmed her desire to work in public service.

"Prof. Brennan and the Post-Conviction Justice Project changed my life," she says. "The hands-on experience working with women in prison is one that I will never forget. It makes very real the impact of our day-to-day work. The things that we do in our offices every day — research and writing and advocating — have a reach beyond our walls, affecting millions of people. We must never forget that it's real people we are fighting for." 

— *Gilien Silsby*

MAURO MORALES '91

# Civil Rights Watch Dog

It only takes a few words to sum up Mauro Morales' passion: politics, policy and public service.

Since graduating from USC Gould in 1991, Morales has combined his legal skills with political acumen — most recently landing a coveted appointment by President Barack Obama as staff director for the bipartisan U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

"This has been a dream job for me and a thrill of a lifetime," says Morales. "We're known as the 'Civil Rights Watch Dog' because we're responsible for making sure the government is enforcing civil rights laws fairly."

For example, last year the commission announced separate investigations into fines levied against minority community members as a way to cover municipal expenses related to policing and court costs. It also investigated public education funding inequality.

"It has been extremely rewarding," Morales says. "I've been very lucky to use my law degree and experience in the public sector. They have worked hand in hand."

Morales previously served the Obama Administration in the Office of Personnel Management as assistant director of the Office of Public Engagement.

Morales' interest in politics began as an undergraduate at Georgetown University. After a number of political internships, he became a legislative assistant for then Congressman Esteban Torres, performing a range of duties on the Hill. However, he soon realized that a law degree could be a powerful boost to his career.

"Working on the Hill can be very challenging," he says. "I reached a point where I knew that I would need a law degree to make a difference in our nation and our community."

After law school, Morales was a senior law clerk with the Orange County, Calif., District Attorney's Office and an associate attorney at Pereyda, Delnick and Ruedaflores.

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*Mauro Morales '91,  
pictured at the Martin  
Luther King Jr. Memorial*

But he had politics running through his veins, and Washington D.C., continued to beckon.

"I was a senior associate attorney at McGuiness & Williams in Washington D.C., and while I enjoyed it, I really was still interested in working in the public sector."

He got a big break after volunteering on Loretta Sanchez's campaign for Congress. "She won, and I was offered a job as a legislative director and then as district director," he says. "It's really exciting to work in public policy. You can be creative, and if you care about a particular issue, you can make a real difference. I am most proud of the work I did to amend the Higher Education Act so that students attending Hispanic-serving institutions

would be eligible to receive the same scholarships and federal assistance available to every student."

Morales credits much of his success to his law education at USC. He was taught to think broadly and critically.

"You know, I owe all of this to USC. I really do," he says. "What I learned in law school helped create the foundation for a lot of the policy and legal analysis I do today. I still think about a class I took with Professor Ron Garet. He asked us to look beyond the law — and at humanity: How do you use the law to better the community and, even more importantly, better people's lives? I have always remembered that, and it really guides me." 📖

— *Gilien Silsby*

MICHELLE VAN CLEAVE '79

# First Leader of U.S. Counterintelligence

When Michelle Van Cleave '79 became head of National Counterintelligence in 2003, she faced a daunting task: identify and stop other nations' spies. With the country still reeling from the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, this meant "transforming the fight against foreign espionage into a focused, coherent enterprise," she recalls.

*Michelle Van Cleave '79 served three U.S. presidents, including Pres. Ronald Reagan.*



"At the time, no one person was responsible for identifying foreign intelligence threats to U.S. national security or economic well-being and figuring out what to do about them," she says. "Instead, counterintelligence responsibilities were divided among the FBI, the CIA and the three military services."

Appointed by President George W. Bush as the first congressionally mandated head of U.S. counterintelligence, Van Cleave worked closely with CIA Director George J. Tenet and FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III. For three years, she oversaw threat and damage assessments of foreign intelligence operations against the United States and the activities of the FBI, the CIA and the military to counter them. It was the pinnacle of her career and a rewarding time.

"I think most Americans would be astonished by the extent to which the Russians, the Chinese and scores of other foreign intelligence services have been able to steal our national security secrets and threaten our vital interests," Van Cleave says. "Yet strange as it may seem, there was no such job as 'head of U.S. counterintelligence' before 2002. So for me, it was a multiple honor: to be the first person to hold that title, to have been entrusted by the president with such sweeping responsibilities."

Van Cleave came to the job with a stellar reputation. She had served in senior government positions for President Ronald Reagan and President George H. W. Bush. She had also worked on intelligence, national defense, homeland security, and

science and technology policy with three Congressional committees. And she had lead responsibility for the Pentagon's homeland defense policy at a crucial time.

"When I reported for duty at the Pentagon in September 2001, the building was still on fire," she says. "We worked around the clock to array limited air defense assets, to beef up border patrol and Coast Guard patrols, to deploy the National Guard to airports, to prepare to send American servicemen and women to fight for us abroad, to deal with the horrible possibilities of a chemical or biological or nuclear terrorist attack.

"Fifteen years later, these threats — and others — are still with us," she says, "reminding me of what my old boss Jack Kemp used to say: 'Freedom must be won anew by every generation.'"

Today, Van Cleave is a principal with the Jack Kemp Foundation in Washington D.C., where she helps establish and manage programs to recognize, engage and develop exceptional leaders. In a way, that means that her career has come full circle: Back in 1981, then

Congressman Jack Kemp offered Van Cleave her first job in the capital after she graduated from USC Gould.

Van Cleave worked for Kemp, the third-ranking Republican leader in the House of Representatives, on the subcommittee that oversaw all U.S. foreign assistance worldwide, as well as on defense budget issues. "It was the best job in the world because my interests were in national security and foreign policy," she says.

Van Cleave left Kemp's office in 1986 after President Ronald Reagan appointed her assistant director of his science and technology office. After taking the job, Van Cleave was given a second role as the general counsel.

As a woman who has worn many hats, Van Cleave has learned that having different skills opens doors. Today, she mentors young professionals looking for opportunities in national security. "I counsel them if they're ever offered a job they worry might be a little beyond their reach, that's the job they should take." 📌

— *Gilien Silsby*

*Van Cleave  
photographed at  
the National Air and  
Space Museum*



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# Not Just a *Party Man*

Fmr. Ambassador Douglas Kmiec '76 isn't afraid to take a stand

By Carren Jao

**Douglas Kmiec '76 is a man who thinks widely and deeply and has the courage to act, despite the consequences.**

Kmiec is a prominent Catholic scholar who served in the Justice Department under Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush. Raised a Kennedy Democrat, he followed Reagan to join the Republicans. But a “party man” he isn’t.



*During a career devoted to human rights, fmr. Ambassador Douglas Kmiec '76 has met with the Pope, counseled Presidents and cultivated global friendships.*

He spoke out in favor of Barack Obama’s presidential candidacy in 2008 because he “kept discovering that Obama was sounding more Catholic than most Catholics I know,” he told the *Chicago Tribune*. He saw wisdom in Obama’s positions that favored health care as a human right and a living wage and opposed the war in Iraq. As a result, he was denied Communion, publicly censured by a Catholic bishop and told more than once to go to hell.

President Obama nominated him as Ambassador to Malta — a country at the crossroads of the Muslim, Hebraic and Christian worlds. Appointed to advance Obama’s interfaith initiative, ironically, he would later be criticized for devoting too much time to the project by opponents of the President’s idea that “mutual understanding would yield mutual respect.” At the height of the Arab Spring conflict — when shooting jammed escape routes and commercial flights were suspended — he leased a sizeable catamaran from a Maltese friend and helped direct the rescue of 100 U.S. personnel and 238 foreign nationals.

Kmiec challenges staid assumptions, but deeply reveres the rule of law. He credits this in part to his education at the USC Gould School of Law. “I chose USC because of its reputation as a cutting-edge law school that was bringing

economics, sociology and the sciences, including the science of human nature, to bear on the formation of the law and its interpretation,” Kmiec recalls.

“Law, Language, and Ethics,” a pioneering USC course and book by Professors William Bishin and Christopher Stone, also influenced him. “Law, Language, and Ethics” is a “true legal classic,” says Kmiec.

“Many law schools turn out law students, not lawyers. Law is very dynamic and requires critical thinking, but most of all the law must never lose sight of the fact that its aim is helping people lead a good life.”

USC’s theoretical and practical focus led Kmiec to practice in a large firm in his native Chicago, and later the Department of Justice, but it was then-USC Professor Robert “Bullet Bob” Ellickson who inspired Kmiec’s academic career, opening doors that ultimately led to tenure at the University of Notre Dame, where Kmiec spent almost two decades, earning a Fulbright in Asia and a White House Fellowship. There would also be teaching at Valparaiso, a deanship at the Catholic University of America, and the inaugural endowed chair (named for USC alum and donor Richard J. Caruso) at Pepperdine.

Even today, Kmiec’s inquisitive mind leads him to produce countless essays and publications on constitutional law, human rights and the intersection of law and religion. It also led Kmiec to make a bid for the vice presidency as an independent.

Consciously declining corporate sponsorship, he ran in the hope that wealth has not become the primary factor in U.S. politics. Kmiec knew winning would have been more than a long shot, but that didn’t mean the campaign was not serious. “While the corporate corruption of today can be discouraging,” Kmiec says, he remains undefeated in spirit. “Isn’t that the ‘Trojan spirit?’” he asks.

Kmiec’s USC degree spawned four more USC grads among his five children. “I may have taken some tough stands,” he says, “but it was USC that revealed how the possibilities for good are always present, and they are endless.” 🍷

# The Pursuit of Public Service

Reform-minded Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford '90, an assuring presence in the Maryland Statehouse

By Anne Bergman

*Maryland's Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford '90 was sworn into office in January 2015 in the rotunda at the state's historic Statehouse.*

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MARYLAND'S EXECUTIVE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**Two years into his first term as Lieutenant Governor of Maryland, Boyd Rutherford '90 sounds more like a COO than a public servant.**

"I'm looking at how government can run more efficiently," he says of the job he clearly loves. "The way you can improve government is to become involved in public service. If you have an interest in health and safety, or the environment, you can have a major influence."

As Lt. Governor, Rutherford's biggest challenge came five months after taking office, when Maryland's Governor Larry Hogan, a longtime friend, was diagnosed with Stage 3 non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

During his treatment, Hogan relied upon Rutherford—in whom the governor has "the utmost confidence," as he told the media — to step in for him on state business.



for the U.S. General Services Administration, where he was responsible for increasing the use of small businesses in government procurement and for improving efficiency.

Later he was asked by then-Governor Robert Ehrlich to serve as Secretary of Maryland's Department of General Services (DGS), where he was responsible for administering more than \$900 million in annual contracts. When

## "The way you can improve government is to become involved."

Happily, Hogan responded to chemotherapy and his lymphoma is now in remission.

Rutherford attributes being prepared for his current role to two decades of experience in local, state, and federal government. Yet he admits that the route that led him to a seat atop Maryland's state government wasn't planned.

A graduate of Howard University, where he earned his B.A. in economics and political science, Rutherford had worked in telecommunications before deciding to head to USC for dual degrees: a JD from Gould and a Master's of Communication Management from USC's Annenberg School for Communication.

After graduating, Rutherford worked as an attorney specializing in business law and government contracts at firms in Los Angeles, Washington D.C. and Baltimore. From there, he segued to working for the federal government, as a presidential appointee, serving as associate administrator

President George W. Bush nominated him as assistant secretary for administration for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rutherford led efforts that saved millions of taxpayer dollars.

Despite experience in government and with the GOP, he had never seriously considered running for public office. Then Hogan offered him a spot on the gubernatorial ticket in 2014. Rutherford accepted and discovered that he relished the campaign trail. "I enjoyed meeting people, talking to folks about policy issues, our positive vision of the state, what we think we can do to improve the lives of citizens," he recalls.

For Gould students and alumni seeking a similar career path into public service, Rutherford advises: "You should always be prepared for opportunities that present themselves — especially opportunities that you can't even imagine." 📌

# REBUILDING LIVES, ONE ANGELENO AT A TIME

Kimberley Guillemet '05, manager of L.A.'s Office of Reentry, started on a path toward restorative justice at USC Gould

By Traude Gomez

**Kimberley Guillemet's desire to use her legal degree to effect sweeping and systemic reform within the criminal justice system was sparked by her pro bono and clinical experiences while a student at USC Gould.**



Mayor Eric Garcetti tapped Kimberley Guillemet '05 to establish the Office of Reentry, the first in LA history.

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CHRIS NELSON, LA  
MAYOR'S OFFICE

As manager of the City of Los Angeles Office of Reentry, Guillemet '05 works to implement citywide policies and programs that help Angelenos with a criminal past re-enter society and rebuild their lives, primarily through opening access to employment and education.

Mayor Eric Garcetti established this new office — the first in Los Angeles' history — in August 2015 and tapped Guillemet to build it from the ground up. No other U.S. city has a similar office, according to Guillemet, which means she has no existing model to follow. She is, however, building the office on a solid foundation based upon her deep understanding of restorative justice.

Before coming to the Mayor's Office, Guillemet served as a deputy attorney general in the Division of Recidivism Reduction and Re-Entry at the California Department of Justice. She was previously an attorney for Disability Rights California and taught in the L.A. Unified School District. As

an Equal Justice Works fellow, Guillemet directed a project to provide legal representation to at-risk, underserved youth with mental health and behavioral challenges.

Guillemet took her first steps onto the path of reform and advocacy for underserved citizens soon after she arrived at USC.

"Two impactful experiences at Gould helped me frame the way I was going to work in criminal justice and set me on a course toward restorative justice," Guillemet recalls.

The first was her involvement with Gould's Street Law program. "It was very small with not much participation when a classmate and I decided to build it out," Guillemet says.

The law students brought the program into several LAUSD high schools where they taught legal rights and the legal process. The program continues to thrive with law students teaching legal literacy to high school and middle school students.

Guillemet, who grew up in Watts, says her second defining experience involved working with the USC Post-Conviction Justice Project (PCJP), a clinic which is offered to second-year law students.

Within the program, students who are certified as legal interns represent parole-eligible inmates.

Guillemet says of the experience, "Visiting a person in prison makes you see life in a different way. It was an impactful experience, and issues around criminal justice crystallized for me."

Beyond these two programs, Guillemet said she learned two critical skills while at USC: building relationships and finding common ground.

Guillemet returned to Gould recently as part of Mayor Garcetti's Higher Education Challenge. Moderating a panel of experts who had gathered to examine the barriers that keep Angelenos with a prior criminal record from accessing higher education, Guillemet was back where she started, building relationships and finding common ground. 📌

# HONOR ROLL

**Amy B. Alderfer '99**, a partner with Cozen O'Connor in their Commercial Litigation Department, has been named vice president of the board of the Century City Bar Association (having served as its president during the 2014-2015 term).

**Kanika Corley '15**, a business and entertainment transactional and litigation attorney with Sedgwick, was named to the National Bar Association's Top 40 Under 40 Nation's Best Advocates List.



**Douglas Goldwater '04** has been named to the Rising Stars list of Super Lawyers for the third year in a row.

**Elyze Iriarte '01** has been nominated for the Superior Court bench in Guam.



The Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) Criminal Justice Section honored **Jackie Lacey '82** as Prosecutor of the Year.



**Jaime L. Lee '09** has been named president-elect of the USC Alumni Association Board of Governors.

**Tom Levyn '71** has been reappointed to the Greater Los Angeles Area U.S. Bank Advisory Board. Levyn was also honored with a Key to the City of Beverly Hills for serving three terms as Mayor and introducing numerous innovative programs.

**Paul Maxon '03** won Case of the Year from the Colorado Trial Lawyer's Association for *Basevitz v. Fremont RE-2 School District*, et al.



**Marisa Murillo '02** joined Schiff Hardin LLP's Chicago office as partner.

**Phillip Nicholson '61** received the posthumous Ira Yellin Lifetime Achievement Award from the Real Property Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA).

**Christine Nitoff '12** is now an associate with Murchison & Cumming in Los Angeles.



**Alyson Parker '09** recently accepted a position with the California Office of the Attorney General in the Health, Education and Welfare Division. Previously, she was an attorney with Quinn Emanuel, seconded in-house counsel with Sumitomo Chemical Company in Tokyo, and most recently, an associate with Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP.

The Judges of the Superior Court of California, County of Orange elected **Sheila Recio '98** as one of the court's two new commissioners.

**Jasmyn Jones Richardson '13** recently joined the Civil Rights Division, Voting Section, at the Department of Justice as a trial attorney.



*The Daily Journal* named **Karen B. Wong '86** as one of 2016's "Top Women Attorneys" in California.

**Richard Romero '06** was selected for the San Diego Super Lawyers "Rising Stars" in 2016 for the second year in a row.

**Robert (Bob) Rosenberg '69** was named the State of California's No. 1 Real Estate Solo Practitioner by the Super Lawyers National Business Edition for the third consecutive year.

**Elena Villaseñor Sullivan '04** was selected for the 2016 Texas Super Lawyers — Rising Stars list.



Southern California Super Lawyers recognized **Raul Zermeno '08** as one of the Rising Stars in its Southern California Super Lawyers 2016 Edition.



## OLYMPIC GOULD

The Gould community cheered on alumna Lauren Fendrick '10, aka "The Long Arm of the Law," who took to the sand with teammate Brooke Sweat, competing at the Rio Olympics in beach volleyball this summer. Before arriving at Gould, Fendrick earned her undergraduate degree from UCLA, where she played for the indoor volleyball team. She's played professional beach volleyball for 13 years, landing her first Olympic berth this year. How does the Olympian view her years as a law student? "I really value and look fondly upon my time spent at Gould. Not only did I learn the law, but I forged some really great friendships and learned invaluable life skills such as problem solving, time management, and how to critically observe and change the world around me," she says.

While Fendrick and Sweat did not medal, Fendrick's demonstration of hard work, teamwork and perseverance embodied the collegial spirit here at Gould.

Lauren and her husband, Andrew Fuller, head beach volleyball coach for Stanford University, started a 501(c)(3) foundation this year that seeks to bridge the gaps between youth, collegiate, aspiring professional and professional beach volleyball athletes through education, camps and clinics. One of the Lauren Fendrick Foundation's guiding principles is: "Tell me and I'll forget, show me and I may remember, involve me and I'll understand." 🏐

*You can learn more about the foundation and how to get involved at:*  
<http://laurenfendrick.com/lf-foundation/>

# Top Global Contenders

LLM graduates return to their home countries with a competitive edge in the legal job market

By Christina Schweighofer

**When Eduardo Di Mauro '13 applied for a position at the Italian Stock Exchange in Milan in 2014, he hoped that one particular item on his resume, the LLM from the USC Gould School of Law, would catapult him into the pool of top contenders.** And indeed, out of more than 700 applicants, the exchange (known in Italy as Borsa Italiana S.p.A.), a subsidiary of the London Stock Exchange Group, picked Di Mauro for the job as legal counsel.

*Eduardo Di Mauro '13, photographed at Pioneer Investments' offices in Milano.*  
PHOTO CREDIT: GABRIELE LOPEZ



Di Mauro, who earned his first law degree from the University of Naples Federico II, stayed for two years. In the spring, he moved to a position as counsel in the legal department of Pioneer Investments. The USC Gould graduate is convinced that his advancement in the international field would not have been possible without the U.S. degree. The LLM proved two things: he understood the U.S. legal system in a deeper way, and he was fluent in legal English. "If you're Italian and want to work internationally, it is essential to have a degree abroad," he says.

Di Mauro's story isn't unique. Other foreign-educated attorneys, judges, government officials, prosecutors, corporate legal counsel and bankers have found that an LLM from USC Gould delivered similar career boosts.

Misa Shimotsu, Gould's assistant dean for Graduate & International Programs, says that foreigners working with U.S. clientele or in international law areas usually benefit most from the program, especially if they opt for a bar track and pass the exam. "It gives them a competitive edge and distinguishes them from others when they return to their home country."

Launched in 2002, the on-campus LLM program at USC Gould has exploded in popularity, growing from 12 students in the inaugural class to 213 students in the class of 2016. The one-year program teaches students how the government works and how laws are made and enforced, and it helps them understand foundational values such as due process and equality. They learn about the differences between the U.S. and other legal systems and become fluent with advanced legal terminology.

*Helen Du, photographed in Chongqing's High Court chambers, where she is a chief judge in the Commercial Trial Department.*

For one graduate, Helen Du '04, the language advantage manifested itself as soon as she returned to her home country, China, to pursue a Ph.D. Not only did the China University of Political Science and Law exempt her from the English requirement, but she also found doing academic research easier thanks to her mastery of legal English. What's more, Du, who is the chief judge of the Commercial Trial Department of the High Court of Chongqing, China, says that studying at USC Gould taught her to think differently.

"At the law school, we learned that there is more than one right answer," she says. "We chose different roles, so that we could analyze different perspectives. This way of thinking helps me a lot in my work. It helps me to absorb new opinions, consider things thoroughly and communicate with my colleagues smoothly. It has been very helpful in advancing my career."

Another graduate, Rubab Razvi '03, who is a general attorney at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Los Angeles, credits the legal writing course with at least part of her success as an attorney. She says that, together with the immigration course, it gave her "a base from which to learn and function more effectively."

An immigrant from Pakistan, Razvi had already passed the bar exam in her home country when she came to the



them through the whole process," Shimotsu says, "from applying for the exam and registration, to what the exam will look like and how students should study and plan their time."

Whether they are on a bar track or not, because of the language barrier many LLM students find the coursework extremely challenging, especially during the first few months. Du accordingly sums up one of the big boosts from her year at USC Gould in one word: fortitude.

"Pursuing the LLM in the United States was not easy," she says. "I had to handle all kinds of changes. It made me stronger. After I returned to China, not everything

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—Helen Du '04

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United States as the spouse of an American citizen. While she did not need an American law degree to sit for the California bar exam, the LLM program provided her with the confidence and tools that she needed to pass.

USC Gould offers three different tracks for LLM students who plan to sit for the New York, California or Washington D.C. bar exam, and in each case, the University provides step-by-step guidance. "We walk

went smoothly. Sometimes life was really hard. However, I never gave up. I knew that if I was strong enough to survive in another country, I can overcome the difficulties in my own homeland. I still believe that."

For Di Mauro, the experience at Gould was also important for another reason. "USC is not only one of the most prestigious universities in the U.S., it is also a family," he says. 🇺🇸

# MAKING MEMORIES AT 2016 REUNION

On June 18, nearly 400 alumni and guests gathered at the JW Marriott at LA Live to celebrate Reunion 2016 honoring alumni from the classes of 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006 and 2011. On behalf of the Law School, Dean Guzman welcomed the attendees, who had traveled from as far away as Hawaii to take part in the festivities. The evening concluded with a lively dance party.

Alumni Reunion Committee volunteers are critically important to the success of these events, connecting with classmates and encouraging them to attend reunions and become more involved

with the law school. The next USC Gould Reunion for 2s and 7s is scheduled for fall 2017. If you are observing your reunion next year and would like to join your reunion committee to help to create another spectacular event for your class, please email Nicole Stark at [reunion@law.usc.edu](mailto:reunion@law.usc.edu).

We also encourage you to inform us of any career news and updates to your contact information. Email [alumni@law.usc.edu](mailto:alumni@law.usc.edu) with your name and include your class year. Or call Development and Graduate Relations at (213) 821-3560.



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1: Dean Andrew Guzman greets Gould grads and friends

2: Stephen Harris '96, Gretchen Corbell '96 and guests

3: Joseph Porter III '71 and wife Christina

4: Members of the class of 1996

5: Class of 1991 Reunion Co-Chairs Randy Schoenberg and Bill Tooke

6: Merle "Don" Rothman '66, with wife Judith

7: Michael O'Halloran '81 and Associate Dean and Director of the Law Library Pauline Aranas '81

8: 1976 Reunion Co-Chair Mary Ann Galante '77 with Matthew Spitzer '77, who served as dean of the law school from 2000-2006

9: Tim Lan '01 and guest



Faculty, friends and family all celebrated a new crop of Gould alumni who included the school's first online LLM grads (pictured left).

# One Ceremony, Two Firsts

*USC Gould grads celebrate milestones at 2016 commencement*

By Gilien Silsby

**This year's commencement festivities featured two notable firsts.**

Dean Andrew Guzman, who joined the law school in July 2015, for the first time addressed new USC Gould graduates, while at the same ceremony Gould also graduated its first online Master of Laws (LLM) class.

Guzman urged those graduating to stay humble and respect people from all backgrounds. "You are all graduates from one of the nation's elite law schools. This confers on you a social currency that is a great privilege to have," Guzman said.

The 116th commencement ceremony held in USC's Founders Park also featured Paulette Brown, president of the American Bar Association, and student speakers Alex Brown, 3L class president, and, Maher Hachem an LLM graduate from France.

The inaugural online class included 20 legal professionals who serve as law partners, professors and business executives at prestigious companies and law firms around the world. The graduates hail from Brazil, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Italy, Kuwait, New Zealand, Nigeria and the Philippines.

The online degree program — the first of its kind — is designed specifically for foreign attorneys and law graduates who want to earn an LLM degree and an optional graduate certificate in business law, but who find it difficult or impossible to relocate to Los Angeles for a year.

For more information on USC Gould's online offerings, please visit [gould.usc.edu/go/online-degrees](http://gould.usc.edu/go/online-degrees), email [gipadmissions@law.usc.edu](mailto:gipadmissions@law.usc.edu) or call (213) 821-5916.

## CLASS OF 2016

200  
juris doctor degrees

116<sup>th</sup> USC law school ceremony

231  
master of laws and master of comparative law degrees

20  
LLM and certificate graduates  
in Gould's first online class

USC Gould

2,000  
family and friends in attendance

# GETTING TO GOOD GOVERNANCE

In her research, Prof. Abby Wood analyzes costs and benefits of campaign finance disclosure

By Julie Riggott

*Abby Wood, whose current research gives a local focus to her global views, photographed at Culver City's city hall.*

**Abby Wood's travels around the world sparked an interest in rule of law and governance, putting her on a path to three advanced degrees and then a faculty position at USC Gould, where she has been assistant professor of law, political science, and public policy since 2014.** Her current research gives a local focus to her global views, examining campaign finance disclosure and how we can improve government right here at home.

The call to law came after travels through Central America and Mexico during her undergraduate studies in Spanish at Austin College. Wood observed and heard about pervasive corruption, mostly in the form of police bribery. It struck her, she says, that “a country that will turn a blind eye to police corruption is also quite likely to turn a blind eye to things like wrongful imprisonment or disappearances.”

And that's when she decided to study law at Harvard and economic development at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts, earning a JD and an MA in Law and Diplomacy in 2007. “People with law degrees understand the rules of the game. You have to understand the rules in order to ensure that government actors are not above them — that's the rule of law,” she says. “My interest in government systems and overseeing government actors is very much about fighting corruption and government abuses.”

In the Philippines, Wood had another glimpse of how corruption leads to government failures. Wood watched the criminal trial of Joseph Estrada, a Philippine president who was ousted in a popular uprising and put under house arrest. She later contributed a chapter to a book about “Prosecuting Heads of State.” “I got a sense of how government

officials can prey on the people they're meant to be representing or protecting or helping," she says.

Wood, who also earned a Ph.D. in political science at U.C. Berkeley, currently teaches Administrative Law, Money in Politics, and Analytical Methods for Lawyers at Gould. "I want my students to think critically about the law," she says. "I want to know that when they leave this place, they are prepared to help make our government

that made none between the 2004 and 2008 election cycles. They asked the question: Are contributors more or less likely to drop out of the contributor pool in states that improved their disclosure? They discovered that the difference was negligible. "Contributors were dropping out about 2 percentage points more than you'd expect — meaning that the privacy costs of campaign finance disclosure are very small indeed," she says.

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**"I want my students to think critically about the law. I want to know that when they leave this place, they are prepared to help make our government institutions better."**

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institutions better, either by working inside of government or bringing court challenges when government fails the people it should be protecting."

#### **INFORMATION MATTERS**

In her latest research on campaign finance disclosure, Wood hopes to discover "general truths about good governance and what we really need to make government more responsive to the people."

"One of the key aspects of good governance is transparency, which is forcing information out of the government," Wood says. "If you think information matters in democracy, then you also probably want to know who's funding political candidates and ballot initiatives, and who's running campaign ads. Campaign finance disclosure regulations force information to the public, which allows us to follow the money."

The Supreme Court says there are various costs and benefits to campaign finance disclosure. Wood is not only testing the costs and benefits the Court has mentioned; she is also searching for others.

"Economic theory would say if you force information out of the candidate about who's funding them, then maybe some contributors will stop giving money. There's a privacy cost," Wood says. "Meanwhile, the Court says the benefits of disclosure include providing information and helping to combat corruption."

To analyze the costs of campaign finance disclosure, Wood and Douglas Spencer at the University of Connecticut School of Law compared states that made big changes in campaign finance disclosure with states

Wood's current research explores disclosure's benefits. "An additional benefit the Court is not talking about yet is that voters actually care about transparency in and of itself. They reward candidates who are disclosing and I show in the lab that they will also reward candidates who disclose more information than they have to."

#### **ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES**

Wood says that Gould is an ideal place to be a junior faculty member and scholar, as she is given plenty of research support and that essential resource: time. Plus, the school's reputation nationally means she has access to exceptional opportunities. "As a Gould professor, my work is taken seriously," she says, "and I get to be in conversation with leading scholars and policymakers about it."

For instance, she was invited to work with the Federal Bipartisan Campaign Finance Task Force alongside other political scientists who research campaign finance. In the Task Force, she is immersed in a community of scholars, as well as practitioners and lawyers. For the task force's report, her focus is on disclosure.

"I think it's pretty important stuff, particularly in an age when many political groups have decided to form as 501(c)4 organizations to take advantage of a part of the tax code that does not require donor disclosure," Wood says. "We are already unable to trace a lot of political spending. Disclosure will continue to be challenged in the courts, and I'm hopeful that my work can help to inform the litigation." 📌

# Direct Democracy at Work

The Initiative and Referendum Institute shows voters are attaining desired outcomes, proving process works

By Julie Riggott

**In the Election 2016 spotlight, while the media is completely absorbed in the upcoming presidential election, John G. Matsusaka, executive director of the Initiative and Referendum Institute at USC, is concentrating on something else: ballot initiatives. He thinks we should too.**



California voters will decide 17 propositions, as well as dozens of local measures, in November. Among the State props: *Do we want to ban plastic bags at supermarkets? Legalize marijuana? Ban the death penalty? Increase gun control?*

“These are issues that have very immediate and material effects on what people do and how they live their lives,” says Matsusaka, Charles F. Sexton Chair in American Enterprise with USC Gould and the Marshall School of Business. “Because these are real operational decisions, they affect our lives in some ways more than a presidential election does.”

Across the country, voters will evaluate hundreds of other measures. Matsusaka and the Institute will be following the outcomes.

The Institute is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, established in 1998 in Washington D.C. to collect and disseminate knowledge about direct democracy, which includes the initiative and referendum processes. In 2004, the Institute moved to USC — a good

move, Matsusaka says, because “a lot of direct democracy takes place on the West Coast — very little in D.C. — and California is ground zero.”

Focused on creating knowledge, the Institute tracks, counts and maintains databases on initiatives and referendums, and is a go-to source for media, citizens and lawmakers who want to know answers to questions like: *What is the history of the medical marijuana initiatives?*

Matsusaka also tackles some fairly big questions in his research. “There is some controversy about whether it’s a good idea or a bad idea for us to be making laws through these processes,” Matsusaka says. “Some people say: ‘Let the legislature do its job.’ Others say: ‘The legislature is captured by special interests so voters need a way to override them.’ These competing views have been around for more than 100 years.”

Which view is more accurate? Matsusaka says we first need to know whether direct democracy is actually changing outcomes, because some of the laws passed by direct democracy might have been passed by the legislature anyway.

Looking at tax and spending policies in the states over the past 50 years, he has found that direct democracy does indeed make a difference. The data show that initiative states tax and spend less, and, moreover, the gap between initiative and non-initiative states has been dramatically widening in the last five years.

By linking outcomes to public opinion, Matsusaka has sought to discover if they match what the majority wants. “What I find pretty much consistently is that voters like the outcomes they are getting in initiative states better than the outcomes they are getting in non-initiative states,” he says.

The Institute’s data are a vote of confidence for direct democracy. According to Matsusaka, “the process is working in the sense that voters are getting what they want.” 🗳️

*Find out more about the Initiative and Referendum Institute:*  
[iandrinstitute.org/](http://iandrinstitute.org/)

*Across the country, voters evaluate hundreds of measures. John Matsusaka, pictured in his office at USC, and the Institute follow the outcomes.*

# Ripples of Change

City Attorney Michael Jenkins teaches his Gould students the power of local government

By Carren Jao

**Sixty-three-year-old Michael Jenkins has always been drawn to the water. “If I weren’t a lawyer, I might have become a lifeguard. I like the beach. I like swimming,” says Jenkins, whose office is just a mile from Manhattan Beach’s the Strand.**

He may not be patrolling Southern California beaches today, but he is helping many others navigate legal waters. Jenkins has been practicing local law for almost four decades, working for change starting at the local level.

After leaving Richards, Watson & Gershon, where he specialized in municipal law, he established his own practice with his partner, Christi Hogin, and serves as city attorney for many local governments, including, currently, West Hollywood, Rolling Hills and Hermosa Beach.

In his work, Jenkins tackles the many thorny issues that come up when building livable communities: elections, First Amendment issues, and open meeting laws, to name a few.

He brings this expertise to USC Gould classrooms, where he’s taught local government law for decades. Some of his students have been inspired to go into local law themselves: Jeffrey Ballinger (JD ’99) is currently city attorney for the cities of San Juan Capistrano, Fontana and San Jacinto; while Anthony Taylor (BS ’97, JD ’00) is city attorney for Suisun City and Cypress.

Perhaps students are inspired because Jenkins is able to share some of his passion for this level of government. “Smaller cities can make changes, can get things done,” he says. “They are like PT boats: they’re easy to turn and move in a new direction. I like the idea of helping communities accomplish their goals and implement their vision of what kind of community they want to be.”

In West Hollywood, where Jenkins has served as city attorney since its incorporation in 1984, he helped the city develop a host of landmark legislation. West Hollywood was one of the first to ban the sale of Saturday night specials — small, cheap handguns, often involved in crimes. The city also introduced a domestic partner ordinance in 1985, recognizing relationships between two individuals



regardless of sexual orientation. It was three decades before same-sex couples gained the right to marry in the country as a whole.

Every community’s needs are different, he says. In Hermosa Beach, his work helped shape the city’s pedestrian-friendly downtown area, where visitors delight in the many surf shops, bars and lodging options. Jenkins also advised the city on legislation that opened access to the azure coastline.

Jenkins also holds regular training sessions for other lawyers working in the field and elected officials.

Not all of Jenkins’ students follow his career path, but his goal is to impart one key message in all his classes. He says, “I hope they leave with an appreciation for the importance of local government and the values associated with how it has developed in this country — it’s a form of governance that is responsive to the people, encourages participation in their community and places a high value on transparency. There are many places in the world where that’s not the case.

“We are fortunate to have, over the years, in this country developed a form of government that’s founded on a belief that people should be participating in their government and their future, by making their communities what they want them to be,” Jenkins says. “That starts at the local level and then extends upwards.” 🏊

*Michael Jenkins, who teaches local government law at Gould, photographed just before the July West Hollywood City Council meeting.*

# Nine Decades of

As the *Southern California Law Review* heads into its 90th year, students learn lessons in leadership

By Anne Bergman

**Judges. University deans and professors. Partners at prestigious firms. Top attorneys at multi-national companies.** These are just some of the leadership positions held by alumni who've served as editors of the *Southern California Law Review* (SCLR) over its 90-year history.

Established in 1927, SCLR publishes six times a year and year, and each issue normally contains several comprehensive articles written by renowned legal scholars and several notes (shorter articles) written by Gould students. Under the guidance of the editor-in-chief and additional officers, who are elected each spring, the 60 student editors work in teams to ensure the issues arrive on deadline but also are fully checked for accuracy and adherence to law review style.

At this year's Law Day, Southern California Law Review Editor-in-Chief Laurie Tomassian '17 and Managing Editor Ken Oshita '17 recruit admitted students to join their editorial board.

Their long hours and dedication pay off in myriad ways, from the initial thrill of seeing an article or note published, to shaping public debate on a controversial topic, or ultimately being cited in a court brief. Yet one of the significant payoffs may be less quantifiable.

"One of the big benefits to participating in the *Law Review* is the opportunity for organizational leadership," says Professor Ronald Garet '81, SCLR's faculty adviser. "Our *Law Review* collects talented and strong-willed people with ambition and high standards. It takes a person with exceptional ability to get everyone to play nicely with one another."

Lisa Kloppenberg '87 agrees. When she reflects on serving as SCLR's editor-in-chief, she says it was "like a real-life work experience." Now dean of the law school at Santa Clara University, she says, "One of the greatest leadership lessons I learned was to defer to the wonderful people on my team. I was working with really smart people. And it's just like being a dean in that you don't want to order people around — it's more of a collegial effort. There might be some difficult conversations, but in the end it's a group effort and you have to empower your colleagues."

Kloppenberg's editorial team included: Vince Gonzales (now senior environmental counsel for Southern California Gas Company), John Iino (now managing partner of Reed Smith's Los Angeles office and global co-chair of the firm's Japan Business Team), Karen Lash (now deputy director for the Office for Access to Justice, U.S. Department of Justice, and executive director of the White House Legal Aid Interagency Roundtable), and Duane Okamoto (now senior attorney at Microsoft).

Her own SCLR experience also helped Kloppenberg prepare for the clerkship she held early in her career with Hon. Dorothy Nelson LLM '56, a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and dean



# High Standards

of Gould from 1969 to 1980. “I think that working on *SCLR* helped on the job market and for earning the clerkship,” Klop-  
penberg says. “There is that significant sense of responsibility that  
was honed on the *Law Review* when you’re handling someone  
else’s creative work, as well as the attention to detail.”

One of the additional challenges for serving as editor is ensur-  
ing that the scholarly legal journal remains current. The 2016-17  
team of Editor-in-Chief Laurie Tomassian ’17 and Managing  
Editor Ken Oshita ’17 wants to increase the journal’s online  
presence and encourage first-year students to submit topical and  
cutting-edge articles to *SCLR*’s digital supplement, “Postscript.”

“I also want to show incoming staffers that editing is impor-  
tant, not just personally or professionally,” says Tomassian. “I  
want to show them that there’s a larger purpose because these  
*SCLR* articles can change laws — these articles have an influen-  
tial impact.”

Beyond serving as editors, Gareth also thinks the students who  
author the notes are taking advantage of a “terrific opportunity.”  
He says, “When a student takes classes in torts or constitutional  
law, they are learning what other people think. But when the  
same student writes a *Law Review* note, that student is no longer  
just a consumer. That student is producing their own ideas on law  
and legal policy.”

Given the preeminent authors who’ve been published in  
*SCLR*, Gareth believes that the journal boosts Gould’s reputation  
in the academic and legal worlds. “We are publishing world-class  
scholars, including from our own faculty, often early in their  
careers,” he says. Gareth ought to know. His very first piece of  
legal scholarship was published in the *SCLR* in 1983, when he  
was an assistant professor at Gould. “It was a very constructive  
experience for me,” he recalls.

Additional Gould faculty who have been published in the  
journal include Professors Jonathan Barnett, Alex Capron,  
Ariela Gross, Daniel Klerman and Stephen Rich as well as  
Dean Andrew Guzman (see “From the Archives” below).

In addition to the *SCLR*, USC Gould publishes two highly  
regarded student-edited honors journals, *The Southern California  
Review of Law and Social Justice (RLSJ)* and the *Southern  
California Interdisciplinary Law Journal (ILJ)*. Like *SCLR*,  
*RLSJ* and *ILJ* provide opportunities for student leadership  
and student authorship, and publish influential articles by  
leading scholars in a number of disciplines, judges, and  
practitioners. 📖

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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

A selection of the top-cited articles published in the *Southern California Law Review*

- \* *Intellectual Property and Shrinkwrap* Vol. 68, Issue 5 (July 1995), Mark Lemley, currently director of the Stanford Program in Law, Science and Technology
- \* *Easy Cases* Vol. 58, Issues 1 & 2 (January 1985), Frederick Schauer, currently Univ. of Virginia School of Law faculty
- \* *On the Bias: Feminist Reconsiderations of the Aspirations for Our Judges* Vol. 61, Issue 6 (September 1988), Judith Resnik, then professor at USC Gould, currently professor at Yale Law School
- \* *Mediation — Its Forms and Functions* Vol. 44, Issue 2 (Winter 1971), legal philosopher Lon L. Fuller
- \* *Cruel Punishment and Respect for Persons: Super Due Process for Death* Vol. 53, Issue 4 (May 1980), Margaret Jane Radin ’76, then associate professor USC Gould, currently professor emerita, University of Michigan Law School
- \* *Mahon Reconstructed: Why the Takings Issue Is Still a Muddle*, Vol. 57, Issue 4 (May 1984), Carol M. Rose, currently Yale Law School faculty
- \* *On the Uses of Legislative History in Interpreting Statutes* [comments], Vol. 65, Issue 2 (January 1992), Stephen Breyer, associate justice, U.S. Supreme Court 1994–present
- \* *Portable Reciprocity: Rethinking the International Reach of Securities Regulation*, Vol. 71, Issue 5 (July 1998), Stephen J. Choi, currently NYU law school faculty; Andrew T. Guzman, currently dean of USC Gould School of Law
- \* *Should Trees Have Standing? — Toward Legal Rights for Natural Objects* Vol. 45, Issue 2 (Spring, 1972), Christopher D. Stone, USC Gould faculty 1965–present, currently J. Thomas McCarthy Trustee Chair in Law, Emeritus

Source: HeinOnline

**Philip H. Simon '49:** June 29, 2016. Simon was an estate planning attorney who retired in 2015 after working nearly 67 years at Simon and Palmer in Torrance, California.

**Walter C. Foster LLB '50:** July 15, 2016. During WWII, Foster served with the 874th Airborne Engineer Battalion in North Africa. He returned to Los Angeles and served as City Attorney at City Hall and at the Harbor Department. Later, he worked for Dart Industries and as an independent legal consultant. Foster also volunteered with Habitat for Humanity. He and his wife, Ethel M. Foster, were married for 47 years and raised three children.

**Gerald Robert Knudson, Jr. '52:** Jan. 29, 2016. Knudson practiced law in Los Angeles and later in San Marino with the firm Martineau and Knudson.

**Lillian Worthing Wyshak '56:** May 2016. After earning her law degree, Wyshak, who had a bachelor's in accounting from UCLA, went on to become assistant U.S. attorney, tax division, in the U.S. Attorney's Office of Los Angeles. Wyshak broke ground as the first female lawyer in the tax division. As a Beverly Hills attorney and realtor, in 2005 she was named as a Super Lawyer Law & Politics in *Los Angeles Magazine*.

**Hon. Jack Goertzen '57:** July 30, 2016. Goertzen earned a BA and a JD from USC and served in the U.S. Army. After passing the bar in 1957, he went to work immediately as a deputy attorney general, a post he held for 11 years. During that time, he twice argued cases before the United States Supreme Court. As a jurist, he served the L.A. Municipal Court, L.A. Superior Court and the California Court of Appeals, before spending many years as an arbitrator and mediator, hearing cases in all areas of the law, including criminal, medical and legal malpractice, construction and contracts.

**Donald R. Perry LLB '60:** Feb. 19, 2016. A Navy veteran of the Korean War, Perry went on to serve as an FBI Agent in Detroit, later returning to California to pursue his legal career. Perry practiced law for 45 years, and earned a reputation as a noted bankruptcy attorney.

**Hon. Sheldon "Shelly" Sloan '61:** Feb. 26, 2016. Appointed by Governor Ronald Reagan as a judge to the Los Angeles Municipal Court (now Superior Court), Sloan sat on the bench for three years before returning to private practice. He was a partner with Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP, where he was chair of the Government Relations Practice, focusing on government relations and real estate. Judge Sloan was a highly regarded community leader, serving in a variety of professional and civic roles. He was the 82nd president of the State Bar of California, chair of the Federal Judiciary Advisory Committee, president of the Los Angeles County Bar, president of the L.A. County Arts Commission and president of the Guardians of the Jewish Homes for the Aging. He earned a BS in Business Administration from UCLA before earning his JD from USC Gould.

**William "Bill" Kopeny '74:** June 7, 2016. An Orange County criminal defense attorney, Kopeny handled a range of high-profile cases, including one of four Los Angeles police officers accused of beating Rodney King. Kopeny's career started in the Orange County Public Defender's Office in 1980, where he stayed for five years before switching to private practice, focused on California and Federal appellate cases, including all writs and appeals, and selected federal district court matters involving challenging legal issues or sentencing issues. He also served on the California State Bar Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission, including as chair and vice chair.

**Terry Kane '80:** May 1, 2016. Kane spent over 20 years practicing law in different offices in downtown San Jose. He was an expert in trusts and estates law and later moved into the banking world working at Wells Fargo, First Republic and Fremont Bank. In 2009, he authored *The Wise Planner*, a guide to estate planning for families of all income levels to simplify potentially complicated legal matters. He was a 20+ -year board member for the San Jose Conservation Corp and associate law professor at Lincoln Law School.



### Hon. Daniel Brenner 1951-2016

The USC Gould family was saddened to learn of the death of Judge Daniel Brenner. "He was a brilliant judge and lawyer, and a tremendous friend to our law school," said Dean Andrew Guzman. "Judge Brenner was a dedicated and beloved professor to our students, and a valuable colleague to our faculty."

For the past two years, Brenner served as a Lecturer in Law and last fall taught Communications Law. He also was a featured speaker at the USC Gould Continuing Legal Education Intellectual Property Institute.

A Los Angeles Superior Court judge, Brenner was appointed to the bench in 2012 by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. He also served as the top adviser to the chair of the Federal Communications Commission and was the former senior vice president of law and regulatory policy at the National Cable & Telecommunications Association.

# Remembering Edwin “Rip” Smith

Barrier-breaking international and environmental policy professor was 66

By Gilien Silsby

**Edwin “Rip” Smith, a beloved USC law professor and steadfast supporter of his students and colleagues for 36 years, passed away Aug. 2, 2016.**

A renowned international and environmental policy attorney, Smith, 66, joined USC Gould School of Law in 1980 and was the Leon Benwell Professor of Law, International Relations and Political Science. He was the school’s first tenured minority professor.

“Rip has been a valued member of our faculty, teaching international law to generations of students,” said Dean Andrew

Before joining USC, Smith was an associate at Rosenfeld, Meyer & Susman, a staff attorney for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and a research associate with the Institute for Marine and Coastal Studies. While on the faculty, he spent a year as a Fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Smith served as U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan’s Special Counsel for Foreign Policy, and was appointed by President Clinton as a science and policy adviser to the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.



Guzman. “The Gould community has lost a longstanding and irreplaceable member of our family.”

Known for his infectious smile, generosity and easygoing style, Smith was admired and respected by his students, many of whom he stayed in close contact with throughout the years.

“Professor Smith was a phenomenal professor and mentor to me,” said Josh Lockman ’08, a lecturer at USC Gould. “The opportunity to co-teach a class on international law alongside him was an honor and extraordinary opportunity I will never forget.”

Smith, who earned his undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard University, also studied environmental law. He was “keenly interested in the health of the oceans,” said USC Gould Professor and former Dean Scott Bice. “Environmental law was a relatively new field, and Rip was one of the pioneers in the field. His interest in environmental issues led him to expand into international law, as the oceans, of course, affect many countries and addressing ocean health required international cooperation and treaty responses.”

He also lectured internationally on United Nations-NATO cooperation in peacekeeping.

Prof. Alexander Capron, who joined USC law in 1985, said Smith’s optimism was inspiring even in the face of distressing world events.

“His involvement as a lawyer, public servant and adviser to national and international officials made him a realist about the barriers to extending the rule of law into international relations, but his natural optimism left him hopeful that human progress in foreign relations was possible,” Capron said.

“Above all, as a person, Rip was one of the kindest, most generous and least pretentious people I’ve known across nearly five decades in the academy, and I and all his colleagues at the law school are going to miss him very much.”

*USC Gould Prof. Ron Garey (pictured left), who knew Smith since they were undergraduates at Harvard, said: “We grew up on the same beliefs about what our law school stands for and about how fortunate we are to live and work at such an extraordinary institution.”*

# PRESIDENTIAL MOMENTS



It all started when two of our recent alumni — Justin Bubenik and Timur Tusiray (both class of 2015) — shared photos of themselves shaking hands with former President Bill Clinton.

When Bubenik subsequently joined real estate firm Kennerly Lamishaw & Rossi LLP, partner Anthony Rossi BA '57/LLB '60 disclosed that he had also shaken hands with a U.S. President, John F. Kennedy, during a trip Kennedy made to USC during his presidential campaign. And Rossi had the photo to prove it (see below left). As a bonus, the photo also includes former State Assembly Majority Leader Walter Karabian BA '60/LLB '63/MS '65, who at the time was USC's student body president and who helped orchestrate the encounter.

That got us thinking: How many of our alumni have also met — or even worked for — the Chief Executive?

Turns out, quite a few. For instance, Ambassador Douglas Kmiec '76 (profiled on p. 20) served in the Office of Legal Counsel for Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush. But he also met former President Nixon at Nixon's home in New York when Kmiec was a White House fellow. Of the photo, Kmiec says: "Nixon was briefing me and other White House fellows in preparation for our China trip for President Reagan."

Have you met a president? We'd love to learn the details and see the photo (or photos). Please share with [pr@law.usc.edu](mailto:pr@law.usc.edu).



From top left: Justin Bubenik '15 with former President Bill Clinton; Douglas Kmiec '76 and former President Richard Nixon; Anthony Rossi '60 shakes hands with then-Presidential candidate John F. Kennedy, as Walter Karabian '63 looks on.; Mauro Morales '91 (far left) shares a photo op with President Barack Obama; President George H.W. Bush greets Kmiec in the White House Rose Garden; Fred Ryan '80 on Air Force One with President Ronald Reagan.





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"Meet the Dean" breakfast at USC Gould  
Lunch at Town & Gown Ballroom

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22**

Continuing Legal Education (CLE)  
*2016 Institute on Entertainment Law  
and Business*  
USC University Park Campus

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

Saks Institute 2016 Fall Symposium  
"Supported Decision-Making"  
USC Gould

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

State Bar Mediation Conference  
USC University Park Campus

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

CLE — *Trust & Estate Conference*  
The Westin Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles

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### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**

Bar Admission Ceremony  
Town & Gown Ballroom

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7**

CLE — *Institute for Corporate Counsel*  
The California Club, Los Angeles

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 23-WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25**

CLE — *Tax Institute*  
Millennium Biltmore Hotel Los Angeles

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

Mentor Lunch  
Town & Gown Ballroom

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 9**

2017 Latino Law Student Association Judges'  
& Lawyers' Night  
Town & Gown Ballroom

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 7**

Asian Pacific Alumni Association (APAA)  
Scholarship & Awards Gala