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Golf Tournament**

Sunday, September 13, 2009
Coyote Hills Golf Course
Fullerton, CA

Benefiting the Cancer Legal Resource Center
at Loyola Law School

**Bob Cooney is out of the woods
and onto the GREEN!**

We've cut down on our paper strokes
this year. So, now there's one more
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10:30 am Registration & Putting Contest
Noon Shotgun Start with Scramble Format
5:00 pm Reception, Awards and Dinner

Special Contests & Prizes

Golf Law Firm Challenge
Putting Contest
\$1 Million Shootout



Head of the Class *(Continued from Cover)*

Justice and fairness are not only taught, but evidently practiced in the classroom. When the controversial death penalty is debated in Kennedy's class, Tracy said, even if 75 percent of the students share a liberal viewpoint, the professor would step up and present the opposing side. "You can't have a one-sided debate," Tracy said. "I really admire their ability to not let their personal views dictate how they teach."

William Coskran '59 experienced Loyola to its fullest, first as a student then as a professor. (Noting that he had taught at Loyola for nearly 40 years, Coskran cracked wise: "My God, am I that old?") The Loyola years have been productive for Coskran, who has been teaching commercial and residential leasing, as well as other issues in the real-property field.

There is clear evidence of a concerted effort by the Loyola faculty to bring about the results their students so publicly praise.

"The most important thing I found as a student and as a teacher is the practical use of theory," he said. "Something that I felt as a student and carried all the way through private practice—and as a teacher—is a deep respect for the difficult job that lawyers have."

Coskran has imparted for decades in his students the "importance of developing independent effort. Nobody is going to hold your hand when you're a lawyer," he said.



A "superb" Coskran student was Allan Ides '79, who went on to clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Byron White. Ides himself so admired Loyola Law School professors that he joined their ranks. "They're the best teachers I've ever had."

The constitutional law and civil procedure professor recalled a group of Loyola professors, starting in the 1960s, who seared into the Loyola Law School DNA a dedication to teaching. "That's a culture that's been passed on," Ides said. "When new teachers are hired, they see the role models in the senior faculty members, and the students have come to expect it. The pressure is there for the new teachers to perform."

In addition to the subject at hand, Ides believes his job is to teach his students to thoroughly analyze the legal issues and to be creative in solving them. "If you can think carefully and assess facts and problems in your life, you are a more successful person, and that's what good lawyers do in the context of legal problems."

Though in his 28th year of teaching, Ides is still as fresh as a newcomer. He was spending the beginning of his summer vacation preparing for the fall curriculum. "I love teaching," he said. "I can't believe I get paid to do this. And it is nice to be recognized by the students."

Professor Therese Maynard calls herself "a true believer" of Loyola Law School. Once a practitioner of securities litigation, she now teaches securities law.

"We really do care about the students," said Maynard, who began teaching at Loyola in 1983. She believes the Princeton Review ranking reflects the long-standing commitment by Loyola faculty. "We're committed to not only imparting substantive knowledge, but to communicate and instill confidence in the students so that they'll pass the Bar, and will be prepared first day on the job."

Simply put, Maynard says, "We make them into damn good lawyers."

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Head of the Class: Loyola's Professors Receive National Recognition

By Diana McCulloch

It's been common knowledge for decades at Loyola Law School, and in recent years the rest of the nation has been catching on. Here's the open secret: Loyola Law School ranks among the best classroom experiences in the nation!

So confirms the Princeton Review in its 2008 and 2009 publications of *Best 174 Law Schools*, where Loyola was rated No. 1 and No. 2, respectively, in the "Best Classroom Experience" category.

The Princeton Review, one of America's best-known tutorial and graduate school test-preparation companies, added to their list of "bests" in 2008 the category of "Best Classroom Experience." Loyola Law School shot to the top right out of the gate, and remains within a hair's breadth the year after, ahead of Stanford, Chicago, Georgetown, Duke and Northwestern.

"Best Classroom Experience" is based on student assessment of professors' teaching abilities, balance of theory and practical skills in the curricula, tolerance for differing opinions in class discussion, and classroom facilities. "There are many schools of thought on what type of classroom experience is best for learning the law," said David Soto, Princeton Review representative. "And a good way to find that out is to ask the students."

The Princeton Review succeeded in this task by getting assistance from the law schools' administrations to distribute the polling electronically. The list was "fairly well received since it has been introduced," Soto said, noting the top 10 schools represented some top-tier schools and, coincidentally, also reflected a regional diversity.

Loyola evening student Kyle Tracy '10 feigned indignance at the news that Loyola was rated No. 2 this year. "We're totally number one!" Tracy said, adding that all his professors, from 30-year veterans to those just entering the profession, are simply "amazing." Their passion for teaching and caring for students are evident in the way they avail themselves, whether it's spending 30 minutes after class to answer additional questions, sometimes well past 10 p.m.; or making time after office hours, even on the weekends. This is a practice, Tracy said, that busy students like him truly appreciate.

Tracy's career choice was easily inspired by his professors, Sean Kennedy '89, Cyn Yamashiro '93 and Michael Schultz '91, men he calls "big-time public defenders, the cream of the crop." Kennedy is a federal public defender; and former Los Angeles public defenders Yamashiro and Schultz are also executive director and clinical director, respectively, of the Center for Juvenile Law & Policy at Loyola.

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Giving Back Makes a Difference

By Diana McCulloch

If the Loyola Law School alumni were a blockbuster summer movie, their tag line might be, "All for one and one for all!"

That is to say, many, many dedicated alumni pitch in year after year, reaching out to current Loyola Law students. The alumni span the support base—to great success—in several school program endeavors, including: prepping the students for moot court competitions, mentoring by forging one-on-one personal relationships, coaching the trial advocacy teams, and most recently, guiding the students through the maze of the prized post-graduate judicial clerkships.

For as long as Loyola Law School has been around, its graduates have shared this common refrain: that they got a great education, that they loved the supportive and inspiring faculty, and have made great friends of their classmates. Loyola is miles apart from the other law schools where, the stories go, cutthroat competition during final exams results in pages torn from books and reference materials at the law library, and worse. Loyola's alumni, in fact, would forever sing the praises of its "sense of community." And it is to this place they fondly remember that they return, time and again.

Recent '06 graduates Kat Macfarlane and Joel Richlin flexed their alumni muscles by taking to a new level in just one year the judicial clerkship placement program on which Professor Laurie Levenson, advisor to the Post Graduate Judicial Clerkship Committee, has toiled for many years.

A judicial clerkship is a must if one wishes to pursue an academic career, and it is also viewed as a great asset by law firms. Its supporters call it a veritable "gold star on the resume." The three-year-old committee now boasts 24 alumni and four professors, and has tripled its clerkship placement numbers.

Macfarlane knew first-hand that her Loyola classmates were well-educated and competent, and that it was simply a matter of getting more Loyola graduates' feet in the door. She correctly believed that a greater number of successful clerkship placements and, as a result, better and wider-spread reputation among the judicial community, would lead to even more clerkships for future Loyola graduates.

The clerkship committee guides the Loyola applicants on everything from writing a good resume and cover letter

to courtroom etiquette, salaries, tips on individual judge's personalities and styles. "We support the alumni basically forever!" said Loyola staff member Linda Wysocky.

"We are better than 55 percent placement for our applicants, and that's unheard of," said Wysocky. The figure is considerably higher than other Southern California law schools, including those at University of California, Los Angeles, and University of Southern California, she said.

About 20 Loyola graduates are headed for the highly competitive clerkships this year, thanks to the committee. And the committee exerts its notable influence because alumni like Richlin and Macfarlane couldn't say enough good things about their time at Loyola Law School.

"We feel indebted to the school," said Richlin, who recalled supportive classmates and teachers. "I just happened to mention in passing to Professor Barbara Blanco that I was applying (for a temporary clerkship,) and she knew of this judge, so she was willing to go out of her way for me." After that temporary stint ended, Richlin's next clerkship came as a direct result of networking over lunches with his former classmates who were clerking at the same and nearby downtown court buildings.

Macfarlane, who completed her two-year clerkships with the District of Arizona and the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, now works as a third-year associate at Quinn Emanuel in downtown Los Angeles. The clerkship years counted toward associate years at law firms, and the experiences were "invaluable when you come out of law school," she said. "You start to feel like a general practitioner because you're exposed to every kind of case under the sun, from beginning to end, especially at the appellate level, where everything gets whittled down."

Third-year student Courtney Voegele counts herself lucky to have gained an ally via Loyola's alumni mentorship program. Shahram "Shawn" Haghighi '00 already had under his belt the successful big-firm career she was aspiring to, and was willing to share his insights and experience. Haghighi, a former associate at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's New York and Los Angeles offices, also gave valuable interview tips to Voegele, who, coincidentally, got her summer associate job at the firm's Orange County office.

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Direct Examination

1968 Dan Cassidy was recognized as one of the 2009 *Southern California Super Lawyers*. **Dale Gribow**, along with his wife Patti, were the judges for the Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) Academy Awards held in May at the Westin Mission Hills Resort.

1972 David C. Grant, a partner at Grant, Genovese & Baratta LLP in Irvine, and classmate **Patrick G. Rogan**, a principal at Rogan Lehrman LLP in Santa Monica, have been inducted as fellows in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

1973 Kenneth L. Waggoner was elected to the board of directors, and appointed vice president and general counsel, of ChinaTel Group Inc., a telecommunications infrastructure engineering and construction services company. **Norman G. Young**, come spring 2010, will be a public policy scholar at the non-partisan Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, a presidential research center affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

1975 John Moran, Jr. was appointed to the Nevada Gaming Commission, a five-member organization regulating the Nevada gaming industry.

1976 Paul Eisner's article, "Weighing the Consequences of Section 998 Offers to Compromise," was published in *Los Angeles Lawyer* magazine in June.

1977 Angil Morris-Jones was promoted to Yuba County counsel. She served in county counsel departments in Merced, Fresno and El Dorado counties before coming to Yuba in 2006 as deputy county counsel.

1978 Dennis K. Ames, managing shareholder of LaFollette Johnson DeHaas Fesler & Ames in Santa Ana, has been inducted as a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. **Alice Dale**, president of Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 49 in Portland, OR, and vice president of SEIU International, is now department head of Property Services Sector of Union Network International (UNI) Global Union. Headquartered in Nyon, Switzerland, UNI represents 900 local unions and 20 million workers throughout the world. **Joanne (Unger) Ratnoff** was named among the 10 most dependable family law lawyers in the West last November in *Forbes* magazine. She was also selected as one of the 2009 *Southern California Super Lawyers*.

1979 Greg Gottlieb is director of the USAID Mission in Windhoek, Namibia. He is a member of the Senior Executive Service of the federal government. Prior to Namibia, Gottlieb served in Washington, D.C. as deputy assistant administrator of USAID for Humanitarian Assistance. He has 25 years of international disaster experience, overseeing responses to the Darfur crisis, the Asian Tsunami, the Pakistan earthquake and countless other natural and man-made disasters. Gottlieb has traveled to more than 40 countries and lived in Africa and Asia. **John Hanna** chaired the Community College League of the California Advisory Committee on Legislation for 2008-09.

1981 Jan Frankel Schau was inducted into the International Academy of Mediators in New York, a selective group of preeminent mediators from around the world.

1984 William W. Carter is chief of staff for Los Angeles new city attorney, Carmen Trutanich. Carter was a partner with Musick, Peeler & Garrett and formerly was a state and federal environmental crimes prosecutor. **Katharine Davidson** joined Holland & Knight LLP as a partner in the Los Angeles office, where she continues to practice tax and estate planning—with an emphasis on high net worth clients—and she is regularly named in *Best Lawyers* and *Southern California Super Lawyers*. **Lloyd Greif**, president of Greif & Co., was elected chair for 2009-10 of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, a nonprofit, public benefit organization whose mission is to attract, retain and grow businesses and jobs for the region. Greif is a member of the Loyola Law School Board of Overseers. **Elizabeth (Beth) Moreno**, who practices alternative dispute resolution, was appointed to a three-year term of the California State Bar ADR Committee. She plans on running for a Los Angeles Superior Court judgeship in 2010.

1985 George Bird, in addition to playing timpani for the Los Angeles Lawyers Philharmonic, recently was elected to the City Council of Palos Verdes Estates; he previously chaired the city's planning commission. Bird continues to practice criminal law with his wife, **Karen Hunter-Bird '85**. **Alejandro Mayorkas** was selected by the Obama administration as director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security. Prior to his appointment, Mayorkas was a litigation partner at O'Melveny & Myers in Los Angeles, and previously was U.S. attorney for the Central District of California. *The National Law Journal* named Mayorkas one of the 50 most influential minority lawyers in America in 2008.

1986 Jeryll S. Cohen became a member of Hoffman Sabban & Watenmaker in March; she practices fiduciary litigation and trust and estate planning. **Mark H. Krietzman** joined Luce Forward Hamilton & Scripps LLP and co-chairs its new technology law group in the firm's Orange County office. Krietzman is a registered patent attorney with more than 21 years of experience. **Richard A. McDonald**, vice-chairman of the City of Pasadena's Planning Commission and chair of the city's Board of Zoning Appeals, joined Calabasas-based Horgan, Rosen, Beckham and Coren LLP. McDonald specializes in business, insurance and complex commercial litigation with considerable emphasis on class actions and BP 17200 representative actions. McDonald has opened an office in Pasadena, where he lives, so that Horgan, Rosen can offer its extensive banking and business expertise to the area.

1987 Stuart Liner, managing partner of Liner Grode Stein Yankelevitz Sunshine Regenstreif & Taylor, was named by Lawdragon, Inc. as one of the "Top 100 Managing Partners to Know." Additionally, Liner and his firm were profiled in the May issue of *California Lawyer* article "Making Rain in a Drought: What it Takes for Small Firms to Thrive in Tough Times."

1989 Sean K. Kennedy, federal public defender for the Central District of California, received the Loyola Public Interest Law Foundation's 2009 Public Interest Award in April at a reception held at Loyola Law School. **Peter Tremblay** joined Assured Guaranty Corporation as director and counsel, supervising public and project finance transactions from the New York office. Assured Guaranty is a provider of financial guaranty insurance in the U.S. and public finance, structured finance and mortgage-backed securities in the global markets. **Michael J. Wise**, a partner at Perkins Coie LLP in Santa Monica and chair of its China Intellectual Property Practice, was recognized by the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* in April as one of California's "Top 25 Patent Portfolio Managers".

1992 Claudia Trevisan accepted a position with Garb Jaffe & Associates Legal Placement in Los Angeles as a legal recruiter.

1993 Arif Alikhan was appointed assistant secretary for policy development for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Alikhan was deputy mayor for Homeland Security and Public Safety for Los Angeles. Prior to being appointed to that position, he was a federal

LOYOLA LAW ALUMNI – BRING HONOR AND DISTINCTION TO THEIR ALMA MATER

Southern California Rising Stars Top 10 Law Schools

The law schools that produced the most lawyers on this year's list.

LAW SCHOOL	GRADUATES	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Loyola Law School	179	16%
UCLA School of Law	143	13%
University of Southern California Gould School of Law	103	9%
Southwestern Law School	77	7%
Pepperdine University School of Law	65	6%
University of California Berkeley School of Law–Boalt Hall	52	5%
Harvard Law School	38	3%
University of San Diego School of Law	32	3%
University of California Hastings College of the Law	31	3%
Georgetown University Law Center	30	3%

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prosecutor and senior advisor to the U.S. attorney general. **Cynthia Anderson-Barker**, a civil rights and criminal defense attorney in Los Angeles, received the Loyola Law School Public Interest Law Foundation's 2009 Pro Bono Award in April. **Kirk J. Retz** authored the chapter, "Contractual Considerations and Issues Related to Integrated Project Delivery," in the book, *Inside the Minds. Negotiating and Structuring Construction Contracts*. In June, Retz spoke at the Pacific Coast Builders Conference in San Francisco on "Integrated Project Delivery: The New Construction Frontier." **Michelle Williams Court** was promoted to vice president and general counsel at Bet Tzedek, where she previously served as litigation director.

1994 Juliet (Fisher) Grossman started Thankfully Simple, a business providing handwritten, personalized thank you notes for brides, expectant parents, graduates, and bar and bat mitzvahs. **Braulio Montesino** is the newly appointed general counsel of the California Department of Managed Health Care, where he advises on general legal matters, coordinates legal activities among divisions and acts as liaison to the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. **Craig S. Pedersen** was elevated to partner at Brot & Gross LLP in Sherman Oaks, where he focuses on family law. He is a member of Loyola Law School's Alumni Association Board of Governors and currently chairs the board's budget and grand reunion committees.

1996 Brian G. Arnold is now a partner with Thomas, Whitelaw & Tyler LLP in Irvine, focusing on intellectual property litigation. **Andrew B. Holmes** moved to Liner Grode Stein Yankelevitz Sunshine Regenstreif & Taylor, joining the white collar criminal and business litigation department as of counsel. **John Horn** of the Arbitration Mediation Conciliation Center in Los Angeles was appointed to the State Bar Committee on Alternate Dispute Resolution. **Victor Poltrock** is corporate counsel for Mercury Insurance Services, LLC. Poltrock and his wife Glory Ann are expecting twins in early October.

1997 Danny Soong, who practices plaintiff personal injury law, became a member of American Board of Trial Advocates.

1999 Tom K. Ara joined Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP in Los Angeles and specializes in entertainment transactions, intellectual property and entertainment labor and employment matters. **John DeFrance** was promoted to senior attorney with The Kroger Co.'s Ralphs Grocery Company and Food 4 Less divisions, handling real estate transactions and litigation management. **David R. Denton** now practices with Cozen O'Connor's Los Angeles office as a member in the subrogation and recovery department. **Rick Frenkel** joined the law firm of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati as of counsel, specializing in patent litigation. **Brian M. Sanders** became a partner in April at Ericksen Arbuthnot.

2000 Catrina Archuleta, who served as assistant city attorney and assistant agency counsel to several Southern California cities, is now general counsel to the City of Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency. **Jorje Chica**, a judicial staff attorney for the California Superior court Riverside County, was assigned judicial staff attorney for criminal research for the entire court. Chica continues to handle misdemeanor and limited civil appeals for the appellate division.

2001 Marie Liu joined Arent Fox LLP as part of its healthcare practice—she is a former registered nurse. **Colin McCarthy** was appointed to the Costa Mesa Planning Commission. **Michael McFadden** was elected to partnership with Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP, and chairs the real estate group for the firm's Century City office. **Vicky Pham** joined Luce Forward Hamilton & Scripps LLP in Los Angeles as an associate in the firm's business-complex litigation practice group.

2002 Joanna Fawzy Morales, director of the Cancer Legal Resource Center—a joint program of the Disability Rights Legal Center and Loyola Law School—recently was presented with the 2009 Public Policy Advocate of the Year Award by Komen for the Cure in Washington, D.C.

2003 Christopher Wright joined Balestreri Pendleton & Potocki in San Diego as an associate; his practice focuses on construction law and litigation, commercial/premises liability and commercial contract negotiation.

2004 Gena M. Stinnett was selected for inclusion in the 2009 "Rising Stars" edition of *Southern California Super Lawyers*. Stinnett is a public law associate with Richards, Watson & Gershon and serves as assistant city attorney for the cities of Beverly Hills, Rancho Palos Verdes and Monrovia.

2006 Imran Vakil was listed in the 2009 "Rising Stars" edition of *Southern California Super Lawyers*.

2007 Brooke L. Rowland joined the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office.

2008 Claire Hofbauer was named an associate attorney with Nachshin & Weston, LLP, a family law firm; Hofbauer concentrates her practice on divorce and child custody as they relate to trusts and estates. **Nausheen Kazal** joined Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP in Los Angeles as part of its general liability practice group. **Jean Liao** is a new associate with Khorrami Pollard & Abir and practices mass torts, catastrophic personal injury and labor and employment matters.

JUDICIAL Hon. **Maureen Duffy-Lewis '74**, a Fulbright Award recipient, will be teaching "The Application of Criminal and Civil Law in the Trial Courtroom" this fall at Sophia University School of Law in Bulgaria and assisting where needed with the Bulgarian Courts and the Legal Societies in the implementation of a mediation program. She also will assist with a program on electronic discovery—how it impacts business and lawsuit preparations. Hon. **Victoria Gerard Chaney '78** was recently appointed by the governor to division one of the Second District Court of Appeal. Judge Chaney joined the bench in 1990, and in 1994 was elevated from the Municipal Court in Los Angeles to the California Superior Court.

ENGAGEMENTS & MARRIAGES **Sally (Gin) Sumi '02** married Douglas Hiraku Sumi on May 24, 2009. **Betsy Bennett '04**, who was recently promoted to detective with the Arvada Police Department in Colorado, will marry Kevin Westbrook in September—classmate **Sarah Allmon '04** will serve as a bridesmaid.

BIRTHS **John R. Van Dam '69** and his wife Jennifer announce the birth of their first child, Peter Thomas Van Dam, born August 26, 2007. Van Dam has retired from law, following 25 years of service with the Orange County Public Defender's Office, and Jennifer is an engineer with OKInternational. **Stephen Hammers '91** and wife Erika celebrate the birth of their son, Christian, born on March 12, 2009. **Gregory Townsend '96** and his wife Anna Coulouris, along with their son Kai, welcomed Milo Coulouris Townsend, born March 30, 2009, to their family. Townsend heads the office at the Special Court for Sierra Leone in The Hague. **Joseph Welch '08** and his wife, Jennifer, announce the arrival of their daughter Rebekah Renee, born April 25, 2009. She joins siblings Jonathan, Courtney and Hunter.

IN MEMORIAM It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of a former beloved Loyola Law professor.

Kathryn W. Tate, who served as professor of law at Loyola Law School from 1985 to 2003, passed away on April 21, 2009. Tate was born in Fort Wayne, IN. She was a YMCA administrator in New York and Illinois, and a social worker in Kansas City, before attending Arizona College of Law—where she earned a juris doctor with high distinction and was the first woman to head the school's law review. After law school she worked in Washington, DC for nine years, first as a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, and then as an assistant U.S. attorney. Professor Tate joined Loyola as an associate professor in 1985 and was then promoted to full professor in 1990, teaching corporations, securities regulation, and ethics, counseling and negotiation. Professor Tate was a visiting professor at the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing, China, where she taught American Company Law. Professor Tate served on numerous committees at Loyola Law School. She was held in high regard by students, staff and colleagues. Professor Tate enjoyed camping, crafts and Western American history. She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Jay.

The Law School regretfully announces the passing of the following alumni. Please visit alumni.lls.edu to read about their lives and contributions.

George M. Goffin '56

Hon. Douglas Daily '78

Herbert A. Braun '61

Kellen (Kelley) K. Rogers Sabot '79

Patrick J. McDonough '71

Brian Nutt '83

Michael R. Concha '72

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EVENTS WRAP-UP

(D) PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FOUNDATION AWARDS RECEPTION
Tuesday, April 21, 2009
Honorees

Cynthia Anderson-Barker '93 – Pro Bono Award recipient and Sean Kennedy '89 – Public Interest Award recipient

(B) ORANGE COUNTY ALUMNI RECEPTION
Thursday, April 30, 2009
Pacific Club, Newport Beach
Honorees
Board of Overseers – Orange County Chapter

(F) FIDLER INSTITUTE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Friday, May 1, 2009
Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

(E) HON. WILLIAM MATTHEW BYRNE, JR. CHAIR DEDICATION AND PRESENTATION
Thursday, May 7, 2009
California Club, Los Angeles
Chair holder
Professor Peter M. Tiersma

(A) 88TH LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT
Sunday, May 17, 2009
Loyola Marymount University, Westchester
Commencement Speaker
Hon. Ruth V. McGregor, Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court

(C) STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA SWEARING-IN CEREMONY
Thursday, June 4, 2009
Loyola Law School, Los Angeles
Administration of Federal Oath Hon. Jeffrey W. Johnson, United States District Court, Central District of California and **Administration of State Oath** Hon. Larry P. Fidler '74, Superior Court of California, Los Angeles County

SAN DIEGO ALUMNI HAPPY HOUR
Thursday, June 11, 2009
Stingaree, San Diego



Giving Back Makes a Difference

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Haghighi was not directly involved with getting Voegel her summer job, but having already made the career trajectory, he was able to guide her law school career from the beginning. He first met Voegel when she signed up for the program in her first year.

Voegel said, "He talked about how important grades were, kind of helped me plan out a study schedule for finals. He calmed my nerves.... He really helped, he made a difference."

For Haghighi, returning to Loyola began simply when he responded to the alumni newsletter, which said the school was looking to add to its Alumni Board of Governors. Since joining up, mentoring the students was a natural and easy step.

He shared that oft-repeated refrain among Loyola graduates: "I got a good legal education that got me good jobs and got me started in my career," said Haghighi, vice president at Oaktree Capital Management, L.P. in Los Angeles. "I had a good experience at Loyola. I made a lot of friends, enjoyed the faculty, so I stayed in involved."

In his mentor role, Haghighi sees himself as an additional resource to the students. He says their discussions address a variety of career questions: Should they go into private practice, public interest organizations, pursue the city attorney's office, or "law firm A" or "law firm B?"

"I am really grateful to Loyola and this mentor program," said Charlotte Pashley '09. "When I started law school, unlike many students, I actually didn't know any lawyers at all, so it was really great to have Kat to help me understand what I was in for, and also prepare for my future above and beyond getting good grades. She was there for me every step of the way."

That would be Kat Macfarlane, who is pulling double-alumna duty in mentorship and clerkship programs.

"I truly believe my job offer was a direct result of Kat's help. I seriously can't thank her enough for everything she has done," said Pashley, who will start with McGuire Woods in Century City. Pashley credits Macfarlane for excellent advice on interviewing, resume and cover letter, business etiquette, and nurturing professional relationships. "She is smart, to the point, and truly an awesome woman."

Loyola Law School has had a long tradition of producing great trial lawyers, counting several high-profile attorneys among its alumni ranks.

Kristin Walker '99, a confident litigator herself, is working hard to make sure the tradition continues. She began coaching Loyola's Byrne Trial Advocacy Teams the year after she graduated. There was just one team when she started, but now there are two—a direct result of Walker's assistance to Professor Susan Poehls '89, the team advisor who wanted to see the program expanded.

"It's a very good program," said Walker, who is with the Orange County office of Severson & Werson. "I appreciate what the school and Susan's program did for me, and the only way to bolster the school's reputation is to keep the program strong."

Professor Poehls, in her 20th year as head coach of the Byrne Trial Advocacy teams, has guided the teams to 17 regional championships, including one this year, and two national championships.

This sort of training becomes even more specialized for the Hispanic La Raza Moot Court Competition. Carlos Cruz '96, believes that Latino students, in particular, need additional support because the odds are great that they would be first-generation law school students.

Cruz was the first lawyer in his family, and his focus since graduation has been immigration law, serving some 2,000 clients.

Loyola asked Cruz to return and coach the La Raza Moot Court team, and get it in shape for the upcoming national competition. Professor Christopher May, who was one of Cruz's professors, came out of retirement to serve as an advisor for the team. The team met twice a week, up to four hours at a time for an entire semester, mastering their art.

Their hard work and dedication paid off. Loyola's team placed second of 31 teams at the Hispanic National Bar Association/Hispanic National Bar Foundation National Moot Court Competition. And one Loyola team member, Diana Rivero '10, was one of four awarded "Best Oral Advocate." The competition was held at Florida International University in Miami.

Cruz is proud of his team's achievement. "It is incredible to take a team without any experience ... and develop them into a strong set of advocates," Cruz said. "It's going to give them the confidence they need to practice law with passion, diligence and heart!"

Loyola Law School continues to be proud and grateful for its supportive and loyal alumni who take pride in giving back and making a difference at their alma mater.

Make a Difference - Get Involved.

Visit alumni.lls.edu to learn more about volunteering or becoming a mentor.