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Another record-breaking class: USC Law welcomed 219 first-year students at the Fall 2003 Orientation Day. This year's entering class is among the most academically accomplished in USC history, with a median LSAT score of 166 (95th percentile of test-takers nationwide) and average G.P.A. of 3.6. Orientation Day gave these talented new students a chance to meet faculty and administrators, see the sights on campus, and locate those all-important pop and coffee machines. Law School Dean Matthew Spitzer spoke to students about the role that attorneys play in a free, capitalistic society, among other topics. “At each step, lawyers make our society better,” he said. “We have a noble assignment and a great responsibility.” Read more about the Class of 2006 on Page 7.
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This was a banner year for the USC Law faculty. We hired — in one case retained — a bumper crop of great professors, and we succeeded in the face of some excellent competition. Below, I offer brief introductions to our newest colleagues. For more, turn to Page 8 of this magazine and see our faculty biographies page on our Web site, www.law.usc.edu.

**Catherine Risk**, who turned down an offer from Duke to join USC, has primary interests in labor, employment and civil rights. Her recent published works include a series of articles on ownership of intellectual property rights in the context of the employment relationship and several articles on union organizing among immigrant janitors. She is a member of the Labor Law Group and co-editor of a forthcoming book, *LaborLawStories* (Foundation Press).

**Elizabeth Garrett** came to USC from the University of Chicago. Her primary scholarly interests are the legislative process, statutory interpretation, direct democracy, the federal budget process and administrative law. She is the co-author of the third edition of the leading casebook on legislation and statutory interpretation, *Cases and Materials on Legislation: Statutes and the Creation of Public Policy* (West Publishing 2001).

**Gillian Hadfield** came to USC from the University of Toronto. Her scholarship focuses on the design of legal and dispute resolution systems, contract law and theory, and economic analyses of law and gender issues. She served as president of the Canadian Law and Economics Association and director of the American Law and Economics Association.

**Andrei Mamor**, who turned down an offer from Northwestern to join USC, concentrates on legal and moral philosophy. He is also a professor of jurisprudence at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzlia, Israel, where he teaches during the spring terms. His publications include his books, *Interpretation and Legal Theory* and *Positive Law and Objective Values*, both published by Oxford University Press.

We also retained one of our best known professors, Erwin Chemerinsky, against a competitive offer from Duke. I was incredibly nervous when I learned about the offer and then had a real sense of exhilaration when Erwin told me he was turning down Duke’s offer to stay at USC.

Retaining Erwin Chemerinsky, together with our four new hires, made last year one of the best in our history. Our faculty is much stronger and more diverse than it was one year ago. What does that mean for USC Law? Our students gain from having distinguished teachers and broader coverage of subjects. Our scholarly community is enhanced by new ideas, new insight and new energy. And our colleagues around the country are again reminded of USC’s excellence.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *USC Law*. In addition to the cover story highlighting our new faculty, this issue contains a feature about the first class of Summer Fellows, students selected during the admissions process to work with a major law firm and a major company or nonprofit after their first year of law school. The program is helping us recruit some of the most sought-after law students in the country and is solidifying relationships between USC and the nation’s top firms and businesses. Extraordinary students, incomparable faculty, robust relationships with industry leaders — just more evidence of USC’s continuing leadership in legal education.

I am, as always, interested in hearing your comments.

Matthew L. Spitzer
Dean and Carl M. Franklin Professor of Law
**Insured income, a gift and three good causes**

When John and Trudy Armer began exploring charitable giving options, they had two priorities: setting up a gift annuity that would provide reliable income to them for the remainder of their lives, and making sure the ultimate beneficiary of the annuity would use the funds to support causes they believe in.

USC met both requirements. And, thanks to Trudy Armer’s commitment to programs that protect the well-being of women and children, the Law School’s Domestic Violence Clinic is one of three USC programs that will benefit from the couple’s generosity. The Armers’ recent gift of a $760,000 gift annuity will be divided among the Law School; USC’s Wrigley Institute, which studies environmental issues; and the USC School of Policy, Planning and Development, where John Armer earned a master of public administration degree in 1951.

Although neither John nor Trudy attended the Law School or studied law, they both were impressed with the Domestic Violence Clinic’s efforts to assist battered women and their children. The clinic provides legal aid as well as access to social services resources for victims of domestic violence.

“Our clinics rely on the support of private donors and foundations to serve our clients,” says Dean Matthew L. Spitzer. “The Armers’ gift goes a long way toward ensuring that we can continue to provide critical services to victims of domestic violence for years to come.”

Trudy Armer has seen first-hand the value of such services. She volunteered for more than 20 years as a counselor at a community health clinic where she was involved with both the victims and perpetrators of domestic violence. She now works with children as a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) in Dependency Court. “It’s impressive to see that ‘SC places enough importance on this issue to designate a clinic to provide this assistance,” she said.

After graduating in 1951, John Armer served as an instructor in USC’s public administration program and launched a career in insurance and health-care administration. In 1975, he founded what later became known as Managed Health Network (MHN), a subsidiary of HealthNet and the nation’s first licensed HMO for mental health care. He later worked on a task force for the Reagan Administration to develop a federal employee assistance program. In addition to health care, his interests now center on environmental causes.

The Armers were particularly pleased to be able to designate their gift to specific programs that address issues to which they are personally committed.

“I always said an annuity is as good as its guarantor,” says John Armer. “I think USC offers a good warranty. And being able to support good scholars who really dig into these issues we’re concerned about was very attractive.”

– M.V.

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**Law-psychology partnership to benefit immigrants**

USC Law School’s Immigration Clinic is partnering with the USC Department of Psychology to assist mentally ill immigrants languishing in detention facilities.

Headed by Professor Niels Frenzen, the Immigration Clinic will work with clinical students in the psychology department to provide psycho-social services to noncitizens who have been arrested by immigration authorities, placed under removal proceedings, and then found to be lacking sufficient competency to continue in those removal proceedings. Frenzen hopes the partnership will either enable the clinic to provide new psychological evidence to reactivate cases or at least ensure clients are receiving proper treatment if they are truly mentally ill.

“In past cases, we have seen people who have been beaten or shot and have brain injuries that stem from the assault as well as people who are mentally ill and have ended up in removal proceedings,” Frenzen says. “The problem with these cases is that once the judge finds the client lacking in competency – through a procedure that is very different from what happens in criminal proceedings – the result is that they simply stay locked up in the immigration detention facility and may or may not receive any care.

“There are very few clinics like us that are willing to take on any type of case,” Frenzen adds. “As a result, we take on cases that don’t fit into other organizations’ intake criteria. These people are not just underserved but virtually not served at all.”

The Immigration Clinic also plans to begin operating a drop-in legal clinic twice a month in San Diego County, Calif., to serve mostly undocumented farmworkers. Developed in part by clinical students Jean Lantz ‘05 and Rogelio Navar ‘05, the program will serve as a resource center for migrant workers seeking to learn about their immigration rights and protections.

The clinic scored a major victory recently by obtaining the release of an Iranian man who had been arrested and detained by the U.S. government based upon a visa technicality. The man had been told to report to a local INS office only to be arrested for overstaying his visa, even though he was married to an American woman.

– M.V.
Law, language and a SoCal summer

A new USC Law program will enable foreign lawyers to learn about American law and improve their English skills during an intensive summer course designed to prepare students for LL.M. programs around the country.

In partnership with the USC Rossier School of Education Language Academy, the Law School has established the Southern California American Law and English Program, which combines rigorous language study and an introduction to fundamental areas of law in a four-week course taught at USC. The program will launch in summer 2004 with a class of pre-LL.M. students as well as recent graduates of foreign law schools and foreign lawyers who can’t take the time for a full-year LL.M. program.

Students will study law each morning under the tutelage of USC Law faculty and practicing attorneys; language classes will be held each afternoon under the direction of the Language Academy. Visits to legal and cultural institutions around Los Angeles also will be scheduled.

While other similar pre-LL.M. programs exist nationwide, few combine legal study and language courses.

"After working with our first class of LL.M. students we have a better sense of what they really need to prepare for an American LL.M. program," says Deborah Call, executive director of international programs. "We designed this program to offer something of real benefit to students and to help expose more of the world’s top legal professionals to USC Law School."

Rapid growth underscores success of LL.M. program

High demand, unusual circumstances abroad and new immigration rules helped USC’s master of laws program admit a larger-than-expected class of students for 2004. Twenty-nine legal professionals from 12 countries comprise the Law School’s second LL.M. class, a huge jump from last year’s inaugural class of 12 students.

When the program was first proposed, administrators envisioned a class of 20-24 students each year. But, typically, not all students who are accepted are able to attend, often because of immigration problems.

“We admitted several students not knowing whether they’d be able to get here because of SARS or because of tighter immigration policies this year,” says Spencer Kimura, associate director of the LL.M. program. “We’re pleased that more we’re able to get here than we expected.”

Launched last year, the LL.M. program brings foreign lawyers and legal professionals to USC for a year of intensive legal study. The program is designed to familiarize foreign lawyers with American jurisprudence because so many international legal transactions today are based on the American legal system.

New to the curriculum this year is a legal writing course designed specifically for international students. The course, taught by entertainment lawyer and creative writer Colette Sartor, will give students an opportunity to further hone their English writing skills.

This year’s extra-large class is a boon to both the LL.M. program and the juris doctorate program at USC, Kimura says. “This class brings an even broader range of experiences to USC, and both the LL.M. students and the J.D. students really benefit from that,” he says. “The J.D. students have shown acute interest in interacting with the LL.M. students. Last year, the International Law Society created a buddy system that paired 34 J.D. students with LL.M. students to exchange ideas and advice on surviving law school, practicing law outside the United States and finding fun places to hang out in Los Angeles.”

With a USC LL.M. under their belts, last year’s students have returned to the legal profession. Two accepted positions with law firms in London, two returned to their native countries of India and Germany to practice, and several now work in the United States. One student is interning in the office of California Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante.

This year’s students represent an impressive array of law firms and companies from around the world, including Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer of Hong Kong; Muriu, Mungai & Associates of Kenya; Mori Hamada & Matsumoto of Japan; Huatai Insurance Co. of China; Agrans-Prod Corp. of Russia; Shin & Kim Law Firm of Korea; Gowling Lafleur Henderson of Canada; and Claude & Sarkey Law Firm of France. One student is a judge in the Seoul District Court; another is a senior justice of the Philippine Supreme Court; and yet another serves on China’s Guangxi High Court. For more on the LL.M. Class of 2004, see www.law.usc.edu/llm.

— M.V.

Read more USC Law news online at www.law.usc.edu/news
Did you know?

Seventy-five years ago, USC became one of the first law schools in the nation to establish a public interest clinic. The Legal Clinic at USC, created in 1928 by public interest pioneer John Bradway, enabled students to provide pro bono legal service to the poor under the watchful eyes of practicing attorneys. The Legal Clinic eventually evolved into the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, one of California’s largest providers of free legal services. Today, USC Law is home to five legal clinics that deal with post-conviction matters, immigration, children’s legal issues, domestic violence and employment law.

Revamped legal skills program emphasizes writing, research

Along with the rigors of the first year of law school, incoming USC Law students are experiencing something else completely new this fall: a revised legal writing program led by adjunct instructors and research librarians.

Previously, first-year students taking the mandatory course were taught primarily by 2Ls and 3Ls. These upperclassmen will now serve as “legal writing fellows,” assisting the adjunct professors much like teaching assistants. Also as part of the restructuring, the class now carries two fully graded units each semester.

The changes reflect the increasing importance of teaching legal writing, research and advocacy skills, says Jean Rosenbluth, director of Legal Writing and Advocacy. She says students will benefit from the instruction of veteran lawyers who produce briefs and other legal writings on a daily basis. Some of the adjunct professors once worked as student writing instructors at the Law School. Others are former assistant U.S. attorneys, law firm partners, attorneys for major entertainment studios, a deputy attorney general and a U.S. magistrate judge.

In another major change, the research training component will be extended from fall through spring semester so that the instruction on researching case law and statutes, for instance, will coincide with the writing assignments using these sources, says Associate Dean Albert Brecht, who is in charge of the law library and directs legal research courses taught by the law librarians.

“These changes mean students will be more competent in those important legal skills that prepare them for their first summer associate position or other legal setting where they work,” Brecht says.

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New faces in library, alumni relations

**Renee Rastorfer**, who recently joined the faculty of USC Law School as a law librarian, says the enormous array of technology and other resources available today make it an exciting time to be involved in legal research. A graduate of Boston University Law School, Rastorfer has practiced employment litigation in California and divorce and estate law in Massachusetts. She came to USC from Loyola Law School, where she worked as a reference librarian and a legal research instructor. In addition to her J.D., she holds an A.B. degree in history from Smith College and a master’s degree in library science from the University of California, Los Angeles.

**Doe Girling** joined the USC Law School as director of development in the Office of Development and Graduate Relations. Girling comes to the Law School via San Francisco, where for the past four years she managed USC’s Northern California development office and assisted the university’s 20 academic units in cultivating Bay Area alumni. Girling’s development work at USC includes positions with University Advancement and the Marshall School of Business. Before returning to USC, Girling also pursued an entrepreneurial banking and established and ran her own residential painting company and assumed the role of president for a start-up import venture in the Bay Area. Girling holds a bachelor’s degree in journalism from the USC Annenberg School for Communication.
Although it is facing a time of constant change and uncertainty, the entertainment industry can count on its vast libraries, smarter deals for talent, and emerging technologies such as video-on-demand to survive, said Ron Meyer, president and chief operating officer of Vivendi Universal Entertainment, in luncheon comments at the USC Law School – Beverly Hills Bar Association 2003 Institute on Entertainment Law and Business.

Dubbed “Survive: Who’s Making it in the Entertainment Business – How and Why?” the annual institute brought together industry leaders in September to discuss such topics as the popularity of reality television, new trends in embedded marketing, the expanding role of videogames in various forms of entertainment, the future of the music industry, the role of unions, tax issues, technology litigation and even substance abuse in the entertainment bar.

Besides Meyer, other prominent speakers included Mark Pedowitz, executive vice president, ABC Entertainment Television Group; Riley R. Russell, general counsel, Sony Computer Entertainment America; Matt Oppenheim, senior vice president for legal and business affairs, Recording Industry Association of America; and Marc Palotay, general tax counsel, Universal Studios.

“As the entertainment business redefines itself on an almost daily basis, it is crucial that the entertainment bar and both business and creative participants in the entertainment industry stay current with the newest ideas, the latest information and the most cutting-edge solutions,” said USC Law Assistant Dean Richard S. Shaffran. “Our aim was to make this institute the most valuable and important conference of the year for anyone interested in the business of entertainment.”

In his wide-ranging address, Vive ndi Ме yer said the entertainment industry is facing higher costs and lower profits. To stay profitable, studios need to reign in “vanity deals” for high-priced actors and become more diligent about preventing piracy, among other strategies, he said.

“Studios can’t afford to hire actors who don’t bring in audiences and ask for exorbitant prices,” said Meyer to an audience at USC’s Town and Gown Hall. “The target has gotten much smaller and you have to get closer to the bull’s eye.

“We have to be less careless about letting our property out of our hands,” he added. “Clearly, going after people who have stolen our property makes a difference.”

Meyer also predicted that video-on-demand would become much more prevalent in the next two or three years. But he added: “It hasn’t arrived as fast as everyone thought. I’m still a firm believer in going out and seeing a movie; I don’t think that will ever change.”

— P.C.
training legal eaglettes

USC Law students, under the leadership of Janae Torrez '04 and Kimberly Baker '04, are expanding the Street Law program, which introduces high school students from South Los Angeles to the college experience. Armed with a first-time grant from USC’s Good Neighbors program and other financial support from the Student Bar Association, Street Law is emphasizing mentorship of high school students, including mock-trial instruction, one-on-one homework help and college preparation. The program also is organizing on-campus visits for groups of students from various high schools, including Manual Arts, Crenshaw, Dorothy and Wilson. During their tours of USC, the students meet with Law School admissions officials and hear lectures from faculty members. “We’re trying to expose them to higher education,” says Baker, “and expand their options in life, as well as teach them about their legal responsibilities and rights.”

>> Janae Torrez leads a mock trial class at Manual Arts High School. Photograph by PraphX. Chiam

USC admits stellar class amid record applications

Once again, USC can boast that it has admitted the most academically accomplished group of students ever to attend the Law School.

With a median grade point average of 3.6 and a median LSAT score of 166, this year’s incoming class sets new standards for academic achievement. Within the Class of 2006, 118 students have both an LSAT score in the top 10 percent of test-takers nationally and a GPA that placed them in the top quarter of their graduating class – another indicator that the school is attracting more of the nation’s top undergraduates.

These notable achievements come in a year when applications to USC Law – and law schools in general – soared. The 219 members of this year’s class were selected from among a record 7,000 applicants, a 22 percent jump in applications from the previous year.

The Class of 2006 is also a diverse bunch. Fifty percent of the class are women, 35 percent identify themselves as an ethnic minority and several are openly gay. And nearly half come from schools outside California – further evidence of the school’s growing reputation nationally. Overall, more than 100 undergraduate colleges and universities and 15 countries on five continents are represented in the Class of 2006.

Students also came with a huge range of experiences. Within the class are teachers, actors, public servants, consultants, athletes, musicians, artists and entrepreneurs. One student hiked the entire 2,168-mile length of the Appalachian Trail. Another traveled to Israel on a fellowship with the U.N. High Commissioner on Refugees.

“During the admissions process, we take special note of students’ experiences and activities – both the profound and the mundane – because all of their experiences helped to form them as unique individuals and help suggest the kinds of contributions they will make to our community,” says Associate Dean William J. Hoye.

USC Law School Continuing Legal Education Program
Calendar of Events 2003-2004

Nov. 21, 2003
USC Law School Probate and Trust Conference

Jan. 26-28, 2004
USC Law School Tax Institute

March 18-19, 2004
USC Law School-LACBA Corporate Law Departments Section Institute for Corporate Counsel

April 22, 2004
USC Law School Institute-LACBA Benjamin S. Crocker Symposium on Real Estate Law and Business

May 25, 2004
USC Law School Intellectual Property Institute

Watch for more information about the USC Law School Robert C. Packard Aviation Law Institute, co-sponsored by the American Bar Association Air and Space Law Forum, scheduled for October 2004. For more information on continuing legal education at USC, contact the CLE office at 213.740.2582 or www.law.usc.edu/cle.

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Star Power

USC hires four top professors

By Phat X. Chiem

USC Law School has long recruited and cultivated promising academics seeking to explore emerging fields of law with real-world applications. The four newest additions to its esteemed faculty are no exception. They stand out for their interdisciplinary strengths (two hold advanced degrees in a subject other than law). They come with unique work experience in government and the private sector (one has worked as a U.S. senator’s legislative director and another as an economist advising the World Bank and foreign governments). They’re also known for their dynamic teaching and professional commitment (one has been a strong advocate for pro bono work among law students).

In hiring “these four outstanding additions to the USC law faculty, we continue our tradition of selecting legal scholars whose work, opinions and teaching influence legislators, courts, policy makers, government agencies and other scholars,” says Dean Matthew L. Spitzer. Their presence, he adds, makes USC’s stellar faculty even better.

>> The following profiles outline each professor’s background and ongoing research.

>> G1 to G4: wise from left: Catherine Fisk, Elizabeth Garrett, Gillian Hadfield, Andrei Marmor
Photography by Ron Gropper
Catherine Fisk has long been interested in the law of the workplace and how it affects the lives of workers. The daughter of California college professors who worked their way through school as union labor, she specializes in labor and employment law, intellectual property and civil rights. Her scholarly interests were born of a passion for social justice.

In 1997, while teaching at UCLA School of Law, Fisk was invited to join a group of leading labor scholars to study the unionization of immigrant janitors in Los Angeles. The mostly Latina janitors had, against the odds, formed a union. But they faced an uphill battle in gaining decent wages and working conditions, partly because their employers were building services firms, not the companies whose offices they cleaned nightly. Yet it was the building owners and tenants who effectively controlled their wages and working conditions.

“Janitors are among the most vulnerable workers,” Fisk says. “Many are undocumented so they’re afraid of government officials. The surplus of unskilled labor creates downward pressure on wages. And American labor law offers both their nominal employers and building managers and tenants many opportunities to resist strikes, boycotts and the traditional forms of protest aimed at publicizing and improving the poor conditions.”

Fisk’s and her co-authors’ examination of the complex legal and economic issues in the janitors’ fight has led to a number of articles and book contributions. She is editing and writing a chapter in Labor Law Stories (Foundation Press). Her interests in history and literature also have led her to study the ownership of ideas, workplace knowledge and employee-generated intellectual property in the 19th century. For instance, during a time when employees enjoyed few legal protections and courts were hostile to employee efforts to claim new legal rights, Fisk found that employees enjoyed broad rights to intellectual property that they created on the job.

“I believe that teachers and lawyers are uniquely well-situated to make a positive difference while also having a rich intellectual life. I want to do that and to inspire my students to do so too.”

“But by the mid-20th century, the rule for intellectual property ownership had reversed completely,” Fisk says. “Once companies began to see the economic value of ideas generated by their employees, they became systematic about controlling and, eventually, owning it. So it’s a great story: Why was the rule so employee-friendly when you wouldn’t think it would be? And why did it change?”

Better yet, it was a story that was largely untold. Based on extensive research in legal history and company archives, Fisk has published three influential law review articles on the topic and is currently working on a book-length project. Her work examines the social and intellectual aspects of the historical shift in intellectual property ownership and links the legal change to other social changes, such as the development of bureaucratic employment practices, the proliferation of intellectual property, and the development of the modern middle class.

Prior to joining the Law School’s faculty, Fisk was a professor and the William M. Rains Fellow at Loyola Law School, where she taught employment and labor law and civil procedure. A graduate of Princeton University and Boalt Hall, Professor Fisk has taught also at Duke, UCLA and the University of Wisconsin. Prior to becoming a law professor, Fisk practiced law with a boutique Washington, D.C., firm, was an appellate lawyer at the U.S. Department of Justice, and clerked for 9th U.S. Circuit Court Judge William A. Norris. She is a member of the Labor Law Group and the AFL-CIO Lawyers’ Coordinating Committee and a vice president of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California. She also occasionally serves as a labor arbitrator.

“In all of my work – teaching, scholarship and pro bono practice – I try to be aware of the many ways that legal rules affect, and sometimes fail to affect, human lives,” Fisk says. “I believe that teachers and lawyers are uniquely well-situated to make a positive difference while also having a rich intellectual life. I want to do that and to inspire my students to do so too.”
Elizabeth Garrett

Elizabeth Garrett’s work focuses on questions at the intersection of law and politics, often leading her to tackle issues relevant to events on the front pages of the nation’s newspapers. Take the presidential election between George W. Bush and Al Gore – and its unconventional ending in the U.S. Supreme Court. Garrett firmly believes that the political process suffered badly because of the courts’ meddling in the contested election.

“I think it is highly likely that under every scenario of dealing with a contested election, George W. Bush would be the president of the United States,” she says. “As a scholar who works on issues of process and institutions, what I care about is not the outcome of the election as much as the process through which we select the president – even in unusual circumstances. The Supreme Court short-circuited a political process that was working pretty well. The judicial involvement instead indicates a contempt for the ability of the political branches of government to address serious and difficult questions.”

It’s this study of the process through which institutions of government and democracy operate and interact that engages Garrett and defines her scholarly work. She is co-author of the nation’s leading casebook on legislation and statutory interpretation, Cases and Materials on Legislation: Statutes and the Creation of Public Policy (3rd ed., West Group). Her recent articles have analyzed courts and political parties, campaign finance reform laws, judicial review of regulatory statutes, and direct democracy, including the initiative process and recalls.

“My work centers on the study of the institutions of democratic government, whether those institutions involve direct democracy, the traditional legislative process or regulatory agencies,” she says. “I analyze the ways we organize our political process and how we think about and change the institutions that shape our political interactions.”

Garrett’s focus on governance arises from her relationships with two major figures in law and politics. After graduating from the University of Virginia Law School, she clerked for Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall (she also clerked for Judge Stephen Williams of the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and Howard Holtzmann, an arbitrator on the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal in The Hague). From 1991 to 1993, Garrett worked as legal counsel and legislative assistant for tax, budget and welfare issues for U.S. Senator David Boren, eventually serving as his legislative director. “Both (Marshall and Boren) saw the law as an instrument of change,” Garrett says.

In 1995, Garrett joined the faculty at the University of Chicago Law School, where she also served as deputy dean for academic affairs. Now at USC, she will teach administrative law, a course on law and the political process, and civil procedure. She also is the new director of the USC-Caltech Center for the Study of Law and Politics (CSLP). Garrett says she wants to raise the profile of the center so that it becomes a nationally known academic center supporting the rigorous interdisciplinary study of law and politics, especially as it relates to direct democracy, voting and institutional analysis. Taking advantage of its location in Los Angeles, the center will study the unique political processes that dominate the western United States, such as the widespread use of voter initiatives.

Garrett also takes an interdisciplinary approach in the classroom, where she presses upon her students to consider the myriad ways that lawyers work with the law beyond the courtroom using insights from political science, economics and the social sciences.

“Using these perspectives in addition to the traditional legal methods of analysis,” she says, “equips students to be better lawyers no matter what they do after they graduate.”

Recall madness

California’s unprecedented recall election prompted a wide range of responses from voters and scholars alike. At a symposium held several weeks before the voting, USC Law Professor Elizabeth Garrett joined a panel of USC experts in a spirited discussion about the political, social and economic impact of the state’s first gubernatorial recall ballot. Garrett, director of the USC-Caltech Center for the Study of Law and Politics (CSLP), said even though the recall process was flawed, it has generated greater interest in independent and third-party candidates. “Partisanship can be a great thing,” she said. “It’s part of what makes democracy robust. (But) we have to be careful that it remains the voice of the people, not the voice of guys with two million bucks” to spend on sponsoring recall petitions. The symposium was organized jointly by CSLP, the Jesse Unruh Institute of Politics at USC and the USC Annenberg School for Communication.
Gillian Hadfield exemplifies USC Law School’s longstanding strength in interdisciplinary legal studies. Having come to USC from her position as a law professor at the University of Toronto, Hadfield also has taught at the University of California, Berkeley, and New York University. As an economist with a Ph.D. from Stanford, she has advised the World Bank and the government of Slovakia on issues related to the regulation and organization of markets for legal services. And as a principal at LECG LLC, a law and economics consulting group, she has consulted with numerous corporations on issues ranging from contract interpretation to antitrust.

Indeed, Hadfield’s scholarship goes far beyond understanding black-letter law to examine the intricate relationship between economics, business organizations, democratic institutions and the behavior of individuals. She has written on topics as diverse as the changing disposition of cases in federal court, franchising, the emergence of legal regimes on the Internet, the labeling of genetically modified foods, the origins of the sexual division of labor and the feminist dilemma of choice in contract.

“In many different ways I’m interested in the problems of cooperation and commitment – which lie at the heart of economic and social life – and the process of dispute resolution that is essential to supporting cooperation and commitment,” says Hadfield, who has been an Olin Fellow at Columbia, Cornell and USC law schools. “Economics provides an important window into these kinds of problems. But to generate policy for how law, legal institutions and the legal profession itself can be better designed to promote cooperation and commitment – that requires bringing to bear a wide range of insights from conflict theory, legal theory, philosophy, feminist theory, political science, sociology and other disciplines.”

Hadfield’s economic perspective has driven her to study how society produces, prices and distributes legal services in the process of developing a market democracy. Her research on the topic culminated in an influential article, “The Price of Law: How the Market for Lawyers Distorts the Justice System,” published in the Michigan Law Review (2000). It’s also the subject of her book project and her involvement in an ABA-sponsored research team investigating the reasons for the “vanishing trial” in the American legal system.

“I am firmly of the view that the value of economics in law is as a tool for better understanding how people and organizations work, not as a trump card to place efficiency above all our other goals in making choices about law.”

In the article, Hadfield contends that law can be bifurcated into two distinct spheres. One part of the system functions as a mechanism to create wealth and income for businesses and individuals. The other supports our democratic institutions and serves to advance our social justice ideals. Although the legal system and legal training for both spheres are unified, they in fact have different needs and goals, and may conflict with each other.

“In the economic realm of law, what we care about is whether it effectively structures an efficient market,” Hadfield explains. “In the democratic, political realm, we expect law to structure democratic institutions and form the basis for achieving our goals of social justice. But they are really two separate goals.”

The resulting conflict between these two primary functions of law sets up a kind of “bidding process” between commercial clients (wealthy corporations) and personal clients (the individual suing his neighbor) over access to the best attorneys, Hadfield says. And because wealth is aggregated in the commercial sector, there is little incentive for the highest-paid, most competent lawyers to work in the democratic realm of law or to come up with low-cost alternatives to adequate legal service.

“As the system gets pulled over to the commercial realm, we don’t focus on how we’re going to deliver reasonably affordable access to social justice,” Hadfield says. “To a large extent, the entities gaining access are those corporations who can afford the ‘best’ lawyers.” Hadfield, who will teach law and policy of alternative dispute resolution and advanced contracts at USC, also has written extensively on gender and the law. Her widely cited critique of Judge Richard Posner’s 1992 book, Sex and Reason, in the Harvard Law Review, challenged the adequacy of the book’s economic analysis in failing to account for how women, not just men, make choices affecting sexuality and sexual regulation.

“I am firmly of the view that the value of economics in law is as a tool for better understanding how people and organizations work, not as a trump card to place efficiency above all our other goals in making choices about law,” Hadfield says. “When looking at problems of sexual harassment or wage gaps in employment or surrogacy contracts, I do the same economics I do when I’m studying franchising or biotechnology or lawyers. I simply apply those tools to questions that feminists are interested in and use them to help understand how better to achieve goals such as workplace equality or human dignity.”
Law is one of the most interesting and complex social phenomena of our culture, writes Andrei Marmor in the introduction to his book, *Interpretation and Legal Theory* (Oxford, The Clarendon Law Series, 1992). Marmor has written extensively about the philosophical questions involved in understanding what law is, how it relates to morality and politics, and what, ultimately, constitutes legality.

General jurisprudence, as this philosophical inquiry about the nature of law is called, is meant to be universal, Marmor explains. It assumes that law possesses certain features by its very nature as law, whenever and wherever it happens to exist.

Why are philosophers interested in law? Marmor says there is a sheer intellectual interest in understanding the law. However, law is also a normative social practice: law is intended to guide behavior, telling us what we ought to do. An attempt to explain this normative, reason-giving aspect of law is one of the main challenges for general jurisprudence. These two sources of interest in the nature of law are closely linked. Law is not the only normative domain in our culture; morality, religion, social conventions, etiquette and so on also guide human conduct in many ways that are similar to law. Therefore, part of what is involved in the understanding of the nature of law, Marmor explains, is explaining how law differs from these similar domains, how it interacts with them, and whether making sense of the law depends on considerations like morality or social conventions.

Within contemporary debates about the nature of law, Marmor is one of the leading defenders of the legal positivist tradition, which argues that the existence and content of law depend on social construction, such as legislative action or social custom, rather than the merits of the law. In his first book, *Interpretation and Legal Theory*, Marmor presented a defense of positivism, taking on Ronald Dworkin’s criticism of it and also challenging Dworkin’s theory of legal interpretation. More recently, in his book, *Positive Law & Objective Values* (Oxford, 2001), Marmor develops a theory of social conventions to provide new foundations for legal positivism. These conventional foundations, Marmor argues, can show that positivists’ critics and even some legal positivists have misunderstood the nature of the relationship between law and morality. At the same time, Marmor also defends a robust vision of moral discourse, arguing that morality is more objective and less vulnerable to skepticism than usually assumed.

Marmor’s writings in legal philosophy have gained him a worldwide readership and his books have appeared in Spanish and Portuguese translations. In addition to his philosophical interest in the nature of law, Marmor also has been engaged in debates about moral and political issues. He published numerous articles on such topics as the nature of rights, the value of economic equality, the rights of minority cultures and the nature of political authorities.

Marmor’s academic interests have taken him across three continents. Having completed his studies in law and in philosophy at Tel Aviv University, he wrote his doctoral dissertation at the University of Oxford and then returned to Tel Aviv to teach jurisprudence at the University of Tel Aviv Faculty of Law. More recently Marmor moved, part time, to the United States, where he was a long-term visiting professor at the University of Chicago Law School and a visiting professor at University of Virginia Law School. After a visit at USC during the fall of 2002, he joined the faculty this year. His move to USC, writes the online review of philosophy departments, the *Philosophical Gourmet*, “should add USC to the list of top law schools that are viable choices for philosophically minded students.”

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first-years at work
Alexander Karpman ’05 graduated summa cum laude from UCLA and was all but ready to enroll in the School of Law there. He had only his letter of acceptance to return. Then Karpman got a call from William J. Hoye, dean of admissions at USC Law School. **Would he consider USC instead and participate in the Law School’s new Summer Fellowship Program?**

By Phat X. Chiem

He would, did and has not regretted that decision for a moment. The prestigious program gave Karpman a rare opportunity: a guaranteed summer position in a top law firm and an internship at a major business during his first year of law school. In most cases, summer fellows begin work in a law firm and then transfer to one of the firm’s major clients, thereby allowing students to witness business transactions from both sides. Karpman spent the first half of his summer at Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp in Los Angeles and the second half on the Warner Bros. lot in Burbank, working in the studio’s corporate legal department.

The experience has proven to be an invaluable asset for Karpman as he enters his second year at the Law School. During the annual ritual known as OCI, or On-Campus Interviewing, he received a number of coveted callbacks, including a second offer from Mitchell Silberberg. Many of the interviewers were apparently impressed by this law student’s accomplishments, especially with only a year under his belt.

*They saw that I had great experience for someone in his second year;* Karpman says. *“Not only did I work in a law firm, I also worked for a major studio. That’s pretty unusual to see on a 2L’s resume.”*

The Summer Fellowship made the difference in Karpman’s decision to enroll at USC. That’s exactly what Law School officials intended. By identifying promising students early in the admissions process, the Summer Fellowship Program is helping USC attract some of the most accomplished academic prospects in the country before they sign on with a competing school.

*This is definitely a win-win proposition,* says Dean Spitzer. *“We’re able to deepen our ties with some of the most prestigious firms in the country by offering them some of our best students early on.”*
“Our intention is to bring students to USC who are extraordinarily talented and have unusual promise, and provide them with a unique experience during their first summer,” says Dean of Admissions Hoye. “Most of these students are undecided, and they’re considering competing offers. They’re looking for something that will convince them that USC Law is the right place. We’re hoping this will make their decision much easier.”

“It certainly did for Joshua del Castillo ’05. The USC graduate had actually already accepted an offer from Northwestern when the Law School came calling. But the Summer Fellowship’s promise of experiencing business transactions from both the law firm perspective and the client side appealed immensely to del Castillo.

“The program really made the difference in my decision to come here,” says del Castillo, who was finishing up a doctorate in cultural anthropology at the University of Michigan when he began applying to law schools. “I have no regrets. The experience I had this summer was incredible.”

Del Castillo worked in the Century City office of O’Melveny & Myers, where he discovered a new fascination with securities law. During the later half of the summer, he spent time in the general counsel’s office at Univision, the giant Spanish-language media conglomerate. Together, the two positions gave del Castillo a perfect entry into his planned specialty, which he describes as “corporate law with international relevance.”

“Working at Univision certainly gave me a different perspective on legal work,” he says. “I really got a glimpse of the attorney’s day-to-day role in the corporate environment.”

This fall, O’Melveny invited del Castillo back for another summer.

Bryan Gordon ’05 also turned down an offer from a competing school – Columbia – for USC. In fact, Gordon was already working in the New York City law firm of Weil, Gotshal and Manges under a program designed for top minority students who had been accepted by prestigious East Coast law schools.

“The fellowship offer was good enough to pull me away from New York,” says Gordon, who worked at Sidley, Austin, Brown and Wood this past summer and also in the USC general counsel’s office. “When I spoke with Dean Hoye, he really made it clear that he wanted me to come to USC and that helped me make my decision.”
USC Law students aren’t the only ones enjoying the program’s perks. In creating the fellowship, Law School administrators made sure to assemble a list of the most prestigious law firms, businesses, nonprofit organizations and public interest agencies. That list is expected grow each year, as will USC’s relationship with each of its program partners, says Dean Matthew L. Spitzer.

At the same time, the partner businesses also are benefiting by getting an early chance to develop relationships with the Law School’s best and brightest — students who have been identified by the school as having the most potential to succeed.

“This is definitely a win-win proposition,” says Spitzer. “We’re able to deepen our ties with some of the most prestigious firms in the country by offering them some of our best students early on. Our partners gain visibility by training and hiring promising candidates, and our students come away with a unique opportunity to gain solid experience following their first year of law school.

“The Summer Fellowship Program will become one of the premier attractions of USC Law School,” Spitzer added.

And the program is definitely attracting attention with law school applicants and firms. “It’s so amazing that USC was able to put together this fellowship. It’s a new program but people are starting to talk about it,” says Karpman.

Denica Anderson, a Summer Fellow who worked at the law firm of Greenberg, Glusker, Fields, Claman, Matchinger & Kinsella and then DreamWorks, says participating in the program not only improved her chances of landing future jobs but also gave her a better sense of her own professional interests. As an undergraduate at USC, Anderson pursued a joint degree in business administration and cinema-television. Working in the legal affairs department at DreamWorks this past summer gave her a firsthand look at the business of entertainment, from drafting multimillion-dollar contracts for A-list talent to more mundane transactional work.

“I learned a lot about what goes into these contracts,” Anderson says. “The Summer Fellowship has definitely been helpful after my first year of law school. A lot of people go into their second year not knowing what they want to do and not knowing what it’s like to work in a law firm. Being a Summer Fellow gave me a feel for the direction in which I want to head.”
>> Erwin Chemerinsky
Erwin Chemerinsky, Sydney M. Professor of Public Interest Law, Legal Ethics and Political Science, assisted in representing the American Civil Liberties Union in its lawsuit contending that the Oct. 7 recall election of California Gov. Gray Davis would disenfranchise voters in counties using “obsolete” voting systems. He also argued Mariano v. Pioneer Edsel before the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va. The case concerns the scope of federal jurisdiction in a class action suit. He spoke about recent Supreme Court cases to judges and lawyers around the country and was quoted by the media on a range of subjects, including the California recall election. In the Washington Post, he refuted the idea that the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is the most reversed appeals court in the country. “It’s absolutely diverse ideologically and its reversal rate is right at the national average,” he said. “For every liberal there is a very conservative judge. For every moderate liberal you can point to a moderate conservative. There is no consensus on the court, certainly no liberal consensus.”

>> David Cruz
David B. Cruz, professor of law, spoke about gender, hate crimes and congressional power at the National Conference on Gender in Washington, D.C. He co-wrote an amicus brief to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Jespersen v. Harrah’s Casino, arguing that customer preference could not justify treating sex as a bona fide occupational qualification. He was quoted by the Los Angeles Times and the National Law Journal, among others, in response to the United States Supreme Court’s late-June decision in Lawrence v. Texas that struck down the state’s criminal “homosexual conduct” law, a case for which he attended oral arguments last spring.

>> Susan Estrich
Susan R. Estrich, Robert Kingsley Professor of Law and Political Science, spoke at the Arizona State Bar Association’s annual convention, Princeton University, St. Olaf’s College, Caltech and Northwestern, among many other schools. She also spoke on the issue of women in higher education as the featured guest at the Doheny Library Intellectual Commons Grand Opening Lecture at USC. She supervised a new student group called the Voices Project to monitor diversity in the media, especially radio, in preparation for a symposium next year, and she participated in three symposia for Front Page magazine. Estrich continues to appear regularly as a legal and political analyst for Fox News, providing commentary on such subjects as the upcoming presidential election, the effort to recall California Gov. Gray Davis, and the sexual assault case against basketball star Kobe Bryant.

>> Ronald Garet
Ronald R. Garet, Carolyn Craig Franklin Professor of Law and Religion, chaired a year-long strategic planning committee for religious life at USC. He also was elected vice-president of USC’s Academic Senate.

>> Thomas Lyon
Thomas D. Lyon, professor of law, has been awarded a $240,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to study the development of children’s memory for temporal information. His research is conducted in collaboration with Oberlin College Psychology Professor William Friedman. Lyon spoke on nondisclosure and recantation of sexual abuse at a conference on child sexual abuse in Satra Bruk, Sweden, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. He also presented research on sexual abuse disclosure and increasing truthfulness among maltreated children at the American Psychological Association meeting in Toronto.

>> Elyn Saks
Elyn R. Saks, Orrin B. Evans Professor of Law, Psychology, and Psychiatry and the Behavioral Sciences, was awarded a joint appointment in the department of psychology at USC and was elected an adjunct professor of psychiatry at the University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine. She was contracted by the National Institutes of Mental Health to study proxy consent to research and presented research at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies and at the American Association of Geriatric Psychiatry. Saks was named to the committee on ethical dimensions of psychoanalytic research of the American Psychoanalytic Association, was elected to the board of the AALS’ Law and Mental Disability section, and was named secretary to the board of the Robert J. Stoller Foundation. Her recent book, Refusing Care: Forced Treatment and the Rights of the Mentally Ill, received a glowing review in the New England Journal of Medicine, which complimented Saks’ “nuanced” approach combining “the compassion of medicine with the rigor of the law.”

>> Robert Saltzman
Robert M. Saltzman, associate dean and adjunct professor of law, served on the planning committee for the Law School Admission Council Educational Conference and was reappointed to serve another two-year term on the LSAC Test Development and Research Committee. Saltzman continues to serve on the board of the David Boohner Foundation and the board of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.

>> Matthew Spitzer
Matthew L. Spitzer, dean and Carl M. Franklin Professor of Law, was widely quoted in the media on court battles over the national “do not call” list, federal regulation of media ownership, and a range of other issues. On NPR’s “Morning Edition,” he explained that efforts to block telemarketing calls may not stand up in court unless certain rules were met.

on the record:
This has not been the circus it’s been portrayed. It’s fun to focus on some of these strange candidates. It’s fun to focus on all 135 people. But, in fact, we’ve had some real debates about policy. We’ve had some interesting new voices in this debate. … The campaign itself has really awakened political awareness.

— Professor Elizabeth Garrett, speaking with CNN anchor Aaron Brown about the California recall election on “CNN Newsnight” Sept. 24, 2003
A call for reform
A new book compiled by USC scholars examines the prospects for political change – and the pitfalls of the present election system

When USC professors Ann Crigler and Edward McCaffery began compiling a book on the politics and prospects of American election reform, they used the contested 2000 presidential race as a starting point. Little did they know that three years later, California’s controversial recall election would offer some striking similarities. The statewide race that ousted incumbent Gov. Gray Davis in favor of political newcomer Arnold Schwarzenegger proves that the role of the vote – and the debate that goes with it – is not going away.

The essays collected in Rethinking the Vote: The Politics and Prospects of American Election Reform (Oxford University Press, 2004) give a glimpse of past problems and offer possible solutions for the future. Some 22 scholars – including USC law professors Erwin Chemerinsky and Susan Estrich, USC political scientist Jeb Barnes, McCaffery and Crigler – weighed in on the current state of the American voting system and the possibilities for reform. Many of the chapters in the book grew out of a 2001 conference held at the Law School, which was co-sponsored by the USC-Caltech Center for the Study of Law and Politics and USC’s Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics.

In the book, essayists from the fields of law, politics, journalism, government and academia offer a variety of viewpoints on Bush v. Gore and the American electoral system in general. They examine what can and should be learned from the process of voting, using the real-world drama of the 2000 presidential election as a starting point.

“Opinions range from those who want a truly participatory democracy, in which all votes count, to those who believe in a more minimalist approach, looking for rough justice in voting and voting systems,” says McCaffery, the Maurice Jones Jr. Professor of Law and Political Science at USC. McCaffery edited the book with Crigler, a professor of political science in the USC College of Letters, Arts & Sciences and director of the Unruh Institute, and Marion R. Just, a professor at Wellesley College.

Some of the contributors found a racial and ethnic bias in the pattern of voting machines and vote-counting errors in California’s elections in 2000. Systematic technical errors and biases made a difference in the count, effectively disenfranchising groups of voters, they said. Similar allegations plagued the state’s recall election in October, when some voting experts claimed that as many as 176,000 punch-card ballots may have been disqualified due to faulty equipment. By contrast, touch-screen systems had far fewer problems.

Other essays examine the pressure on pollsters and media to call elections quickly. Kathleen A. Frankovic, a producer for CBS News, recalls the chaos of election night 2000, when networks called the election first for Al Gore, then for George Bush, and then retracted their predictions altogether. Although she doesn’t expect news organizations to stop calling elections, Frankovic hopes reforms will “provide viewers with a better understanding not just of network calls but of the overall electoral process itself.”

Chemerinsky’s essay explores the relationship between federalism and the U.S. Supreme Court’s controversial decision to enter into the disputed election.

“The five justices in Bush v. Gore abandoned their usual principles because of their desire to rule in favor of George W. Bush,” wrote Chemerinsky, who did some legal work for the Gore team during the Florida election litigation. “In Bush v. Gore, for the first time, the Supreme Court created the election returns and decided who would be president.”

Contributors seem to agree that some degree of reform is necessary in order to protect the legitimacy of the electoral process.

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—Susan Estrich, in Rethinking the Vote

But any meaningful reform, argues Estrich, must closely examine the role of money in politics.

“How can we make democracy in general – and its central act, voting, in particular – meaningful and participatory in a world of old boys flush with ever-new money?” Estrich wrote. “I know that it will have something to do with following the money and power.”

—P.C.
Have we changed?
A new book examines Sept.11’s place in history

Within hours of the collapse of the World Trade Center, the idea that the course of our collective history had forever changed was imprinted on American culture and politics. But was Sept 11 really the dawning of a new age? Was it a transformative moment in history?

Two years later, scholars are examining the impact of Sept. 11 in the context of world history and offering new perspectives on what – if anything – has changed. In September 11 in History: A Watershed Moment? (Duke University Press, 2003), edited by USC Law Professor Mary L. Dudziak, contributors examine the impact of Sept. 11 on culture, American foreign policy, Islamic identity, language, international law and the U.S. justice system. The book came out of a symposium sponsored by the USC Center for Law, History and Culture in 2002, and organized by Dudziak and Howard Gillman, a USC political science professor.

“There’s this ubiquitous assumption that this was ‘the day we changed’,” says Dudziak, who holds the Judge Edward and Ruy L. Guirado Professorship in Law and History at USC. “This book tries to create a context for critical reflection about that idea. Have we changed? Or is Sept. 11 best understood as a continuation of pre-existing historical currents? Examining the assumption that Sept. 11 ‘changed everything’ is important, because that idea has served as justification for profound departures in domestic and foreign policy.”

In her introduction to the book, Dudziak notes that moments of crisis historically have facilitated social and political change by creating situations that seem to require new ways of thinking and new responses.

“For social change scholars,” she writes, “the question is whether September 11… has shifted popular conceptions of the good in a way that will affect politics, ideas about justice, or perhaps our tolerance of conditions of inequality.”

Just as World War I and World War II were seen as new forms of warfare, Dudziak notes that President Bush has spoken of Sept. 11 as the start of a “new kind of war.”

“Has a new age of terror dawned that makes constitutional restraints and the restraints of international law, crafted by earlier generations, anachronistic?” Dudziak asks. “Does a new approach to warfare require unfettered executive power? Does it justify the unilateralism of the United States as a global police power?”

In her contribution to the book, New York University Professor Marilyn Young argues that rather than change American foreign policy, Sept. 11 reinforced a preexisting unilateralism supported by several U.S. administrations that “have attempted to order the world so as to sustain the dominant power of the United States.”

By asserting a unilateral right to respond to terrorism, the United States ignored mechanisms already in place to handle such crimes, such as the International Criminal Court, writes international law scholar Laurence Helfer. While he does not think Sept. 11 should be thought of as a transformative moment, he argues that the United States has become more ready to “claim for itself the right to respond to terrorism unilaterally” as a result of the attacks.

Legal theorist Ruti Teitel argues that the United States justified a departure from both criminal law and international law by characterizing Sept. 11 as an exceptional circumstance. And by acting as the “sovereign police,” the United States justified its intervention in the war on terror but exempted itself from external regulation. However, Teitel warns, democratic legitimacy is threatened when responses to emergencies occur outside the law.

Ultimately, whether Sept. 11 was a transformative moment in history may be difficult to determine so soon after the attacks. But, Dudziak says, analyzing the political, legal and social consequences of the day is nevertheless crucial.

“Since Sept. 11, the idea of change has been deployed to justify departure from past practices, from a new secrecy in detention and deportation of noncitizens to the preemptive use of American military power,” she writes. “There are immediate consequences of the idea of transformation.”

For that reason, rather than waiting for later generations to come to terms with this moment in history, “understanding Sept. 11 and its impact is a need and a responsibility of our own.”

— M.V.

>> Contributors to September 11 in History: A Watershed Moment?

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Reunion 2003
Going in the hole for a good cause

About 120 alumni took to the fairways in April for the 22nd annual Sydney M. Irmas USC Law School Golf Tournament at the Wilshire Country Club. Proceeds from the event support law student scholarships.

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Japanese emperor honors Jun Mori ’58

Sacred honor: At an exquisite reception sponsored by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in June, Jun Mori ’58 received the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Golden Rays with Neck Ribbon, from the emperor of Japan for his work on building relationships between that country and the United States. Born in San Francisco, Mori was one of only five Asian students at USC Law School in 1958. He later founded what became one of the largest Japanese American law firms on the West Coast. Appointed by Mayor Tom Bradley, Mori served for 15 years on the Los Angeles Harbor Commission, helping to grow its revenue by 300 percent. In 1980, he was appointed by President Carter to the Export Council.

>> Jun Mori ’58, right, and his wife, May, were honored in Japan.

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Class of 1950
Judge Robert Armstrong and his wife, Eleanor had lunch with Judge Juanita Veron-Foster before their current visit to their home in Scotland. Juanita reports that Bob has written an interesting novel about the courtroom. Judge Albert Armendariz in his 53rd year as an attorney practices mostly immigration law with his son Albert, Jr. He and his second wife Mari recently returned from Brownsville, Texas and Padre Island. They drove 2000 miles from their home in El Paso Texas and he recommends Padre Island to all his fellow Trojans. He received a Texas legend award and his 50th Texas Bar pin (2.8 months late). He survived a complicated spinal surgery followed by cardiac surgery. Willis M. Brooks, in his Beverly Hills office at 6:30 a.m. every day, practices with his son William Brooks. His grandson, Robbi Logan, is an attorney and his granddaughter, Tawnie Brooks, will be taking the bar in July. In May Judge David N. Eagleson died after a short illness. He served on the California Supreme Court until 1991. His obituary in the Los Angeles Times (May 24, 2003) credits him with bringing a "practical, professional approach" to the State High Court. During his three-year tenure on the State Supreme Court, "Eagleson wrote 19 capital decisions, upholding death sentences in 15." After leaving the Supreme Court, he worked as an arbitrator through the American Arbitration Assn. He is survived by his wife, Lillian, and two daughters, Elizabeth Eagleson of San Diego and Victoria Arnbd of Thousand Oakes. Robert J. Fetterman died June 19, 2003 from a series of strokes, according to his wife Jean. He resided in Ohio and had been ill for a long time. Evans J. Karpenko sent pictures taken with his granddaughter, Kathryn, at the memorial service for his wife Fran. She passed away on July 23, 2002. Evans established the Fran and Evans John Karpenko Campus Beautification Endowment for the University of North Dakota. The Executive Vice President of the UND Foundation wrote, "E.J. has proven himself to be an outstanding graduate of the University of North Dakota. His work in the law profession, passion for his faith and his love for his family makes him a truly great man." Richard T. Morrow, living in Solvang, has nothing new to report. Class President Judge Jack Ryburn and wife Toni are recovering nicely from their recent surgeries. Herbert Selwyn and wife Lida (an architect) traveled to Britain, Yugoslavia and Turkey this year. He has two daughters with Ph.D.s: Pamela, Princeton, and Jennifer, UC, professor of history at the University of NH. His son Brian is a transportation consultant, LA. He is semi-retired, mainly pro-bono advisor for senior citizens and others. He pioneered civil rights for various groups and helped labor unions for hospitals. Ted Sullivan retired in Palm Desert, spends 2 months in Chula Vista each year and is "staying out of trouble." Benjamin L. Susman and Mimi are "enjoying life by the Blue Pacific." Ben sent an interesting E-mail saying that for the last 24 years he has "practiced the best type of law there is, namely, none at all. Haven't looked back once although, it was very good to me. I need the time for fishing, travel and kids. Recent travel: China (2nd time) and the Yangze River ... South African bush and Capetown. Then up the West Coast of Africa.... Recently went to Bar Mitzvah of Sam Mayerson's grandson. Saw and talked to Ed Sanders there. Jerry Rhodes is quite ill and in residence at Gardens of Park Balboa in Van Nuys, (818) 787-0462. He would love to see any or all of you, but call first." Allan W. Wallace is proud of "remaining viable." Claude Young and Ber report "All 4 ‘children’ are alive and well and have provided us with 8 grandchildren. Holy smoke! One’s driving his own car!" Claude "Unretired" to help restructure the Humboldt County Planning Department Violation Section. He misses Dick Kamins and remembers that they met each July 14th to revisit Bastille Day in Paris where they were in 1949. Thanks to those who responded and for keeping in touch.

Ronald Ross, Class Reporter

On the Honor Roll
Wilmer E. Windham ’59 was appointed to the Court of Appeal of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation. Justices are elected to serve three-year terms; such service is considered a great honor among tribal members.

Class of 1961
Betty Tom Chu became bored with her retirement from CEO and President of Trust Savings Bank and founder of East-West Bank & Trust Bank so she ran for and was elected to the Monterey Park City Council on her first attempt. Before her investment endeavors she worked in the L.A. County Counsel’s office. Betty and her husband, also a graduate of USC, have 2 sons, 1 daughter and 5 grandchildren. Stanley Epstein took an Alaska cruise with his wife, Renata. They, collectively, have three grand-children. Jarrett Anderson and Marge explored Europe for 6 weeks this past summer. Philip Rudnick has entered into the Mediation field, but

Classmates in attendance were: Gerald Ansell, Robert Campbell, Eric Ashtom, Richard Byrne, Walter Gooskey, Philip Deitch, Robert Gacin, Judd Goldfeder, Lawrence Greer, Stanley Haberman, David Haytun, Barrie Karen, Richard Jones, William McGinn, Don Mills, Jun Mori, Maurice Muehle, Robert Roberson, Ronald Ross, James Russell, Robert Schaffer, J. Schulman, Edmund Siegel, Marshall Siskin, Arthur Snyder, Howard Thaler and Joann Porter Toll. Special guests Carolyn Heine, Law School representatives, and spouses and friends enjoyed fine food and spirits. Our Law School guest brought us up to date on current enrollment, which is now quite different from our class. Our lone distaff attendee, Joann Porter, regaled us with stories of how it felt to be one of the few women in class; current enrollment is now about half women. Other Law School stories from attendees were told and our M.C., J. Schulman, surprised us with his new hobby, legal poetry! Honest! The big 5-0 is coming before you know it. Hope to see you all there.

Ronald Ross, Class Reporter

Class of 1958
On May 3, 2003 the Class of 1958 held a 45 year reunion at the Regency Club in West Los Angeles. (See the USC Law summer issue, page 37, for pictures.) Special thanks goes to Kevan Jones and others of the USC Law School for making it a memorable occasion. Judging by all the smiles and laughter, a good time was, indeed, had by all.

Shirley Olsen, Class Reporter
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still farms and is involved in commercial and industrial land development. He is also responsible for some of those awful looking energy generating windmills you see in the Mohave Desert. His son, Daniel, is house counsel for a pharmacy company while son Steve in Ecuador preserving habitat and culture of the local Indians. Phil has 3 other children and 3 grandchildren. Ed Rote is fully retired and 70 years young. Phil Nicholson and Joan (Bea to some of us) just celebrated their 43rd anniversary, yes still married to each other and took a 3 week motorcycle trip through the eastern part of Canada as well as a 3 week motorcycle trip throughout New England. Phil still specializes in real estate transactional work, but has cut down to 2 days a week.

Your class reporter, Charles Whitesell, recently spent a week fishing out of Prince of Wales Island in Alaska and joined the “30+” club, a King Salmon of over 30 lbs. and also brought in a 100 lb. halibut on a 20 lb. test line, quite a task. Randy Siple still is in hiding on his avocado and lemon ranch in Carpinteria with his wife and 2 teen age sons, who, he reports, follow his interest in musical instruments. He and the family travel extensively in promoting their new business as organic certifiers, whatever that is! Randy reports that he is President of the American Federation of Jazz Societies. Robert O’Brien has returned to L.A. Central setting on assignment in Dept. 17. Carlos Borja lives in Fair Oaks, California. He has 5 children and 8 grandchildren. Carlos, as you might recall, has a heart transplant and now spends his time traveling throughout Mexico. Ron Golan is active in his practice in Palm Desert and is “happily divorced for 25 years.” Dick Norman spends more time on the golf course now, but still is active in his law practice in Ventura, despite his reported “retirement.” Don Reisner is already retired and works out of his home in Sacramento as a lobbyist. If you have anything to report, let me know via e-mail at cwhitesell@earthlink.net.

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Class of 1963
On May 18, 2003, the Class of 1963 held its 40th Year Reunion at Nic’s in Beverly Hills. A big thanks goes to Wally Karabian for making special arrangements at the restaurant for this memorable event. The classmates in attendance were: Hon. Michael Montgomery, Mr. Richard Share, Judge Donald Renetzky, Hon. Walter Karabian, Judge Edward Simpson, Mr. Sydney Haleem, Judge James Kad o, Mr. Allan Brown, Mr. Sam Perlmutter, Mr. John Karns, Mr. Michael Shapiro, Judge Gregory Muñoz, Mr. Gerald Blankenship, Mr. Gary Zimmerman, Mr. Michael Loshin, Mr. Thomas Gorman, Mr. Richard Ward, Hon. Dana Hobart and Mr. Trevor Grimm. Special guest Judge Dorothy Nelson (*56) was present to celebrate the fun-filled occasion and to reminisce about good times at the law school. We are hoping to see you all at the next reunion!

On the Honor Roll
Mark E. Schaffer ’67 has been appointed to the board of directors of Commercial Capital Bank, FSB. Schaffer started his career with Tuttle & Taylor, a Los Angeles-based firm specializing in real estate and corporate law, where he became managing partner. He also served as president of Amfac Distribution of Hawaii and as senior executive at Lowe Enterprises and president of Lowe Enterprises Realty Services.

Class of 1967
Dennis Wasser continues to be the means by which the extraordinarily wealthy and famous seek refuge from failed and foiled attempts at domesticity. More recently, his daughter Laura’s doral fin has surfaced with his in the waters off Beverly Hills as a member of his firm. Articles about him appear in various trend-setting Westside newspapers with regularity. Denny Geier, clad in surfer gear, reports that daughter Shelley left the Brobeck firm (well, everyone else died, too) and now is establishing her California practice with Geier & Geier. Denny claims he is the part-time law clerk only, inasmuch as he retired only a year or so ago from his former practice. He also is the helper at Polo Properties (Joanne is the CEO) developing mini-storage facilities throughout Southern California. These have proved helpful to myriad of tenants moving between major office buildings owned by Richard Ziman’s Arden Realty REIT. Dick continues to lead his firm to the ownership and management of an astonishing percentage of major commercial real estate holdings in Southern Cal. He also works tirelessly for the City of Hope, USC, and many other charitable organizations. Mary Ann Cohen, the most senior voting Judge of the United States Tax Court and Chief Judge Emeritus of that Citadel standing between the IRS and the rest of us, now travels throughout the country dispensing wisdom and justice. She maintains close ties with classmates Chris Bryson, Eleanor Clegg Lynn, and Judith Nelson (*65), who in July helped Mary Ann celebrate a birthday in New Mexico, her natal land. District Court Judge Alcinemarie Huber Stoller, responding to the Class Reporter’s plea for news of lives and fortunes reports a great life, no fortune, and yet another trip to Hawaii for a Ninth Circuit conference. (Strangey, the Circuit has yet to hold a conference in Roseburg, Oregon, Chula Vista, California, Spokane, Washington, or other vacation paradise spots.) John Gaimis and his partners at Gaims, Weil, West & Epstein recently celebrated the 15th anniversary of the firm at its offices in Century City, serving drinks, dinner, magic, and jazz to their guests. Phil Goar has completed two decades as lead research attorney at Division Seven of the Second District Court of Appeal. He is also the State Bar representative on the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Society of Orange County, helping the Society develop computer programs allowing persons appearing in pro per and unable to travel to Dennis Wasser’s office to prepare and file pleadings in domestic cases. These are available at kiosks in the Orange County Superior Court and soon will be available in other Counties. David Getches became Dean of the University of Colorado Law School on July 1st. He and Ann continue to spend a great deal of time outdoors, hiking and working on their mountain land outside of Boulder. David has been a prolific teacher and writer of articles and treatises on Environmental Law and Native American legal issues — making it all the more ironic that he recently sustained multiple fractures and lacerations on his head when a teepee collapsed on him.
He reports that he is fine; perhaps he will choose a casino next time. Roy (now R. Ellis) Harper has been in private trial practice in Nevada City, California, for the last fifteen years. He is largely involved in Plaintiffs’ personal injury, employment, Civil Rights, and business torts, as well as some criminal defense work. Roy reports that he is happy to enjoy good health. (Several years ago, this Reporter was alarmed when Sacramento sources reported that he had passed away. He had simply moved to the gold country.) (sue to) Stan Gold has followed his inner mouse to a great career in business. He and Roy Disney engage in a great variety of enterprises from their base with Shamrock Holdings. There is time, however, for public service. Stan was recently elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of USC, after serving for a number of years as a member. He also recently won the Le Mans Classic for classic sports cars driving a 1954 Porsche 904, and participated in a 24 hour race somewhere in France. Walter B. Connolly is a senior partner at Foley & Lardner, Detroit, and resides in Naples, Florida. He has specialized in defending Civil Rights and wage-hour class action suits, and has been lead attorney in over 90 class actions. He has authored six books on EEO and Labor Law, very likely from a slightly different perspective than our own beloved FEJ. He writes that he does not live in France, but visits there six times a year – it is safe to assume he at least keeps a locker there. Richard Feinberg has cleared the Coast, and now resides in Old Pasadena, content in retirement, often shouting “Free at last, Free at last, thank God Almighty, free at last” to whomever will listen. He and bride recently visited Vietnam, Cambodia, Burma & Thailand (destinations soon to be visited by Denny & Joanne Geiler) just ahead of the SARS crisis. For physicians, timing is everything. Steven Rosen simply writes, “Retired.” Marion E. (Tut) Wynne has been in Fairhope, Alabama, for lo these many years. He and Susan have been active in the community, where he has been City Attorney, a City Judge earlier on, and President of the County Bar Association. William M. Thornbury has joined our retired cohort “after a third of a century as an L.A. County deputy Public Defender.” W. Patrick O’Keefe, Jr.’s practice continues to focus on business transactions and litigation, with continuing interest in estate planning. He has been very active in the Orange County Bar Assoc., serving on numerous committees and sections, while involved in numerous jury trials and over 100 bench trials to judgment. Bill Ginsburg and wife, Laura recently returned from Scotland. Photographs of Bill wearing the kilt have been ordered destroyed and the kilt returned. Bill continues to focus on health care law. While the firm, Cotkin, Collins & Ginsburg is often involved in the financial structure of modern medicine, Bill continues to defend health care providers who are alleged to have committed malpractice – and he is by this time past 300 jury trials. Bill continues to lecture extensively throughout the country on medical care issues, to doctors, lawyers, and general audiences, and on all other issues to everyone else. Children David, Max, and Sasha are all headed toward professional careers. Mark Schaffer has retired from the Lowe Companies and now guides the interests of Marblehead Land Company in Malibu, which he joined after the untimely death of N. Hunt Dallas, whose grandfather Frederick Rindge purchased 23,000 acres from Topanga Canyon to the Ventura County line long, long ago. J. Christopher Toews, has been practicing business, estates, and tax planning for professionals and owners of closely held businesses in San Luis Obispo since 1984. Prior to that Chris was a Vice President of Citibank for 10 years. He now engages in alpine skiing, windsurfing, and biking. He has been active in State Bar committees on Partnership/LLCs and Nonprofit Organizations.

John S. Edmunds, his one year mandatory “internship” in Hawaii now only a distant memory, a chive his lifelong dream of living on the ocean, between Diamond Head and Hauuma Bay, and becoming one of the better known trial lawyers in Paradise – specializing in Plaintiffs’ personal injury and medical malpractice, business litigation, and defending the occasional allegedly unrighteous person. He is on the Hawaii Judicial Selection Commission, which recommends judges for appointment by the Governor. Norin Grancell continues as senior partner in his multi-city workers’ compensation defense firm, guiding a very large number of lawyers whose goal is to bedevil those who represent injured workers (such as your Reporter.) His family is a source of great joy, and he, like so many of us who are grandparents, revels in that role. Joseph Peter Myers and wife Yvonne have been dividing our time between Riverside, where I still practice and 3/4 of our 4 children and 3/4 of our 8 grandchildren live and Del Mar, where the air is sweet and pure, the beaches only crowded in summers, and the turf still meets the surf. Reading the notes from classmates is a joy – while some have achieved greatness, almost all of us have achieved goodness, in a profession and a world which rarely grants either. The numbers of our children who have entered the profession are amazing, the achievements of all are terrific. I encourage everyone to contribute notes by email – not necessarily waiting for my biennial pleas. You may use jpm@myerslaw.net; myerslaw@earthlink.net; and myerslaw@aol.com any time.

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On the Honor Roll

Charles V. Berwanger ’69, a partner in the San Diego office of Gordon & Rees, has been elected chairman of the litigation section of the State Bar of California. During his 30 years of practice, Berwanger has specialized in complex business and real estate litigation.

Class of 1969

Charley Berwanger reports in from La Jolla and says that his tennis improves as his body ages. He is Chair of the State Bar Litigation Section and Vice Chair of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers. The good news for Ed Dikkes is that he won a seat on the Hollywood City Council. The bad news is that the City didn’t get created so he is a coun-cilman without a city. Instead he is still practicing municipal law part-time and is also a part-time city manager. He was part of a team that photographed and documented cave and rock art in the Cerro San Francisco of Baja. His son recently got his Ph.D. in plant molecular biology and his daughter is a teacher and administrator at UC Santa Cruz. Dick Dombrow’s 16-week-per-year travel schedule has finally been interrupted. He broke his leg skiing in...
Growing up near Wrigley Field on Chicago’s North Side, Rob Owens ’77 adored the Cubs. He played ball himself as an outfielder and a pitcher on Mather High School’s prep-winning team of 1967. But never in his private field of dreams did Owens imagine actually owning a baseball team – certainly not while he made his way through USC Law School.

That stroke of fortune didn’t happen until years later, after Owens had graduated, worked for a large Century City law firm and then quit to form a small firm with longtime associate Linda Gach Ray. In fact, it came during a serendipitous soak in a hot tub, where Owens found himself in conversation with the owner of a minor league team. The owner turned out to be a former attorney. “A light went off in my head,” Owens recalls. “I called my partner that very day.”

Owens and Gach Ray soon formed Never Say Never Inc. and purchased the Helena Brewers in 1996 from a Northern California businessman. After four years in Montana, the Brewers packed their bats and balls and moved to Provo, Utah, lured by the promise of a new stadium and Utah County’s potential fan base of 370,000. The Pioneer League team is now affiliated with the Anaheim Angels, 2002 World Series champions.

Although Owens and his partner still maintain their law practice in West Los Angeles, they attend as many games as possible during the season. Owens is no absentee owner – he has done everything from taking tickets to sweeping the bleachers after games. It’s an experience, he says, that is the result of a lifetime of daydreaming.

“Linda and I have talked over the years about doing something else besides practice law,” he says. “Both of us are certifiable sports nuts. When this opportunity came up, we decided to just go for it. Life’s an adventure – why not?”

To be sure, running a baseball team has its drawbacks as well as its rewards. Although the Provo Angels have won division titles and nearly 70 percent of their matches, the crowd averages about 1,600 per game, making it difficult to earn a profit. And for months the team was looking for a new home in anticipation of their contract at Brigham Young University’s Miller Field ending this season. In October, Utah Valley State College announced plans to build a new $3.8 million stadium for the Angels.

But Owens doesn’t have any regrets about getting into a business that he and his partner were totally ignorant about when they began.

“Many, many times, I’ve said this is a crazy business,” he says. “But watching these players chase their dreams for a few years is a tremendous experience. It’s as much my dream as it is theirs.”

– P.C.
Italy which required surgery and bone grafts. He said it was successful and he will be fully recovered to make his annual dove hunting trip with Bunky Schuck. Steve Freeman reports that his middle child, Lisa, will be starting Yale Law School next semester. As I have previously reported over the years, Jeff Goldstein has spent 25 years representing Mexican successors in title to settlers of the Sangre De Cristo Land Grant. He just won that case in the Colorado Supreme Court. He plans to sail from Florida to Bermuda in the fall. Joe Jaconi and his wife, Kathy, will be celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary. Three of his children are in Washington, D.C., but his youngest will be returning to start his junior year at USC. Kirk McAllister is living in Modesto with his wife (and law partner) Jane and his 2 sons, aged 5 and 3 (!). He is a certified criminal law specialist and you may have seen him on the news recently as co-counsel in the Scott Peterson case. Donovan Main is in his 33rd year as a Los Angeles County Counsel. He is now Chief Deputy in charge of all county litigation, labor/employment and special projects. He has also been the attorney for the L.A. Coliseum Commission since 1984. He and his wife, Constance, who he married in law school, have recently traveled to England, Scotland and France, and will be traveling to Germany, Switzerland and Italy this year. Kim Pearman has been in private practice for 35 years now after stints as a L.A. City Attorney and District Attorney. He has been married for 39 years to Carol, who is also a lawyer. His son, Robert, is his law partner. He currently has a case pending in the California Supreme Court on coverage issues. This is his second California Supreme Court case and he has many DCA opinions. He spent 3 weeks in Thailand and Korea last year. Rich Reinis has become an inactive member of the Bar and says that he is delighted. It could have something to do with the fact that his new company, Great Circle Family Foods (i.e., our territorial Krispy Kreme franchisees) surpassed $50 million in sales last year and will pass $60 million this year. His wife, Lois, is working hard as a member of the Crossroads School Board. Of his 5 children, 3 are married, and he has 5 grandchildren. Stanton “Larry” Stein has also become a grandfather. Hard to believe if you saw Larry on the cover of the entertainment law issue of Los Angeles Lawyer Magazine in May. He still looks the same. Larry was an adjunct professor at USC Law School last spring teaching an entertainment law course. He recently traveled with his family to Maui. Pete Williams retired last year. He plays golf almost every day and has played at some of the best courses in the country (e.g. Pinehurst, The Greenbrier, etc.). He is also in a syndicate which owns 3 thoroughbreds, all winners. No wonder Kirk McAllister could not talk him out of retirement to be co-counsel in the Peterson case. He tried. Both of Pete’s kids are at USC. Trav Wood is fully recovered from his spine surgery and was recently elected to the Board of Governors of the Los Angeles Chapter of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers. He was in Argentina for 2 weeks earlier this year and also went to a reunion with his undergraduate friends (I won’t mention the school) in Martha’s Vineyard. His younger son, Peter, is now a chef at Bouchon, one of Santa Barbara’s best restaurants, and I expect that Trav will get me comped there for plugging the restaurant. Not one for change, Bob Rosenberg has now moved 5 times in 27 years within the same building in Beverly Hills. I have gone from the 5th floor to the 7th to the 9th to the 7th to the 5th, which seems to closely parallel my legal career. My son, Todd, recently returned from a trip to Cuba with his USC MBA program. Jackie and I are waiting for our daughter, Allison, to give birth to our first granddaughter later this year. Hence, only local travel recently. However, we will be taking a cruise to Central and South America in January to help get my mind off the big birthday that most of us are now facing or have recently faced. My best to everyone, and thanks for sending me your news. Please e-mail me with any updates.

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On the Honor Roll
Richard Chernick ’70, an internationally recognized arbitration expert, was named chair of the American Bar Association’s dispute resolution section. A full-time arbitrator and mediator since 1994, Chernick is vice president and managing director of JAMS’ arbitration practice.

Class of 1978
Lucienne Allard Coleman and her husband Lee retired this year. She was a prosecutor with the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s office. Mark Atwood practices domestic and international aviation, administrative, and government relations law in Washington, D.C. His children are Ginny, 16, and Christopher, 11. Steven E. Balley, a specialist in corporate and securities law and international transactions, splits his time between his firm’s offices in Washington, D.C. and Berlin, Germany. He is celebrating 25 years with his partner. Elizabeth (Betsy) Bolles Blakely has been married to Chris Blakely (class of 1979) for 20 years. Their children are Lauren, 17, and Will, 13. At the same downtown firm for 23 years, her practice involves business transactions and estate planning. Dianne H. Bukats has been with the same firm in Pasadena for 23 years practicing estate planning. She and husband Rick, have two sons in college, Rick, 20, and Dan, 19. With his own firm in Las Vegas, Nevada since 1983, Steve Burris, married to Melanie for 20 years, represents plaintiffs in personal injury cases. Son Michael, 24, enters grad school in December. Son Jimmy, 12, has a single digit golf handicap. Darlene Fischer Phillips writes from Baja California Sur that she retired from the practice of law in 1998 after 20 years as a land use attorney. Tom Hansen and Judy Hofflund, married for 13 years, have daughters aged 8 and 11. An entertainment lawyer, he started his own firm in Beverly Hills 15 years ago. He relaxes by fly fishing on the Snake River. Karen Hausglad Carone practiced law in three states before moving to Oklahoma with Dan, her husband of 20 years. Retiring as a lawyer upon the birth of daughter Alexandra, 12, she now runs a catering company and designs jewelry. Katherine Hensley recently retired from practicing general corporate, securities, and executive compensation law. Steve Hogan’s daughter Rebecca starts at Southwestern Law School this fall. Polly Horn survived the merger of her firm with a large D.C.-based firm and practices business litigation and attorney malpractice defense. William M. Ketchum, a law librarian for the San Bernardino County Law Library, formerly practiced immigration and bankruptcy law. He celebrated his Declaration of Domestic Partnership with
Breck Rollins on March 16, 2003. Tom Koopf practices adult and juvenile criminal defense in Newport Beach, California. On May 22, 2003, he and his wife Cathy celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary. Son Bradley starts college this fall while son Jonathan will begin high school. John Land left private practice to become a telecommuting in-house counsel for a Massachusetts software company. Son Jason starts UC Santa Cruz this fall; daughter Amanda is a competitive gymnast. After litigation in Los Angeles for a few years, Rick Larson moved to a small town in central Texas where he is a sole practitioner doing intellectual property work. He and his wife Julie, married 26 years, have one daughter, Marion, 14, a tall cheerleader. Richard Nathan and his wife Deborah celebrate their third wedding anniversary in October. His “impressive” title at NBC is Vice President, Program and Talent Contracts. Michael Quinn, married to DeeDee Quinn (the former Judy Vaughan), practices securities law in-house downtown with the Trust Company of the West. Keith Scheuer practices business litigation in Marina del Rey. He and his wife Jane Gillett have two teenagers. Bruce Saltzer is the executive director of an association of 75 non-profit child welfare and community mental health agencies in Los Angeles County. Steven A. Schneider is a sole practitioner in Pasadena with a general business litigation practice. Wife Alma teaches English. Daughter Jennifer just received a M.A. from Cal State L.A. in social work. Daughter Rebecca graduated Magna Cum Laude from Boston University. Steve moonlights as a classical pianist. Living in New York City, Bart Schwartz is Senior Vice President and General Counsel for the MONY Group, Inc. Married to Betsy Werthan for 21 years, their children are Claire, 15, and Benjamin, 10. Dorothy Snyder has retired from an estate planning and real estate practice. Diane Tan practices government, health care, and administrative law with the Attorney General’s Office. She and husband King Cheung have a daughter, 14, who dances. Vance Van Petten is the executive director of the Producers Guild of America. The eldest child of Vance and wife Stacy is in college. Caroline Vincent is a mediator and arbitrator with JAMS. Darryl White is a low income housing attorney. He and wife Sandra Jean have two daughters and a son. Married for 24 years, Warren A. Williams and Jeanne (Lowrie) Williams, fell in love during law school. Her area of practice is ERISA Retirement Plans, his is Real Estate. Son Keith, 20, is a USC student. Daughter Meredith, 15, plays flute and piccolo.

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On the Honor Roll
Charles O. Prince ’75 was named CEO of Citigroup, Inc. He has run the company’s global corporate and investment bank since last summer. Under his leadership, the company’s net income increased 12 percent to $2.74 billion in the first half of 2003. Prince was previously chief operating officer of Citigroup. He began his career as an attorney at U.S. Steel Corp. in 1975 and joined Commercial Credit Co., a predecessor to Citigroup, in 1979.

On the Honor Roll
David K. Robbins ’78 was named a principal of Fidelity Cos. and executive vice president of the firm’s Southern California operations. Fidelity Cos. is one of the Midwest’s largest residential and commercial high-rise developers.

Class of 1982
Cindy Alberts Carson continues to excel in her studies at USC Medical School. As you may recall, she is on a leave of absence from her teaching duties at Whittier Law School to pursue her medical degree. Recently, Cindy received the Dean’s Recognition Award for academic excellence, contributed to a new IP book and served as the U.S. representative of the International Board of Editors of the University of Edinburgh’s e-law Journal. Bob Hines and his wife Nancy have four daughters ranging in age from 32 to 11. Their oldest (Vanessa) is a pediatrician in Fort Worth, Texas. Bob continues with the same Northern California tax practice that he has been associated with since 1990 and the couple lives in Novato. Jamie Morell is working as a research attorney for the appellate division of the Orange County Superior Court in Santa Ana, California. His book, The Law of the Sea: An Historical Analysis of the 1982 Treaty and Its Rejection by the United States, was recognized by the State Department as playing an instrumental role in promoting a reevaluation of the Law of the Sea Convention. Besides finding time for travel to Cancun, Cabo, Ibiza and Sedona, he is expecting his first child in 2004. Ernie Riffenburgh now lives in Claremont, California, and practices commercial/industrial real estate transactional law, specializing in the resolution of title issues. Ernie and his life partner Brent Hartman just celebrated their 13th anniversary in August. Exciting recent travels included an April trip to the Ulusaba Private Game Reserve in South Africa, which Ernie reports was just amazing! Laurie Davis and her husband Lou have been in Sacramento five years. Laurie is building her own practice in corporate and business matters and parenting two young daughters (five and three). Last year, during her husband’s sabbatical, Laurie and her family toured Ireland and Tuscany for seven weeks an were able to maintain their sanity. Al Boelster continues to live and work in Southern California. His Marina del Rey law practice specializes in entertainment law, with Universal Studios as its primary client. Recent fun travel includes the North Pole, last year and backpacking the Sangre de Cristo range in Colorado. He is expecting the birth of a child in September. Richard Pipkins has been very busy. His first cases after graduation involved the massive MGM and Las Vegas Hilton fires. Richard then served as a criminal prosecutor for the Clark County District Attorney, later joining a national law firm, specializing in intellectual property law. In 1989, Richard returned to academia, studying both business and computer technology as a Graduate Fellow at the Harvard Business School. Presently, he is an executive with Computer Sciences Corporation, the third largest subcontractor to the U.S. Government. Nancy Scull continues her practice in San Diego with Luce, Forward, where she continues as the head of the Real Estate practice group. Nancy and her
husband Andy (32 years) have three children. Their eldest, Anna will join Nancy in her practice at Luce in January.

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Class of 1985

Pam Westhoff, now a partner at Piper Rudnick, LLP, was honored by the Real Estate Southern California Magazine, as one of six southern California attorneys recognized as the most influential women in real estate. When Bill Barrett is not doing bankruptcy work in Chicago, he is on the run, and qualified for the Boston Marathon. Things are a bit more interesting for Karen Widess as she is now the Senior Coordinator for Programs at the National Endowment for Democracy. Life is good for Sandra Kossacoff who just bought a second home/condo in Malibu. In the category of let’s do good for the world, Ara Najarian sits on the Board of Medical Outreach for Armenians, and recently renovated a trauma hospital to western standards. He is also a Trustee to the Glendale Community College Board.

Simon Grill is still practicing law in Reading, Pennsylvania where he says he specializes in marijuana growing cases. Mark Miller, now a named partner in Maufredi, Levine, Eccles & Miller recently braved international travel to Zurich and St. Morris with his wife and his two children, ages 6 and 1. The rumor is that Pat Gefner is now a grandpa. Amy Trask recently was fitted for her AFC Championship ring, but wished it were a Super Bowl ring. Amy also had the privilege of spending a week on the stand as a witness in the Raiders fraud suit against Oakland. You can read about it on the Raiders website: www.raiders.com. John Lamb is still at Enron winding things down. John recently lectured for your class scribe, Mike Young, at Mike’s negotiations/mediation class at USC, talking about the dynamics of negotiating a deal in excess of $100 million dollars. Kirk Lundburg abandoned the law profession and is now the President, CEO and Chief Cook and bottle washer of Trade Technologies, Inc. (www.tradetechnologies.com) in Austin, Texas, where he is revolutionizing the International letter of credit business. Stan Friedman is still doing crimes. You can check out his new website at www.federalcriminaldefense.com, where you can see Stan’s picture and the effects of 18 years of practicing law. Jim Webber’s 12-year-old daughter Claire had her version of the ending for the 5th book in the Harry Potter series published in the Seattle Times. Jim is counting on Claire and her little sister Amanda, who appeared in a local production of Peter Pan, to support him in his rapidly approaching old age. Gary Phillips and your humble scribe are members of a managing partners group where we get together once a month and complain about how the managing partners are all underpaid and overworked. Bill Choi is busy managing his firm, Rodriguez, Horii & Choi, and wondering why he is working in downtown Los Angeles while everybody else is doing cool stuff like running football teams, watching car races, living in Europe and building houses in Santa Barbara. As appellants, Gerry Serlin reversed five cases last year. The most notable was a U.S. Supreme Court 9-0 win. He reversed three other civil cases as well as one criminal case, (yes it’s true, jurors must be able to understand English). Pam Koslyn continues to fight for groundbreaking decisions. Daily Variety recently published that Kevin Yoder and his partner adopted a baby boy. Jackie Phillips took and passed the Hawaii Bar Exam. She is now licensed in California, Florida and Hawaii. What’s next, Fiji? B rent Coeur-Barron is busily marketing his practice. The word on the street is, “If you want a free lunch, call Brent,” Mark Jenness was recently seen at the Quizno’s in West LA. It’s hard to believe that Mark would leave his cushy job in Reno, Nevada to travel to LA. Linda Louie continues to enjoy the good life at the top gun general counsel for the NHRA. Maurice Weiner was spotted dining with a fellow classmate in West LA where he was allegedly trying to drum up business. Mark Werksman has survived the turmoil of moving to new office space. Buzz White continues to be the big billing partner at Hill, Farrer & Burrill. Fred Wong forgot to respond to Mike’s questionnaire, but we will give him a plug anyway just because we like Fred. Jerry Kline and Steve Mindel continue to expand their 9 attorney practice, and have changed the firm name to Reinberg.

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Elisa Montoya ’00 belongs to a political family. Her parents were Clinton-Gore appointees. Her father was a lifelong civil rights activist, and her mother has served in several high-profile posts, including as the former deputy chief of staff at the Department of Energy. So it hardly comes as a surprise that Montoya would fall into the family business.

“You could say that I was raised with an eye toward civil rights issues and public policy,” says Montoya, adding, “As long as I can remember, I’ve wanted to get a law degree because I grew up with the mantra that ‘knowledge is power.’”

Her decision to pursue a public service career took on even more urgency when her father, David Montoya, died unexpectedly three weeks before she had planned to take the California Bar Exam. The tragedy momentarily stalled Montoya’s plans, but she eventually took and passed the bar. In mid-2001, she moved to Washington, D.C., ready to tackle the town as a political newcomer.

Montoya’s first opportunity came with Rep. Xavier Becerra, a Democrat from Los Angeles whose district included Hollywood, Chinatown, Los Feliz and Silver Lake. Montoya was charged with the congressman’s Latino policy work, telecommunications issues, and appropriations efforts, making use of her civil rights knowledge as well as her joint degree from USC Law School and the Annenberg School for Communication.

Within a year she found herself on the Senate side, working as a legislative assistant for Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nevada) on a number of issues, including Latino outreach, immigration, civil rights, tort reform, telecommunications and technology, Indian affairs and Indian gaming. As the Senate’s minority whip, Sen. Reid enjoys a certain stature and respect among his congressional peers. That has made Montoya’s burgeoning political career even more compelling.

“I’m in a situation where my boss is a very well-respected and a very proactive policymaker,” she says. “I could have never imagined myself in a job where I spend my morning working with nonprofit groups in Nevada, my afternoon examining medical malpractice tort reform, and my evening focusing upon the FCC media ownership rules. It’s a very exciting job, and I sleep well at night.”

The senator himself returns the compliment. “Elisa’s legal, technical and interpersonal skills are a tremendous asset for me on a wide range of challenging issues,” Reid says. “Her ability to work on complicated hi-tech and communications issues while keeping her eye on real-world impacts is a testament to her education and experience.”

So far, Montoya is most proud of her work on an amendment to the Defense Authorization Bill, which was modeled after legislation introduced by Reid to expedite the citizenship process for noncitizen soldiers serving in the U.S. military during times of combat and their immediate relatives who are noncitizens. “We have United States soldiers risking their lives and dying to protect liberties that they or their families do not fully enjoy,” Montoya says.

Surely, David Montoya would have been proud of his daughter’s work too.

“I want my father’s legacy to live on in my work,” says Montoya.

– P.C.
Mindel, Brandt & Kline. It was a pleasure to fill in for Mike as your honorary class scribe.

Steve Mindel, Honorary Class Reporter smindel@fmbklaw.com

Class of 1988

Regular readers of this column will recall the ongoing battle for a special Am Jur © Award to be given to the Class of 1988 alumnus or alumna with the most children. Although the results are not yet fully tabulated, Scott Lawler leads the pack with seven, ranging from a toddler to a sophomore in college. With nine under one roof, space was at a premium, so the family has recently moved to Alberta, Canada, where Scott heads up International Securities Group, Inc., and acts as General Counsel for FACT Corporation, a U.S. public company based in Calgary. Tod Turley will have to settle for the silver medal, with five children, aged 12 to 19. Tod is president and co-founder of AmenVon LLC, a telecommunications company in Agoura Hills, and serves as a director and consultant to a number of financial services, software, and entertainment companies. Watch out for Estelle Braaf, who in the last issue reported her 2002 marriage to Scott Koepe (J.D. ’84), and now announces the birth of twins Juliette Claire and Justin Paul. Just three more sets of twins, Estelle, and you’ll take the prize! Professionally, Estelle is on leave from Cox, Castle & Nicholson where she specializes in real estate litigation. Mary Carter Andrews is still an Assistant U.S. Attorney, prosecuting civil rights, public corruption, and government fraud cases. Her quest for that elusive Am Jur Award has taken a creative turn. She and her husband, who are already the proud parents of two children, are traveling to Russia to adopt a 3-year-old girl from an orphanage. And while many of us still strive for Am Jur awards, Heidi Hurd passes them out as Dean (yes, THE Dean) of the University of Illinois College of Law. A peek at the school’s website reveals that Dean Hurd is now the boss of her husband of 16 years, former USC Law Professor Michael Moore. But rumor has it that the real bosses at home are the couple’s six-year-old twins, Aidan and Gillian. Dave Nash has left the law to begin work as a mortgage broker in downtown Los Angeles, and with his wife Laura just celebrated their daughter Katie’s first birthday. Jerry Abeles has been installed as Chair of the Editorial Board of Los Angeles Lawyer Magazine. Ashleigh Danker and her husband have recently traveled to the Big Island of Hawaii, and missed our recent reunion due to a pre-planned trip to Australia. No word if they stayed at Michael Mailloux’s pad while Down Under, as Mike traveled from his home in Australia to attend the reunion! Rick Gaxiola recently celebrated his 20th wedding anniversary with his wife Marcella. They have three children, aged three to thirteen years. Rick recently won a plaintiff’s verdict the size of which cannot be reported here, due to editorial word-count limitations. Lisa Mundel Maas lives in Sacramento with husband Brian and children Jared and Natalie. She is VP and General Counsel of The Dentist’s Insurance Company, where she puts to great use all those skills she learned with her third-year trial advocacy partner, your Class Reporter. Greg Schaffer heads up the Cybercrime Prevention and Response Practice at PricewaterhouseCoopers (there’s a name a word-counting editor will love). Greg now lives in Hot Springs, Arkansas, with his wife and two fantastic kids, Isaac and Jenna-Rose. Greg recently served as U.S. Representative at the Council of Europe’s Cybercrime Convention, which, despite its name, was actually geared toward the prevention of Cybercrime. Matthew Collette and his wife Leigh adopted their son Joshua from Korea in 1995. Joshua is a budding hockey star, having recorded

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his first hat trick earlier this year. Matt is still arguing appellate cases at the Department of Justice, mostly on First Amendment issues. Raymond Sun and his wife Daisy have one daughter, Rachel, and Raymond works as a sole practitioner in Irvine, specializing in intellectual property matters. Kathryn Imahara and her husband, Jeff, welcomed their little girl Aiko into the world in 1999. Kathryn left L.A. and the law in 1998, and her family now resides in Renton, Washington. De borah Round is also retired from the practice of law and is enjoying family life. Her husband Rob and three children live in Denver and have traveled extensively over the last few years. And, speaking of travel, your Class Reporter and his wife Kerri recently made their first major post-baby trip, from Pasadena all the way to Marina del Rey, to attend our fun-filled fifteenth reunion!

Paul Marks, Class Reporter
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Class of 1989

Thanks again to those who replied to the most recent questionnaire. If you have not replied recently, please take a few minutes to e-mail (jzarian@foglaw.com) or write me in care of the Law School, any time, so I can include your updates in future columns. Bill Molinski is a partner in the Los Angeles office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe. He practices in the area of commercial litigation with an emphasis in intellectual property litigation.

Bill recently played golf with the Celtic Bar Association of Orange County, where Darren Atken is an officer. Ty Shimoguchi, Dan Lubeck and Rich Cohn were a part of Bill’s foursome. Hope Melville is also a partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in Los Angeles, focusing on patent and trademark matters. Randi Bandman continues to practice as a partner with Milberg Weiss Bershad Hynes & Lerach, but is spending more time in the Los Angeles office. Deana Pollard is a visiting professor at the University of Denver this year, teaching torts, family law, and constitutional law. (She uses Erwin Chemerinsky’s textbook.) Deana has published two recent law review articles relating to the banning of child corporal punishment.

She and Laura Westray recently got together in Palm Desert. Laura Westray Hankins is still practicing family in the South Bay. She also serves as a court settlement officer for the Family Law Departments in downtown Los Angeles and Torrance. Jack Merrick has established a new senior home care business, Good Company Senior Care, Inc., with offices in Los Angeles and (soon) Palm Desert and Rancho Cucamonga. Jack’s company provides affordable in-home, non-medical companion care for the elderly. Jack and Margo recently had a baby boy (Jackson), who joins brother James (now 3), Tamara Byram and her husband (David) were joined by a baby girl, Jennifer Merle, last year. Tami says they are still “in awe.” Eve Jaffe is president of Garb Jaffe & Associates Legal Placement, LLC, a legal recruiting firm operating in Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties. She and husband Glenn have two daughters (ages 6 and 9). Maryann Kelly is a financial planner with UBS in Century City, advising entertainment celebrities and business owners. She intends to start her sons, Seamus and Luc, skiing this year in Deer Valley. John Molina is the Chief Financial Officer at Molina Healthcare, Inc., which just went public this summer (MOH on the NYSE). He and his wife, Michelle, have two kids, Antonia (3) and Giovanni (1). Ormond “Rene” Fondra was deployed with NATO’s peacekeeping forces in Bosnia in 2002. He recently retired from military service with the U.S. Air Force after 22 years. Robert Michael Mammano is a senior partner in his law firm, handling personal injury, business and financial related matters. He enjoys water skiing in Lake Havasu, and reports that his daughter will soon be attending law school, maybe at USC.

Mignon Worman Tucker recently married Thomas Tudor Tucker, and now lives in Richmond, Virginia. As for me, I recently enjoyed back-to-backtrips to Amsterdam (with my wife) and Spain (with Leisa and all three kids). I am absolutely exhausted, and recovering from my exertions by getting back to work. Please keep sending your updates!

Best regards,

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Class of 1990

HOME AND FAMILY UPDATES. Delia Swan and her husband celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary in July, and Delia’s daughters, Alison and Jen, are both studying Latin! Charles Savoni writes that he and wife Virginia are enjoying raising Joey (age 11) and Samantha (age 9). Steve Pfahler and his wife recently had twin boys, Justin and Ryan, and now have a “full house” with 3 children.

Kelly (Quigley) Applegate and husband Ken are expecting a boy in November, who will meet sister Caroline (age 2). Lynette (Gridiron) Winston and husband James welcomed son Devon James Winston in May, and Leah DeLancey welcomed son Matthew Ryan Chang in June. Greg Nylen and wife Mary Ann are working on kids between batches of legendary Belgian-style microbrew, and crops of tomatoes, pole beans, Swiss chard, hops (of course), peppers and a million other things in their “wild and wooly” garden. And, the clear winner in the “most romantic” news category, Shirley Paine’s beau Rowan proposed atop the Eiffel Tower [!] in April, and she and Rowan were wed on August 1st (the Celtic start of summer) in an intimate Celtic wedding ceremony on the beach. WORK UPDATES. Mark Feldman recently attended James Bozajian’s second [!] inauguration as Mayor of the City of Calabasas. Also working for the City of Calabasas, Steve Pfahler, of Bannan, Green, Frank & Terzian, is now part of the Special Counsel team representing the City in its efforts to stop Washington Mutual Bank’s Ahmanson Ranch project. If the project were to go forward, it would be the largest development in Ventura County history. Doug Emhoff’s Beverly Hills-based firm, Whitwell Jacoby Emhoff, continues to grow and prosper. Delia Swan’s company, Swan Legal Search, just celebrated its 6th anniversary, and opened a San Diego office for the Townsend and Townsend and Crew firm. Nazanin Lankarani is Special Counsel in the New York office of Lovell’s, a London-based international law firm, and she reports that her commercial litigation practice frequently takes her to London, Paris and Moscow. Paul Hastings attorney Catherine (Patio) Patton concentrates on corporate finance and just closed a $2 billion plus deal that
took the Dole Food Company private. Allison Malin has gone in-house at Infonet Services Corporation, where she is the Manager of Business and Legal Affairs. Greg Nylen reports that he recently won an $8 million plus judgment, but would rather discuss his Belgian-style micro-brewery and/or music. Kevin Greber was recently spotted in the Long Beach courthouse by your Class Reporter Mary Ann Soden. Kevin was pounding down the hall for an afternoon appearance for the defense, and stopped just long enough to report that he is working on his first million [which would be quite a defense retainer]. Also spotted, but away from the legal grind, Steve and Liz Atlee, who were enjoying “date night” at the Taper. Kevin, Steve and Liz are all easy to spot because they look just like they did in law school 13 years ago! [Guys, what’s your secret?] TRAVEL UPDATES. Kelly (Quigley) Applegate’s husband Ken is a New Zealander, so Kelly and Ken make frequent trips to New Zealand. Delia Swan was recently in Hawaii, and her daughter Jen is off to Morea. Catherine (Patino) Patton is “constantly visiting the Islands of Hawaii, and her next trip will be to Lanai for the Dole closing party. Allison Malin recently visited Machu Picchu in Peru, and swam with dolphins in Jamaica. Since meeting three years ago, Shirley Paine and her new husband Rowan have been to France, Barbados and Brazil, where they went adventure traveling on the Amazon. Though Greg Nylen has been doing a lot of sailing lately, he says he mostly travels in his mind and really needs a vacation. OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS. Though she has never done a 10K, Lori Loo has joined the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s “Team in Training Program” and is preparing for the Long Beach Half Marathon on October 12, 2003. Lori and many of her teammates will be participating in the event in honor of Lori’s son Quinten, who continues his courageous fight against Leukemia. Catherine (Patino) Patton is proud to serve as legal counsel for the Orange County Chapter of the American Red Cross. In July, Mark Feldman proudly presented a 60-hour seminar on Public Contracts and Procurement Regulations in California. And, last but not least, from the ever-quotable Greg Nylen: “I am most proud of my decision to get in shape again. I haven’t actually taken any steps along those lines, but I made the decision to do it.” [Touché!] Keep us posted!

Molly Hansen (mhansen@d2.com) & Mary Ann Soden (masoden@hotmail.com), Class Reporters

On the Honor Roll
Deborah L. Babb ’94 and Todd E. Whitman ’94 were elected partner at Allen Matkins Leck Gamble & Mallory LLP, a California business and real estate law firm. Babb, who primarily focuses on real estate transactions, will work in the firm’s Los Angeles office. Whitman will work in the firm’s Century City office, with an emphasis on partnership and large-scale contract disputes in commercial litigation.

Class of 1992
The best thing about writing this column is catching up with everyone, and “reconnecting” classmates to each other. Maria (Greeky) VanHees and her husband Robert traveled extensively until Valentine’s Day this year when son Owen joined their lives. Even still, little Owen quickly is accumulating as many frequent flyer miles as his parents; he managed to fly to Florida, Michigan, Texas and California this past summer. For the past five years Maria has worked in-house at Corporate Express in Broomfield, Colorado. She manages nationwide litigation, handles employment issues, and advises on contract matters with vendors, customers, etc. Robyn Manos is a corporate finance lawyer with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C. Allison Brightman is Associate Counsel for West Coast Programming at HBO. She has three children, a son Mike (13) and daughters Erica (9) and Mia (3), and recently completed a term as Vice-Chair of the California Advisory Commission on Special Education. Allison has had many lunches with Gary Gradinger (’91), ran into Jeff Schneider (’91) and keeps in close contact with Rich Kasper (’91) who now lives in Arizona. Audrey (Rohn) Nafziger and her husband returned to their Santa Barbara home after vacationing in Budapest, Prague, Vienna, Bulgaria and Venice. I caught a glimpse of Steve Kraemer at a Lakers’ play-off game in May. Steve and his wife just finished remodeling their 1924 Spanish style Belmont Heights home, giving them space for their 2-year-old son and new daughter Olivia who arrived in July. Steve works for a Newport Beach company which buys bank loans on the secondary market and services those loans for its investors. Karen Feld is a partner at Lewis Brisbois, et al. in San Bernardino having returned to work when her son started kindergarten last fall. Karen tells me Erik Howell is the campaign manager for Terrence Hallinan, the San Francisco District Attorney. Mark Campbell says he and his wife Diane have no recent vacations to speak of, but loved their Hawaiian honeymoon in 1997. (Yes, Mark, it is time for another vacation!) Mark keeps in touch with Zev Books and Jim Locklin. Jim works in the appellate division of the public defender’s office in Los Angeles. Marcus Bastida and his wife Amy have a one-year-old baby boy, Maxwell William, born on Halloween 2002. Reem Masarani and her husband Alan live in Orange County with their two boys, ages 5 and 3. Reem works for KPMG doing tax consulting for real estate companies. Lia Martin Carter is a Deputy District Attorney in Los Angeles assigned to the

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alumni profile: LeAnna Gutierrez ’01

making it on the hill

Throughout law school, LeAnna Gutierrez ’01 harbored dreams of working in Washington, D.C., and having an impact on federal policy, especially as it affects women. In the fall of 2002, Gutierrez made her big move. She left her staff job at the California Women’s Law Center, where she had served as the Nina C. Leibman Fellow, and headed to the nation’s capital – without a job.

But Gutierrez lucked out, landing a coveted job in the office of Sen. Bill Nelson, the junior Democrat from Florida. As one of four legislative counsels, she advises the senator on a host of issues, including transportation, immigration and sports. Gutierrez, who is Cuban-American and speaks Spanish, also works on Hispanic and women’s outreach. One of her biggest projects so far has come in the form of an aviation bill that Nelson introduced. The bill would require all foreigners to undergo background checks before they can train at a flight school. She now knows more about aviation and maritime law than law school ever taught her.

After a year of working on “The Hill,” to use the Beltway vernacular, Gutierrez finds herself deeply – and happily – immersed in the political arena.

“I’ve met some fascinating people, and I’ve had some incredible experiences working here,” she says. “I live four blocks from the Capitol. Politics is everywhere. Everyone is always talking about it.”

Because her boss serves on a number of high-profile committees, including Armed Services, Foreign Relations, Budget and Commerce, Gutierrez has had a quick education in the frothy negotiations that occur among congressional leaders and their staffs. But she credits her legal training with giving her the tools to thrive under pressure.

“It’s definitely trial by fire,” she says. “I think law school was good training because you have to learn a lot about an issue in a short time so you can advise the senator.”

Working at the Women’s Law Center after law school also helped Gutierrez hone her political skills. The center is the only public policy organization in California that deals exclusively with women’s issues. As a staff attorney, Gutierrez worked on domestic violence and family law issues, and even helped craft a state bill requiring child protective workers to learn more about teen-dating violence as part of their training.

“The public interest work I did at the center was definitely a jumping off point for me,” says Gutierrez, who also worked on the Post-Conviction Justice Project at USC. “It’s been a steep learning curve, but I’ve been really lucky to be able to jump in at this level so soon.”

– P.C.

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domestic violence team. Though the victims of domestic violence often aid their batterers by recanting prior statements or blaming themselves for the violence, Lia notes that the success stories make her work very rewarding. Lia and her husband Mike (also a DDA) have two children, Matthew, almost 8 years old already(!), and Alyssa, 5 years old. Lia also finds time to serve as the editor for “Case Digest,” a bi-monthly publication of the California District Attorneys Association. Dave Faliszek lives in Orange County and is a Senior Employment Human Resources Counsel with Fidelity National Financial in Irvine. Robin Webb has had a busy year. She went to Miami in January to watch USC “kick the ****” out of Iowa State in the Orange Bowl, placed fourth in class in the Newport to Ensenada sailboat race, and got married to Alan Cheeks in August. On the professional side, Robin made partner last year at Grant, Genovese & Baratta in Irvine, and this spring was part of the successful defense team representing rocker Tommy Lee in the wrongful death suit arising out the drowning of a four-year-old boy at Lee’s house during a birthday party for Lee’s son. After just three hours, the jury returned a unanimous defense verdict which made headlines across the county. Erik Jackson now is Of Counsel to Lord Bissell & Brook in Los Angeles. Erik’s practice includes representing many Asia-based hi-tech companies in litigation and intellectual property areas. He and his wife Nadine live in Hermosa Beach with their two young boys, Jeremy and Jonathan. Erik says, “Life has been great, although I don’t have a 2003 Porsche turbo like John [Antoni]!” And John humbly responds, “That sure is a lot of press for a car . . .” Thank you all for continuing to keep in touch. Until next time, respectfully submitted,

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On the Honor Roll

Juliana Yasinski ‘92 left her position with Littler Mendelson to launch her own firm last January. Her firm, Williams Yasinski LLP, focuses on employment law.

Class of 1996

Once again, a great response, and I’m glad to see things are going so well for many of you. First off, February was an amazing month for Fermin Laguno. He not only was made a partner at Littler Mendelson in Century City (Congratulations!), but he also celebrate the birth of his first child, Fermin Jr., in February as well. Fermin tells me he plans to dress his first born in nothing but Cardinal & Gold baby clothes. Stephen Hollingsworth recently tried his first murder case by representing a member of the Mexican mafia and as a result picked up a 2003 BMW M3 (this is due to the fact that midway through the trial, Steve was working so tirelessly that he ended up falling asleep at the wheel and wrapping his original Beemer around a pole – anyway, I bumped into him at the car wash the day before I wrote this column and I gotta admit, the new car looks good and is still in one piece). Renee Dewire has retired from tax consulting at Deloitte & Touche to take care of Collin, her 2-year-old son that is very tough to keep up with. On May 28, 2003, Michael Turrill and his wife Donnia had their second son, Luke Henry Turrill. Luke and his big brother Nicolas are doing just great. Michael Weisberg also had a son, Elliot Jacob, born on September 26, 2002. Bob and Haleh (Rahimzadeh) Jenkins just had a baby boy, Ethan Darius Jenkins (8lbs., 6 oz., 21 inches long) on May 14, 2003. Tony Christopoulos and his wife, Lynette, are expecting a little girl in August of 2003, while other classmates who are expecting include Chris Healy and Rica Casenas. Greg Lesser and his wife Carey, a research attorney for the California Court of Appeals, were married in June of ’99 and now have a 20-month-old daughter, Caroline. Greg is now a federal prosecutor who works with federal agents in prosecuting federal criminal cases. While he says this involves a lot of trial work, he feels honored to represent the U.S. in prosecuting ‘bad guys’ (yeah, bad guys suck). When he gets out of the office, Greg travels frequently as he has been out of town the last 4 weekends in a row (3 weddings & a bachelor party). Stacie Polashuk currently lives in Walnut Creek and is practicing with Holland & Knight LLP in San Francisco. Howard Sego resides in San Diego and is patent counsel for Qualcomm Inc. Brenda (Kosma) Radmacher recently spoke at West Coast Casualty’s Construction Defect Seminar and has also been serving on the CR State Bar Committee on ADR. She plans to visit Italy with her husband, who is working on his second CD and will be finishing school soon. Darren Carter recently moved from Morgan Stanley to become a portfolio manager in charge of media investing at ARX Investment Management, a hedge fund. Darren and his wife Angela have two boys; Quinn (5 yrs old) and Rilly (4 months). Chris Atkhen is a senior associate at a major personal injury plaintiffs firm in Santa Ana. His most recent settlement was for over $10 million as he represented the grandson of singer Pat Boone, who fell through skylights and suffered traumatic brain injury as a result. Chris recently gave a seminar in Acapulco on Demonstrative Evidence and has an upcoming seminar in Tahiti (nice). Chris is most proud of his two sons, Tyler and Jack, and his wife, who is a criminal defense attorney. Steve Harris does ERISA and employee benefits work at Paul Hastings in Downtown L.A. Steve and his wife Stephanie recently went scuba diving in Australia and Cozumel and still enjoy the occasional ‘fun trip’ to Bakersfield. Johnny Hamilton is still practicing corporate law at Rutan & Tucker in Costa Mesa. He visited the Caribbean island of Anguilla last year and is planning a family trip to Florence, Italy, this fall. Johnny is most proud of the fact that he’s able to remain sane with two children under 4 years old. Rilly (girl) is four years old, just finished her first year of pre-school, and is learning to swim this summer. Mick (boy) is two years old and is (almost) out of diapers. Johnny just married off his sister to one of his best friends and became an uncle for the fourth time. Chris Knauf reluctantly took a ‘public interest’ job of another sort by representing school districts, but is loving his 8 minute commute to work as his home, office, and gym (I’ve actually seen him there) are all located off of Ocean Park Blvd. in Santa Monica. More importantly, Chris got engaged to his girlfriend, Leanna, whom he credits with being ‘awesome and very patient’ after 4+ years of dating. Julie Hsu got married on July 26, 2003, and is honeymooning in Fiji, while Diana Ng is slated to get married in September of 2003. Daniela (Lieberman) Stoutenburg lives in Sacramento with her husband, Ken, and her four-
year-old son, Sam. Daniela practices at Dummit, Faber & Briegleb and primarily does medical malpractice defense work.

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Class of 2000
I take my job as class reporter seriously. Indeed, so seriously that I scout other years’ class notes – you know, to see how we’re keeping up with the Trojans. I noticed, for example, that almost everyone who wrote in from the Class of 1950 is named Judge. Odd, I thought, nobody in our class is named Judge. Through deductive reasoning, I can assume only that Judge was a more popular name for children born in the ‘30s than the ‘70s. Or maybe that’s inductive reasoning. Or maybe I better just get on with it. Anyway, in keeping with the theme, and in honor of all the Judges from the Class of 1950, let’s take a look at our similarities. While we’re all lovers of freedom and defenders of democracy, none perhaps more than Dwight Stirling who joined the Army National Guard in January ‘02, going through ten weeks of Army bootcamp in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He is now participating in Officer Candidacy School in order to become an officer in the Army National Guard. From the land to the sky, Matt Swanson was selected by the June 2003 Air Force JAG accessions board for a position as a judge advocate with the Air Force Judge Advocate General’s Department. (Matt, has there ever been a case of it a bird, or, is it a plane?) Heather Bafuelos is also helping keep order in our country; she moved to D.C. to take a job with the Office of the Chief Counsel for the Food and Drug Administration. And, everyone, listen to this, in Heather’s own words, “I love my job!” Moving from national affairs to local (it seems our class is just driven to rule and, to paraphrase Heather, I love it!). Justin Sanders now works with Rocky Delgadillo’s Neighborhood Prosecutor Program, a new division of the L.A. City Attorneys’ Office. Julie Buchwald continues to work for the Mayor of Los Angeles – soon to be responsible for not only police, but also the fire and emergency preparedness departments.

Occupational movement has been a theme of late – aside from Heather and Justin, Terrie Whitman has left her old firm (Paul, Hastings) with four partners to start up a new firm – Hodel Briggs Allison & Winter. Terrie continues to practice employment law and continues to reside in Newport Beach. While we’re in the OC, it’s worth mentioning that Grant Stiefel had a great party for the debut of that new show “The OC.” Negin Mirriri was in attendance. Or, shall I say, the award winning Negin Mirriri was in attendance – in June ‘03, Negin was a recipient of the ACLU Poverty Law Award to honor her commitment to pro bono work with her firm, Loeb & Loeb. Jumping back to movement, Lisa Smolinsky recently took a job with Gemstar/TV Guide where she will begin her career as an in-house entertainment attorney. (Hmmm, noting a strange proliferation of redheaded, in-house entertainment attorneys amongst our class.) Also in the biz, Eric Galen continues spending his off-hours working in the music production business thorough Flow Music Production, LLC. In his on-hours (I guess), he has begun practicing labor and employment litigation at Paul, Hastings. One other music industry note to report (wow do we rock), Alexis Lury owns the New York metal club scene. She is a “Firevette” in the band Gods of Fire. Dig ‘em at www.gods-of-fire.com. And now, after all these similarities, I report of the one thing that unites not only the Class of 2000, but also the world. Greg Gilman, Chris Milligan, Ryan Larsen, and Matt Matzkin have signed on to play for the L.A. Soccer Bar, the first U.S. Soccer Team to participate in the Mundiacup World Soccer Cup for Lawyers – a world cup soccer tournament for attorneys. Believe in us! And, check out on the web: www.mundiacup.org/lsoccerbar/. The tournament is in Antaya, Turkey, in May ‘04. And now, we come to the end of our column. Only one wedding to report this time – best Class of 2000 wishes to Culbert Lu and Candice Seneriches who will marry in August 2003. (Culbert, sweet handwriting, thanks – I had to go to weddingchannel.com to properly catch the name of your bride. Regardless, you’re welcome for the candlesticks.) That’s it, Classmates – aside from reinforcing our similarities, I hope this report left you with one other message – if you don’t send in your questionnaires, I’m just gonna ramble. I look forward to hearing from you all next time.

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On the Honor Roll
Kevin Bankston ‘01 was named the Equal Justice Works/Bruce Ennis Fellow at the American Frontiers Foundation, where he will analyze the impact of post-Sept. 11 surveillance measures on Internet speech and privacy. Bankston previously served as a trial attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union.

Class of 2002
Once again, a big congratulations to those who have tied the knot or accepted the proposition. Courtney Lyon Stuart married Juan Pablo Alban this past September, Courtney is currently working in the Century City office of Arnold & Porter; Yonit Hassid married Saman Shemtob in August of 2002. Yonit is with Wells Fargo Bank working in the Internet department; Allison K. Meshekow married Joshua Holtzman this past May. Allison is doing employment and labor litigation with Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith; Joy Park married Mike Paeske in July. Joy is in San Diego working with KPMG, LLP; Sara J. Elzer man married Steve Priola this past June in Malibu; Finally, Tyler J. Barnett became engaged to USC Law grad Jennifer Taylor. Tyler works with the law offices of Michael J. Piuze, a three-attorney firm that just recently won the largest verdict for a single plaintiff in history – $28 billion!! Some of our colleagues have left the state: Bryan Kelly moved to New York in July and is now working toward an LLM. in taxation. Aruj Shah moved to Texas, where he is working with Vinson & Elkins in their energy department. Anuj is happy to report he’s zipping around in a “fantabulous new hybrid” getting 50 miles per gallon! Lori Lynch moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where she is an associate in the Real Estate Services Department for McGuire Woods, LLP. Though Lori is putting in some serious hours, she’s playing just as hard. Marisa Murillo moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, where she
works in the E-commerce, patent and privacy division of Wachovia Bank—only the largest financial institution on the East Coast. Lastly, Christina Yuen-Ching Lee, moved to New York to work with Proskauer Rose LLP as a Labor and Employment associate. She co-wrote and article about ERISA and investment advice which the New York Law Journal published on March 10, 2003. Aneiko L. Webb-Hickerson welcomed her beautiful son into this world this past April. The legal market will have to wait for Aneiko’s talent as she is home as a full-time mom. Way to go Aneiko!! Lane Cook is a contract attorney with the Children’s Law Center. Lane represents abused and neglected children in the child welfare system. Many kudos to Lane!! Boris Orlov does estate planning, probate and general civil litigation with Whitsell & Stroh. June Ko Yang is in Santa Ana working with the law offices of Adrienne D. Cohen doing insurance coverage, insurance defense and general Litigation. Peter J. Breckheimer continues to litigate antitrust and real estate matters. Casey Johnson is an associate with Atkin Aitken & Cohn, a civil litigation, personal injury, wrongful death and bad faith firm. Erin Gielow is now with Amschler, Grossman, Stein & Kahan LLP, where she litigates business and entertainment matters. A shout out to Major R. W. Bruce who is probably in Iraq by now. His Marine unit got activated in January and now he directs Marine pilots where to drop bombs when there’s chaos on the ground. Matt Belloni and Phil Pilleri both sent Bruce some care packages to the desert.

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On the Honor Roll
Salvador V. Navarrete ’02 was named city attorney for the city of Atwater, Calif. At the age of 25, Navarrete is one of the youngest city attorneys in the state.

William P. Hogoboom ’49,
Superior Court judge and former USC counsel, 84

William P. Hogoboom ’49, a veteran Los Angeles County Superior Court judge and an expert on juvenile law, died Aug. 24 at the age of 84.

Until his appointment to the bench, Hogoboom worked in his own law firm, Iverson & Hogoboom, specializing in business litigation. Named to the Superior Court in 1968, Hogoboom served for 16 years before leaving to spend a decade as vice president and general counsel for USC. Known for his skill at administration, Hogoboom served as a resident judge of the juvenile court division, of the family law division and of the entire Los Angeles County Superior Court. He was named by President Ford to the 21-member National Advisory Committee for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and served as president of the California Children’s Lobby.

While a small percentage of his cases were criminal, Hogoboom was best known for his civil decisions, such as one regarding the protection of the Terminal Island nesting sites of California’s least tern and another over actress Valerie Harper’s ouster by NBC from the series “Valerie.” He also presided over the divorce of Johnny Carson from his third wife and then quietly married him to his fourth at a small ceremony.

A member of numerous organizations, Hogoboom was particularly devoted to the Constitutional Rights Foundation and served as its president from 1980 to 1983. He also volunteered as a judge in mock trials and led a “Judge in the Camp” program. Hogoboom was an ardent supporter of the USC Law School, making annual contributions to the school every year for more than 20 years.

“I cannot think of a finer, more dedicated public servant,” said Senior 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge and former USC Law School Dean Dorothy Nelson. “He was dedicated to making the world a better place,” she told the Metropolitan News-Enterprise.

Widowed in 1989 by the death of his wife Betty, Hogoboom remarried and is survived by his wife, Katherine, two sons, Bill and Chris, and two daughters, Katy and Lissa.
David N. Eagleson ’50,
California Supreme Court justice, ’78

David N. Eagleson ’50, a California Supreme Court justice from 1986 to 1991, died May 23 at the age of 78.

Born in Los Angeles, Eagleson served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He practiced law as a solo practitioner and a senior partner in two law firms. He served as a Los Angeles Superior Court judge and was named to the 2nd District Court of Appeal by Gov. George Deukmejian. In 1986, Deukmejian nominated him to the Supreme Court when voters ousted three justices in a bitterly contested election.

A conservative philosophically, Eagleson wrote opinions limiting racial challenges to jury selection, held that growers must provide workers’ compensation coverage and other protections for laborers, and made it easier for prosecutors to show that a defendant’s confession was voluntary and thus admissible as evidence. He also wrote opinions that upheld the power of local air pollution districts to control toxic emissions from factories and other sources of contamination and that stated that only a close relative who is present at the scene of an accident may sue for emotional distress suffered from witnessing injuries to a victim.

During his tenure on the high court, Eagleson wrote 19 capital decisions, upholding the death penalty in 15 of them. At the time of his retirement, fellow USC graduate and Chief Justice Marcus Kaufman said that Eagleson’s “practical and professional approach to the bench have been the hallmarks of his distinguished judicial career.”

After leaving the Supreme Court in 1991, Eagleson worked as an arbitrator through the American Arbitration Association. He is survived by his wife, Lillian, and two daughters, Elizabeth Eagleson of San Diego and Victoria Arndt of Thousand Oaks.

in memoriam

Betty Altman Arnow ’44, a San Jose legal icon who practiced until she was 85, died of a heart attack on June 18 at the age of 90. A Russian immigrant, Arnow first made headlines when she graduated from a Detroit high school at age 14. She later graduated at the top of her USC Law class. A firm that traditionally hired top USC graduates put her on the payroll, but told her that because she was a woman she would be limited to conducting research. Determined to become a litigator, Arnow moved with her husband and two children to San Jose, where she began working a small number of cases out of her house. She became known throughout the state as a tenacious lawyer. Arnow set a California precedent when she took her personal traffic ticket all the way to the appellate court because the Los Angeles police officer who cited her did not appear in court so she could exercise her right to cross-examine him. Arnow is survived by her daughters, Mauren Ellenberg and Ruth Sporer, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Elwyn Bennett ’39, who served as a California Assemblyman from 1943 to 1950, died on Aug. 14. Born in 1912, Bennett also served as justice of the peace in East Los Angeles from 1951 to 1952 and as a Municipal Court judge from 1953 to 1978 in East Los Angeles, Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley. He is survived by Esther, his wife of more than 50 years.

Hermoine K. Brown ’47, a 50-year partner at Gang, Tyre, Ramer and Brown and an ardent supporter of the USC Law School Tax Institute, died Sept. 23 at the age of 87. She was remembered by USC Law Board of Councilors member Bruce Ramer as
"visionary." Mrs. Brown, he said, "brought genius to all of us without hubris, wisdom to all of us without arrogance." Born in Syracuse, N.Y., Brown graduated from Wellesley College and worked as a story analyst at 20th Century Fox before attending USC Law School, where she was at the top of her class and editor-in-chief of the law review. She joined Gang, Tyre, Ramer and Brown in 1947 and made partner in the early 1950s. A leading entertainment lawyer who worked until the week before her death, Brown counseled such luminaries as Marilyn Monroe, Bob Hope, Clint Eastwood, Steven Spielberg and Janet Jackson. She also served on the State Bar of California estate planning, trust and probate law section's executive committee from 1984 and 1990. In 1937, she married Louis M. Brown, who taught at USC Law and was a member of the founding planning committee for the school's first Tax Institute in 1948. Together, the Browns were lifelong supporters of the Tax Institute, now one of the nation's most-respected conferences on tax issues. "Hermoine was a real delight," said Edward J. McCaffery, director of the USC Law School Tax Institute. "It was my pleasure to sit next to her at many a Tax Institute dinner honoring speakers and committee members. Through her accomplishments as a lawyer and her commitment to USC, Hermoine made real and lasting contributions to the community and the legal profession." Brown was preceded in death by her husband, who died in 1996, and is survived by her sons, Larry, Marshall and Harold, as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Arthur Bowman '35, a law professor and author of legal textbooks, died at the Royal Vista Care Center in Ellensburg, Wash., on Oct. 16, 2002. He was 92. A native of California, Bowman became a district attorney in Hawaii upon completion of law school. After witnessing the bombing of Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was stationed in Washington, D.C. In 1945 Bowman moved his family back to Los Angeles where he began his career as an attorney and chief counsel for Title Insurance and Trust Co. He also began teaching real estate law at UCLA, where he wrote Real Estate Law in California, now in its 19th edition. He later joined a private Beverly Hills firm and, upon moving to Encino, began a third career as a teacher and mentor to students at Central Washington University. Bowman was preceded in death by his wife, Rosamond. He is survived by his only child, Kathleen Hale, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Ha'old M. Fagin '55, a Riverside attorney and veteran of World War II, died May 15. Born in New York City, Fagin served in the U.S. Air Force for 10 years and retired as a captain. He received his bachelor's degree from New York University, a law degree from St. John's University in New York, and a master of laws degree from USC. He was an attorney in private practice in Riverside for 40 years until he retired in 1990. He is survived by his wife, Maria.

Leon Kaplan '32, an entertainment lawyer whose clients included movie stars Ava Gardner and Gene Kelly, died July 18 of natural causes. He was 95. Born in New York City, Kaplan practiced law in Los Angeles from 1932 until his retirement in 1996. In 1940 he founded the entertainment law firm that became Kaplan, Livingston, Goodwin, Berkowitz and Selvin. He represented Arthur Krim and Bob Benjamin when they bought United Artists from Charlie Chaplin and Mary Pickford. Known for his integrity, insight and wit, Kaplan helped move motion picture production from Hollywood's major studio system to a climate more encouraging of independent work. He is survived by his son, Robert.

Henry K. Redeker '87 died on April 7 from complications during surgery. After graduating from law school, Redeker began practicing landlord-tenant law with his father, also a USC graduate, in 1988. After his father's death the following year, Redeker successfully ran the business with the help of his wife until 1999. Redeker, an avid dog lover and humanitarian, was a member of the El Monte Rotary Club and served as president of the organization. He is survived by his wife, Susie.

Easton R. Roberts '36 died on July 22 at age 90. An inventor and engineer, Roberts worked with the U.S. government to develop war machinery during World War II. He later developed the VibraFinish Co., a leading manufacturer of plastic, ceramic and synthetic materials. He was a founding member of the Vernon Chamber of Commerce and served in Rotary International for more than 50 years. He also served many years on the board of the El Toro Water District and was a faithful and enthusiastic participant in the USC Alumni Association. Roberts was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Miriam, and his son Andrew. He is survived by his two daughters, Catherine and Susan, and eight grandchildren.
Of those of us who graduated from the USC Law School in 1966, many are retired or planning to retire. When my health forced me to give up practicing law after nearly 30 years, I learned that the best way to retire is to change jobs. And I believe the best job out there is teaching.

I started law school at SC when I was 26 and had been married a couple of years. At the time, it seemed almost every friend was going to law school, and the field seemed to offer security. I chose SC strictly because of its outstanding reputation. I worked part-time during school at a friend’s father’s bankruptcy firm, then known as Goggin, Bumb and Tollefson. Upon the death of the legendary A.J. Bumb in 1970, I joined Sulmeyer and Kupetz and became a name partner in 1972.

In the mid-1990s I contracted a freak infection, lost hearing in one ear and sight in one eye and had to give up practicing law. I had no clue what to do with my time. Finally, an older cousin, Barbara Bristow, a career teacher, got me down to the 95th Street School in South Los Angeles to help her as a reading coach in her fifth-grade class. It was magic from day one. Surprisingly, I happily traded my high-rise corner office for a chair in a school hallway surrounded by fifth-grade kids. Giving up a six-figure income for no pay at all was a bit of a shock, but now, somehow, it seems just fine.

I now work with 60 to 90 children three full mornings each week. We meet in the hall in groups of seven to 10 kids. Everyone reads out loud in turn. Some are gifted students; a few can only read at a first-grade level. But each child is beautiful. Some of the time we just talk – every child comes with lots of opinions about money, race and life in general. On Thursdays, we do riddles, which is most popular.

To further encourage the students’ reading, my cousin launched a bidding-for-books program. The kids bid with points they’ve earned for scholastic achievement. Barbara bought the books with her own money. Marisa, my daughter, does the same. The kids love bidding for the books. At Christmas, each child gets a dictionary from me in the teacher’s gift bag. I sign all of them with our mantra: “The more you read, the better you get – the better you get, the more you read.” We start with reading because you must be a great reader to have a great life. It is imperative for them to understand that they can and must succeed in life. I tell them that there will be a black female president of the United States and why shouldn’t it be one of them?

The 95th Street School contrasts sharply with the schools my kids attended. Here, 91 percent of the students receive federally funded breakfast and lunch at school. I’m the only volunteer in a school of 1,400 students (a fact that needs to change). The 95th Street kids understand lots of things that more affluent students don’t. They understand that they must stay in the bedroom at night because bullets have a way of flying through living room walls. These kids understand that paying rent this month is going to be a struggle for Mom. The reality is that there are many hard-working, responsible families in the neighborhood. But a number of mothers and fathers are not around. Some kids live with grandparents or aunts or in community group homes.

Many days I feel I should have been a teacher all of my life. But it never occurred to me to go into a modestly paying profession. Marisa, who came to class to show her Africa trip videos and then left a position at Sotheby’s in New York to teach at 95th Street last year, is now getting her teaching credential and a second master’s degree (the first was in art history at SC). She intends to go back to 95th Street next year. And she is volunteering at the school two days a week before her classes begin at LMU. Fortunately, the pay scale is not a deterrent for her as it was for me 40 years ago.

Practicing law and tutoring 9- and 10-year-olds have certain similarities, but mostly the work is very different. I loved winning cases. An $8-million-dollar fee award still boggles my mind. My clients were frequently fascinating people from whom I learned a great deal, and the work was challenging and invigorating. But when I work with kids, I get feelings in my stomach that are so good they’re hard to describe. Virtually every child is cute enough to make me wish I were their grandfather.

Finding that new job after retirement is not an easy process. I learned to play golf recently, which is enjoyable. My wife and I are traveling, which is great as well. But, ultimately, I think, retirement should be more than just leisure time. Lawyers are uniquely equipped to contribute to society. The payoff? That warm feeling in the pit of your stomach that confirms maybe, just maybe, you are making a difference.
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