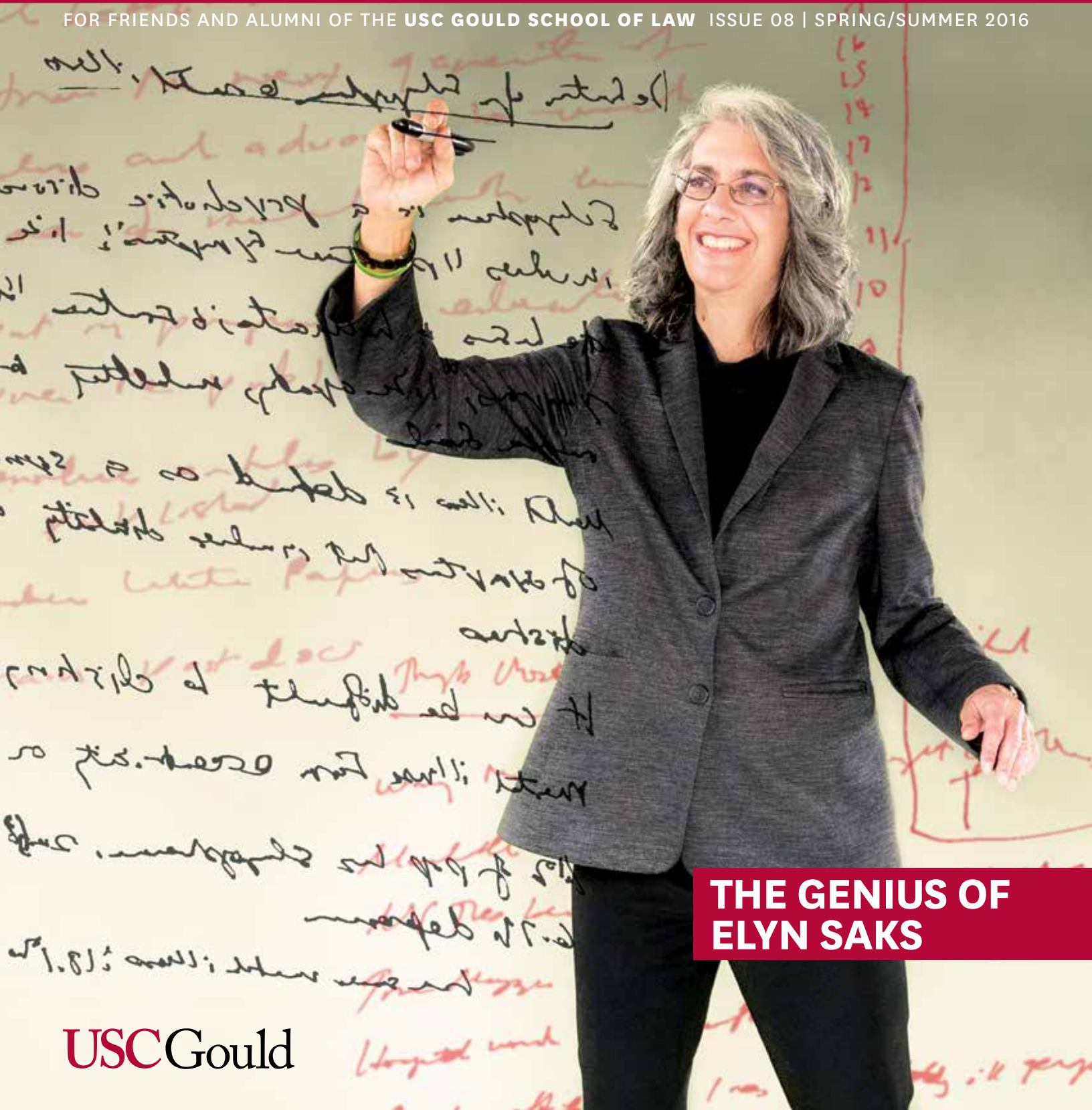


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THE GENIUS OF ELYN SAKS

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When Elyn Saks won a MacArthur “genius” grant in 2009, her colleagues here at Gould presented her a T-shirt depicting Elyn with Albert Einstein. The caption: “Only one of these is a certified genius.”

Earning the prestigious fellowship was an unexpected outcome of Elyn’s “coming out” as a person with chronic schizophrenia nearly a decade ago. It was courageous of Elyn to open that door when she informed the world of her illness, especially as she had no idea what reaction awaited her on the other side.

Now she’s a beacon of hope for people who are battling the stigma of mental illness, as well as their families, loved ones and friends. On p. 6, we highlight her inspiring story and her leadership at the Saks Institute for Mental Health Law, Policy, and Ethics here at USC Gould.

For us, she demonstrated the transformation that can happen when you open a metaphoric door, even if it’s just to nudge it open a bit wider.

When we began to assemble this issue of the magazine, we decided to explore how we at USC Gould are working to open our own doors wider, expanding opportunities as we train tomorrow’s leaders.

Because law schools are charged with educating future leaders, I believe that we serve a critical public function, which elevates our responsibility to attract the highest-caliber students and provide them the finest legal training.

“We are not only striving to make more people feel like they belong inside our doors, but we are also extending our reach beyond USC’s campus.”

To do so, we have launched two student-oriented programs. First, an Honors Scholars Program aimed at acquiring the nation’s best students by offering a scholarship and a set of networking, professional, educational and social activities during their time here at Gould. Thanks to a generous gift from Ilene and Stanley Gold ’67, this program is positioned for immediate and significant success, and I am thrilled to have their support. (see story p. 24)

We also felt the need to create a learning environment in which students who are first in their family to graduate from college can feel they belong here. And so we’ve created the First Generation Professionals Program. (see story p. 16)

We are not only striving to make more people feel like they belong inside our doors, but we are also extending our reach beyond USC’s campus. I’m proud to share that a number of our current students travel to local elementary, middle and high school classrooms, where they teach key legal concepts, such as torts and privacy, and even life skills, such as how to tie a necktie or provide a firm handshake. Their mission? To empower and inspire these students to pursue their own paths to success. (see story p. 14)

I am proud of the commitment to excellence exhibited here at Gould, by our faculty, staff and students. We are at a moment in legal education when we can reshape what we do, renew our priorities and reinvent ourselves. What greater challenge and adventure could we ask for?

Andrew T. Guzman
Dean and Carl Mason Franklin Chair in Law

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Nearly a decade after Prof. Elyn Saks revealed her lifelong struggle with schizophrenia, she has put a new face on mental illness, advancing its understanding through her work with the Saks Institute.



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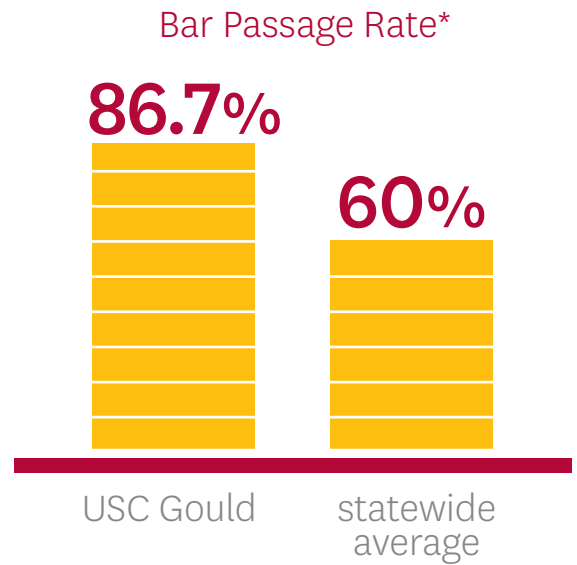
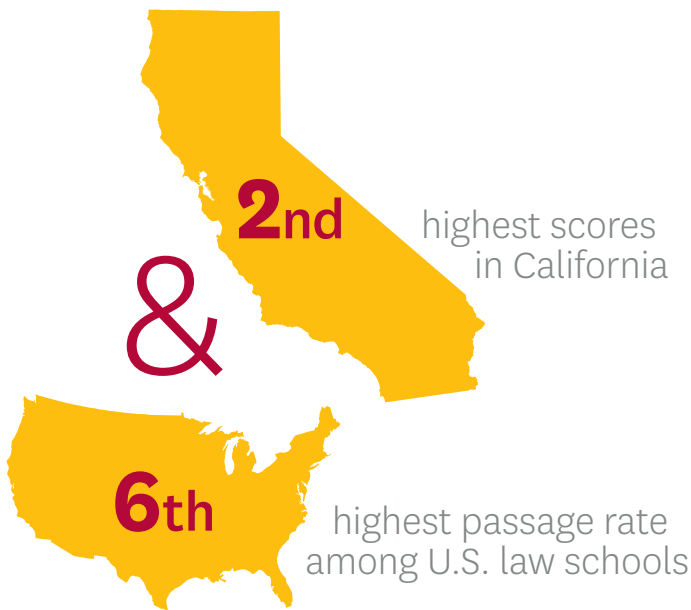




On Dec. 4, Gould School of Law's Class of 2015 graduates celebrated their crowning achievement when they were sworn in as attorneys to the California state and federal bars by the Hon. John Segal '77 and the Hon. Jay Gandhi '97.

GOULD GRADS RAISE THE BAR...AGAIN

A hearty "Fight On!" to the USC Gould alumni who passed the 2015 California Bar Exam with stellar results:



*For first-time takers

... 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016

10+ years as top performer among California law schools

Meet some of our alumni who passed the bar this year via our video:
<http://gould.usc.edu/go/uscgouldbarpassage>

RACE, RAP AND PRIVACY

The juxtaposition between free speech and privacy was explored as part of a two-day symposium, “What Cannot Be Said: Freedom of Expression in a Changing World,” hosted by Gould, the USC Center of Law, History and Culture in conjunction with the UC Irvine Forum for the Academy and the Public.

USC Gould School of Law, Center of Law, History & Culture and UC Forum for the Academy and the Public present

WHAT CANNOT BE SAID

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN A CHANGING WORLD

Special Highlights at USC Campus:

- Edward Snowden via Livestream (Google Hangouts)**
Includes Q&A with Barton Gellman, Journalist and Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author
Saturday, Jan 23 10:30am – Noon | USC Gould School of Law, Room 3
- Sunday, Jan 24 | USC Ronald Tutor Campus Center, Ballroom A&B**
- Religion and Freedom of Expression | 10:00am**
Sherman Jackson, USC Chair of Islamic Thought & Culture
Krista Tippett, NPR On Being | Laiba Lalami, UC Riverside | Sharon Brour, Rabbi
Moderated by David Myers, UCLA professor of Jewish History
- Stand-Up | 11:15am**
Azhar Usman, Comedian
- Lunch and Artist Talk | 12:15pm**
Steve Mumford, Artist
- Rap and Repression | 1:30pm**
Chuck D, rapper & Lynnée Denise, DJ
Melina Abdullah | Lilla Stanberg | Erik Nielson
Moderated by Jody Armour, USC law professor

Free admission, open to the public
Seating is first-come, first-serve
For full schedule visit: <http://sites.usc.edu/freedom/>

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UC Irvine

Whistleblower Edward Snowden spoke with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Barton Gellman in an interview live-streamed on Jan. 23 to an audience of Gould students, who also got the opportunity to ask questions of the former NSA contractor.

The following day, USC Gould Professor Jody Armour took on the theme of “Rap and Repression” with a panel that included Chuck D, the force behind Public Enemy, the rap group whose game-changing album *It Takes A Nation of Millions to Hold Us Back* propelled the art form of gangsta rap into a political statement. “Words stand the test of time; the words don’t move,” he told the crowd. 🎤

Watch the full “Rap and Repression” panel discussion via video: gould.usc.edu/go/rapandrepression

GOULD QUOTABLES



“These incidents demonstrate that we cannot blindly trust in the word of all law enforcement officers, especially in situations where the officers have strong incentives to lie. In use of force cases, officers may lie to cover up their own misdeeds, avoid employment discipline, or criminal prosecution.”

an excerpt from an op-ed by **HEIDI RUMMEL**, co-director of Gould’s Post-Conviction Justice Project, published in *The Daily Journal* on Dec. 7, 2015, about the importance of DNA and video recordings for preventing wrongful convictions and holding law enforcement officials accountable in use of force cases



“The new law really strengthens the state’s existing equal pay laws. It eliminates some of the loopholes that were preventing effective enforcement under the old regime in place, like the same establishment provision, for example, where a woman who worked at a facility in Pomona could not compare her pay to that of a man who worked in Compton or Torrance, even if they worked for the same company.”

Mediation Clinic Director **LISA KLERMAN**, in an interview on Oct. 7, 2015, with KPCC’s “Take Two” about the California Fair Pay Act



“In country after country, the same phenomenon occurs: Financial incentives ‘crowd out’ voluntary donation. Kidney patients have no reason to turn to relatives and, more important, governments have no need to develop the infrastructure and public support for deceased donation when organs can be obtained from poor strangers.”

an excerpt from an op-ed published on Dec. 29, 2015, by *The Washington Post* about a proposal to lift the U.S. ban on paying for human organs, co-written by Professor **ALEXANDER CAPRON**, co-director, Pacific Center for Health Policy and Ethics, and Francis L. Delmonico, professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School

ALWAYS AN ADVOCATE

“You have two choices when you wake up in the morning: Live life or stay in bed,” James “Jimmy” Reese ’46 told USC Gould in 2011 at age 92. “I choose to stay busy and enjoy every day.”



Up until his death on Oct. 31, 2015, Judge Reese certainly stayed busy. He had recently inspired and supported USC Gould 3L Michael Figgers to start the E-Class Mentorship program for fourth- and fifth- graders — mostly foster children — at 54th Street Elementary School in Leimert Park (see story p. 14).

“Judge Reese always brought out the best in me,” Figgers recalls of his mentor. Reese’s impulse to help sprang from his own childhood in racially segregated New Orleans, when a teacher told him at 10 years old: “You can really be someone one day.”

“Judge Reese always brought out the best in me.”

—USC GOULD 3L MICHAEL FIGGERS

Said Reese: “I always remembered that. It carried me through.”

Reese ran his own firm and eventually worked as in-house counsel for Ray Charles Enterprises, before receiving an offer from former Gov. Edmund G. Brown to head California’s Office of Economic Opportunity. In this position, Reese increased free legal aid from two programs to more than 100.

“That is one of the proudest accomplishments of my career,” he said.

In 1970, Reese became the first African-American Los Angeles Superior Court commissioner. Five years later, Gov. Jerry Brown appointed him as judge to the Municipal Court and, eventually, Superior Court.

At age 70, he retired from the bench to work for Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services Inc., where he heard more than 1,000 cases.

Judge Reese’s influence is so strong that Figgers says that whenever he needs motivation, he replays the final voicemail that Reese had left him. “He wanted to express his gratitude to me for helping bring his vision into fruition,” Figgers says. 📞

Find out more about the E-Class Mentoring program that Judge Reese inspired, in story on p. 14.

Judge Jimmy Reese '46 with Michael Figgers '16, whom he mentored up until Reese's death in October.

PRACTICAL PORTFOLIO EXPANDS

As of fall 2016, USC Gould students, both J.D.s and L.L.M.s, will have even more opportunities to specialize their degrees, with certificates in two new areas: Public Interest and Technology and Entrepreneurship Law. These additions expand Gould’s certificate portfolio — which includes “Business Law,” “Media and Entertainment Law” and “Alternative Dispute Resolution” — to five.

“Many of our students have long been passionate about public interest law,” says Gould Prof. Clare Pastore, a leading member of California’s public interest community, who oversaw the public

interest certificate’s development. “We are formalizing our support for students pursuing careers in the nonprofit and government sectors by offering them a clear path, and the practical skills mentoring, and knowledge they require.”

Meanwhile, the new Technology and Entrepreneurship Law certificate will offer a “rigorous course sequence for students who have an interest in the legal practice areas where technology and business law converge,” says Professor Jonathan Barnett, director of the law school’s Media, Entertainment and Technology (MET) Law Program. The



Prof. Clare Pastore

new certificate will be offered under the umbrella of the current MET program. 📞

Learn more about Gould's certificates: <http://gould.usc.edu/academics/certificates/>



WHO'S WHO IN THE LEGAL WORLD

Since 1979, USC Gould has hosted the Justice Lester W. Roth lecture series, bringing legal luminaries to campus to meet with members of the Gould community and deliver a scholarly speech based on their field of expertise. The list of lecturers reads like a "Who's Who" of illustrious judges and lawyers: Supreme Court Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Anthony Kennedy and the late Antonin Scalia, as well as Senator Evan Bayh and Governor George Pataki.

"The Roth lecture is the highlight of the year," said Dean Andrew Guzman on Nov. 5 as he introduced the 33rd Roth lecturer, Chief Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court Leo E. Strine to a classroom full of Gould students, alumni, faculty and staff. 🚩

In 2012, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia (pictured here with then-Dean Robert Rasmussen) delivered the Roth lecture and also served as the guest Constitutional Law professor for the entire first-year class.

REMEMBERING ELIZABETH GARRETT

Elizabeth Garrett, former USC Provost and USC Gould law professor, died of colon cancer on March 10, 2016, at age 52. Garrett was the first woman president of Cornell University, a position she held for less than a year. She joined USC Gould in 2003, and was most recently the Frances R. and John J. Duggan Professor of Law, Political Science, Finance and Business Economics, and Public Policy.

"In her years at USC, Beth's extraordinary intellect and energy inspired everyone she met to greater achievement," said Scott Altman, vice dean of USC Gould. "From the moment she arrived on campus, we all knew that Beth was special, that she would rightly attract national and international attention for her scholarship and for her leadership. Her early death is a terrible loss."

Garrett was a leading authority on the legislative process, direct democracy, the federal budget process, the study of democratic institutions, statutory interpretation and tax policy. She clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, and served as legislative director, legal counsel and legislative assistant for tax and budget issues for U.S. Senator David L. Boren. 🚩



Elizabeth Garrett

CONSIDERING CLERKSHIPS

It lasts only a year, but judicial clerking is a career-altering experience that can't be duplicated.

"It's something you'll only do one time in your life," said Gould Dean Andrew Guzman, who clerked for Juan R. Torruella, chief judge of the First Circuit Court of Appeals in San Juan, Puerto Rico. "It's a tremendous opportunity to see the law in action."



At the annual Judicial Clerkship Reception held in the fall, dozens of 1Ls gathered in USC's Town & Gown to hear why

they should consider working as a judicial clerk after graduating from law school.

On hand to persuade them were attorneys from 10 of Los Angeles' most prominent law firms, each a sponsor of the annual clerkship event. USC Gould grads consistently secure prominent federal clerkships including positions in the Third, Fifth and Ninth Circuits of the U.S. Courts of Appeals.

Sponsoring the event were law firms Paul Hastings; Munger, Tolles & Olson; Simpson Thacher; Morrison Foerster; Gibson Dunn; Irell & Manella; Sidley Austin; Sullivan & Cromwell; Kirkland & Ellis and O'Melveny & Myers.

"The judge relies on us to aid in the decisional process," said Michael E. Bowlus '15, who is currently clerking for Judge Carlos T. Bea, a federal judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. "We scour the record, research the cases and help the court reach the right decision. It is important work and an excellent opportunity for a recent law school grad to put legal skills to use."

Bowlus said that USC Gould prepared him well for the clerkship. "I would not be clerking on the Ninth Circuit without USC. I extensively relied on both the Clerkship Committee and the alumni network when I was researching clerkships. The classroom experience at USC also really helped me succeed as a clerk," he said. 🚩

To learn more about judicial clerkships, contact the Office of Career Services at 213.740.7397, or visit gould.usc.edu/careers

Michael Bowlus '15 currently clerking for a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

When a Genius Ta

Prof. Elyn Saks' memoir revealed her lifelong struggle with illness. She carries on that work with the Saks Institute.

By Gilien Silsby

On the eve of her 50th birthday, one of USC's most accomplished faculty members prepared to drop a bombshell she feared would shock and alienate — and even ruin her reputation as a respected legal scholar.

"I have schizophrenia," USC Gould Prof. Elyn Saks nervously told colleagues and friends. "And I'm writing a book detailing my struggle."

Nearly a decade after disclosing her lifelong secret in her award-winning memoir, "The Center Cannot Hold: My

Kandel, a Nobel Prize-winning neuropsychologist at Columbia University. "Her life experience and willingness to talk about the accomplishments of her career give all of us hope — within the medical profession as well as in society. Elyn has changed how we view mental illness."

Saks' fears of a backlash never materialized — in fact, she was greeted with an outpouring of admiration from scholars, speaking requests from around the world, an invitation to deliver a TED Talk and messages from Vice President Joe Biden's office, mental health advocate Kitty Dukakis, actress



Journey Through Madness," Saks has put a new face on mental illness: People can be successful and have schizophrenia.

"I'd be lying if I said I wasn't petrified to tell the world about my mental illness," Saks says. "What if my colleagues looked at me differently? What if my friends abandoned me? What if my students were scared to take my class?"

But she also wondered what staying silent would accomplish. By taking a risk and sharing her experience, she did more than lift a personal burden, she humanized the disease.

"Elyn has made an extraordinary contribution to the acceptance and understanding of schizophrenia," says Eric

Glenn Close and Congressman Patrick Kennedy, who called her "one of the leaders in the new civil rights movement of mental health."

Awards and honors poured in — *The New York Times* Extended Bestseller List, *Time Magazine* Top 10 Nonfiction Book of the Year, Presidential Commendation from the American Psychological Association. She gave a Toulmin Lecture in Law and Psychiatry at King's College London, and a hospital ward was named after her in Dorking, England.

But the big one, the MacArthur Genius Grant, changed Saks' work forever. Saks used the no-strings-attached award

Saks On a Stigma

schizophrenia and advanced the understanding of mental

money to launch the Saks Institute for Mental Health Law, Policy, and Ethics at USC Gould. Her mission is simple: stimulate discussion, develop solutions and change the way society addresses mental illness.

Each year, Saks selects a topic, brings together cross-disciplinary faculty and student scholars to study mental health topics and invites experts to present at symposia. Her work has been called “transformative scholarship of consequence.” Past symposium themes have included mechanical restraints, psychotropic drugs, mental health on campus,

Saks realized early on that keeping her mind intellectually stimulated might help ward off symptoms, and in her teens and early 20s that seemed to work. She won honors in high school and was valedictorian at Vanderbilt University. She was awarded a Marshall Scholarship to study philosophy at Oxford University before attending Yale Law School.

It was during her time at Oxford, as a 23-year-old, that she became fully symptomatic and began feeling suicidal. “Within weeks after my arrival in Oxford, almost every-



PHOTOS BY MIKEL HEALEY

stigma in the media and the criminalization of mental illness. The next area she plans to tackle is informed consent. Each one of these topics has personally affected her.

DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT AND TRIUMPH

Elyn Ronna Saks grew up in Miami with her parents and two brothers in an upper-middle-class home. From a very young age, she felt something was wrong: “When I walked home from school one day, the houses seemed to be sending me messages.” She never detailed her symptoms to her parents, hiding them, as she would for the next several decades.

thing I said came out in monosyllables,” Saks wrote in her memoir. “When I heard the sounds I was making, I felt neither disturbed nor surprised. For some reason, it helped me feel calmer. Oddly, it was soothing, like clutching a well-worn blanket might have been to a frightened child.”

Saks agreed to medication, talk therapy and intermittent inpatient treatment. On and off, she spent the next six months in a psychiatric ward.

After completing a Masters of Letters in philosophy at Oxford — with excellent reviews — and returning to the East Coast, Saks quickly and brutally learned that



Above: Among the 2015-16 Saks student scholars are 2L Louis Kachulis '17 and Osahon Tongo a third-year film and television production student in the USC School of Cinematic Arts.
PHOTO BY MATT LUEM

Below: After graduating summa cum laude from Vanderbilt University with a B.A. in 1977, Prof. Saks celebrates with faculty members. Saks was valedictorian of her class.

the United States had a different approach to mental illness than England. In Oxford, she had never been involuntarily restrained, forced to take medication or in any way detained against her will. But during Saks' law studies at Yale, one of her professors convinced her to seek help at New Haven Hospital after a mental breakdown. She endured treatment that she describes as inhumane and cruel. It ranged from being shackled in restraints to being pumped with drugs.

After multiple evaluations, Saks finally received a formal diagnosis: chronic paranoid schizophrenia with acute exacerbation. Her prognosis: grave.

harder or more stressful than dealing with a line of people under pressure. I just wanted to return to my studies."

Saks rejected the doctors' advice, and, after weeks of medication, her psychosis subsided.

For the next decade, she continued to achieve scholarly triumphs, but it took years before she realized that she would need to commit to a strict regimen of medication and daily talk therapy, a treatment virtually unheard of in the United States.

EARNING 'ACCEPTANCE AND UNDERSTANDING'

Saks has compared her public announcement of having schizophrenia with a person's coming out as gay or lesbian. While she admits it was frightening, it was also liberating.

"Being a person with mental illness as well as a scholar who studies mental illness has enabled me to bring people together to make an impact," Saks says. "I think, regardless of what your identity is, we need to work for acceptance and understanding."

The announcement has also given Saks a platform with added credibility. She serves on several boards of directors, including a well-regarded government entity, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Policymakers, psychiatrists and mental health advocacy groups have called on her as an expert. And she has worked with legislators in Sacramento and prosecutors in Los Angeles to advocate for change in how people with mental health problems are treated.



"The doctors told me that my best case scenario was to be a cashier and perhaps live in a halfway house," she says. "I thought to myself — I can't imagine anything

Los Angeles District Attorney Jackie Lacey '82 recently proposed to divert mentally ill criminal offenders from county jail after the Saks Institute held a symposium on the criminalization of mental illness. Saks and former State Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg are working on issues surrounding mental health and the law. And she and former U.S. Representative Patrick Kennedy have been brainstorming a West Coast Collaboration on Mental Illness since she delivered a keynote speech at his Presidential Symposium. Her 2012 TED Talk continues to garner views, nearly 3 million so far.

Saks has a lot on her plate. But she knows that working is as important for her mental health as her daily psychoanalysis and medication are. It keeps her mind focused. Whether she's in L.A. or trekking around the globe for



Saks' colleagues admire her for her courage and commitment to scholarship. Scott Altman, the vice dean of USC Gould, who has known Saks since they were untenured

“She understood that the vivid example of her success could encourage other persons with mental — or any — disabilities. She was right. Her disability never impaired her intelligence, benevolence or courage.” —Prof. Michael H. Shapiro

conferences and symposia (she hates traveling, but spends about 15 percent of her time out of town), Saks works 363 days a year.

“I take Thanksgiving and Christmas off. But often I work at home on those days,” she says with a laugh. “My mind is my best friend and worst enemy. When I’m working, my crazy thoughts recede to the sideline.”

That’s not to say that Saks doesn’t have a full life. She and her husband, Will, whom she married 15 years ago, love to cook, visit museums and watch favorite television shows, like “Law and Order.” Saks has a close set of friends, and because she does best with a routine, she sees them on regularly scheduled nights during the week. She roller-skates, taking lessons twice a week, and enjoys evenings at the theater and the symphony.

And then there are her colleagues at USC and the students. Just like her friends, they stuck with her after she opened up about having schizophrenia a decade ago, and for some her honesty worked like a magnet. “I came to USC Gould because I wanted to work with Elyn Saks,” says Saks Scholar Evan Langinger '14. “My work with her on mental health law greatly enhanced my legal education at USC.”

professors 25 years ago, says: “There’s no doubt that Elyn is respected and applauded. I think most of us agree that she is a role model for bravery.”

Another close friend and colleague is Michael H. Shapiro, one of Gould’s most senior law professors. He was one of the first tenured colleagues Saks confided in about her illness.

“She knew she would run risks in going public, but she believed the benefits to others, and herself, outweighed the dangers,” says Shapiro. “She understood that the vivid example of her success could encourage other persons with mental — or any — disabilities. She was right. Her disability never impaired her intelligence, benevolence or courage.”

Saks has certainly touched the average person. She receives hundreds of letters and emails each month from desperate parents, people struggling with illness and even prisoners who have read her memoir. She answers each and every correspondence.

“Sometimes people just need a little support,” Saks says. “My goal is always to bring hope to those who suffer and understanding to those who don’t.” 📧

Find out more: gould.usc.edu/centers/saks/

Hear Prof. Saks tell her own story via a video at gould.usc.edu/go/meetelynsaks

Real-Life Justice



By Julie Riggott

When Hannah Garry founded the International Human Rights Clinic at USC Gould, she had a holistic vision for championing human rights.

Through litigation in cases before international and U.S. courts, representation of survivors of human rights abuses, and educational and legislative advocacy, the clinic has been training students how to use international law as a tool for social justice and to be human rights advocates since 2011.

“Human rights must be upheld across the board,” says Prof. Garry. “There must be truth, justice and reconciliation when rights are abrogated. USC Gould’s International Human Rights Clinic (IHRC) is dedicated to using the law to fight for those ideals.”

Under Garry’s direction, the clinic is steadily accumulating a list of impressive successes. Those include contributing to judgments in numerous cases involving mass atrocities, such as genocide and crimes against humanity, before modern international criminal tribunals; placing all interested students in competitive internships abroad; and helping individual victims find justice and build new lives.

The clinic has also changed the lives of its law students.

“Even though I selected USC Gould with the hope of working for Prof. Garry, I did not predict how much my clinical experience would enhance my growth as an aspiring attorney,” says Kelsey McGregor ’15, now an associate at WilmerHale. “I was deeply affected by my time working with survivors of trafficking, and in a transitional justice advocacy summit in Washington, D.C.”

Through prosecution of perpetrators of human rights abuses, and coming alongside international tribunals to do that, Garry says, “We give teeth to human rights norms — they are understood to be law and must be upheld.”

One of the clinic’s biggest achievements is that it has been able to establish partnerships with all of the current international tribunals that prosecute mass atrocities: the International Criminal Court (ICC), as well as the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Special Tribunal for Lebanon and the Yugoslav Tribunal.

“We are the only clinic I know of that has been able to accomplish this,” Garry says. “And we are the only U.S. law school after Harvard to be invited to partner with the Lebanon Tribunal to send recent clinic graduates as one-year legal fellows over the past three years.”

So far, about two-thirds of all clinic graduates have gone on to work with judges at these tribunals as interns. The clinic has had a near 100 percent success rate for students interested in being invited to work on site in these highly competitive positions.



Top: IHRC students and Prof. Hannah Garry traveled to Cambodia in 2011 to work on one of their first tribunal cases. Center and bottom: Over the past five years, IHRC students have worked with judges in partnership with international tribunals.

League

USC Gould's International Human Rights Clinic counts many successes in past five years as it seeks to uphold human rights for all

Students work on cases involving mass atrocities perpetrated outside the United States, and they also tackle human rights issues right here at home, such as human trafficking, juvenile life-without-parole sentencing, failure by the U.S. government

Garry plans to grow the clinic by taking on more cases, expanding representation to victims of mass atrocities here and before international tribunals, and conducting international field research that could support filings before inter-

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—Kelsey McGregor '15, Associate at WilmerHale

to recognize the Armenian genocide, and limited reception of women and unaccompanied children from Central America fleeing gang violence.

The clinic has represented several human trafficking survivors from Latin America, Africa and Asia who suffered extreme situations of forced labor, domestic violence and torture, and recently took on its first asylum case for a victim from Uganda. Students meet with survivors one-on-one, hear their stories in-depth and write declarations for decision-makers to get the survivors recognized as victims. The clinic has had 100 percent success in assisting its clients with achieving legal status in the United States, reparations and unification with family.

national courts and recommendations for commissions of inquiry into mass atrocity situations. She also plans to place more students in externships with tribunals and grassroots human rights organizations and to institute a campus speaker series as part of the clinic's work to raise awareness of human rights issues.

All of that will take a vigorous fundraising effort, but Garry is not daunted.

“Perpetrators of human rights abuses and those who have been impacted need to know that there are many of us in the world who care and are not going to stand by,” she says. “We will take action and ensure that justice is upheld.”

Find out more: gould.usc.edu/ihrcl

IHRC ACHIEVEMENTS

46

USC Gould law students admitted to IHRC since 2011

2/3

of IHRC graduates earned internships with tribunal judges

100%

success rate for U.S. clients, achieving legal status, reparations and family unification

5

partnerships with current international tribunals that prosecute mass atrocities

THAT FAMILY



These five sets of siblings have one thing in common: They're all students at

By Anne Bergman

From left to right:
Ani and Anoush Davtian;
Andrew and Mike
Gorini; Sarin and Talin
Haroutounian;
Bryan and Daniel Oberle;
Roxanna and
Krista Topete.
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USC Gould's then-Dean of Admissions Chloe Reid noticed something unusual as she reviewed the names of incoming students just before the start of the fall 2015 semester. Oberle, Topete, Davtian... these names seemed oddly familiar.

When she began investigating, Reid realized that they seemed familiar because these admits had older siblings already enrolled at Gould. She dug a little deeper and realized the school actually had five sets of siblings — including one pair of identical twin 3Ls — simultaneously enrolled. Unusual indeed.

"It's amazing because it just happened by chance. I don't think any of the 1Ls with older siblings at Gould had indicated they had a sibling in the program in their applications," she says. "So there were no special allowances to admit them just because they had a brother or sister already here."

Perhaps no special allowances, but it's probably not surprising that the older siblings influenced their younger brother or sister to join them at Gould. Some had been accepted to the law schools at UC Berkeley, Columbia, the University of Chicago and crosstown rival UCLA, but chose Gould instead, based on their sibling's experience.

That was the case with Ani and Anoush Davtian. Since they both attended UCLA as undergrads, the Davtians now identify as "Brojans" (Bruins who are now USC Trojans). Older sister Anoush, now a 3L and editor-in-chief of the *Southern California Law Review*, was so enthusi-

astic about Gould, recalls Ani, that "I thought it was too good to be true."

"I feel like I got a sneak peek at the school through Anoush's experience here," says Ani. "It's different than what you expect from law school. There's an ability to connect with people, and the classes are smaller. I was ecstatic when I found out I got in."

That's how it worked for 1L Krista Topete. USC Gould became her dream school after hearing older sister Roxanna (Roxy), now a 3L, rave about the classroom environment and collegial atmosphere. "I even had a USC pen I used when I was studying for the LSATs," says Krista.

The talisman must have worked its magic, as Krista, an ABA Legal Opportunity Scholarship winner, was accepted by both USC and Columbia law schools, ultimately choosing USC. "That's where my heart was telling me to go," she says.

For Roxy, the fact that Krista chose Gould "says a lot about the school." Both Roxy and Krista grew up in Northern California's Vacaville and are the first in their family to attend college.

Perhaps the biggest benefit for Krista is that, thanks to Roxy blazing the law school trail ahead of her, now their parents understand the demands of earning a J.D. In other words: "My parents know why I'm not calling them all the time," Krista says with a laugh.

1L Daniel Oberle benefited from having an older sibling in law school before he applied. Elder brother Bryan,

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Gould. While unusual, it's not surprising.

a 3L, guided him through the law school application process, and he strongly recommended that Daniel choose USC Gould School of Law over UCLA Law, Berkeley Law and Cornell Law. Daniel earned his B.A. in political science with a minor in philosophy in three years at UCLA, but he ultimately chose USC, crediting Bryan — a Double Trojan and a USC Trustee Scholar — for influencing his decision to join the Trojan Family. The two Orange County natives now live together in Los Angeles and plan careers in corporate law.

Bryan, who completed his B.A. in political science and B.A. in philosophy, politics and law — a special interdisciplinary major at USC Dornsife — in three years, now counsels his brother on how to effectively spend his study time.

For identical twins Sarin and Talin Haroutounian, who live together at their family's home near Los Angeles, the biggest advantage to experiencing law school simultaneously is the built-in moral support.

"You have someone who's going through the same difficulties with you; someone to confide in, who understands how tough it is when the first year takes up your life," says Talin.

The Haroutounians are so similar that they earned identical SAT and LSAT scores, attended UC San Diego together and even co-ran a business before applying to law schools. They completed their first year at Gould before deciding to sell their business. Now they're planning their commute together as they both landed associate positions at Proskauer Rose LLP, which they'll begin once they complete their J.D.s.

There's a sense of friendly competition between the Gorini brothers, who did not receive identical LSAT scores. "I'm happy that my younger brother Mike got a slightly higher LSAT score," Andrew says. "It was by one point, but who's keeping score? Seriously, there's no animosity."

While they're not twins, the Gorini brothers are both 1Ls, as Andrew took some time to work for the International Rescue Committee in hometown San Jose after graduating from Gonzaga University and before applying to law schools.

In this case, Mike influenced his older brother's decision to study at USC Gould. "I knew I wanted to stay in California and that USC has a great alumni program," says Mike. Ultimately, Mike's decision "tipped the scales" for Andrew, who reports that their parents are happy to have them both on the West Coast and close to their home in San Jose.

Reid, who is currently director of special projects for Development and Graduate Relations, attributes Gould's popularity among siblings to the school's "family feel." "Fierce competition and rivalry aren't the norm here. People here want to take care of each other," she says.

Talin agrees. "I can't imagine being treated better than we are here," she says. "I walk down the hall and everyone knows me. I love my law school, and I don't think many other students at other law schools would say that." 📖

Are you also a Gould sibling? Share your story and photo with us: pr@law.usc.edu



Leading by Example

Inspired by a Gould alumnus, law students serve as role models for local fourth- and fifth- graders, opening up possibilities for success

By Anne Bergman

“Why did you decide to go to USC law school?”

The question was unexpected. Up until this moment, the room had felt like a regular fourth- or fifth-grade classroom. Writing assignments had been given, journals distributed and students divided into working groups.

But the fact that the curious student felt she could make the query — and receive an answer — is part of the overall goal of the E-Class Mentorship program: To show these students that higher education, a bachelor’s degree, even a J.D., are possible.

Each week, five USC Gould students volunteer their Monday afternoons in a classroom at the 54th Street Elementary School in Leimert Park. “One of our objectives is to help these students reach their maximum creative and academic potential,” says 3L Michael Figgers, the founder and current director of E-Class. “You can tell them that they can be something and they’ll believe you. Especially if you show them that it has been done. They’ll always have it in the back of their minds that they can succeed in life.”

Figgers launched the co-ed program two years ago, inspired by the late Judge Jimmy Reese ’46, who personally challenged Figgers and his fellow black USC Law students to mentor local African-American youth. Reese himself had received a life-changing boost from an elementary school teacher with a belief in his potential, and he wanted to pay it forward.

Reese introduced Figgers to Principal Haywood Thompson, and together they began to plan a curriculum and program that, Figgers says, could “create an impact.” Thompson worked with 54th Street’s teachers to identify students who would be receptive to mentorship and who had academic potential.

It was Figgers’ responsibility to find volunteer mentors. “I reached out to law students who are African-American because of the demographics of the school, which is 99 percent black. We want to make sure that these students have mentors who look like them. This program would not be what it is without the valuable contributions from our volunteer mentors, as the students benefit

This spring, USC Gould 3L Michael Figgers is teaching students at 54th Street Elementary how to tie a necktie and other skills not taught in the classroom.

PHOTO BY BRETT VAN ORT

from their presence and the sharing of their own life experiences.”

But what Figgers didn't know until he started mentoring the students is that a high number of them are foster children. “We tailored our lessons accordingly,” he says. “Our topics range from how to cultivate self-worth to how to interact with law enforcement, how to offer a firm handshake and — for the boys — how to tie a necktie. We want to touch on what's not taught in the classroom.” The program culminates with a pizza party and a field trip to the USC campus.

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—3L Michael Figgers, *founder and current director of E-Class*

For Figgers, whose father taught him how to tie a necktie, the curriculum provides “other things that I wished I'd known early on, before I graduated from high school or college,” he says. “Some of these lessons are even more imperative now and are of greater importance than when I was their age — such as how to conduct yourself when approached by a police officer.”

After his own graduation from Gould, Figgers plans to continue the E-Class program (the “E” stands for “educate, envision, empower, encourage”). He's working on an application for 501c3 status and forming an executive board. His professional focus is finance and business law, and he hopes to expand E-Class to include teaching middle and high school students money management skills.

Figgers estimates the E-Class team has so far impacted the lives of about 65 fourth- and fifth-grade students. He proudly recounts the story of a student who had been held back for two years, but his academic performance improved once he completed the E-Class program and he eventually advanced to middle school.

It's that type of impact that propels Figgers to return to 54th Street each week. As Principal Thompson recently reminded him: “I think the legacy of Judge Reese is living out through you, Michael.” 🗡️

*Interested in furthering the E-Class mission?
Contact Michael Figgers at Figgers@usc.edu*

LOCAL LEGAL LITERACY



2L Alexandra Mateus says USC Gould's Street Law program is the reason she chose the law school. “I really wanted to work with youth in a public interest way,” she

says. “When I learned about Street Law, I knew I wanted to be here.”

For the past 24 years, the student-run Street Law program, a nationally recognized educational outreach program, has brought legal literacy to local high school students. Throughout the academic year, USC Gould students visit nearby campuses and teach lessons on various fundamental legal topics. This year Street Law is working with Roosevelt High School in Boyle Heights, South East High School in Southgate, as well as Dorsey High School and New Designs Charter School, both near the University Park Campus.

Teaching the law to teenagers is the perfect educational experience for Mateus, whose career aspirations involve working with youth. Mateus, the 2015-16 president of Street Law, is currently externing in Ventura County with the Public Defender's office Juvenile Division.

“But even if you're a law student who's not interested in working in youth issues, Street Law can be a valuable experience,” she says. “Having to get up in front of a classroom of judgmental teens is really



good for your public speaking skills. Plus, because a lot of the lesson plans are based on the 1L curriculum, such as torts, you are gaining a deeper understanding of the material.”

Malissa Barnwell-Scott, director of Gould's Office of Public Service, advises the group, and many Gould faculty present mock lectures for middle and high school students who visit Gould for Street Law Mentor Day each semester.

“To get high school students to care and engage is a feat of its own,” says Mateus. “To see them engaged is the greatest reward.”

Street Law volunteers earn pro bono hours for attending monthly lesson plan meetings and teaching at the local schools. In 2016, the program expanded to include the Teen Leadership Program, an after-school program for middle and high school students at the Expo Center across the street from Gould. 🗡️

—Anne Bergman

Get involved with Street Law: gould.usc.edu/go/streetlaw

Above: Mateus with her Street Law team and Prof. Jody Armour after hosting a Street Law workshop at Gould.

Below: Gould Prof. Donald Scotten leads a mock lecture.

OPENING THE DOOR WIDER

A new Gould program offers specialized resources to students first in their families to navigate law school

By Jeremy Deutchman and Gilien Silsby

As a first-generation college and law student, Jenecia Martinez '16 encountered a variety of cultural and educational hurdles. While her peers seemed to effortlessly navigate through classes, study groups and extracurricular activities, Martinez had questions: How do I approach my law professor when I need help? Convince public interest lawyers to hire me for the summer? Explain to my parents that making a lot of money isn't the only option? "Sometimes I felt so alone," says Martinez, who helped



her mother clean houses while attending high school in Hawthorne. "I had responsibilities to my family in addition to my class load. People

don't realize that when you are a first gen you have to figure out everything on your own. You don't have any attorneys in your family or friends network, like other classmates do."

With that in mind, USC Gould recently launched the First Generation Professionals Program (FGP), one of the first law school-sponsored programs of its kind in the country. In addition to support, the program offers resources to integrate students into the law school community and pave their way to post-graduation success. Seminars range from preparing for an interview to speaking up in class to investigating pro bono opportunities. Some of the seminars are even led by Gould alumni who are also first gen (see sidebar, right). All are designed to put students in a comfort zone as they encounter new situations and challenges.

The program is the inspiration of USC Gould Dean Andrew Guzman. "We need to open our doors wider and offer opportunities for first-generation students so they feel assured that they belong here at Gould," Guzman says.

FGP Director, Prof. Camille Gear Rich, knows first-hand what it's like to be thrust into a privileged environment. As an undergraduate at Brown and law student at Yale, she was constantly reminded of her working-class origin.

"The law school experience can be particularly intense, and even isolating, for first gens," says Rich, who is also associate provost for faculty and student initiatives in the social sciences at USC. "We want to give students tools to achieve in law school and to facilitate their transition to professional life."

Martinez, the daughter of immigrant parents, was prepared to succeed when she headed to Stanford University as an undergraduate. She boasted a stellar academic record and had been the valedictorian at her high school. But she ended up dropping out of Stanford after only a month when the culture shock and loneliness proved too great. She returned to Los Angeles and enrolled at USC, completing her degree and ultimately securing a place at Gould.

"As a first-generation student, you have so little exposure to the expectations of a high-powered academic environment," she says. "Especially in law school, everything is being thrown at you, and it's really overwhelming."

The First Generation Professionals Program closes the gap, creating a vital system of support.

2L Shana Emile agrees. "Getting together with other students in my situation has been really valuable for me," she says. "Coming in, I had a lot of insecurities linked to not having a family that knew what was going on. They expected me to be around all the time, but I was immediately so busy with school that I wasn't available for everything they wanted. It caused a lot of tension, and it's nice to know there are other people at the law school who have faced similar struggles."



Prof. Camille Gear Rich, director of Gould's FGP, meets with students in the law school café.
PHOTO BY ED CARREÓN

While a handful of other law schools around the country have experimented with first-generation professional programs, they have largely been student-initiated. USC Gould, says Rich, is the first to formalize a program with official sponsorship from the law school administration. “There is a real institutional commitment to this program,” she says.

Weaving the program into the law school’s day-to-day activities is also beneficial. Rich points out that first-generation students add valuable perspective to legal study. “First generation students’ voices are essential to discussions around economic justice, and the law is such an important tool for achieving it,” she says.

The FGP currently has nearly 40 active participants. Rich expects that number to grow — and the program’s offerings to expand with it. “Eventually, we plan to add a mentorship element, matching students with alumni mentors,” she says. “We also plan to include a third layer: programming that acknowledges how the first-generation experience is shared by the student’s entire family.”

That could be a game-changing development, says Martinez, who welcomes the idea of including her family on her educational journey. “It’s impossible for anyone to get through law school on their own,” she says. 🍷

Find out more about the First Gen Program:
gould.usc/go/fgp

FIRST GENERATION PROFESSIONALS SEMINAR SERIES

A sampling of topics and speakers scheduled this spring:

INTERVIEWING & THE FIRST GEN PROFESSIONAL

Featuring:

>> Oliver Theard '01, Partner, Sheppard Mullin

PUBLIC INTEREST AND THE FIRST GENERATION PROFESSIONAL

Featuring:

>> Kim Baker Guillemet '05, Manager, Office Reentry, L.A. Mayor’s Office of Public Safety

>> Helen Tran '12, Staff Attorney, Neighborhood Legal Services

GENDER AND THE FIRST GENERATION PROFESSIONAL

Featuring:

>> Karen Grant-Selma '94, VP, Business & Legal Affairs, Universal Pictures

>> Kathy Sanders '85, Partner, O’Melveny & Meyers

Future seminars will include:

WORKING IDENTITY: NAME CHANGES, CULTURAL CHALLENGES AND OTHER ASSIMILATION PRESSURES

RESUME WRITING FOR THE FIRST GENERATION PROFESSIONAL

>> First generation professionals often face special challenges when constructing a resume to address financial pressures or family responsibilities.

INTERVIEWING SKILLS

>> This seminar will cover ways to address culture- and class-based bias in a professional manner.

THE INTERVIEW DATE

>> This session will cover common mistakes made at interview lunches and dinners and ways to avoid uncomfortable situations at professional events.

DRESSING THE PART

>> This session will cover the finer points of dressing appropriately for the corporate environment.

A Supreme Experience

Professor Sam Erman brings constitutional law to life for his students

By Jeremy Deutchman

For Professor Sam Erman, it's hard to imagine an environment better suited to professional and intellectual growth than USC Gould. "This is a great place to be a legal historian," he says. "The students are amazing, and faculty make time for other people's ideas. It's a lucky break I've ended up somewhere that's so supportive of my work and also willing to push me to make it better."

If luck played a role in Erman's 2013 arrival at Gould, the driving factor was pure talent. After graduating with a bachelor's degree from Harvard, he completed his J.D. and his Ph.D. (in American culture) from the University of Michigan, going on to clerk at the U.S. Court of

Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (for President Obama's current Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland) and then for *two* Supreme Court justices. The experience, he says, was revelatory.

"I got hired by Justice [John Paul] Stevens, but he lent me to Justice [Anthony] Kennedy, and I spent much of my time in his chambers," he recalls. "It was incredible, especially for a historian. My career is writing about historical figures, but in graduate school you're just analyzing powerful people without seeing them at work. Being a clerk is a remarkable chance to sit on the sidelines as someone at one of the highest levels of government is doing his or her job."

Prof. Erman in his office at USC Gould Law.

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“People talk about the Supreme Court as though it’s all politics, but when you’re there you get the sense that, even though the justices disagree a lot, they each trust that the others are truly invested in getting the law right.” —Sam Erman, *constitutional expert and assistant professor of law at USC Gould*

(Erman is not the only Gould professor who has clerked for a Supreme Court justice. See sidebar, below.)

The experience also fueled his faith in the American judicial system. “One thing that really comes across is how much everybody believes they are doing the right thing,” he says. “People talk about the Supreme Court as though it’s all politics, but when you’re there you get the sense that, even though the justices disagree a lot, they each trust that the others are truly invested in getting the law right. I found it both fascinating and reassuring.”

Following his time at the Supreme Court, Erman did a stint as a Raoul Berger–Mark DeWolfe Howe Legal History Fellow at Harvard Law School before accepting a postdoctoral fellowship in Latino studies from the Smithsonian Institution. His scholarship focuses on the history of Puerto Rico and its relations with the United States. “When Puerto Rico got annexed in 1899, everyone thought it would be a state some day and that Puerto Ricans would be U.S. citizens who could avail themselves of the full Constitution,” he says. “By 1925, it was clear none of those things would happen. I’m curious how that changed.”

At USC, Erman balances his research with a teaching load that includes an undergraduate course on the U.S.

Constitution in historical perspective, a course on constitutional change, and Constitutional Law, a required class for first years. The teaching, he says, is a pleasure. “USC Gould students are smart *and* nice. There’s a vibe of happiness and cooperation among them: They’re creating a community that promotes learning and achievement *and* also caring for each other.”

That sense of community extends to his faculty colleagues. “USC Gould has a real hallway culture. People leave their doors open, and when they drop by to say ‘hello,’ they express genuine interest in what you’re doing,” he says. “It’s also telling that junior faculty are so well supported: We’re encouraged to take advantage of opportunities and are always brought into conversations and decisions. From the moment I arrived here, I’ve been treated like family.”

Erman’s own family, he notes, is as taken with their L.A. life as he is. “My wife [Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles attorney Julianna Lee] and I have three young kids, and they’re thrilled they can be outside every day,” he says. Great weather, great jobs — the conclusion, Erman says, is pretty simple. “This is a fantastic place to live, and USC Gould is a wonderful place to call home.” 🏠

USC Gould professors who have clerked for Supreme Court Justices include, from left: Rebecca Brown, with Justice Thurgood Marshall; Susan Estrich with Justice Stevens and Sam Erman with Justice Kennedy.



FACULTY MEMBER	SUPREME COURT JUSTICE	YEARS CLERKED
Scott Bice	Earl Warren	1968-1969
Rebecca Brown	Thurgood Marshall	1985-1986
Sam Erman	John Paul Stevens Anthony Kennedy	2010 -2011
Susan Estrich	John Paul Stevens	1978-1979
Daniel Klerman	John Paul Stevens	1993-1994
Larry Simon	Earl Warren	1967-1968

From the DA's Office to Unscripted TV, Now Gould

Valerie Barreiro brings international background, courtroom skills and industry experience to the IP Clinic

By Christina Schweighofer

Valerie Barreiro has prosecuted, defended and negotiated. She has worked as in-house counsel and hammered out agreements with talent agents, producers and executives. And in her new appointment, as a professor at the USC Gould School of Law, she is passing on what she has learned: that the success of

terms of agreements with producers, reviewed contracts and vetted episodes to ensure the content would hold up to legal scrutiny. The role required understanding the applicable laws, and Barreiro also had to use her communication skills to facilitate teamwork.

In the IP Clinic — which offers pro bono intellectual property legal assistance to filmmakers, artists and entrepreneurs — students hone exactly those skills. As they counsel clients on the registration of trademarks and assist them with work-for-hire agreements and licenses, they develop their listening skills and learn how to build trust. They become adept at explaining legal concepts and at advising and persuading people.

Barreiro's ease with people grew in part out of her international background. By the time she graduated from high school, she had lived in Argentina, Panama, New York and California. Bilingual in Spanish and English, she also developed an appreciation for cultural differences.

In her career Barreiro found plenty of opportunities to further sharpen her communication skills. "Learning to persuade 12 jurors on your feet prepares you to deal with a variety of clients," she says, looking back on her years as a prosecutor for the Los Angeles District Attorney's office and as an attorney litigating IP cases for a law firm in L.A.

Barreiro is excited that her work for the IP Clinic ultimately serves those who lack access to legal representation. She has formulated a new goal for herself: to prepare students for the real-world challenges of their future careers by educating them in the applications of case law and helping them hone their skills with clients. "As a law professor," she says, "I have a responsibility: to teach students to lead." 📌

Learn more about the Intellectual Property and Technology Clinic: iptlc.usc.edu/



Professor Barreiro meets with IP Clinic students in her office at Gould.

PHOTO BY GREGORY MANCUSO

a lawyer depends on more than a foundation in substantive law; that it also requires communication and leadership skills.

Barreiro, who is the interim director for the Intellectual Property and Technology Law Clinic (IP Clinic), came to USC from NBCUniversal, where she was a business affairs executive and vice president of legal affairs. Working on unscripted TV shows like "The Voice," she negotiated the

BELTWAY BONUS

New “SC in DC” program places Gould students in the nation’s capital

By Jeremy Deutchman

2L John Stanley, pictured here at the CFPB’s temporary D.C. headquarters with his supervisor Yolanda McGill, managing counsel in the Office of Regulations.

Two weeks into his externship at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) in the Office of Regulations in Washington, D.C., Gould 2L John Stanley already felt it was a good match for him.

“The work is fantastic, really substantive,” he says. “I’ve been impressed with how many people are willing to meet for coffee and talk about work and offer general career advice — both co-workers here at the CFPB and Gould alumni in D.C.”

Stanley was paired with this opportunity by Prof. Susan Bayh ’84, as part of the new “SC in DC” program, which she runs in conjunction with Malissa Barnwell-Scott, director of Gould’s Office of Public Service, and which provides

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students interested in government and nonprofit employment with coveted externships in our nation’s capital.

First envisioned by Dean Andrew Guzman and Prof. Bayh, SC in DC offers students a chance to learn firsthand how statutes, regulations and policies are made and understood by all three branches of the federal government, independent regulatory agencies and advocacy nonprofits.

The program leverages the extensive contacts of Washington, D.C.-based Bayh (spouse of Senator Evan Bayh, D-Ind.), connecting students to job prospects with offices ranging from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, to the Navy’s Judge



Advocate General’s Corps (JAG), and the CFPB, where Stanley was placed this spring semester.

Bayh sees SC in DC as an excellent training ground for students regardless of their ultimate career goals. “It’s a great way to make your resume more marketable, whether you’re going into corporate law or public service,” she says. “For instance, doing a stint at the Department of the Treasury could do a lot to increase your desirability in private disciplines like tax or securities law.”

Students in the program, which started this past fall, will be able to pursue summer- and semester-long opportunities; in either case, they will work full-time while submitting bi-weekly progress reports. They will also benefit from exposure to the thriving D.C. Trojan Network, consulting with seasoned alumni who will serve as mentors and informal advisers.

Though Gould students have had access to Washington externships in the past, SC in DC formalizes the school’s commitment to building a strong presence in the area.

“We anticipate the program will steadily grow in the coming year,” Barnwell-Scott says, adding that Bayh plans to be a consistent presence on campus for information sessions throughout the year. 📌

Find out more about SC in DC: gould.usc.edu/students/public-service/programs/

GOULD GRADS TACKLE Global Problems

Fellowships at Clinton Foundation launch careers, expand opportunities

By Anne Bergman

One-of-a-kind opportunities abound for USC Gould graduates who've served as Clinton Foundation Clinton-Orfalea-Brittingham (COB) fellows since 2007.

As part of his duties as a COB fellow with the foundation's Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI), Justin Bubenik '15 helped to draft remarks for former U.S. President Bill Clinton to deliver at a recent clean-energy event.

He and fellow 2015 USC Gould graduate Timur Tusray both earned one-year COB fellowships for 2015-16, the first time two Gould students have simultaneously served with the foundation since 2009. Bubenik worked with CCI as a project manager, while Tusray is currently serving as assistant general counsel in the foundation's legal department.

Based in New York City, the Clinton Foundation focuses on tackling a number of the world's greatest challenges: global health, climate change, economic development, health and wellness, and improving op-

portunities for girls and women. For the past eight years, the foundation's post-graduate fellowship program has provided support for between three and six recent graduates of USC's Gould School of Law, Marshall School of Business and Price School of Public Policy.

"Clinton fellows get the opportunity to apply their skills and their desire to serve the public interest on a global scale," says Rachel Kronick Rothbart, who as associate director of career services at Gould coordinates the school's COB fellowship program. "The fellowship is for the person who's willing to use their J.D. training in a nontraditional way to benefit the work of the foundation."

The fellowship can also help to establish a career in public interest. Former COB fellow Michael Santos '13 worked on childhood obesity issues within the foundation's Alliance for a Healthier Generation. He credits the fellowship with helping to prepare him for his current position as an attorney with the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty in Washington, D.C.

"The fellowship inspired me to do more work on issues concerning children and youth, a vulnerable segment of our population," says Santos. "My work at the Law Center focuses on implementing and enforcing a federal law, also known as the McKinney-Vento Act, which guarantees educational continuity and stability for children experiencing homelessness."

Meanwhile, Bubenik says that his duties, which were focused on the foundation's energy work, ranged from assisting negotiations between private developers and governments on renewable energy projects to drafting energy transition plans. His role required him to travel. On a trip to Jamaica, he got a firsthand look at the impact of the island nation's worst drought in five years.

"Sometimes the work was daunting," Bubenik says. "But I knew that I was doing work that directly influ-

COB fellows Timur Tusray '15 and Justin Bubenik '15 spent the past year at the Clinton Foundation headquarters in New York. For Tusray, the fellowship offered him an "opportunity to practice law in a dynamic and robust international nonprofit."



ences the world in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and also helps to curb the economic impact of fluctuating electricity prices on individuals, families and governments alike.”

For Tusray, the fellowship has offered him a one-of-a-kind “opportunity to practice law in a dynamic and robust international nonprofit,” he says. While at Gould, Tusray was a student attorney with the school’s International Human Rights Clinic (IHRC), “which was an invaluable education for the work that I do now.”

Tusray, who had served as a curator for Istanbul Museum of Modern Art prior to law school, says he plans to focus his career long-term on practicing art and heritage law, and working with commercial entities in Turkey. “Having the opportunity to work for the Foundation has placed me in the right city, in an extremely international setting, surrounded by individuals working in a variety of diverse fields,” he says.

Meanwhile, in February, Bubenik began work at Los Angeles real estate firm Kennerly Lamishaw and Rossi.

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—Rachel Kronick Rothbart, *associate director of career services at Gould*

Two courses that Bubenik credits with helping to prepare him for his work negotiating and analyzing contracts with the foundation were “Professor Gillian Hadfield’s Advanced Contracts course, where we played out the roles of client and counsel in a variety of deals, and Michael Roster’s Contract Drafting and Strategy course, where we were given real-world assignments typical of what associates would be working on in a law firm, as well as immensely helpful feedback.”

“The connections I made were absolutely invaluable,” he says. “I was in constant communication, on a professional level, with partners of global law firms who serve as counsel for some of our larger projects, as well as foreign ministers and CEOs of private developers. This fellowship opened doors and exposed me to alternative paths I would have never considered otherwise.” 🚪

Contact USC Gould’s Career Services Office for fellowship opportunities: gould.usc.edu/careers/

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

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	JOSHUA MOORE '14
Alliance for a Healthier Generation at the Clinton Foundation	Strategic Alliance Program Manager, Alliance for a Healthier Generation at the Clinton Foundation
	MICHAEL MUNOZ SANTOS '13
Alliance for a Healthier Generation at the Clinton Foundation	Attorney with the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty, Washington D.C.
	LAURA RATCLIFFE '11
Clinton Climate Initiative	Associate at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith Real Estate and Public Agency department, Los Angeles
	JESSIE HEWINS '10
Alliance for a Healthier Generation at the Clinton Foundation	Food Research and Action Center in D.C., Senior Child Nutrition Policy Analyst
	NATE MADSEN '09
Clinton Global Initiative, Commitments Department (Midtown)	Deputy Executive Director at NYC Department of Education — Division of Early Childhood Education
	ALMA STANKOVIC '08
Clinton Economic Opportunity Initiative (Harlem)	Ph.D. candidate, International Law and Human Rights at Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, Austria
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	ANNE DEPREE '06
Clinton Economic Opportunity Initiative	Social Enterprise Consultant, Los Angeles
	ALISA VALDERRAMA '07
Clinton Climate Initiative	Senior Project Finance Attorney, Center for Market Innovation Program, Natural Resources Defense Council, San Francisco Bay Area



Inspiring Gifts

Alumni Stanley Gold '67 and Richard Chernick '70 support Gould with gifts to Honors Scholars Program and Dean's Strategic Support Fund

Stanley Gold '67 and Richard Chernick '70 have more than just their USC Gould pedigree in common. Both alumni have recently pledged significant gifts in the hopes of inspiring their fellow Gould graduates to also give.

In December 2015, USC Trustee Stanley Gold and his wife Ilene (pictured, above right) gave \$2.5 million to launch an innovative scholarship program to attract the nation's top students to USC Gould. Their donation will create the Honors Scholars Program, combining financial support with mentoring and networking opportunities for top law students. The gift is the latest in a series the couple has made toward student scholarships and fellowships at the University. The Golds are challenging others to pledge matching funds before the program launches this fall.

Stanley Gold grew up in South Los Angeles near USC and was the first in his family to attend college and law school. He credits his success in part to USC professors and administrators who helped him locate scholarship funds and part-time employment while he earned his law degree.

"Scholarships are critical to the success of high-achieving students who may come from modest beginnings, just as I did," Gold said when the gift was announced. "I am committed to helping students achieve their very best, and I wholly believe that USC Gould offers the most stellar legal education and its small environment is designed so students may achieve great things."

Meanwhile, Richard Chernick '70 and his wife Karla have pledged \$1 million to USC Gould. The gift will go to the Dean's Strategic Support Fund, which provides unrestricted support to address new opportunities for innovation and growth in a rapidly changing legal landscape. Chernick (pictured, above left with Dean Andrew Guzman), who chairs the School's Board of Councilors, timed the pledge to coincide with the arrival of Dean Andrew Guzman. It is the Chernicks' second significant gift to Gould during the current USC Campaign. They previously pledged \$1 million in 2013.

"The Golds and the Chernicks have been incredibly generous with their support of USC Gould," said Dean Guzman. "Their commitment to excellence will help us advance our initiatives and attract the nation's brightest students."

The Campaign for the University of Southern California is a multiyear effort that seeks to raise \$6 billion or more in private philanthropy to advance USC's academic priorities and expand its positive impact on the community and world. Four years after its launch, the campaign has raised more than \$4.9 billion. 🏗️

Please join the Golds and Chernicks and pledge your support for the students, the faculty and the future of USC Gould. For more information, please contact Gould Associate Dean and Chief Development Officer Robin Maness, (213) 821-3570; rmaness@law.usc.edu

HONOR ROLL

Lael A. B. Awong '06 was named Partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon.

Peter Brown '75 has been appointed to the board of directors of the Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital Foundation.



Todd Friedland '96 was installed as president of the Orange County Bar Association.

Billboard magazine named **Henry D. Gradstein '79** one of "Music's Most Powerful Attorneys."

Henry D. Gradstein '79, **Richard B. Kendall '79** and **Howard Weitzman '65** were named to the *Los Angeles Daily Journal's* 2015 list of top entertainment lawyers.

The Hon. H. Elizabeth Harris '72 was honored at the John M. Langston Bar Association's 24th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in recognition of her "significant contributions within the local community."

Edith Jasper (Lopez) '09 formed a new partnership, SJM Law Group LLP, focused on disability rights and education.

Thomas Kearney '04 has joined Akerman LLP as a partner in their Washington, D.C. office.

Stephen Gerard Larson '89 co-founded Larson O'Brien LLP, where he is also a partner.

O'Malley M. Miller '76 received the Outstanding Real Estate Lawyer Award from the Los Angeles County Bar Association.



President Barack Obama appointed **Mauro A. Morales '91** staff director of the United States Commission on Civil Rights.

Belynda Reck '92 is now partner at Reed Smith.

Shelley Reid '80 was promoted to executive vice president of Television Business & Legal Affairs at MGM Studios.



David Ring '90 is president of the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles.

Christiane Roussell '06 was named president of the John M. Langston Bar Association of Los Angeles.

Boyd Rutherford '90 was installed as the ninth lieutenant governor of Maryland.



Selma Moidel Smith '41 was honored with the American Bar Foundation's Inaugural Life Fellows Achievement Award.



Practicing law may not be at the center of Gary Chung's day-to-day responsibilities as senior contract manager at Honeywell Aerospace, but he credits his legal education at Gould with preparing him for his current career.

"Without an LL.M., I wouldn't be at Honeywell," says Chung, who earned his Master of Laws from Gould in 2007.

Chung arrived at Gould after serving mandatory military service in Taiwan, reaching the rank of second lieutenant. "Serving in the military taught me time and people management, conflict resolution and

endurance," says Chung, who grew up in Taiwan, but is a U.S. citizen.

Chung, who already held a Bachelor of Law in Economics and Finance from National Taipei University, realized that he needed to return to the United States to earn an LL.M. in order to fulfill his goals to pass the New York and California bar exams and find work in the legal industry.

"After I graduated, I passed the bar exams. Passing those exams and attending a top-tier law school gave me the qualifications and the leverage to get me my first job handling transactional law at Glaser Weil LLP in Culver City," he says.

From there, Chung was able to accept a position with Honeywell in China, managing contracts with airline customers in the Asia-Pacific region. He spent five years overseas before earning a promotion in early 2015 that brought him back to Southern California.

Now that he's back in the area, Chung is happily reconnecting with the Graduate & International Program staff, whom he credits for bringing him to USC Gould in the first place and for engaging him as both a student and an alumnus. "I love to stay connected, and the resources and dedication I've received have been great," says Chung, who chaired LL.M. social activities while he was a student.

Chung has returned the goodwill by attending G&IP reunion events. "I mingle with the Taiwanese and Chinese students," he says. "I let them know that you can follow a different career path, rather than the traditional law firm or in-house counsel position."

Even Chung's future goals include Gould. He co-hosted a bar review workshop to help LL.M. students prepare for the exam in the past, but he wants to expand his role. "I want to teach contract management in the LL.M. program," he says. "The class would be for students who are interested in alternative ways that they can use their law degree in their careers." 📚

—Anne Bergman

RIGHTING WRONGS

Daniel Cathcart '57 has quietly built a life taking on extraordinary cases

By Christina Schweighofer

Daniel Cathcart '57, a plaintiff's attorney in Los Angeles, has doggedly pursued *Roxas v. Marcos* like no other case.

The story behind it begins with a treasure worth billions of dollars, aka Yamashita's gold, which the Japanese looted from Asian nations during World War II. It stars a locksmith named Roger Roxas who, in 1971, found part of the gold hidden in tunnels in the Philippines, and a dictator, Ferdinand Marcos, who stole it from him.

In 1988, Roxas sued Marcos — the deposed president was living in Hawaii — for conversion of gold, false imprisonment and battery; in 1996, Roxas' estate was awarded over \$43 billion with interest for the theft of the treasure and \$6 million for false

litigation, is different. Well before he took the case, he had developed a reputation as one of the nation's leading trial attorneys. Unlike some of his brash brethren in the area, Cathcart keeps a low profile and is concerned first and foremost about his clients. He goes for the quiet rather than the spectacular, and he doesn't make his work about himself.

Out of the hundreds of cases he litigated for Magaña, Cathcart & McCarthy, the one that means most to him is *Bean v. Beech*. There, he represented a young widow and her 2-year-old son against Beech Aircraft Corporation after her husband was killed in 1972 in the crash of a defectively designed airplane.

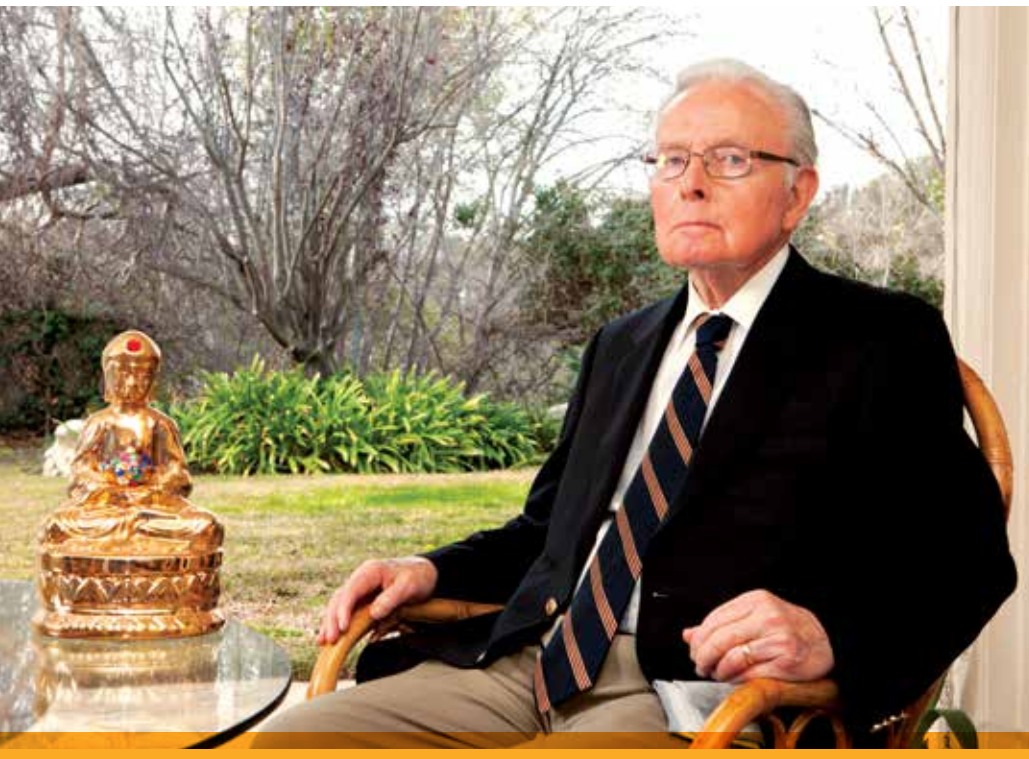
Cathcart — who once taught aviation accident law at the USC Gould School of Law and regularly attends the annual mentor lunch for 1Ls — credits the aircraft manufacturer with helping him build a successful aviation practice. “They did some things they never should have done and tried to cover them up,” he says. But more importantly, the case resulted in his family befriending the plaintiffs. As an emergency physician, the son, Darren, later revolutionized the first responder treatment of cardiac patients and thus saved many lives. (Like his father, Darren Bean was killed in an aircraft accident. He crashed on a MedEvac flight six years ago.)

Cathcart retired from the law firm a decade ago. While he is still involved in *Roxas v. Marcos*, he has had to slow down because of Parkinson's disease and is now working with USC Gould Professor Bob Rasmussen, the J. Thomas McCarthy Trustee Chair in Law and Political Science. Cathcart's oldest son has taken over the law practice in Los Angeles.

Speaking of family: In addition to having two children of their own, Cathcart and his wife adopted two boys from a foster home and mentored a couple of others. Why? It was an opportunity to right a wrong. 🚫

imprisonment. Many appeals and counter appeals later, the case that Cathcart took on a contingency basis because he saw “a great opportunity to right a wrong” is still pending.

One might expect a case as extraordinary as *Roxas v. Marcos* to define one's career or even the life of anyone involved in it. But Cathcart, who specialized in medical malpractice and aircraft



Daniel Cathcart '57, pictured with a faux Golden Buddha representing one of the treasures discovered by his client Roger Roxas. PHOTO BY BRETT VAN ORT

A Team Player

Paul Richardson '90 serves dual roles on two coasts, at ESPN and Disney

By Anne Bergman

He's met Archbishop Desmond Tutu at the World Cup.

He's watched the Super Bowl from the field. He's even been part of the team that hosted First Lady Michelle Obama at a military veteran's event. Yet Paul Richardson '90 says he's "leaving room for the best career highlights to still be ahead..."

Richardson has plenty of opportunities to add to his career highlight reel, as he serves dual roles as ESPN's senior vice president of human resources and as chief diversity officer (CDO) at The Walt Disney Company, helping to create competitive advantage through the company's diversity and inclusion practices.

As Disney's CDO, Richardson views diversity as not just a human resources initiative, but "a critical ingredient of our growth strategy. We use our diversity to serve and meet the needs of our

"Being a good team member and leader with the ability to persuasively and clearly communicate has proven invaluable through the years."

global customers, viewers, guests and fans," he says. At Disney, Richardson and his team have launched many successful initiatives, including "Heroes Work Here" for veterans. In fact, the company recently received the Freedom Award from the Department of Defense for its support of employees serving in the National Guard and as reserves.

Juggling both jobs does pose some challenges. He concedes that working on both coasts is "complicated," estimating that he spends a third of his time in Burbank, where Disney is headquartered, a third in Bristol, Conn., at ESPN's base, and the remaining third either in New York City or traveling for events.

Richardson's path to a career began in Los Angeles within the legal department at the Times Mirror organization, where he worked for 12 years supporting Human Resources as his principal



client. "Eventually, I took on a special project in HR to roll out the company's enterprise-wide diversity initiative, and I never quite returned to the legal department," he recalls.

From Times Mirror, Richardson served in HR leadership positions at Paramount Pictures and media agency Universal McCann, before he joined ESPN in 2007, adding the role of CDO for The Walt Disney Company in 2011.

Despite a career rooted in the media sector, Richardson says that as a law student he was "industry agnostic." But, he adds, the "Gould experience was critical in developing the skills to be a good lawyer, listener, thinker and teammate."

For him, the value of the Trojan Network wasn't just about finding the right mentor. It was about forging connections with his fellow students.

"These folks were incredibly bright and many have gone on to have amazing careers both within and beyond the practice of law," Richardson says. "Being a good team member and leader with the ability to persuasively and clearly communicate has proven invaluable through the years." 🗡️

At Disney, Paul Richardson '90 and his team have launched many successful initiatives, including "Heroes Work Here" for veterans.

Blazing Trails

Amy Wan '11 spearheads innovation at the intersection of law and technology

By Carren Jao

Amy Wan '11 originally entered USC with the thought of becoming a pharmacist, but it was her exposure to the University's Program Board that helped set her course for law.

"It taught me a lot about activism and civic engagement," Wan says.

A summer spent in Ghana finally sealed her decision. "I realized that doctors can heal people, priests can heal people's souls, and lawyers could be the ones to help people with the life situations they find themselves in," she says.

Years later, after earning her J.D. from USC's Gould School of Law and LL.M. from the London School of Economics and Political Science, Wan is working to even the playing field for people of all walks of life with the aid of technology.

Wan founded the Legal Hackers LA Meetup when she returned to Southern California after finishing the two-year Presidential Management Fellows program in Washington, D.C. Wan says the Meetup helps facilitate important conversations surrounding law and technology, such as the evolving laws surrounding drones, crowdfunding and cryptocurrency. The group also encourages the creation of tools that make the legal system more accessible.

"I don't think the practice of law can be entirely automated," Wan says, "but there are definitely a lot of areas that can be improved with better technology, resources and tools. Making this whole [legal] machine more efficient is one aspect, but the second is democratizing access to legal help. In general, I believe that more people with access to legal help creates a more just society."

As the principal of her own law practice, Wan is leveraging her previous experience and knowledge gained as General Counsel at real estate crowdfunding website Patch of Land, to



work with the next generation of startups and crowdfunding portals, including Patch of Land, which remains one of Wan's clients.

"The idea behind crowdfunding is to democratize investment opportunity," she says. "Real estate investing has traditionally been an old boy's club. With a crowdfunding model, we're helping more people, such as women and minorities, participate. We are not 100 percent of the way there today, but the crowdfunding industry is rapidly coming up with new and different ideas of how to democratize access and investments beyond just credit investors."

While serving as general counsel at Patch of Land, Wan says that one of her biggest achievements was to come up with an independent legal structure that has become the industry standard for crowdfunding. "Now that I'm in private practice I'm able to help others put that legal structure in place," Wan says pragmatically. A born trailblazer, Wan wouldn't have it any other way. 🚧

Interested in melding tech and law? Join Legal Hackers LA: legalhackers.la/

As principal of her own law practice, representing crowdfunding clients such as Patch of Land, Wan opens doors to economic opportunity for the general populace. PHOTO BY BRETT VAN ORT

Living Her Dream

Claudia Saviñón LL.M. '14 takes versatile leading role in Dominican Republic's film industry

By Julie Riggott

After graduating from the USC Gould School of Law with a Master of Laws degree, Claudia Saviñón LL.M. '14 found herself in a league of her own. "I am pretty sure I am the only one with a master degree specialized in entertainment law in my country," says Saviñón who works as in-house counsel of a production company in the Dominican Republic.

A writer, director and producer herself, Saviñón decided she wanted to take a leading role in the development of the Dominican entertainment industry. "We have a growing movie industry and a very supportive Film Law that gives perks to filmmakers, like tax exemptions," she says. "I hope that we can build a stronger film industry, our movies can be seen internationally and we can become one of the main markets in Latin America."

USC Gould, a top-ranked law school located in the entertainment capital of the world, was the ideal place to take the next step toward her dream. "I have used in my current job what I learned at USC Gould," she says. "My education allowed me to understand how the entertainment industry works."

Saviñón said her coursework went beyond theory. Practical exercises prepared her for the kinds of contracts and negotiations she works on now. She also deepened her understanding of the industry in an internship in a talent management company, as well as in a class in the USC School of Cinematic Arts.

As a Fulbright Scholar, Saviñón spent the summer before starting her LL.M. in California, attending seminars and preparing for her master's program. That helped ease the transition, as international students can face unique challenges. "You have to start from scratch, living in a different country, away from your family and friends, studying in another language, learning a new legal system," she says.

But she found those obstacles easily surmountable. "Luckily, we had a very supportive staff at USC Gould. Also, the professors

were open to questions and debate, and they encouraged you to speak up and tell your perspective as a foreign lawyer. And my fellow students became family.

"My experience at USC Gould was amazing, beyond what I can describe in words," Saviñón said. "It helped me grow as a professional, but also personally."



One of the most important lessons Saviñón learned was something that she emphasized in her 2014 Commencement address on behalf of USC Gould's foreign graduate students, professionals representing 30 countries: "To respect others' points of view, and to be more tolerant of different opinions."

"Although we come from different backgrounds," Saviñón said in that speech, "I realize that we have one thing in common: we each came to USC with a dream." 📌

Claudia Saviñón LL.M. '14, left, outside the Supreme Court of Justice of the Dominican Republic wearing her official Court Dress and, right, screening one of her films at Women's International Film & Arts Festival in Miami

Donald Dewar '41; Aug. 22, 2015. Dewar was one of the early entertainment attorneys in Los Angeles, working with producers Howard Hughes and Merian Cooper, director John Ford and actress Jane Russell. Dewar incorporated Argosy Pictures, which produced Ford's iconic films "Fort Apache" and "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon." In 1985, Dewar returned to private practice on probate, trust and taxes; retiring at age 84 in 2000.

Hon. James N. Reese '46; Oct. 31, 2015. *Please see p. 4 for a tribute to Judge Reese.*

Frank Jackson Burns, Jr. '53; June 1, 2014. His strategic insights played a key role in shaping Californian and national politics for more than three decades. He was a close confidant and counselor to the late California political leader Jesse M. Unruh. In 1968, he worked with Unruh to spearhead Robert Kennedy's presidential campaign in California. Burns was with Kennedy at the Ambassador Hotel and was grazed by the assassin's bullet. Burns also lent counsel to President Lyndon B. Johnson, New York Mayor John Lindsay and many of California's leading political figures. He was a founding partner of the law firm of McKenna, Burns and Blaylock, and later co-founded Burns & Schott, an influential government relations firm that served clients in the building industry, entertainment and other sectors.

Bob Garcin '58; Aug. 13, 2015. A former Glendale mayor and city councilman, Garcin spent 19 years in active and reserve duty, eventually retiring as lieutenant commander of the USS Weeden. In 1955, Garcin returned to USC, finished law school and joined the L.A. County Counsel's office and later Irsfeld, Irsfeld & Younger. After many years at Irsfeld, he became general counsel to home-builder M.J. Brock & Sons and later helped found Greystone Homes. After taking Greystone public, it was acquired by Lennar Homes where Garcin remained general counsel until his retirement in 2009. He also served as president of the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority.

Howard A. Gebler '58; Dec. 16, 2015. Gebler practiced law as a partner of Rose, Klein & Marias for more than 30 years, specializing in worker's compensation.

Connolly Oyler '58; Oct. 23, 2015. A respected family law attorney, Oyler was an active member of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica and the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Jack Cherry '59; Aug. 7, 2015. After serving in the U.S. Army as a company commander, Cherry attended USC Law School. After graduation, he was employed as deputy district attorney for Clark County and appointed district attorney in 1960. He eventually joined the law firm of Beckley, Singleton, DeLanoy, Jemison & Reid and later became of counsel to the Alverson, Taylor, Mortensen & Sanders firm, retiring in May 2015.

Hon. Judge David B. Finkel '59; July 4, 2015, at age 83. Finkel was a retired judge, former Santa Monica City Council member and a recent trustee of Santa Monica College, where he also taught. Born in Newark, N.J., Finkel served in the U.S. Army before attending USC. During his 30-year career as a lawyer, Finkel specialized in labor, employment, tort and civil rights law. As a judge, Finkel served on the Santa Monica Municipal Court and also as a Los Angeles Superior Court judge.

Saul Kreshek '60; Sept. 1, 2015. Kreshek earned both a BS in accounting and a JD from USC.

Hubert R. Sommers '60; June 30, 2015. Sommers began his career shortly after receiving his JD from USC. He maintained a law practice for 55 years, the last 18 of which were in partnership with his daughter, Wendi E. Sommers.

Phillip ("Phil") R. Nicholson '61; Sept. 21, 2015. A Double Trojan, Nicholson was a founding partner of Cox, Castle & Nicholson in 1968 and remained with the firm for over 47 years. As managing partner, he grew Cox, Castle & Nicholson into one of the largest real estate specialty firms in the United States.

Harlean M. Carroll '62; July 26, 2015. Carroll graduated from USC with a BA in political science in 1959 and earned an LLB from the law school in 1962. After passing the California Bar, Carroll began her legal career with the Volney Morin Law Firm in Hollywood. In 1972, she was admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States. In 1978, she became probate attorney with the Superior Court of California, where she served for 31 years. In early 2000, Carroll transferred to the Pasadena Court and sat as judge pro tem hearing and deciding probate matters. During her lifetime, she was honored by the Pasadena Bar Association and the Beverly Hills Bar Association.

Judge James ("Jim") H. Harmon '65; Dec. 1, 2015. A Double Trojan, Harmon was active at USC, where he was elected president of his class. He served a brief stint in the Air Force Reserves, followed by employment in the offices of Los Angeles and Riverside County Counsels. In 1983, he left county service to enter private practice with William Byrd and Patrick Pace. He was elected to become a judge in 1988 and served 15 years.

Charles Pierson ("Kicker") McKenney '65; Aug. 27, 2015. During his 1972-78 tenure on the Pasadena Board of City Directors, McKenney successfully advocated for preserving the open channel section of the lower Arroyo Seco under the Colorado Street bridge. Later, he and his wife, Betty, transformed a three-acre empty lot into Arlington Garden.

Frances Patricia ("Pat") Mudie '77; June 4, 2015. As a USC law student, Mudie served as notes and articles editor of the *Southern California Law Review*. At the time of her death, she was retired from her practice of family law in Los Angeles.

Elizabeth Carol Schwartz '77; Aug. 12, 2015. After obtaining her JD from USC, Schwartz joined Irell & Manella, where she practiced law for 15 years. She served as executive director of the Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers and Native Plants and as a board president of the Southern California Horticultural Society.

Robert ("Bob") W. Rubin '83; June 1, 2015. Rubin had a long tenure at NBCUniversal, where he started in 1987 as an attorney in the Universal Motion Picture Group and ultimately became executive vice president of Universal Worldwide Entertainment. After Universal, Rubin became executive vice president of Sony Pictures Home Entertainment. In 2011, he founded Hollywood2Go, a series of live seminars providing insight into the behind-the-scenes workings of Hollywood production. Rubin also was vice chairman of the board of the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film in Rochester, N.Y., where he played an important role in film preservation.



Richards D. Barger '53; passed away Jan. 17, 2016. Barger served on the USC Gould Board of Councilors for nearly 20 years. His distinguished six-decade legal career included serving as California Insurance Commissioner from 1968 to 1972, a post to which he was appointed by then-Governor Ronald Reagan. He remained active as a practicing lawyer at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP until shortly before his death. Barger was president of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and started the Federation of Regulatory Counsel. He co-founded Barger & Wolen LLP, which he grew into one of the nation's leading insurance law firms and which merged with Hinshaw in October 2014.

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL



We hear it all the time: This law school feels like a community.

Our students tell us that they joined Gould for the collegial environment, the Trojan Family alumni network and, as Gould Admissions Ambassador Zach Aries '17 puts it, “the wide breadth of course offerings.” Gould faculty don’t just teach from a casebook, they provide hands-on learning experiences, such as through the Mediation Clinic, created by Prof. Lisa Klerman. Clinic students (pictured below center) learn the dispute resolution skills required to become professional mediators and use those skills to mediate actual cases in the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

Gould faculty also go beyond classrooms and courtrooms, standing at the center of debate over current issues and events. Prof. Jody Armour (pictured below right) is the subject of a

recent documentary that details his personal experiences with racial profiling. He screened the film at Gould this fall for prospective students and their families. “This film is deeply Gould,” said Dean Guzman, who introduced the film. “It connects our work as a law school with Jody’s story and with today’s issues such as Black Lives Matter.”

The Hon. Jay Gandhi '97 credits his experience at Gould — the stellar faculty, fellow students and alumni — with “opening the doors for me and paving my pathway,” he said, but also connecting him to something larger. “Humanity, fairness and decency: USC Gould brings that all together.”

Top row: Students at USC Gould enjoying campus life, including finals stress buster “Puppypalooza.” Bottom left: Study spots abound, from the law library to a hammock stretched between two trees outside Gould. Bottom right: Some of our students took their Fight On! Spirit to D.C. this fall.





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