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## Visionary Vice Dean

After 10 trailblazing years of innovation and leadership, Mary Jo Wiggins returns to full-time teaching and scholarship



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& highlights from Commencement 2016



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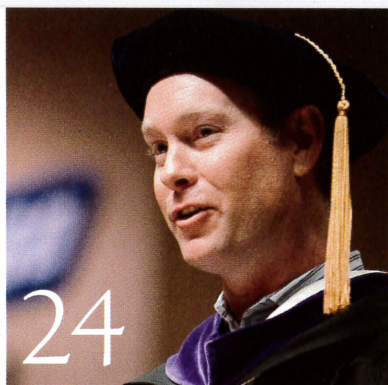
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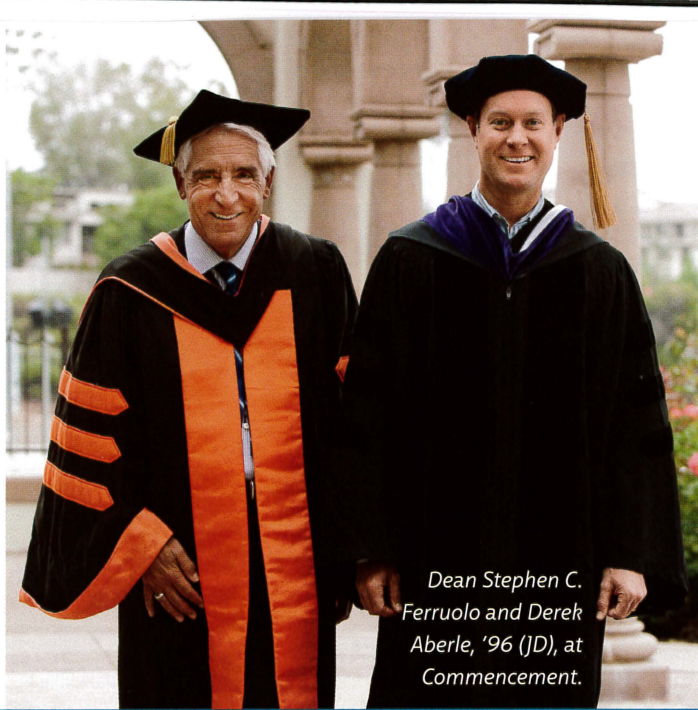
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Dean Stephen C. Ferruolo and Derek Aberle, '96 (JD), at Commencement.

## "CHOOSE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE."

This issue of the *Advocate* includes many examples of people who have chosen to make a difference. They have done so in a variety of ways and in diverse roles; they also have enjoyed varying types of recognition and rewards. What they all share is their legal education. Law school inspired them to want to make a difference and gave them the skills they needed to make that difference. When someone asks me about the value proposition for a legal education, as they now often do, I cite stories like these and the compelling lesson I learn from them: There is no better way to prepare to make a real difference than by studying law.

The briefs and highlights about the notable achievements of our alumni who are litigators and jurists provide the most obvious, and expected, examples of how lawyers can make a difference in ways that truly affect people's lives. These include the work done by Community Defenders to defend indigents accused of crimes; the class action suit involving the owners of Volkswagen diesel cars overseen by David Casey Jr., '74 (JD), as a member of the National Steering Committee for that litigation; and the constitutional challenge to teacher employment laws for the discriminatory harm they do to disadvantaged students in the *Vergara* case led by Ted Boutrous Jr., '87 (JD).

What many (especially critics of legal education) often fail to acknowledge is the broad compass of other fields in which law school graduates are also making a difference. Our 2016 commencement speaker, Derek Aberle, '96 (JD), provides a notable example in the business and the technology sector. Hired

initially by Qualcomm to draft and negotiate licensing contracts, Aberle is now capably guiding San Diego's largest company, as well as one of the most innovative companies in the world, through the complex and evolving challenges of global competition. Another standout from the business world is Michael Lurie, '93 (JD), who recently moved from a legal role to become senior vice president of brand strategy at Constellation Brands and now heads this global drinks company's corporate team in Luxembourg. And although he has retired from Congress, the comprehensive tax reform proposal crafted by our 2016 Hughes Career Achievement Award winner, David Camp, '78 (JD), while serving as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee in 2014, remains central to the ongoing discussions of federal tax policy reform and analysis of the impact of taxes on our economy.

The Class Action section includes numerous other examples of the remarkable achievements of our alumni. As I have traveled and met alumni from all around the world, it has become evident to me that, because of the analytical and advocacy skills taught in law school, our graduates are able to be successful in a wider range of fields and endeavors than those with any other professional training. When I ask alumni about the value of their legal education, I frequently hear variations of what Derek Aberle told our graduates: "I still use the training I received at USD every day. Your education will not only help make you great lawyers, but also great businesspeople and future leaders who are making a real difference."

This issue of the *Advocate* also demonstrates that making a difference typically begins while our students are still in law school. For a notable example, see the story about Natalia Nyczak, '16 (JD), who, as a student, completed a six-month internship with the Supreme Court Chamber of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, which is responsible for prosecuting war crimes and atrocities committed by the Khmer Rouge. Closer to home, on our campus, consider the great work being done by the students in our clinics, including the revamped Entrepreneurship Clinic and the Energy Law and Policy Clinic, both highlighted in this issue.

For many of our students, the inspiration to make a difference comes from our faculty. The five longtime law professors retiring in 2016, featured in the article "A Fond Farewell," exemplify our faculty's commitment to make a difference by

both what they teach in our classrooms and what they do in our community. Laura Berend's, '75 (JD), service to indigent criminal defendants, Paul Horton's oversight of the judicial internship program, Jack Minan's service on regional and state water and land conservancy boards, Terry Player's advocacy for the poor and social justice, and Jorge Vargas' work to build bridges of understanding across our common border with Mexico are examples of how our great law professors have inspired generations of students to make use of their legal educations to serve others.

Our cover story showcases the exemplary service provided to USD by Vice Dean Mary Jo Wiggins. During the past 10 years, Dean Wiggins has been the steady hand on the tiller guiding the law school through many changes and challenges, repeatedly demonstrating that making a real difference is often best done by those willing to make an unselfish commitment to the success of others. Dean Wiggins has been the epitome of a trusted adviser to me, as to many of our faculty colleagues. Her myriad achievements in enhancing our curriculum and improving both what and how we teach will have a positive impact on our graduates for decades to come.

The In Memoriam section records the loss of several notable alumni, three renowned professors emeriti, Carl Auerbach, Richard (Dick) Pugh and Lester Snyder, and a dear friend of our law school, Justice Antonin Scalia. Justice Scalia visited our law school five times while serving on the Supreme Court. He developed close personal friendships with several members of our

faculty, helped launch our Center for the Study of Constitutional Originalism (CSCO), imbued many of our students with his deep love of the law, and shared this university's commitment to the Roman Catholic faith and intellectual tradition.

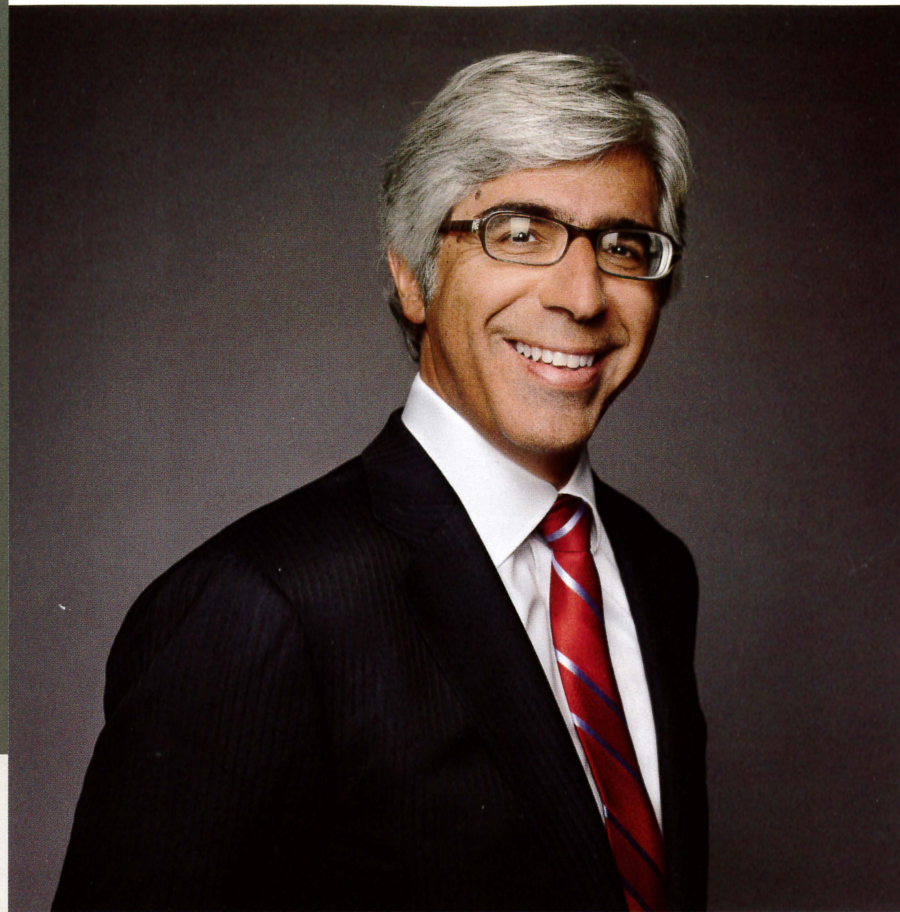
During his first visit in February 2004, Justice Scalia spent a full day meeting with students and faculty, guest teaching classes and serving as the presiding judge for the final round of the Paul A. McLennon Sr. Honors Moot Court Competition. In August 2006, he returned for a week as Distinguished Jurist-in-Residence, giving lectures that drew crowds so large that a lottery system had to be used to allocate seats, including the inaugural lecture for the CSCO. Justice Scalia visited again as a Jurist-in-Residence in September 2007, co-teaching a class on the separation of powers with Professor Michael Ramsey. In September 2009, he returned for a two-day visit, guest teaching classes in constitutional law and oral advocacy and giving a public lecture on originalist approaches in recent Supreme Court decisions. His final visit was in September 2014, when he dropped by the law school and spent more than an hour taking questions on a broad range of subjects from an enthralled group of students in Professor Michael Devitt's evidence class. However controversial he may have been, no one can doubt Justice Scalia's leadership on the Supreme Court and his enduring legacy.

As a final note, I want to acknowledge the difference our donors chose to make this year in so many ways, including by responding to the Big Give; supporting the continuation of the Dean's Scholarship Initiative; and helping the law school to establish several new scholarships, including two awards for LGBT students and those supportive of LGBT issues. To continue to train lawyers who will make a real difference requires that we strive to make our law school more accessible and affordable, and, no less important, more welcoming to, and supportive of, a diverse and inclusive study body. A special thanks to our many generous alumni and friends who recognize, and who have so generously responded to, this challenge.



*Dean Ferruolo with Professor Jack Minan at the reception honoring the five professors who retired this year.*

**Stephen C. Ferruolo**  
Dean, USD School of Law



Theodore J. Boutrous Jr., '87 (JD), addressed the key evidence and legal theory of *Vergara v. California*.

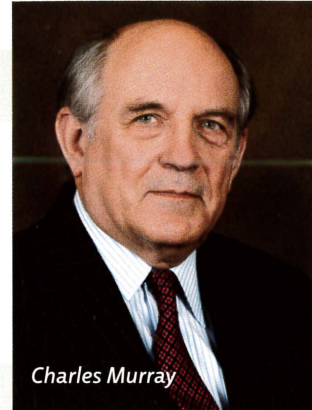
## On a Historic Education Ruling

### ➤ ALUMNUS THEODORE J. BOUTROUS JR., '87 (JD), DELIVERS BERGMAN MEMORIAL LECTURE

Theodore J. Boutrous Jr., '87 (JD), spoke on "The Legal Theory and Impact of *Vergara v. California*" at the Jane Ellen Bergman Memorial Lecture Series in December. The case took the education and legal worlds by storm in June 2014, when the Los Angeles County Superior Court ruled in favor of nine student plaintiffs represented by Boutrous, holding that laws governing teacher tenure, dismissal and layoff procedures are unconstitutional under the equal protection clause of the California Constitution. Issuing a groundbreaking decision following seminal cases such as *Serrano v. Priest* and *Brown v. Board of Education*, the lower court in *Vergara* affirmed students' rights to equal educational opportunity. The plaintiffs proved that California's quality-blind teacher employment laws impose harm on students, forcing school districts to push great teachers out and retain ineffective ones. Although the California Court of Appeal reversed the lower court's ruling in April 2016, the plaintiffs have petitioned for review before the California Supreme Court. Boutrous is a partner in the Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., offices of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and global co-chair of the firm's litigation group, which was named "Litigation Department of the Year" for 2016 by *The American Lawyer*.

## Evaluating the American Way

CHARLES MURRAY DELIVERS ANNUAL BOWES-MADISON DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES LECTURE



Charles Murray

In November 2015, Charles Murray spoke on his new book, *By the People: Rebuilding Liberty Without Permission*, at the 2015 Joan E. Bowes–James Madison Distinguished Speaker Series. Murray is the William H. Brady Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute. He was previously a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research and a research scientist with the American Institutes for Research.

## Supreme Court Decision Styles

HARVARD LAW PROFESSOR CASS SUNSTEIN DELIVERS NATHANSON MEMORIAL LECTURE

Cass Sunstein, the Robert Walmsley University Professor at Harvard, spoke on “Constitutional Personae: Same-Sex Marriage and Beyond” at the 32nd Nathaniel L. Nathanson Memorial Lecture in August 2015. His speech touched on different styles of constitutional decision making by Supreme Court justices. Sunstein has served as the administrator of the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, and on the president’s Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technologies.



Cass Sunstein spoke about differences in constitutional decision making.





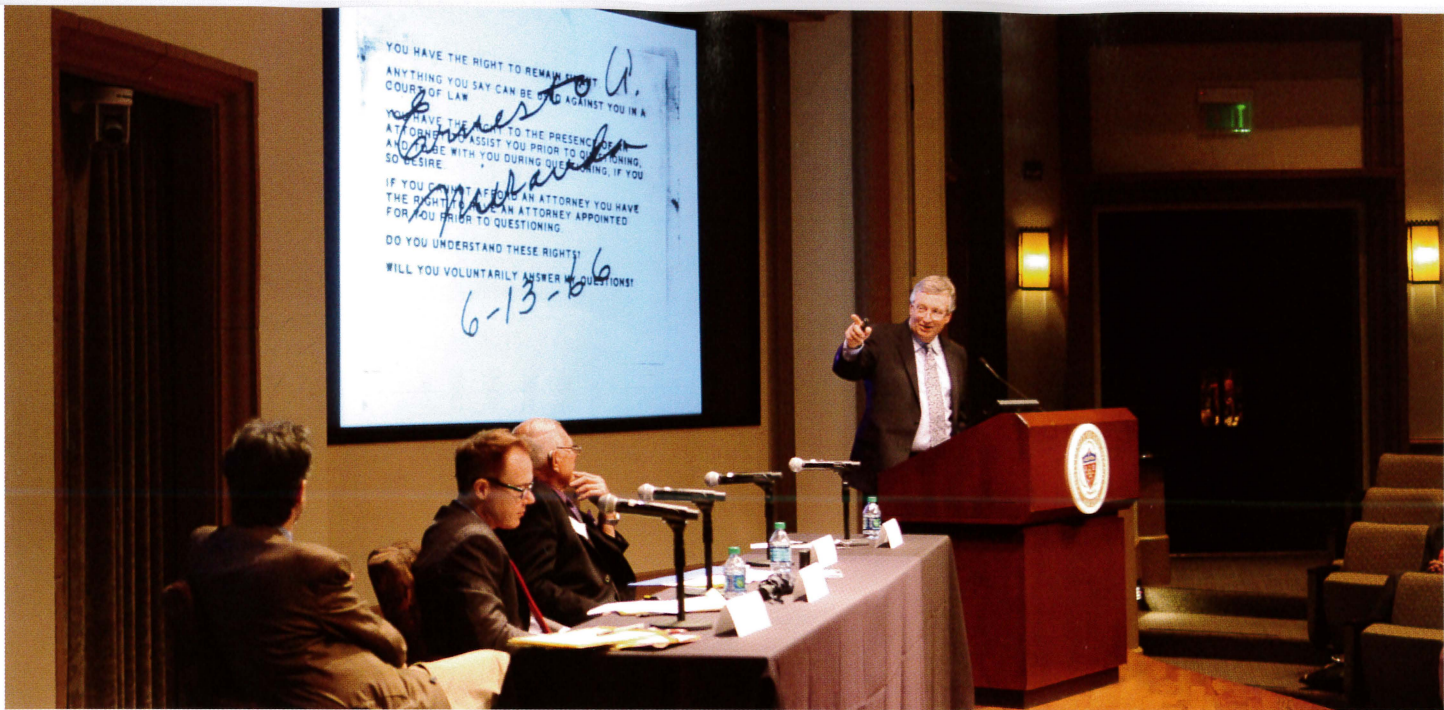
Alan Marco

“Alan Marco’s presentation was an insightful reminder of how patent law ultimately serves the economics of innovation. With the numerous technology-focused legal doctrines in patent law, sometimes it is easy to lose sight of this crucial dollars-and-cents end goal. Chief Economist Marco’s facts and figures were not only illuminating, but showed the importance of his role and position at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.” —Professor Ted Sichelman

## USD School of Law Hosts Patent Law Conference

### ECONOMIST ALAN MARCO GIVES KEYNOTE ADDRESS

In January, Chief Economist for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Alan Marco was the keynote speaker at the 2016 annual Patent Law Conference. Titled “The Changing Nature of Patent Law,” the conference addressed recent changes in patentable subject matter, patent challenges at the USPTO, injunctive relief and remedies, novelty and obviousness, induced and joint infringement, and a host of other topics. The conference was attended by more than 100 professors, lawyers, and academic and business leaders.



## Community Defenders in Action

### ➤ RAISING AWARENESS OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES AND PROCEDURES

Community Defenders, a nonprofit corporation that represented San Diego indigents accused of crimes, closed in 1988, leaving a grant for USD to offer training and educational programs on criminal defense and criminal justice. The grant committee is made up of Professor Laura Berend, Professor Alex Landon, Kurt Hermansen, Elizabeth Missakian, Lynda Romero and Zaki Zehawi.

In January, Community Defenders presented a seminar titled “Attacking State and Federal Gang Cases: Motions, Emotions, and Trial Tactics.” The seminar addressed the type of evidence that can be used in gang prosecutions—which has been limited by appellate courts—and explained federal and state laws concerning such prosecutions, and how to effectively attack the prosecution’s case.

In April, Community Defenders, along with the Law Alumni Board, sponsored a faculty panel marking the 50th anniversary of the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Miranda v. Arizona*. Moderated by Professor Kevin Cole, panelists included police officer Captain Carroll Cooley (who arrested Ernesto Miranda), Professor Donald Dripps, and Richard Leo, Professor of Law and Social Psychology at USF School of Law.



Above: The faculty panel discussed *Miranda v. Arizona*.



## 10 Years of Leading Change

THE ENERGY POLICY INITIATIVES CENTER HAS BECOME A TRUSTED SOURCE ON ISSUES OF ENERGY AND CLIMATE LAW AND POLICY, BOTH LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY

*Students in the Energy Policy Initiatives Center clinic traveled to Sacramento, along with EPIC Director Scott Anders (center) and Staff Attorney Joe Kaatz (second from right), to present their findings to state agencies.*

In early 2005, USD School of Law launched the Energy Policy Initiatives Center (EPIC) with funds from a settlement in a lawsuit linked to the infamous 2000–01 California energy crisis. EPIC’s mission was to train law students in the area of energy law and policy, and to educate decision makers on energy policy options by conducting research and releasing reports and studies. The school hired Scott Anders to make that mission a reality.

EPIC’s academic program is made up of courses, a clinic and an annual symposium. “We are really proud of the academic experience we have developed for students interested in energy and climate change,” said EPIC Director Scott Anders. “Our classes provide a great foundation of knowledge and introduce key practical skills, and our clinic provides an in-depth opportunity for students to apply and expand their practical skills.”

The clinic connects a group of students with legal and technical staffs in California agencies. “It’s a great way for students to enhance their legal research and writing skills, and to gain experience working directly with a client,” said Joe Kaatz, EPIC’s staff attorney and clinic supervisor.

Over the past 10 years, EPIC has produced dozens of reports and articles that have informed local, regional and statewide thought leaders in California, and has completed numerous projects, working directly with decision makers. Much of EPIC’s work focuses on projects in the San Diego region. Most notably, the center worked with the city of San Diego to help develop its action plan to reduce greenhouse gases, which was adopted in December 2015 and received international attention; but EPIC’s efforts also reach the statewide level and beyond.

In December 2014, EPIC staff traveled to Saudi Arabia to present a five-day energy policy workshop to a strategic planning group within Saudi Aramco, the world’s largest oil company. The kingdom is seeking to reduce its domestic energy use by increasing energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy technologies.

Most recently, EPIC has received funding to participate in a five-year regional collaborative led by Cleantech San Diego to accelerate the commercialization of innovative energy technologies. EPIC will advise startup companies on navigating the complex regulatory and policy environment of the electricity and natural gas industries in California and the United States.

To learn more, visit [sandiego.edu/law/centers/epic](http://sandiego.edu/law/centers/epic).



*Congressman Scott Peters (left) and Senior Policy Advisor Ken Alex (right) took part in a panel on climate issues.*

## Seventh Annual Climate & Energy Law Symposium

The seventh annual Climate & Energy Law Symposium was held at USD in November 2015, one month before the Paris climate talks. The event featured a keynote panel with Congressman Scott Peters (D-CA) and Ken Alex, executive director of the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research, and senior policy advisor to Gov. Jerry Brown. Speakers discussed the legal challenges and state responses to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean Power Plan; and the role of subnational entities, including state, provinces and cities in international climate agreements.

# Two New LGBT Scholarships

GENEROUS DONORS SUPPORT THE LAW SCHOOL'S INCLUSIVE AND DIVERSE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



Top: Nick Fox, '11 (JD);  
above: John Gomez.



This year, two privately funded scholarships were created that benefit lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students, or students who support LGBT issues.

Funded by John Gomez, the Gomez Trial Attorneys Scholarship provides an annual \$5,000 award to a law student who is a member of the LGBT community or has demonstrated a commitment to the LGBT community.

“Our firm believes that we have a responsibility to lead in charitable, social justice and community issues,” Gomez said. “As lawyers for victims, underdogs and the oppressed, we strongly believe that issues involving the LGBT community are one of the next generation of lawyers’ most critical civil rights missions.”

The LGBT Alumni Scholarship also provides a \$5,000 award to an LGBT student at USD School of Law who has demonstrated a commitment to advancing LGBT issues. The fundraising

committee currently includes Nick Fox, '11 (JD); Loren Freestone, '97 (JD); Robert Gleason, '98 (JD); Janice Mulligan, '81 (JD); Kyle Nageotte, '12 (JD); and Todd Stevens, '88 (JD).

“The LGBT Scholarship symbolizes solidarity among LGBT students, alumni and faculty, and the community at large,” Fox said. “It is a personal investment for me and many other LGBT and ally alumni to help demonstrate that there is a welcoming learning environment at the law school. Through efforts such as the LGBT Scholarship, students can be open about who they are, knowing that there is a supportive network through the school, its faculty and alumni.

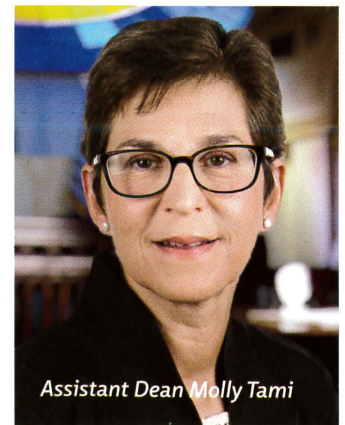
“An endowed scholarship serves as a permanent reminder of the commitment of the School of Law and its alumni in creating a vibrant learning environment that is supportive of diversity in all forms and the value that diversity brings to the legal profession,” Fox added.

## Forging Special Connections

NEW ONLINE NETWORK LINKS ALUMNI WITH STUDENTS

USD School of Law launched an online Professional Network Directory for alumni and students, allowing them to search for connections in specific practice areas and regions, identify potential mentors, and expand their professional contacts. “We are always pleased to find meaningful new ways to connect students and alumni,” said Molly Tami, assistant dean for career and professional development, who collaborated on the project with the law school’s alumni office.

For more information, visit [sandiego.edu/law/careers/alumni](http://sandiego.edu/law/careers/alumni).



Assistant Dean Molly Tami



Ronson J. Shamoun and Dean Stephen C. Ferruolo.

## The Big Give

In the third annual Big Give, a 36-hour online fundraising campaign that took place in April, 281 alumni and friends generously supported the law school's key initiatives, including scholarships. The total amount raised was \$275,183.

The campaign kicked off with the Big

Give Bash at RJS Law, a leading local tax firm.

Hosted by Board of Visitors and adjunct faculty member Ronson J. Shamoun, '03 (LLM), '02 (JD), '98 (BA), the Bash raised over \$20,000.

The success of the Big Give brings USD School of Law closer to its goal of raising \$31.5 million during Leading Change: The Campaign for USD.

## Entrepreneurship Clinic Relaunch

In fall 2015, the USD School of Law Legal Clinics relaunched its Entrepreneurship Clinic to focus on providing USD law students with hands-on transactional legal experience representing high-technology business startups and other emerging growth companies. USD School of Law interns, under the direction of experienced attorneys, provide the legal services needed by entrepreneurs, including structuring the business entity, advising on financing regulations, drafting of investment and employment agreements, and protection of intellectual property.

"When I was a student at USD School of Law, the offerings for a prospective corporate attorney were relatively slim, and the focus, as with most law schools, was squarely on litigation," said adjunct professor and Entrepreneurship Clinic supervising attorney Sebastian Lucier, '05 (JD), who practices corporate law at Mintz Levin. "Today, the USD School of Law has a

robust offering of classes for those focused on corporate transactional work, including mergers and acquisitions and venture capital financing. The evolution of the Entrepreneurship Clinic reflects this shift in philosophy and provides law students with exposure to the world of corporate transactional work."

The clinic has partnered with USD's schools of business and engineering to support companies founded by USD student entrepreneurs, including a drone technology company and several social media startups. Next year, the clinic will be expanding its services to students at other San Diego universities.

In March, the Legal Clinics hosted a launch party introducing the new Entrepreneurship Clinic. Special guest entrepreneur Neil Senturia, CEO of Blackbird Ventures, joined USD School of Law Dean Stephen C. Ferruolo in a fireside chat. The well-attended launch event was an excellent

opportunity for students to network with local entrepreneurs and leading San Diego transactional attorneys.

In June, the Entrepreneurship Clinic added a second adjunct professor, Michael Hostetler. Dr. Hostetler, who practices IP law at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, advises Entrepreneurship Clinic interns and clients on intellectual property matters related to startups, including trade secrets, patents, trademarks and copyrights.

*Neil Senturia, serial entrepreneur and columnist for the San Diego Union Tribune, meets with students in the Entrepreneurship Clinic.*



# A Life-Changing Internship

NATALIA NYCZAK '16 (JD) INTERNED AT A CAMBODIAN WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL THAT WAS ESTABLISHED TO SEEK JUSTICE FOR THE ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY THE KHMER ROUGE

In July 2015, Natalia Nyczak, '16 (JD), began a six-month internship with the Supreme Court Chamber of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC). The ECCC is a hybrid international tribunal set within the confines of the Cambodian court system and receives international support through the United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials.

The ECCC was created to prosecute the senior leaders of Democratic Kampuchea and those most responsible for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes committed against the Cambodian people between April 17, 1975, and January 6, 1979. At least 1.7 million people are believed to have died from starvation, torture, execution and forced labor during this period.

Nyczak's primary responsibilities were proofreading, citation checking and assisting in drafting chamber

documents, as well as researching international law applicable to the grounds of appeals brought by the two defendants in Case 002/01, Nuon Chea and Khieu Samphan. Both defendants were senior leaders during the Khmer Rouge regime. They were sentenced to life imprisonment for crimes against humanity in Case 002/01 and are currently appealing their sentences.

In addition to the valuable legal experience Nyczak gained, she relished the adventure of living in a very different part of the world. Back in the United States, Nyczak reflected on the rewards of her half year away from home. "I learned a lot about international criminal law and Cambodian history and culture," she said. "I also met very interesting people and made wonderful new friends from different parts of the world. It was truly life-changing."



*Natalia Nyczak, '16 (JD), gained valuable legal and life experience during her six-month internship with the Supreme Court Chamber of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia.*

# New Tax Practicum

## COLLABORATION WITH SEMPRA ENERGY AND KPMG PROVIDES UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN TAX CAREERS

In partnership with Sempra Energy, the School of Law launched a tax simulation course during spring semester designed to bridge the gap between the classroom and the office. Students gained practical experience by working in teams on simulated tax planning exercises with lawyers from Sempra Energy and KPMG. The simulation consisted of five day-long sessions held at Sempra's headquarters in downtown San Diego, covering major tax practice areas, including R&D credits, mergers and acquisitions, international tax, and tax controversy.

The five exercises were integrated to provide a big-picture understanding of how tax planning plays out in practice, including how it affects financial statements.

"The effort put into this class by Sempra, KPMG and the students themselves has been nothing short of amazing," said Professor Victor Fleischer. "I had great expectations for this class, and the lawyers set the bar high. It was wonderful to see the students rise to the occasion. The experience they gained was invaluable as they head off to start their tax careers."



Professor Victor Fleischer



Sarah Gonzalez, '15 (JD)

## USD in D.C.

### THROUGH HER EXTERNSHIP IN WASHINGTON, D.C., SARAH GONZALEZ '15 (JD) LANDED HER DREAM JOB AT THE EPA

While at law school, Sarah Gonzalez participated in USD in D.C., an externship program in which students, under the supervision of an on-site attorney, spend a semester working for a government or public interest agency, nonprofit trade association, think tank, or with a judge.

"I cannot speak more highly of the USD in D.C. program," she said. "It afforded me the opportunity to clerk full time for an entire semester. This opportunity allowed me to build strong relationships with my

supervisors, which is difficult to do when you are only working part time and simultaneously balancing a full course load."

Gonzalez says she "never would have guessed that I would be moving to D.C. after law school. Prior to law school, my mentor told me that the most important thing to do during law school is to take advantage of all of the resources that my school has to offer. I did just that by participating in the USD in D.C. program, and it undeniably helped me land my dream job at the EPA. It is one of the best decisions I made during my law school career."



A LOOK BACK AT THE  
REMARKABLE 10-YEAR VICE  
DEANSHIP OF PROFESSOR  
MARY JO WIGGINS, AS  
SHE RETURNS TO FULL-  
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hough Professor Mary Jo Wiggins heads back to the classroom this fall, the impact of her 10-year tenure as vice dean of USD School of Law will be felt for years to come.

The philosophy that guided Wiggins as vice dean was simple in theory yet complicated in practice. During the major upheaval in legal education that followed the financial crisis of 2008, she remained steadfast in her focus on the best interests of students. “We’ve had major curricula changes and expansions of externships, clinics and programs, all guided by Mary Jo. We would not be where we are today in terms of the quality of the law school without the role she’s played for the past 10 years,” said Dean Stephen C. Ferruolo. “She’s a very strong voice for the law school, liberal arts education, academic excellence, diversity and access. She’s a model university citizen.”

Ever since Wiggins headed up the search for a new dean that culminated in Ferruolo’s arrival in 2011, the two have partnered to enhance the school’s reputation. “I’ve learned



*Mary Jo Wiggins, center, is heading back to the class-room after 10 years as vice dean.*

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—MARY JO WIGGINS

tremendously from Mary Jo. She improved every aspect of our curriculum, made sure we allocated faculty resources to best serve our students and brought in the finest legal practitioners as adjuncts,” Ferruolo said. “She has a backbone of steel.”

That backbone has served Wiggins well. While vice dean, she worked closely with faculty members to strategize on proposed enhancements to academic programs and was instrumental in bringing viable ideas to fruition.

Wiggins’ achievements as vice dean are extensive and far-reaching. She led the charge to develop and advance USD’s curriculum, particularly in the areas of IP, business and corporate law; introduced a 1L professional skills practicum; and established a Washington, D.C., externship program. She also directed faculty energy toward improving the student experience and the school’s scholastic product, and managed USD’s academic operations. “There have been fundamental structural changes in the market for legal education that have required us to be very rigorous about how we utilize resources,” Wiggins said.

After canceling the school’s civil practicum seminar for a year in order to find someone to give the course an overhaul, Wiggins hired prominent San Diego litigator Virginia Nelson, ’79 (JD), to revamp it. “The administration and faculty at USD realize the critical need for students to get as much education in ‘real-life’ lawyering skills as possible,” said Nelson. “Professor Wiggins allowed me latitude to be creative and focus on the areas and issues I thought most beneficial to the students, while constantly and carefully providing thoughtful, incisive input.”

Wiggins, who joined USD in 1990, appreciates the opportunities she had as vice dean to collaborate with different constituencies on initiatives that have made the law school stronger. “I loved being able to directly influence the quality and vibrancy of legal education,” said Wiggins. “It was incredibly gratifying to see the seed of an idea blossom into a concrete improvement.”

Wiggins’ contributions to USD extend beyond the law school. She served as USD’s emissary to the city of San Diego in a successful effort to address challenges with the law school’s administrative hearing program as it underwent a major transition in 2015. And from her seat on the university-wide strategic planning committee, Wiggins continues to lend an important perspective to considerations about the future of the law school and the university as a whole.

“She brings her sharp and penetrating mind to clarify discussions that the committee has not only about content but also about building an inclusive strategic planning process. Her thoughtful comments have raised the quality of the committee’s work and created a more compelling vision for USD in 2024, the university’s 75th anniversary,” said USD President James T. Harris III.

During the 2016–17 academic year, Wiggins will be a University Professor, which is USD’s



*Professor Mary Jo Wiggins, right, with law students.*



## MARGARET DALTON NAMED ASSOCIATE DEAN

Professor Margaret Dalton, '94 (JD), has been named associate dean of the law school, succeeding Mary Jo Wiggins.

An expert in special education and disability law, Dalton is a longtime advocate for experiential learning programs. She previously served as the faculty director for Clinical and Placement Education and the supervising attorney for the Education & Disability Clinic, which she established in 2003 with a discretionary award from the California Endowment.

"I always wanted to advocate for women's and children's health issues," said Dalton, who has been on the faculty for 20 years. "But when I learned about special education law, I knew I had found my calling." Her enthusiasm for the field has inspired many students to participate in her clinic and pursue careers in special education law.

With her clinic an established success, Dalton was then named director of all the law school's

clinics, which she more than doubled during her tenure. "I've always felt that students need both a doctrinal education and a practical one in order to be successful," she said. "We have long been ahead of the curve in that regard."

Dalton is deeply committed to her students and the community. "Our primary purpose is the education of our students, so it is a wonderful add-on that we can serve the community at the same time. Last year, our clinics closed 500 cases," she noted with pride. "We are a full-service law firm, with an added benefit of not charging our clients any fees."

In her new role, Dalton will focus on the breadth of the school's offerings, and work with faculty and students to identify new programs that, she said, are "must-haves."

"I love USD and believe that this institution stands for excellence," she said. "I look forward to having an even greater impact."

highest institution-wide academic honor. She is eager to return to the classroom full-time, where she thrives on distilling complex subjects into accessible concepts and enjoys seeing students' proverbial lightbulbs go off. Wiggins derives great satisfaction when alumni tell her they continue to use what she taught them years ago. "When I hear those things, I feel very good about what I've chosen to do with my life," she said.

A Renaissance woman when it comes to her mastery of a broad range of subject matter, Wiggins is slated to teach bankruptcy in the fall and property next spring; she may take on a third class in advanced property or remedies.

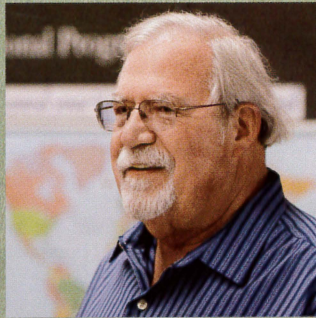
Wiggins also intends to rejoin the scholarly conversations she left behind during her tenure as vice dean and develop ideas for research in bankruptcy and property law.

Despite the hard knocks legal education has taken in recent years, Wiggins believes that law remains a worthy profession that is a cornerstone of our society. "From the time I was very young, I had an intuitive sense of the importance of our legal system to the advancement of human rights and the betterment of society," she said. (Wiggins' father, a retired minister, was a prominent civil rights leader in the 1960s.) In fact, she is so sanguine about the future of legal education that she is encouraging her daughter, a high school senior who has expressed interest in becoming a district attorney, to follow in Wiggins' footsteps.

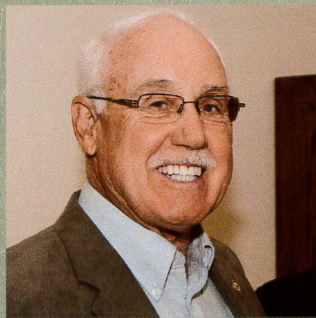
Wiggins feels strongly that all young people should be given the chance to pursue their dreams. For someone who has devoted her life to a profession in which words and language are a form of currency, she summarizes her advice to current and prospective law students succinctly and powerfully: "Aim high, work hard, and don't be discouraged." Wise counsel from a woman who has proved that a combination of ambition, diligence and optimism is a great recipe for success. [a](#)



Laura Berend



Paul Horton



Jack Minan



Theresa Player



Jorge Vargas

# A Fond Farewell

The five professors retiring in 2016, all stellar advocates and educators, embody the finest traditions of USD School of Law

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people are the essence of an institution, then there are no better representatives of USD School of Law's values and aspirations than this year's group of retiring professors.

After decades of fighting for justice, championing those in need, pioneering emerging areas of law and inspiring new generations of lawyers, professors Laura Berend, Paul Horton, Jack Minan, Theresa Player and Jorge Vargas leave a legacy that has enriched not just the students and the school, but also the community and the legal profession.

"What we see with each of these beloved professors is years of dedication to our law school, commitment to our students, a strong scholarly record and, above all, important community service," Dean Stephen C. Ferruolo said. "They set a great example for the kind of lawyers we are trying to educate."



“Having a good criminal defense system is one way to ensure we have the best possible society.”

## A Force for the Defense

➤ **LAURA BEREND** knew exactly what she wanted to do after graduating from USD School of Law in 1975. “I went to law school to be a criminal defense lawyer,” she said. “I wanted to represent indigent people accused of crime.”

Berend began her career as a staff attorney with Defenders Inc., a private, nonprofit firm providing criminal defense services. She was promoted to supervising attorney before eventually moving into private practice as a criminal defense lawyer.

In 1982, she joined the faculty at USD School of Law, teaching ethics, evidence advocacy and criminal trial practice. Berend continued to demonstrate her dedication to those in need, helping foster new lawyers committed to social service advocacy.

“She was an inspiring teacher who forged lifelong relationships with many of her students,” said Professor Jean Ramirez,

co-author with Berend of *Criminal Litigation in Action*. The book, published in 2002 and now in its third edition, is considered a seminal work on the practical application of criminal actions and procedures in the California trial courts.

Ramirez credits Berend for helping develop USD School of Law’s live-client Criminal Clinic, one of the first in the United States. The course combines a classroom trial simulation with real-life work for prosecuting or defending trial agencies. Berend also developed innovative classes like Evidence Advocacy and Crime: The People, the Process.

In 2001, Berend received the Herzog Endowed Scholar award, the highest academic honor bestowed university-wide at USD, which recognizes outstanding scholarly achievements in teaching and research.

Berend’s busy academic career did not keep her from taking a leadership

role in public service. Her résumé includes stints as president of the Defenders Organization of San Diego board of directors, the San Diego Psychology Law Society and the Criminal Defense Lawyers Club. She also volunteered her time supervising a legal clinic for the homeless, helping people who had received notices to appear and arrest warrants in the San Diego criminal courts.

Forty years after she began her career at Defenders Inc., the organization’s board presented Berend with the 2015 E. Stanley Conant Award—the highest honor it confers on members of the criminal defense community—in recognition of her years of “exceptional and unselfish devotion to protecting the rights of the indigent accused.”

“You can judge society by the way it treats people,” Berend said. “Having a good criminal defense system is one way to ensure we have the best possible society.”

## A Champion for Students

➤ For **PAUL HORTON**, teaching is all about the students.

He began his academic career as an associate professor at USD School of Law in 1973, after spending four years in private practice. He taught various courses, including business torts, family law, intellectual property, administrative law and legal writing.

In 1991, USD, along with many other law schools, was required by accreditation agencies to have a full-time faculty member supporting the school's judicial internship program. Horton volunteered, and he remained in the position until

2015. "I think the most important practical experience a law school can offer is a judicial internship," he said.

In addition to teaching, Horton expanded the internship program—counseling students, developing course work and training materials, and meeting with judges to promote the law school's candidates for internships.

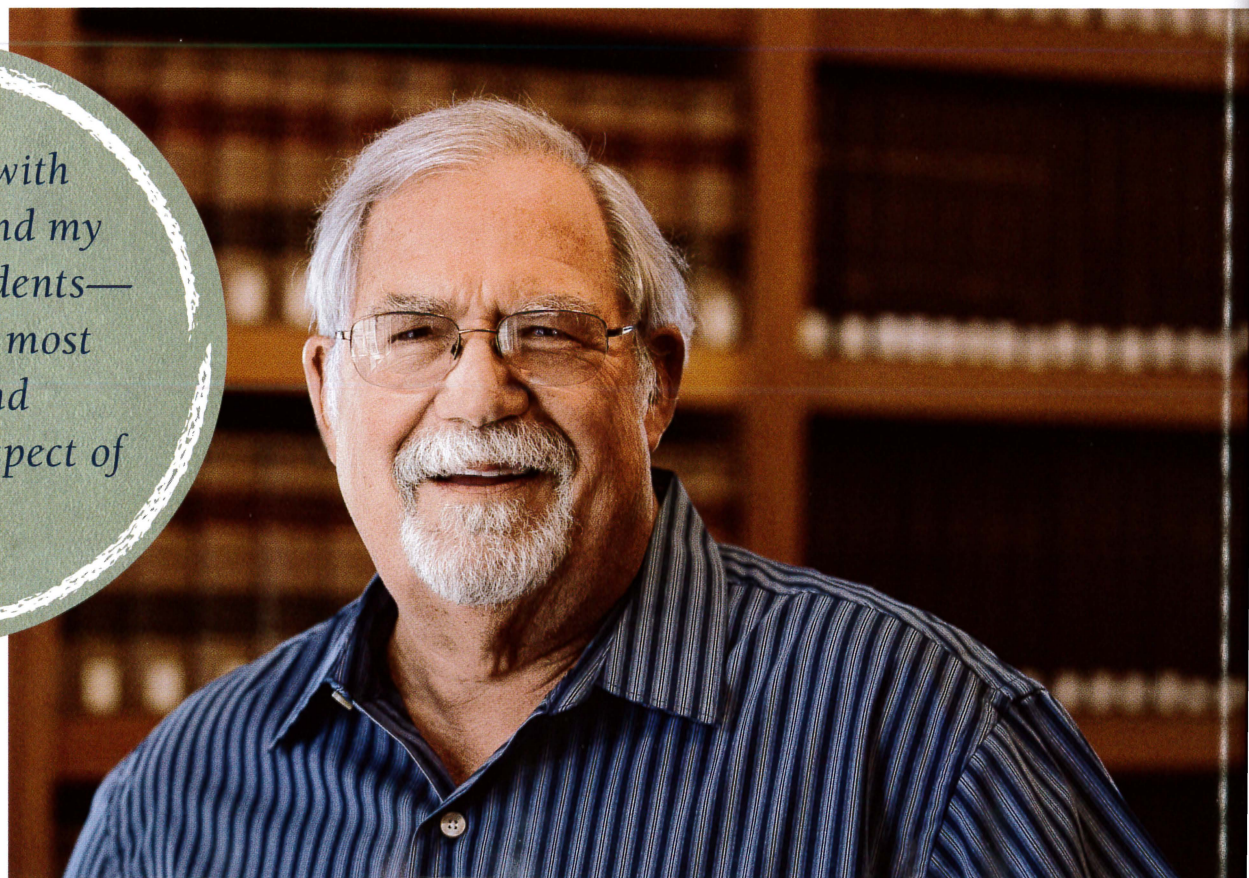
"As the program became better known and judges became more aware of us, we have never had difficulty in placing our students," Horton said.

But for all the effort he put into enhancing the program, Horton is

proudest of helping his students get published. In 2000, he took over the editorial post for USD School of Law's *Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues*, a nationally acclaimed publication that consists primarily of papers presented at symposia held at the law school. Under Horton's guidance, the biannual journal has published hundreds of student articles focused on topics such as developments in California family law and trademarks.

"My work with students—and my work for students—has been the most important and rewarding aspect of my career," Horton said.

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## A Legal Renaissance Man

In his 40-plus-year teaching career at USD School of Law, **JOHN "JACK" MINAN** has amassed wide-ranging expertise in disparate areas of the law.

He began his academic career in solar energy law at a time when alternative power was still in its infancy. After establishing himself as one of the few pre-eminent legal scholars in the field, he went on to tackle international law—serving as a leader for a number of international legal education programs across the globe.

Minan then shifted his focus to commercial law and co-authored a treatise on leasing under 2A of the Uniform Commercial Code. Soon after, he switched to water and land use law

and—not surprisingly—became one of the top national experts in these areas as well. More recently, he has been involved in sports law and has written three books on sports-related legal areas, including *The Little Book of Golf Law* and *The Little White Book of Baseball Law*.

Minan attributes his ability to pursue such a multifaceted career to USD School of Law's open-minded academic culture. "One thing that attracted me to the school is that there was a real interest in ideas," Minan said. "Everyone on the faculty was involved in a lot of interesting areas of law, and that inspired me and gave me the opportunity to work in a variety of important areas."

During his time at USD School of

Law, Minan has served on numerous law school and university committees, and has assumed a variety of leadership roles, including associate dean for academic affairs and acting dean of summer programs. He earned the school's distinguished University Professor Recognition Award in 1995 and then again in 2006.

Yet for all his academic achievements, Minan considers his work with the state and regional water boards the high point of his legal career. In 1999, Gov. Gray Davis appointed him to the California Regional Water Control Board, where he went on to serve as chairman for six consecutive one-year terms. Minan also joined the Board of Governors of the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project, where his work earned him special recognition from President George W. Bush in 2002. In praising Minan's work, the former president wrote: "I am pleased to commend the members of your team for their efforts to improve our environment in Southern California. ... I appreciate your personal commitment and leadership."

Additionally, Minan received a gubernatorial appointment to the San Diego River Conservancy, a state agency dedicated to the acquisition and management of public lands.

"These have been wonderful experiences for me," the indefatigable Minan said. "They allowed me to combine my academic career with public service."





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## An Advocate for the Poor

**THERESA PLAYER** says she became a lawyer to help those in serious need.

When she was a law student at UCLA in the early '70s, Player says her eyes were opened to the urgency of working for social justice issues. “At law school, I was involved in the National Lawyers Guild,” she said, “and the prevailing ethic was that serving the country meant serving the poor and equalizing opportunities for them.”

Upon graduation, she made a beeline for the nearest Legal Aid Society, where she spent four years working in the welfare unit, representing people at administrative hearings and in criminal courts.

“I got my experience in criminal law

through Legal Aid,” Player explained.

“Initially, I helped people file claims and benefits and appeal cases. At the time, the welfare department referred cases of overpayment for more than \$200 to the District Attorney’s Office for felony prosecution. If people were not well-educated or didn’t speak English, they were treated like criminals, when in many cases, the clients didn’t even know that they had been overpaid.”

While at Legal Aid, Player got a chance to work with students at USD School of Law’s clinics, and these interactions inspired her to consider a career in legal academia. In 1976, she was given an opportunity to teach a class in

poverty law at the law school, and she took to it with relish, making up her own materials.

Player began teaching full-time at USD School of Law in 1980, taking charge of the school’s clinics. She developed courses to teach students courtroom skills along with techniques to successfully, and compassionately, work with clients.

“The language you use and the attitude you have toward clients can mean everything,” Player said. “Those are the important lessons. I also tried to teach students not to take themselves too seriously and always have a sense of humor. That’s a hard lesson to teach young people.”

## A Scholar of Mexican Law

When **JORGE VARGAS** joined the faculty in 1983, international courses in U.S. law schools mostly covered European and Japanese laws. There were no courses on the legal system of Mexico, one of the United States' largest trade partners.

"I couldn't believe it," Vargas recalled. "So I realized that maybe the best contribution I could make was to introduce Mexican law to this country, both in the academic circles and also in U.S. courts."

Mission accomplished. In addition to teaching and writing prolifically on the subject (35 books and 73 articles), he organized conferences and invited Mexican legal experts to discuss various areas of the law. Vargas became known as the go-to person for Mexican law, serving as a consultant on contract disputes and criminal cases for law firms across the country.

"Mexican law is really based on civil legal tradition. It is derived from Roman law, yet there is no connection or annex of communication between Roman law and American law," Vargas explained.

He has also served as an expert witness for various courts around the country on matters involving Mexican law, including commercial, criminal and civil litigation.

"American judges knew little about

Mexican law, so my role was dual," Vargas said. "I was pleased to educate American judges on Mexican law and also render an opinion on technical legal questions at hand."

Prior to his tenure at USD School of Law, Vargas practiced law in Mexico City. He also worked as a Mexican government official and served in various capacities as a legal advisor to the government (for the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs, the Fishing Department, and the National Council on Science and Technology, among others). He taught law at the Institute of Marine Sciences and Limnology at University of Mexico, Iberoamericana University and Anahuac University, with a focus on constitutional law, transnational corporations and law of the sea.

These days, Vargas is pursuing an entirely different passion: watercolor painting. Since retiring in August, he estimates that he has done about 100 paintings. "I'm enjoying this time, too, painting and spending time with my wife, Lynda," Vargas said.

Even in retirement, however, his reputation stands as the preeminent scholar on Mexican legal affairs, and Vargas will always count his introduction of Mexican law to the United States as one of his biggest achievements. [a](#)



# A Matter of Choice

Commencement speaker and Qualcomm President Derek Aberle '96 (JD) shared life lessons with the Class of 2016



*Above: Derek Aberle, '96 (JD), and Dean Stephen C. Ferruolo. Right: Aberle shows the new graduates the cellphone he used in law school to illustrate how much has changed in 20 years.*





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School of Law alumnus and Qualcomm President Derek Aberle, '96 (JD), delivered the Commencement address to the Class of 2016 on Saturday, May 14.

Aberle—whom Dean Stephen C. Ferruolo described as a “stellar example of a USD School of Law alumnus who has achieved tremendous success in law and global leadership”—spoke to the 283 graduates about defining their futures in a changing world.

“Today, I want to talk to you about the choices you will make and the risks you will take as you carve a path for yourself,” Aberle told the new graduates. “Each decision comes at a fork in the road—and each choice that you’ll make is a change in direction.”

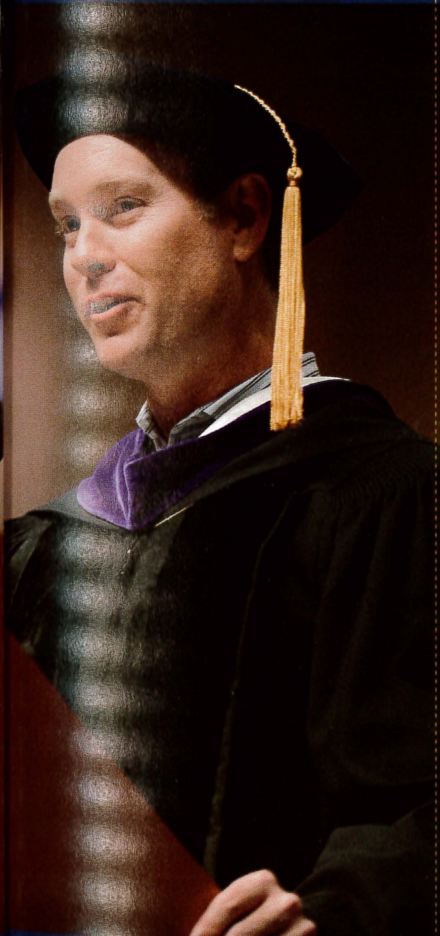
Aberle counseled his audience to periodically revisit and challenge their career decisions: “Just because you have chosen a path in the past does not mean that you should remain on that path in the future.” He recalled his own beginnings as a litigator who was on track to make partner. After working with Qualcomm on a settlement case, however, he decided to switch things up.

“I left the firm and went to Qualcomm to do licensing work. At that time, I had never really negotiated a license, and I had virtually no experience drafting contracts,” Aberle said. “There were certainly a lot of uncomfortable moments [those] first few years. Thankfully, it turns out I wasn’t a half-bad negotiator, and joining the Qualcomm team was the best career decision I have made.”

He shared some of the other important lessons he has learned since graduating 20 years ago:

**“Push yourself out of your comfort zone.** Don’t be afraid to fail (or as my son likes to say, of the ‘first attempt in learning’). Life is short, and if you are not constantly challenging yourself, you will not reach your full potential. This often means you will need to take some risks and be uncomfortable, but it will pay off in the end, and you will be glad you did it. As President Jimmy Carter said: ‘Go out on a limb. That’s where the fruit is.’”

**“Choose to surround yourself with the right people.** You will likely work with many talented people throughout your career. But many of them will not be great mentors. A good mentor is not only good at what he or she does but also someone who takes an active interest in your success, and gives you opportunities to grow, sometimes even beyond what you believe you’re ready for.”



Near right: New graduates Min Young Chan and Mary Mostajo. Far right: Dean Ferruolo, Derek Aberle and Jim Crosby, '83, president-elect of the Alumni Board.



**“Don’t act like you are the smartest person in the room—even if you think you are!** As you progress in your career, you will be expected to make increasingly important and complex decisions with less-than-perfect information. Even though it is ultimately up to you to make these important judgment calls, you should create an environment in which the entire team is comfortable expressing their opinions.”

**“Choose to be lucky.** When you hear success stories, there is almost always an aspect of being in the right place at the right time ... of having the stars align. Some call that being lucky. But I believe that is only half of the equation. As the Roman philosopher Seneca said, ‘Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.’ Several years ago, I had the opportunity to negotiate one of the largest and most important deals for Qualcomm. It actually became a landmark deal in the wireless industry. We were about to start a very high-profile trial, and nobody expected the case to settle. But then, we had a breakthrough that led to a marathon 36-hour negotiation that resulted in the parties reaching an agreement on the courthouse steps. In many ways, the stars aligned to create that opportunity, but I was also prepared with the support and analysis we needed to negotiate around the clock and make critical judgment calls in a compressed time frame. If I had not been prepared to seize on that opening, we would not have closed that important deal.”



Left: Darshan Patel receiving his diploma.

## Qualcomm IP Scholarship Program

This year, USD School of Law was honored to announce the new Qualcomm Intellectual Property Scholarship Program to support law students with backgrounds in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields.

The program provides an annual three-year award to three entering law students who are graduates of University of San Diego; University of California, San Diego; or San Diego State University; and who have a bachelor of science, bachelor of arts, or advanced degree in one of the following fields of study: engineering (including electrical engineering), computer science, chemistry, biochemistry, biology, biologic sciences, bioengineering, physics, or mathematics.

Recipients must also demonstrate an interest in intellectual property or related areas of law. Under the terms of the grant, preference will

be given to women, minorities, people with disabilities and veterans who are entering the civilian workforce—as is consistent with Qualcomm’s Global Diversity and Inclusion Program that is designed to address the relatively low numbers of women and minorities in the STEM fields.

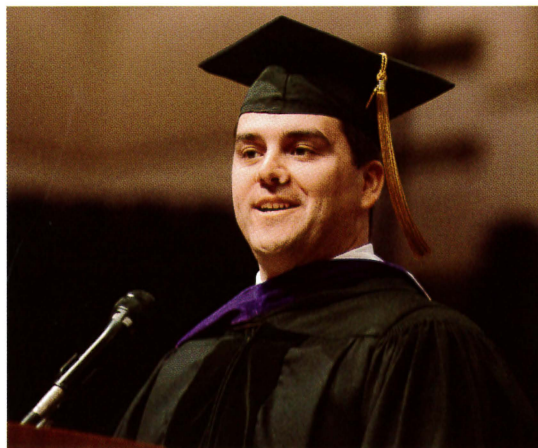
“I am very grateful to Qualcomm for this grant,” Dean Stephen C. Ferruolo said. “This scholarship program reflects our shared commitment to develop the human capital needed to sustain and build San Diego’s innovation and entrepreneurial economy. There is a growing demand for highly qualified lawyers with strong backgrounds in the STEM disciplines to serve the technology and medical technology companies that are so critical to our regional economy. USD School of Law and Qualcomm also share a common commitment to encouraging women, underrepresented minorities, people with disabilities and veterans to enter the STEM fields, and providing them with enhanced career opportunities in business and law.”

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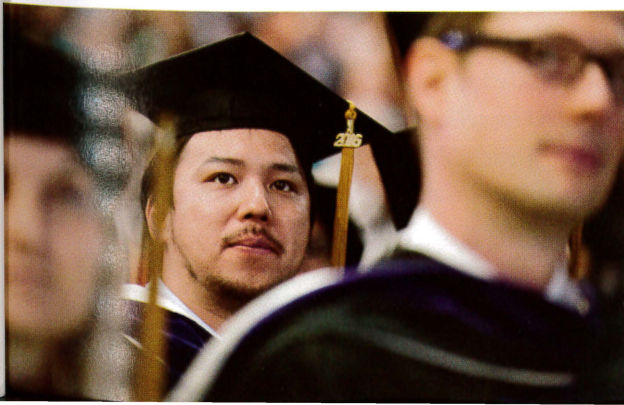
**“Choose to make a difference.** When I was a junior associate, I decided to take a *pro bono* case representing two sisters from Iraq who were seeking political asylum in the United States. One was a doctor, and the other was an accountant. They had fled Iraq because they were Christian, and Christians were being persecuted in Iraq at the time. There is no doubt that bad things would have happened to these women if they had to return to Iraq. ... One of the sisters was in deportation proceedings. I took the case and represented her in front of the immigration court. I hadn’t done anything like that before. But fortunately for her, we won the case, and she was granted asylum. It was a very emotional day for all of us, and this result changed her life forever. I have led several high-stakes, multibillion-dollar negotiations; started and grown new businesses; and even successfully negotiated bet-the-company disputes with strong foreign governments. But this representation still stands out in my mind as one of the most gratifying things I have ever done because I was truly able to change someone’s life for the better.”

**“Perhaps most importantly, choose the path that will make you happy.** You will spend a large part of your life at work, so strive to make it enjoyable. People almost always are better when they are doing things they love.”

Aberle closed by urging his audience to look back with pride on their law school years regardless of where the future takes them. “I still use the education and training I received at USD every day,” he said. “Your education will not only help make you great lawyers, but also great businesspeople and future leaders who are making a real difference.”



Near left: Jason M. Avelar gives the student address at Commencement. Far left: Yoshihisa Watanabe, receiving his LL.M.C.



# faculty footnotes

The USD School of Law faculty is committed to advancing the study and practice of law. In these pages, learn how our professors are impacting law at national and global levels.



## Howard Abrams

Abrams presented “Leveraged Partnership Distributions” at the 2015 USC Annual Tax Institute in Los Angeles (Jan. 2016) and “Advanced Partnership Basis Issues: Liabilities” at the Practising Law Institute’s conferences on Tax Planning for Domestic and Foreign Partnerships, LLCs, Joint Ventures and Other Strategic Alliances in Chicago, New York and San Francisco (Apr.–May 2016).

## Lawrence A. Alexander

Alexander published “Legal Positivism and Originalist Interpretation” in *16 Revista Argentina de Teoría Jurídica* (2015).

His forthcoming publications include “Robert Nagel and the Emptiness of the Supreme Court’s Standards of Review” in *University of Colorado Law Review*; “Distributive Justice and Retributive Justice” in *Oxford Handbook of Distributive Justice* (Olsaretti, ed.) (Oxford University Press); “Duties to Act Triggered by Creation of the Peril: Easy Cases, Puzzling Cases, and Complex Culpability” in *The Ethics and Law of Omissions* (Nelkin and Rickless, eds.) (Oxford University Press);

“Freedom of Religion and Expression” in *A Companion to Applied Philosophy* (Lippert-Rasmussen, Coody and Brownlee, eds.) (Wiley-Blackwell); “Ignorance as a Legal Excuse” in *Moral and Legal Ignorance* (Peels, ed.) (Routledge); “Recipe for a Theory of Self-Defense: The Ingredients, and Some Cooking Suggestions” in *The Ethics of Self-Defense* (Coons and Weber, eds.) (Oxford University Press); and “The Means Principle” in *Legal, Moral, and Metaphysical Truths: The Philosophy of Michael Moore* (Ferzan and Morse, eds.) (Oxford University Press).

Alexander presented “Jurisprudence” at the Annual Association of American Law Schools Conference in New York (Jan. 7, 2016) and was a presenter at the Conference on Exploitation: Politics, Philosophy, and Economics in San Diego (Apr. 22–23, 2016), the Rothberger Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder (Apr. 8, 2016), at Keller Center, University of Colorado, Boulder (Apr. 7, 2016), and presented at, and organized, Can Liberals Be Tolerant? *Should They Be?*, San Diego (Feb. 5–6, 2016). He was a commentator at the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Conference, San Francisco (Apr. 2, 2016).

Alexander was a panelist on “Law and Justice” at the National Workshop for

Bankruptcy Judges II in Washington, D.C. (Aug. 5, 2015), and at a conference on "Ignorance of Law: A Philosophical Inquiry by Douglas Husak" in New Haven (Sept. 11-12, 2015) and on *Evenwel v. Abbott*, San Diego, (Mar. 30, 2016).

#### Jordan M. Barry

Barry's forthcoming publications include "The Lay of the Land and Disputed Signposts" in *Research Handbook on Mergers and Acquisitions* (Hill and Davidoff-Solomon, eds.).

Barry presented "What is BEPS? Where Did It Come From? And What Is State Aid?" for the Tax Law Society at USD School of Law (Jan. 28, 2016) and "Regulatory Entrepreneurship" at the Law and Entrepreneurship Association Retreat for USD School of Law (Jan. 22, 2016).

#### Abraham Bell

Bell published "Of Property and Information" in 116 *Columbia Law Review* 237 (with Parchomovsky) (2016).

Bell's forthcoming publications include "Economic Analysis of the Law of Territorial Sovereignty" in *Economic Analysis of International Law* (Kontorovich, ed.); "The Dual-Grant Theory of Fair Use" in 83 *University of Chicago Law Review* (with Parchomovsky); and "Palestine, Uti Possidetis Juris and the Borders of Israel" in 54 *Arizona Law Review* (with Kontorovich).

Bell presented "The Dual-Grant Theory of Fair Use" at the 13th Annual Works-in-Progress Colloquium, Intellectual Property at Washington University, Seattle (Feb. 2016), the Many Faces of Innovation at

Bar Ilan University (Jan. 2016), the Fourth Global Congress on Intellectual Property and the Public Interest at the National Law University in Delhi (Dec. 2015), the Oxford University Press IP Workshop at Tel Aviv University (Dec. 2015), the EMNet 2015 Seventh International Conference on Economics and Management of Networks at University of the Western Cape in Cape Town (Dec. 2015), and the Copyright Scholarship Roundtable at University of Pennsylvania School of Law (Nov. 2015); "Of Property and Information" at the 11th Annual Conference of the Italian Society of Law and Economics at Universita di Napoli - Federico II (Dec. 2015); "The EU's Differentiation of Israel from Other Countries in Trade Agreements" at the 2015 Annual Conference of the Israeli Association for the Study of European Integration at Hebrew University of Jerusalem; and "The Uselessness of Public Use" at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Sept. 2015).

Bell was a panelist at the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem Symposium: The Economic Wall of the EU Labeling Move at the European Parliament (Nov. 2015) and The International Legitimacy for Zionism Symposium at the Begin Center in Jerusalem (Nov. 2015). Bell lectured on international law issues related to Palestinian terrorism at Cardozo Law School (Apr. 2016) and Cornell Law School (Mar. 2016); on international law and the Arab-Israeli conflict at the Louis D. Brandeis Center National Student Conference at UC Berkeley (Feb. 2016); and on universal jurisdiction at a Human Rights Voices conference in New York (Oct. 2015).

➤ **In the News:**  
Professor Orly Lobel's acclaimed book *Talent Wants to Be Free: Why We Should Learn to Love Leaks, Raids and Free-riding* (Yale University Press) received the Gold Medalist Next Generation Book Awards Best Business Book 2015. Among the many other awards it received are Gold Medalist of Axiom's Best Business Books, Gold Medalist in the Independent Publishers Award 2014 and the 2014 Thornes Prize of Excellence in Legal Scholarship.





In the News:

On June 8, 2016, the *New York Times* published an editorial by Professor Kevin Cole titled “Judicial Recall Can Be Appropriate If a Sentence Ignores the Law’s Intent.”

He wrote: “In a society inured to exceedingly harsh criminal penalties, political control may make judges timid about acting independently—ignoring factors that we would all want judges to consider if we were victim or accused. But in jurisdictions preferring those risks of excessive lenience and problems posed by mandatory minimums, the threat of recall can be justified.”

**Laura Berend**

Berend published *California Criminal Litigation in Action*, 3rd Ed. (with Ramirez) (Carolina Academic Press, 2016).

**Kevin Cole**

Cole’s forthcoming publications include “Better Sex Through Criminal Law: Proxy Crimes, Covert Negligence, and Other Difficulties of ‘Affirmative Consent’ in the ALI’s Draft Sexual Assault Provisions” in *San Diego Law Review*, and “Backpedalling in Place: The Ali’s Move from ‘Affirmative’ to ‘Contextual’ Consent” in *San Diego Law Review*.

**Margaret A. Dalton**

Dalton presented “Key Trends in Special Education Law” at the Disability Rights California State-Wide Training Conference in Sacramento (Oct. 11, 2015); “A Multidisciplinary Approach to Addressing Issues that Affect Families in the Dependency System” at Joint Law Office Training panel at San Diego Superior Court (Mar. 19, 2015); and “What Does the Law Require to Accommodate Those with Special Needs?” at San Diego Psych-Law Society, Disability and Education (Feb. 27, 2015).

**Donald A. Dripps**

Dripps’ forthcoming publications include “Understanding Due Process” in *The Cambridge Companion to the Constitution* (Orren and Compton, eds.) (Cambridge University Press); “Perspectives on the Fourth Amendment’ Forty Years Later:

Toward an Inclusive Regulatory Model” in *Minnesota Law Review*; and “Guilt, Innocence, and Due Process of Plea Bargaining” in *William and Mary Law Review*.

Dripps presented “‘Perspectives on the Fourth Amendment’ Forty Years Later: Toward an Inclusive Regulatory Model” at the *Minnesota Law Review’s* Centennial Symposium at University of Minnesota Law School (Oct. 2, 2015).

**Robert C. Fellmeth**

Fellmeth published “California Governor’s Veto Leaves College Students Adrift” in *San Jose Mercury News* (Nov. 30, 2015).

Fellmeth presented “Regulation Excesses and Deficiencies—When to Regulate, How and by Whom?” at the California Little Hoover Commission in Sacramento (Feb. 4, 2016).

**Miranda Perry Fleischer**

Fleischer published “Divide and Conquer: Using an Accessions Tax to Combat Dynastic Wealth Transfers” in *57 Boston College Law Review* (2016).

Fleischer’s forthcoming publications include “How is the Opera Like a Soup Kitchen?” in *The Philosophical Foundations of Tax Law* (Oxford University Press) and “Not So Fast: The Hidden Difficulties of Taxing Wealth,” in *Nomos*.

Fleischer presented “Divide and Conquer: Using an Accessions Tax to Combat Dynastic Wealth Transfers” at UCLA Law School’s Colloquium on Tax Policy and Public Finance (Mar. 2016), and at the Boston College Law School/American

College of Trusts and Estates Counsel Symposium on The Centennial of the Estate Tax: Perspectives and Recommendations (Oct. 2015); she also presented "Not So Fast: The Hidden Difficulties of Taxing Wealth" at Boston College Law School's Tax Policy Colloquium (Feb. 2016), and at the American Bar Association Section of Taxation Meeting Panel on Inequality and Taxation (Jan. 2016).

#### Victor Fleischer

Fleischer published "The Executive Paycheck Myth" in the *New York Times* (Nov. 4, 2015), and "Stop Universities From Hoarding Money" in the *New York Times* (Aug. 19, 2015).

Fleischer's forthcoming publications include "Job Creationism: Entrepreneurship & Tax Policy" in *Fordham Law Review* and "Taxing Alpha: Labor Is the New Capital" in *Tax Law Review*.

Fleischer presented at the Law and Entrepreneurship Annual Conference at Brigham Young University (2016).

#### Ralph H. Folsom

Folsom published *International Business Transactions Practitioner Treatise* (Thomson Reuters, 2016), *International Trade and Economic Relations Nutshell* (West Academic Pub. 2016), *International Business Transactions Nutshell* (West Academic Pub. 2016, co-authored), and *State Antitrust Laws* (Matthew-Bender, 2 volumes, 2016).

Folsom's forthcoming 2016 publications include *Principles of International*

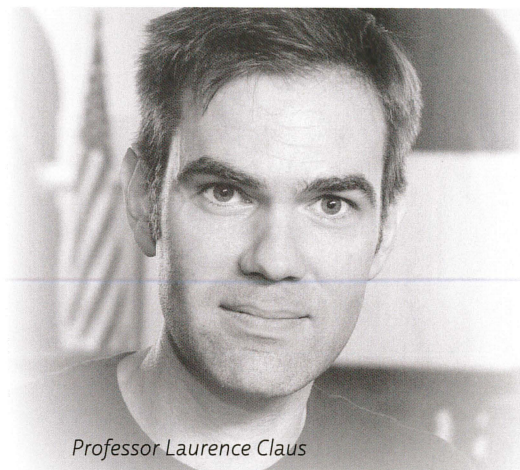
*Business Transactions* (co-authored) and *Foreign Investment Law Nutshell*.

#### Dov Fox

Fox's publications include "Religion and the Unborn Under the First Amendment" in *Law, Religion, and Health in America* (Cohen and Lynch, eds.) (2016); "Medical Malpractice Claims in Radiation Oncology: A Population-Based Study 1985-2012" in *International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology, Physics* (with Hattangadi-Gluth et al.) (2015); "Reproduction Gone Awry" in



Professor Michael Ramsey



Professor Laurence Claus

## Wiggins, Ramsey and Claus Receive USD Honors, Professorships

Three law professors have been selected recipients of the 2016-17 USD faculty awards. Vice Dean and Professor Mary Jo Wiggins was named University Professor; Professor Michael Ramsey, Herzog Endowed Scholar; and Professor Laurence Claus, Class of 1975 Endowed Professor.

The University Professor award is the highest academic honor bestowed university-wide at USD and recognizes outstanding scholarly achievements in teaching and research. The Herzog Endowed Scholar award recognizes the meritorious teaching and scholarly productivity of a School of Law professor. The Class of 1975 Endowed Professorship, created by the class as its 25-year reunion gift to the law school, recognizes meritorious teaching, leadership and academic work of a School of Law professor.

"We can all take great pride and joy in the contributions of these faculty to their disciplines and to the University of San Diego, and we are delighted their outstanding achievements are being recognized with these prestigious awards," said Vice President and Provost Andrew Allen in announcing the awards.

The awards will be given at the Fall Convocation in September 2016.

In the News: Professor Michael Ramsey commented in a variety of news articles and on PRI's *The World* radio program on the contention that Sen. Ted Cruz is not a "natural-born citizen" of the United States and is therefore not eligible to be elected president. Ramsey argues that the "proof ... is much more difficult than conventional wisdom supposes." He concludes that "the best reading of the original meaning of the eligibility clause is that any person defined as a citizen at birth by the Constitution or a statute is eligible to the presidency."

*Daily Journal* (Apr. 11, 2016); "From Change to Choice to Court" in *The Huffington Post* (Apr. 3, 2016); "The GOP Case Against Stem Cell Research" in *The Huffington Post* (Aug. 7, 2015); "Reproductive Malpractice and the U.S. Military" in *The Huffington Post* (with Stein) (July 2, 2015); and "Reproductive Malpractice and the U.S. Military" in *The Huffington Post* (July 2, 2015).

Fox's forthcoming publications include "Constitutional Retroactivity in Criminal Procedure" in *91 Washington Law Review* (with Stein).

Fox presented "Reproductive Negligence" at Technology and the Law in 2030 at UCLA Law School (Apr. 15, 2016), at Baby Markets Congress at UC Irvine School of Law (Apr. 3-4, 2016) and at Reproductive Justice Conference at NYU School of Law (Oct. 30, 2015); "The Legal Regulation of Genome Privacy" at Biomedical Informatics Seminar at UC San Diego (Oct. 9, 2015); "The Legal Regulation of Genome Privacy in the United States" at Current Trends in Biomedical Informatics Weekly Seminar at UC San Diego (Oct. 9, 2015); "The Right to Procreation" at Angelos Law Center Faculty Workshop in Baltimore (Sept. 18, 2015); and "Genetic Discrimination" at Data Sharing Symposium at UC San Diego (Sept. 2015).

#### **Karl Gruben**

Gruben was a panelist on a roundtable titled "The Impact of Networking on Professional Careers" at American Association of Law Libraries, Philadelphia (July 2015).

#### **Walter Heiser**

Heiser published "General Jurisdiction in the Place of Incorporation: An Artificial Home for an Artificial Person" in *53 Houston Law Review* 631 (2016).

#### **Gail Heriot**

Heriot published "Why Aren't There More Black Scientists?" in *The Wall Street Journal* (Oct. 21, 2015).

Heriot's forthcoming publications include "Perceptions of Newsworthiness Are Contaminated by a Political Usefulness Bias" (with Pashler).

Heriot presented "Racial Preferences Return to the Supreme Court: *Fisher v. University of Texas*" at The Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C. (Dec. 7, 2015); "Will the Supreme Court End Affirmative Action: A Preview of *Fisher v. University of Texas* on the Eve of Oral Argument" at The Cato Institute in Washington, D.C. (Dec. 7, 2015); "Plenary Session: Workplace Equality and Race: Roadblocks and Routes to a Better Outcome" at the Ninth Annual Conference of the American Bar Association Section on Labor and Employment Law in Philadelphia (Nov. 6, 2015); "A Supreme Court Review: What's in Store for the October 2015 Term?" at the Federalist Society in Washington, D.C. (Sept. 30, 2015); and "Colloquium: Political Power and Individual Liberty in Richard Epstein's 'The Classical Liberal Constitution'" at the Liberty Fund in Indianapolis (Aug. 6-8, 2015).

**Adam Hirsch**

Hirsch published "Airbrushed Heirs: The Problem of Children Omitted from Wills," in *Real Property, Trust & Estate Law Journal* (2015).

**Orly Lobel**

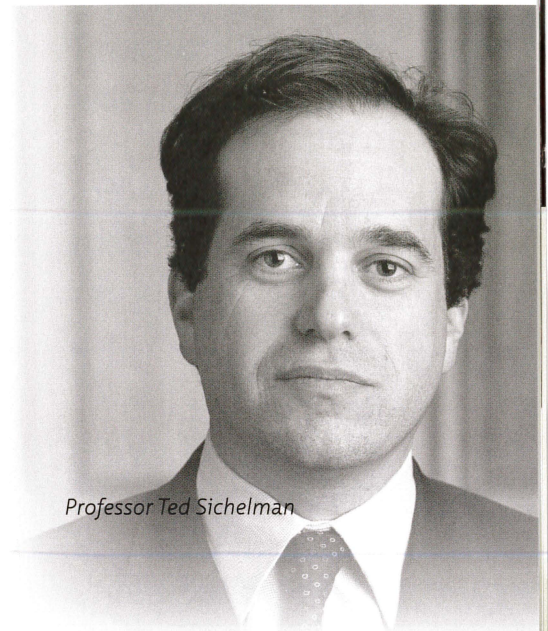
Lobel published "The New Cognitive Property: Human Capital Law and the Reach of Intellectual Property" in *Texas Law Review* (2015); "Behavioral Approaches to the Study of Law" in *Rethinking Legal Scholarship: A Transatlantic Interchange* (Micklitz, Rubin and van Gestel, eds.) (Oxford University Press, 2016); "Why California Is Such a Talent Magnet" in *Harvard Business Review* (Jan. 19, 2016); "Trade Secrets Behind a Paywall? Angie's List Sues Amazon Local" in *Casetext* (June 2015); and "High Tech Hubs & Post-Employment Restrictions: Hawaii Joins California in Its Ban of Non-Competes" in *Casetext* (Aug. 2015).

Lobel's forthcoming publications include "The Law of the Platform" in *Minnesota Law Review*; "Economic Espionage as Reality or Rhetoric: Prosperity as a Component of National Security" in *Lewis and Clark Law Review* (with Dreyfuss); "The Gig Economy and the Future of Employment and Labor Law" in *USF Law Review*; and "Enforceability TBD: From Status to Contract in Intellectual Property Law" in *Boston University Law Review*.

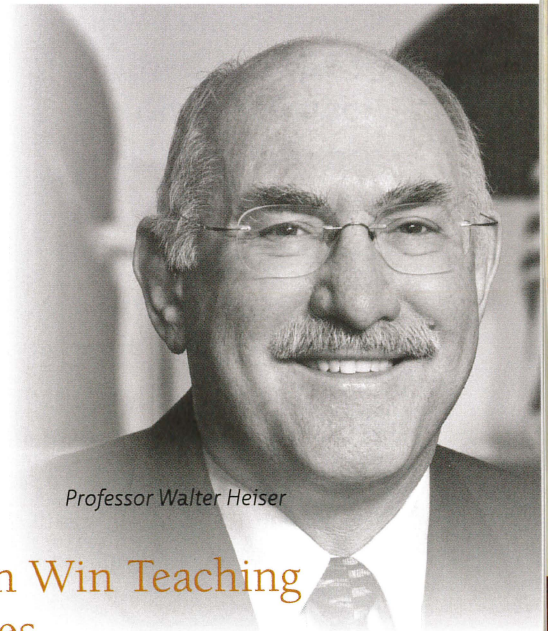
Lobel presented faculty workshops at Georgetown in Washington, D.C. (Apr. 2016), Southern Methodist University in Dallas (Feb. 2016), UC Davis

(Feb. 2016), Brigham Young University (Feb. 2016), University of Michigan Law School (Oct. 2015), UC Irvine School of Law (Jan. 2016), University of Iowa College of Law (Sept. 2015) and Haas Berkeley (Feb. 2015). Lobel also presented at The Business Law Forum at Lewis and Clark College (Sept. 2015) and "IP Notice" at the *Boston Law Review* Symposium (Sept. 2015). Lobel was a keynote speaker at the "Talent Summit" in Monterey, California (Oct. 2015). Lobel delivered the 12th Annual Pemberton Lecture at the 9th Circuit Court of Appeal Courthouse (Feb. 2016). Lobel has joined the advisory board of Casetext, an upstart digital platform that pairs free access to legal research with scholarly commentary on current legal issues. Lobel served as one of the organizers of the American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting at Harvard Law School (May 2016).

*Jotwell* selected Lobel's "The New Cognitive Property: Human Capital Law and the Reach of Intellectual Property," published in *Texas Law Review*, as one of the



Professor Ted Sichelman



Professor Walter Heiser

**Heiser and Sichelman Win Teaching and Scholarship Prizes**

Professor Walter Heiser received the 2016 Prize for Excellence in Teaching. A vote of upper-division law students decides the annual awardee. The 2016 Thorsnes Prize for Outstanding Legal Scholarship, which recognizes significant scholarly works, went to Professor Ted Sichelman's forthcoming article in *Harvard Journal of Law & Technology*, "Patents, Prizes, and Property Rules."

In the News:  
On July 20, 2016, Professor Victor Fleischer was named co-chief tax counsel for the Democrats on the Senate Finance Committee. The Committee's Ranking Member Ron Wyden called Fleischer "a true outside thought leader" in the efforts to simplify the tax code. Fleischer will be taking a leave from USD law school to join the Senate staff.

notable law review articles in employment law, with a review by Professor Matt Bodie. The article has also been cited in the Code of Federal Regulations Title 37, Patents, Trademarks, and Copyrights. This past summer, another article of Lobel's, "Lawyer Loyalties" in the *Fordham Law Review*, was cited by Judge Edward Chen in the Northern District Court of California in his decision in a Dodd-Frank case.

#### John H. Minan

Minan presented "So You Have a Judgment—Now What?" and "Golf Law: A Litigator's Dream" at Utah Bar CLE at Hobble Creek in Springville, Utah (with Cannon) (Sept. 21, 2015); and "The Interplay between Water Conservation and

Tiered Water Pricing" at the Municipal Law Institute Symposium at McGeorge Law School (Feb. 5, 2016).

#### Frank Partnoy

Partnoy's publications include "U.S. Hedge Fund Activism" in *Research Handbook on Shareholder Power* (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2015), "Law and the Theory of Fields" in 39 *Seattle University Law Review* 579 (2016), "Review Essay: The Unaccountable and Ungovernable Corporation" in 90 *The Accounting Review* 1241 (2015), and "Few Traders Are Likely to Be Deterred by Verdict on Tom Hayes" in *Financial Times* (Aug. 4, 2015).

Partnoy presented "The Second Wave of Hedge Fund Activism" at Fordham Law School (Apr. 28, 2016), at Notre Dame Law School (Apr. 8, 2016) and at USC Gould School of Law (Jan. 28, 2016); "Delaware and Financial Institutions" at UC Berkeley (Apr. 14, 2016); "Top Hedge Funds: The Importance of Reputation in Shareholder Activism" at Brigham Young University School of Law (Nov. 13, 2015); "The Effects of Hedge Fund Activism" at the Conference on the Future of Research on Hedge Fund Activism at USD (Oct. 23, 2015); "Top Hedge Funds: The Importance of Reputation in Shareholder Activism" at Vanderbilt Law School (Oct. 12, 2015); "Corporate Innovation and Regulation" at Sydney Law School (Sept. 16, 2015); "The New Credit Rating Regime" at University of Hong Kong (Sept. 11, 2015); "Bank Reputation" at Centre for Corporate Reputation, Said Business

## Ferruolo Testifies Before Mexican Senate

Dean Stephen C. Ferruolo was invited by Mexican Sen. Enrique Burgos to participate in hearings on a bill that would regulate the legal profession in order to strengthen its ethics and quality. The bill includes the requirement to join a bar association and passing a bar exam as critical components. Ferruolo gave his testimony on September 9, 2015, in a Senate session dedicated to international perspectives on legal reform.

"It was a great honor to speak before the Mexican Senate as Mexico considers more effective ways to regulate the legal profession," said Ferruolo. "It is a discussion we also need to be having in the United States, especially given the increasing costs of legal education and legal services and the barriers of entry to the legal profession, especially for underrepresented minorities."

School, Oxford University (Sept. 3, 2015); and "Regulating Financial Innovation: Of Credit Ratings and Hedge Fund Activism" at Center for Advanced Studies, LMU in Munich (July 2, 2015).

#### **Jean Ramirez**

Ramirez published *California Criminal Litigation in Action*, 3rd Ed. (with Berend) (Carolina Academic Press, 2016).

#### **Lisa P. Ramsey**

Ramsey presented "Trademarking Everything? Why Brands Should Care About Limits on Trademark Rights" at the Intellectual Property Scholars Roundtable at Texas A&M School of Law (Oct. 10, 2015), and served as a commentator at the Trademark Works-in-Progress Colloquium at American University in Washington, D.C. (Nov. 13, 2015). Ramsey gave a lecture on "Trademark Law and Freedom of Expression" in Ottawa at the request of the Canadian government as part of its Distinguished Speaker Series at Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Mar. 17, 2016). Ramsey presented "A Free Speech Right to Trademark Protection?" at the Intellectual Property in All the New Places Symposium at Texas A&M School of Law and the International Intellectual Property Scholars Roundtable at University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Law (Apr. 2016).

#### **Michael D. Ramsey**

Ramsey's forthcoming publications include "The Treaty and Its Rivals: Making

International Agreements in U.S. Law and Practice" in *Treaties as Law of the Land? Change and Uncertainty in the Domestic Effects of International Agreements* (Fox, ed.) (Cambridge University Press), and "A Textual Approach to Treaty Non-Self-Execution" in *Brigham Young University Law Review*.

His draft article "The Original Meaning of Natural Born" was the sixth-most downloaded article in the Social Science Research Network legal scholarship database in the first three months of 2016.

#### **Michael Rappaport**

Rappaport published "Using Delegation to Promote Deregulation" in *Regulation* (Winter 2015-16).

Rappaport presented "Defending Original Methods" at Pepperdine Law School (Apr. 2016) and Originalism Works in Progress Conference in San Diego (Feb. 2016).

#### **Maimon Schwarzschild**

Schwarzschild published "Free Trade Then and Now, or Still Manchester United" in 52 *San Diego Law Review* 1067 (2015).

Schwarzschild's forthcoming publications include "Do Religious Exemptions Save?" in 53 *San Diego Law Review* and "Liberalism, Liberal, and Illiberal" in 54 *San Diego Law Review*.

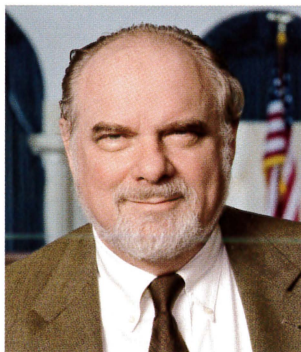
#### **Ted Sichelman**

Sichelman published "Focus on Economically Important Patent Applications to Enhance Patent Quality"

➤ **In the News:**  
On Nov. 24, 2015, Professor Dov Fox was quoted in a *San Diego Union-Tribune* article on malaria-blocking mosquitoes genetically engineered by scientists in San Diego and Irvine. If the technology can be deployed safely, it could be a giant advance in the struggle against the disease. Fox said the power to remake an entire species by "genetically hacking a trait directly into its wild population was, until recently, science fiction."



**In the News:** Professor Robert Fellmeth's op-ed, published by multiple sources including the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*, discussed why he thinks the bar should split its regulatory work from its advocacy activities. He wrote: "In regulatory law, the problem has crossed another line, with the public entities directly controlled by those in the profession regulated."



in 2 *Berkeley Technology Law Journal Commentaries* (2016); "Why the (Previously) Improving Economy Likely (Also) Reduced Patent Litigation Rates" in *Patently-O* (Sept. 13, 2015); "Reinvigorating the Public-Private Law Divide: A Hohfeldian Construction of the State" in *New Private Law* (Sept. 10, 2015); "Top 25 Most Cited Contract Law Articles Published in the Last 25 Years" in *New Private Law* (Sept. 10, 2015); "A Pluralistic Vision of Incentivizing Innovation" in *Jotwell* (July 20, 2015); and "Are There Too Many Patents to Search?—A Response" in *New Private Law* (July 2, 2015).

Sichelman's forthcoming publications include "Data-Generating Patents" in *Northwestern University Law Review*; "Patents, Prizes, and Property Rules" in *Harvard Journal of Law & Technology*; "Intellectual Property and Technology Startups: What Entrepreneurs Tell Us" in *Advances in the Study of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Economic Growth, Technological Innovation: Generating Economic Results* (Hoskinson and Thursby, eds.); "Data Sources on Patents, Copyrights, Trademarks, and Other Intellectual Property" in *The Economics of Intellectual Property Rights* (Analytical Methods) (Menell and Schwartz, eds.); "Startups & The Patent System: A Narrative" in *Law & Society Perspectives in Intellectual Property* (Halbert and Gallagher, eds.); and "Fifteenth International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Law (ICAAIL 2015)" in *AI Magazine* (with Atkinson, Conrad and Gardner).

Sichelman presented "Patents, Prizes, and Property" at the IP & Private Law

Conference at Harvard Law School (Mar. 2016), "Patents as Hedges" at the IP Workshop at Cardozo Law School (Mar. 2016), Annual Patent Law Conference at USD School of Law (Jan. 2016), the IP Speaker Series at USD School of Law (Nov. 2015), the Law Faculty Colloquium at USD School of Law (Oct. 2015) and the Thomas Edison Innovation Fellowship Meeting at George Mason University School of Law Center for Protection of Intellectual Property (Sept. 2015); "Revisiting Labor Mobility in Innovation Markets" at the IP Colloquium at University of Pennsylvania School of Law (Mar. 2016); Law and Entrepreneurship Workshop at USD School of Law (Jan. 2016) and Harvard Law School Faculty Workshop (Jan. 2016); "The Role of Academics in Policymaking in Patent Law" at the Microsoft IP Academic Roundtable (Oct. 2015); and "Trademarks as Club Goods" at the Intellectual Property Scholars Conference at DePaul University College of Law (with Bell) (Aug. 2015).

Two of Sichelman's previously published articles were named as the first and second most-cited of all articles published in the field of intellectual property law since 2010.

#### Steven D. Smith

Smith's forthcoming publications include "Die and Let Live? The Asymmetry of Accommodation" in *Religious Freedom and Gay Rights* (Oxford University Press); "The Jurisdictional Conception of Church Autonomy" in *Corporate Religious Liberty* (Schwartzman et al., ed.); "The Tortuous

Course of Religious Freedom” in *Notre Dame Law Review*; and “Wisdom and Reason in Law” in *University of Colorado Law Review*.

**Mila Sohoni**

Sohoni published “The Administrative Constitution in Exile” in the *William and Mary Law Review* (Mar. 2016). Her article “Crackdowns” will be published in *Virginia Law Review* (forthcoming 2017).

Sohoni lectured on *King v. Burwell* at the UCSD Osher Institute (May 20, 2016). She presented her forthcoming article “Crackdowns” at the University of Arizona School of Law Faculty Workshop (Apr. 7, 2016), the Southern California Law and Social Sciences Forum (SOCLASS) at UC San Diego (Mar. 18, 2016), the Cardozo–St. John’s Legislation Roundtable at Cardozo Law School (Mar. 11, 2016), the New Voices in Administrative Law Event at the AALS Annual Meeting in New York (Jan. 7, 2016), the University of Virginia Faculty Workshop (Nov. 13, 2015) and the Pepperdine Law School Faculty Workshop (Nov. 9, 2015).

Sohoni served as a panelist on “Courts as Agencies” at the Law & Society Conference in New Orleans (June 2, 2016), and she acted as a commentator at a roundtable on “Environmental Law in the Administrative State” at George Mason University School of Law (May 5–6, 2016). Sohoni was also a panelist at the “Symposium on Administrative Law” at University of Missouri School of Law (Mar. 4, 2016).

**Horacio Spector**

Spector’s publications include “The Moral Asymmetry between Acts and Omissions” in *Legal, Moral, and Metaphysical Truths: The Philosophy of Michael Moore* (Ferzan, and Morse, eds.) (Oxford University Press, 2016).

Spector’s forthcoming publications include “Decisional Nonconsequentialism and the Risk Sensitivity of Obligation” in *32 Social Philosophy & Policy*.

**Mary Jo Wiggins**

Wiggins’ forthcoming publications include *Questions & Answers: Bankruptcy*, 2nd Ed. (LexisNexis)



**Dallas Recognized by AALS for Service to Legal Education**

Professor Lynne Dallas was among 13 law professors recognized by the Section on Business Associations of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) for “service to legal education through thoughtful, caring and inspiring mentorship” at the organization’s annual meeting in January 2016.

Dallas is an internationally recognized corporate governance and interdisciplinary scholar and professor of law at USD School of Law, where she teaches and writes in the areas of corporations, comparative corporation law, law and socioeconomics, and securities regulation.

“It is a great honor to be nationally recognized in this way by my peers,” Dallas said.



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**Charles Roseman** received the Consumer Attorneys of San Diego's Outstanding Advocate Award for his work on *Melissa Rannells v. Sharp Health Care, et al.*

'73

**James Homola** elected president of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers (ABCL) for 2015.

'74

**David Casey Jr.** recognized in the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* and featured in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* and the *San Francisco Daily Journal* as one of "California's Top 25 Plaintiff's Attorneys." Also appointed to National

Steering Committee overseeing litigation against Volkswagen.

'76

**Alan Brubaker** received the 2015 Broderick Award. A partner at Wingert Grebing Brubaker & Juskie LLP, he is also chair of USD School of Law Board of Visitors.

'78

**David Camp** received the 2016 Author E. Hughes Award.

**Frederick Schenk** recognized in the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* and completed two-year term as president of Board of Directors for San Diego County Fair.

'79

**Jonathan Bloch** joined Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schrenck's Los Angeles office as shareholder.

'80

**John Thornton** promoted to first vice president of Marcus & Millichap Real Estate.

'81

**Todd Spangler** promoted to supervising deputy district attorney in Madera County.

'82

**James Brashear** appointed senior vice president and chief legal officer of Conifer Health Solutions.

**Sharon Cheever** named one of 2016's Top 50 Women

Lawyers by the National Diversity Council.

**David Semelsberger** received the Consumer Attorneys of San Diego's Outstanding Trial Lawyer Award for his work on *Andrade, et al. v. MHC Operating Limited Partnership*.

'83

**Robert Francavilla** recognized in the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*, and featured in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* and the *San Francisco Daily Journal* as one of "California's Top 25 Plaintiff's Attorneys."

**Dennis Jones** joined the California Coastal Horse Rescue Board of Directors.

'84

**Patrick Irvine** (LLM) appointed to Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Arbitration Panel.

'85

**Sue Murphy** recognized in the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

'87

**Gwen Rutar Mullins** recognized in the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

'92

**Suzanne Varco**, '92 (JD), '75 (MS), named to the Board of Directors of the San Diego Women's Foundation.

**Larry Williams** named athletic director at the University of Akron.

'93

**Leonard Fink** asked to speak at the CLM 2015 Claims College School of Construction.

**April Johnson** promoted to vice president of the Alternative Risk and Insurance Services (ARIS) provided by BETA Healthcare Group.

'94

**Sean McGinnis** joined Clearlink as the executive vice president of home services marketing.

## Excellence First

### DAVID CAMP HONORED WITH HUGHES CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**The Honorable David Camp**, '78 (JD), received the 2016 Author E. Hughes Career Achievement Award. Established in 1995, the award is named in honor of USD President Emeritus Author E. Hughes and is presented annually to a graduate of each of the five schools of the university who embodies a commitment to excellence.



A member of Congress for more than 24 years, Camp served as chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means and is recognized for his leadership in advancing federal tax reform. In March 2014, he introduced the Tax Reform Act of 2014, the most comprehensive tax reform proposal since the mid-1980s.

Camp is the senior policy advisor within PricewaterhouseCooper's Washington national tax services practice. In this role, Camp provides his perspective to PwC clients on the global business environment and important federal policy issues, including tax reform, the economy and the impact of proposed policy changes on businesses.

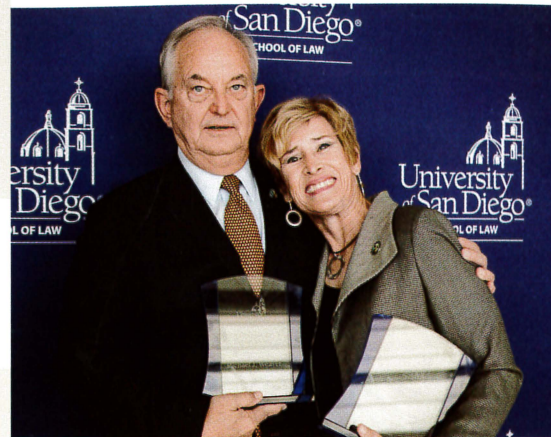
# Luminary Alums

## PORTER AND WEAVER RECEIVE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

The Honorable Louisa S Porter, '77 (JD), and Michael J. Weaver, '73 (JD), received the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award, the law school's highest honor. The award is given to those who have excelled either in the legal field or their chosen profession and "embody the high ethical standards and commitment to community service USD School of Law seeks to instill in its graduates."

Porter was appointed United States magistrate judge for the Southern District of California in 1991. She served as presiding magistrate judge from 1997 through 2002, during which time she coordinated the addition of a full-time magistrate judge with a new courthouse in Imperial County. She retired from the bench in 2012 but remains on recall status.

Weaver retired from Latham & Watkins, LLP, where he was the partner in charge of the San Diego litigation department. Devoted to litigation and civil trial work, including appearances in a number of state and federal courts, Weaver gained significant experience representing lawyers and law firms and a wide range of commercial- and business-related clients on a national basis. He is now a panelist at JAMS providing arbitration and mediation services.



Michael J. Weaver, '73 (JD), and Hon. Louisa S. Porter, '77 (JD).

**Richard Prager** received the Consumer Attorneys of San Diego's Outstanding Advocate Award for his work on *Melissa Rannells v. Sharp Health Care, et al.*

**Jack Yeh** joined Sidley Austin LLP as partner.

'95

**Robert Rivas** joined Ropers, Majeski, Kohn & Bentley, PC as partner.

'96

**Tara Lee** joined Quinn Emanuel as partner.

'97

**Wade Gochnour** named to Mountain States list of Super Lawyers for 2015.

**Janet Duliga** appointed senior vice president of human resources for Jo Ann Fabric & Craft Stores.

'98

**Cherrie Harris** inducted into the National Association of Professional Women's VIP Woman of the Year Circle.

'99

**Patrick Cullan** named to the prestigious Irish Legal 100.

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**Joseph Cullan** named to the prestigious Irish Legal 100.

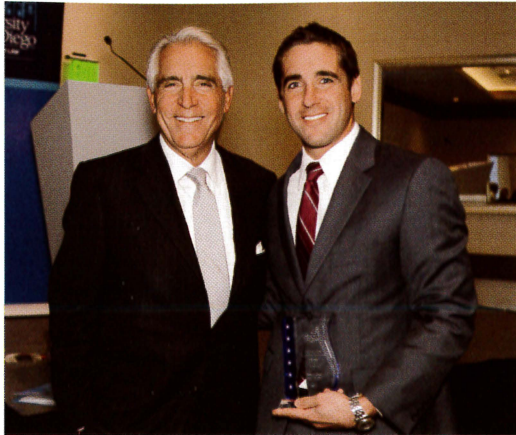
**Todd Kinnear** joined Gresham Savage Attorneys at Law at the firm's San Diego office.

'01

**Louis-Marie Pillebout** (LLM) appointed counsel at the Paris office of the New York-based law firm Davis Polk.

**Teodora Purcell** (LLM) named KPBS's Women's History Month Local Hero.

Dean Stephen C. Ferruolo with 2015 Rising Star Recent Alumni Award recipient David Fox, '07 (JD).



'02

**Jennifer Baumann** awarded the prestigious First Chair Award for excellence in legal counsel and recognized in the category of Top Assistant General Counsel.

'03

**Michael Grehl** founded Stratford Real Estate Group.

'04

**Antonio Soave** (LLM) appointed Kansas secretary of commerce.

**Eva Wojtalewski** elected a member of Bousquet Holstein, PLLC.

'06

**Thomas Feiter** honored with Justice Harry Lee Anstead Award.

**Sriram Krishnamurthy**

elected partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati.

**Cang Le**, '09 (LLM), '06 (JD), elected to partner at Adams Stirling, PLC.

**Michael Liu** elected to partner at Baker & McKenzie.

**Doug Sherrod** opened a full-service criminal law firm, Sherrod Defense, in Beverly Hills.

**Ryan Stack**, '06 (JD), '03 (BA), appointed to the Herber City, Utah Planning Commission and to the Utah Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on the Rules of Criminal Procedure by the Utah Supreme Court.

## Rising Stars

### > FOX AND PAYERLE CLINCH NEWBIE AWARD

**David Fox**, '07 (JD), and **Kate E. Payerle**, '07 (JD), received the 2015 Rising Star Recent Alumni Award. The award is given to alumni who have graduated within the past 10 years and have had significant achievements in the legal profession or their chosen field, while also demonstrating a high level of community involvement.

Fox is the founder of Fox Law, a trial firm focused on helping individuals through catastrophic personal injury cases. Prior to opening the firm, Fox was a senior trial attorney with Gomez Trial Attorneys, where he obtained several jury verdicts in cases ranging from wrongful death and motor vehicle accidents to premises liability.

Payerle joined the Department of Justice in January 2016 as a trial attorney for the Criminal Division's Fraud Section. Previously, Payerle spent seven years as an attorney with Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, PA, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

## New Jurists

### > MANGIONE, DAY AND BENNETT NAMED SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES

In November and December 2015, Gov. Jerry Brown appointed **James A. Mangione**, '81 (JD); **Renee C. Day**, '02 (JD); and **Francis Bennett II**, '90 (JD), to judgeships in San Diego County, Amador County and Los Angeles County, respectively. In June 2016, Brown appointed **Nathan G. Leedy**, '03 (JD), to a judgeship in Tulare County.

Mangione had previously been a partner at Wingert, Grebing, Brubaker and Juskie LLP since 2002.

Mangione fills the vacancy created by the retirement of fellow alum Judge Christine Koch Goldsmith, '76 (JD).

Day previously served as a commissioner at the Amador County Superior Court. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Susan C. Harlan.

Bennett joined the Office of the Public Defender of Los Angeles County in 1994. In 1995, he joined the Office of the Alternate Public Defender of Los Angeles County. Bennett fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Patricia M. Schnegg.

Leedy has served as a deputy public defender at the Tulare County Public Defender's Office since 2004. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Lloyd L. Hicks.

'07

**David Fox** received the Consumer Attorneys of San Diego's Outstanding Trial Lawyer Award for his work on *Joy Hricko v. LAZ Parking California* and USD School of Law's Rising Star Recent Alumni Award.

**Ryan S. Kirby** joined Atlas General Insurance Services as chief legal officer, general counsel.

**Michael Leggieri** elected to shareholder at Littler Mendelson PC.

**Jonathan McSherry** joined Costello, Cooney & Fearon, PLLC.

**Lauren Mullee** promoted to partner at Buncher Law Corp.

'08

**Erica Buckley** promoted to CEO/president of Buckley & Associates.

## Top Lawyers

### BOUTROUS AND HEWITT RECOGNIZED AS NATIONAL LEADERS IN THEIR FIELDS

**Theodore Boutrous**, '87 (JD), global co-chair of the litigation group at Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, was featured on the cover of the January 2016 issue of *The American Lawyer*, in which Gibson Dunn was named the 2016 Litigation Department of the Year for its impactful litigation wins, including the *Vergara* case (see page 4).

Also featured in the issue was **Karen Hewitt**, '89 (JD), partner-in-charge of the San Diego office of Jones Day, which was named a 2016 Litigation Department of the Year Finalist in the White Collar and Regulatory practice area. In July 2016, Hewitt, who sits on USD School of Law's Board of Visitors, was named by the National Diversity Council to its 2016 Top 50 Women Lawyers, a definitive list of female executives, influencers and achievers impacting the legal field.

*Michael Lurie, '93 (JD), takes charge of the Constellation Brands corporate team in Luxembourg.*



## School Spirit

### LURIE LEADS NEW CORPORATE TEAM IN LUXEMBOURG

Michael Lurie, '93 (JD), was recently promoted from a legal role to senior vice president, brand strategy, of Constellation Brands, a leading beverage alcohol producer. Lurie now heads a new corporate team in Luxembourg and is responsible for providing oversight and management of trademark, licensing and brand equity building strategies primarily for Constellation's beer brands, including Corona, Modelo, Pacifico and Victoria.

Lurie joined Constellation in Chicago in 2005 and has supported the intellectual property needs of its beers and spirits brands during his tenure, among various other duties. Lurie's legal expertise, coupled with his long familiarity with Constellation and its key brands, made him an excellent fit to fulfill his new role in Luxembourg.

Lurie has served on the Law Alumni Association Board of Directors since 2014 and has been active supporting regional alumni events in Chicago. He is now supporting efforts to expand the outreach of USD School of Law to our European alumni.

Lurie has also funded The Michael & Karen Lurie Social Responsibility Law Scholarship. This annual \$5,000 scholarship is given to a well-qualified USD law student with a demonstrated interest in social responsibility causes related to the intersection of law, business and/or government.

**Aubrey Hone** won 9th Circuit Court of Appeals reversal.

**Haley Morrison** named to the Board of Directors of Playworks Pacific Northwest.

### '10

**Cristina Nuño**, '10 (JD), '06 (BA), elected to serve as a "Member at Large" on the San Diego County Bar Association Family Law Section.

### '11

**Miranda Watkin** joined Fisher & Phillips LLP as an associate in the San Diego office.

**Kurt Whitman** joined Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP as a land use & natural resources attorney in the firm's L.A. office.

### '12

**Rob Breunig** joined Adams and Reese LLP as an associate in the firm's Nashville office.

**Kirsten Gallacher** joined Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, LLP in the firm's intellectual property practice.

### '13

**Kathleen Donahue** joined Finch, Thornton & Baird, LLP.

**Uchechi Egeonuigwe** named co-chair of the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Bankruptcy Law Committee, service through 2016.

**Dwight Kim** joined Snell & Wilmer as an associate in the firm's intellectual property group.



# Model Alumni

## ORANGE COUNTY ALUMNI CHAPTER SETS THE STANDARD FOR FUTURE REGIONAL CHAPTERS

USD School of Law's Orange County Alumni Chapter officially launched in September 2015 with a celebration hosted by chapter President **Matthew Buttacavoli**, '99 (JD), and Minyard Morris, where the event took place. Orange County has more than 1,250 law alumni—the third largest concentration after San Diego and Los Angeles. The inaugural chapter board includes **Buttacavoli**; **Jonathan L. Gerber**, '07 (JD); **Erin F. Giglia**, '01 (JD), Alumni Association Board of Directors; **Avery T. Harrison**, '11 (JD), co-vice president; **Bridget I. Harrison**, '10 (JD), marketing and social media co-chair; **Edson K. McClellan**, '98 (JD), secretary; **Charles T. Meyer**, '07 (JD), '03 (BA); **Kyle E. Rowen**, '04 (JD), '00 (BA), co-vice president; **Laurie G. Rowen**, '04 (JD), 2012 Rising Star Recent Alumni Award recipient, marketing and social media co-chair; **Kate J. Santon**, '09 (JD), membership and hospitality chair; and **Jeffrey M. Singletary**, '04 (JD), philanthropy chair.

Regional alumni chapters play a vital role in keeping alumni involved with and informed about USD School of Law through year-round programming. Chapters are run by local alumni volunteers who act as regional ambassadors for the law school. Regional alumni chapters connect alumni, provide career networking opportunities, promote an ongoing relationship between alumni and the university, engage current and prospective students, and increase the regional visibility of USD. Supporting geographically based groups of USD law alumni is a top priority of the Law Alumni Association.

"We are proud to have worked with USD School of Law to establish the first local alumni chapter," Buttacavoli said. "We are excited that the collective, dedicated and continuing efforts of our inaugural board of directors will help lead to the establishment of additional local chapters. We strive to organize and maintain a vibrant, active and sustainable network of proud USD School of Law alumni in Orange County and throughout the United States."

The Orange County chapter is creating a strong model for regional chapter expansion, with new alumni chapters in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Phoenix, New York and Washington, D.C. Visit [sandiego.edu/law/alumni/oc](http://sandiego.edu/law/alumni/oc) for more information.

'14

**Christopher Foster** (JD/MBA) joined Finch, Thornton & Baird, LLP.

**Maureen MacManus** joined Finch, Thornton & Baird, LLP.

'15

**Danica Brustkern** won ABA Real Property, Trust & Estate Writing Competition.

**Lindsey Herzik** joined Lewis, Roca, Rothgerber LLP as an associate at the firm's Phoenix office.

**Catherine Strouse** (LLM) named Christine A. Brunswick Public Service fellow. Strouse works with the Legal Aid Society of San Diego to provide state and federal tax assistance to San Diego's veteran population.

**Samantha Winter** (LLM), joined Sacks Tierney in Scottsdale, Arizona, as an estate and tax planning attorney.

## > Alumni

'62

**Joseph E. O'Connor** passed away on November 2, 2015, at the age of 81. He served in the United States Navy as a pilot. He practiced law in Point Loma until his retirement in 2006. He is survived by his wife, six children and grandchildren.

'63

**Rex Lee Shuffler**, 83, passed away on March 2, 2016. He practiced law in Orange County and is survived by his wife.

'65

**Colonel Rufus Calhoun Young Jr.** passed away on June 16, 2016, at the age of 75. He was senior deputy attorney for San Jose and practiced at Burke, Williams & Sorensen LLP until 2014. He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and seven grandchildren.

'66

**The Honorable Harry R. McCue**, 88, passed away on July 3, 2016. He was a second Magistrate Judge in the Southern District. He is survived by his first wife, four sons, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, second wife, her three children, and two granddaughters.

**Joe N. Turner** passed away on November 11, 2015, at the age of 81. He was a senior partner with Higgs, Fletcher & Mack

in San Diego. He is survived by two daughters.

'68

**Walter M. Kaye** passed away on August 30, 2015, at the age of 72. He practiced law for over 30 years before retiring from his firm, Walter M. Kaye and Associates. He is survived by two daughters.

'70

**Donald Philip Lang** passed away on May 24, 2016. He founded his accounting firm, Lang and Brown, 48 years ago, which is still thriving today. He is survived by his wife, two children and five grandchildren.

'73

**William E. Blatchley** passed away on August 20, 2015, at the age of 70. He was a certified family law specialist from 1994 until his retirement in 2013. He is survived by his wife, son, daughter and four grandchildren.

'80

**The Honorable Diane Dal Santo** passed away on July 11, 2015, at the age of 65. She served for 15 years as a prominent judge in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and is survived by her husband, daughter and two grandchildren.

## Remembering U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia

**MARCH 1936–FEBRUARY 2016**

"Justice Scalia was a great friend of the University of San Diego, and we were honored by his visits and his willingness to share his experiences and insights with our students and faculty. We will all miss him."

—PROFESSOR MICHAEL RAMSEY



*Justice Scalia during one of his many visits to USD.*



'81

**James C. O'Day Jr.** passed away on July 27, 2015, at the age of 59. He is survived by his wife, three children and granddaughter.

'83

**Stephen K. O'Brien** passed away on January 2, 2016, at the age of 60. He is survived by his four sons and his ex-wife.

'84

**Kathleen W. Selvidge** passed away on January 30, 2016, at the age of 69. She had a long legal career at Wilson and Corbin in San Diego, where she became partner. She is survived by her husband, three step-children and grandchildren.

'87

**Stanley A. Harter** passed away on November 15, 2015, at the age of 57. He was an attorney for over 29 years and practiced business and taxation law. He is survived by his wife and seven children.

'93

**Steven Huls** passed away on February 24, 2016, at the age of 48. He is survived by his mother, sister, nieces and nephew.

'96

**LCDR William Kuebler JAG USN** passed away on July 17, 2015, at the age of 44. He served as

an officer in the Navy JAG Corps and as defense counsel with the Office of Military Commissions in Washington, D.C. and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He is survived by his wife and son.

'98

**Timothy L. Skelton** passed away on February 23, 2016, at the age of 53. He joined Ropers, Majeski, Kohn & Bentley in Los Angeles in 1997 as a law clerk, was rehired as an associate upon admission to the California bar in 1998, and became a partner in 2006. He is survived by his mother and sister.

'98

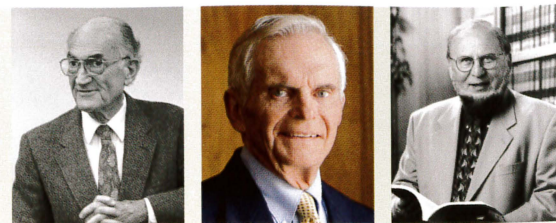
**Jacob M. Slania**, passed away on April 10, 2016, at the age of 42. He was a partner at Kirby Noonan Lance & Hoge. He is survived by his wife and infant son.

'04

**Henry Bower Yorgey IV** passed away on May 31, 2016, at the age of 40. He spent more than 10 years as a public defender for Imperial County, where he was awarded "Trial Attorney of the Year" in 2012. He is survived by his husband and two siblings.

'07

**Christine Yung Yusi** passed away on April 26, 2016, at the age of 37. She is survived by her husband and son.



From left: Carl Auerbach, Dick Pugh and Lester Snyder.

## Honoring Legacies

Remembering professors emeriti **Carl Auerbach**, **Richard "Dick" Pugh** and **Lester Snyder**.

**Carl Auerbach** taught and wrote in the areas of administrative and constitutional law. He taught for more than 30 years at the University of Wisconsin and at the University of Minnesota, before joining the USD School of Law faculty in 1985. He was the 1994 recipient of the American Bar Foundation Award for outstanding research in law and government. He passed away on April 6, 2016, at the age of 100.

**Richard "Dick" Pugh** taught and wrote in the areas of corporate tax, international tax, international law, international criminal law and human rights. He was a Rhodes Scholar, a professor of law at Columbia University, a deputy assistant attorney general of the United States (tax division), and a senior partner in the New York office of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton. Pugh joined the USD School of Law faculty in 1989 and was instrumental in building USD's tax program. He passed away on December 5, 2015, after a battle with cancer.

**Lester Snyder** taught and wrote on tax law and was editor of the *Journal of Real Estate Taxation* for nearly 20 years. He joined the USD School of Law faculty in 1983, serving as director of the Graduate Tax Program until 1989. He was a recipient of the 2003 Bernard E. Witkin Award for excellence in teaching from the San Diego Law Library Justice Foundation. He passed away on April 11, 2016.

# Calendar



Visit the alumni calendar for a current listing of events and registration: [law.sandiego.edu/alumni-events](http://law.sandiego.edu/alumni-events).

Regional alumni events are regularly held in San Diego/North County; Los Angeles; Orange County; San Francisco; Silicon Valley; Sacramento; Riverside/San Bernardino; Washington, D.C.; New York; Phoenix; Las Vegas; Salt Lake City; Portland; Denver; Dallas; Austin; Houston; Boston; Chicago and Seattle.

## SEPTEMBER 2016

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- September 7**  
Mentoring Program Kick-Off
- September 13**  
Orange County Tacos & Cerveza

## OCTOBER 2016

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- October 10**  
Red Mass
- October 14**  
Milestone Reunions: 1976, 1986, 2011
- October 15**  
Milestone Reunions: 1996, 2006

## NOVEMBER 2016

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- November 1**  
New York Alumni Luncheon
- November 2**  
Washington, D.C. Alumni Reception
- November 5**  
Milestone Reunion: Class of 1966
- November 18**  
Distinguished Alumni Awards Luncheon

## DECEMBER 2016

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- December 7**  
Orange County Law Alumni Holiday Party
- December 10**  
USD Alumni Mass

## JANUARY 2017

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- January 4**  
Silicon Valley Alumni Luncheon
- January 5**  
San Francisco Alumni Reception
- January 24-27**  
Mock Interviews

## FEBRUARY 2017

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- February TBA**  
Careers in the Law School of Law Judicial Reception

## MARCH 2017

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- March 28**  
Riverside Law Alumni Luncheon
- March 28**  
Los Angeles Law Alumni Reception
- March 30**  
Orange County Law Alumni Reception

## APRIL 2017

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- April 18**  
San Diego Law Alumni Reception and Faculty Panel
- April 25-26**  
The Big Give
- April 29**  
Alumni Honors

## MAY 2017

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- May 19**  
Graduation Mass
- May 20**  
Commencement

## CONNECTING ALUMNI

Spotlighting members of the USD School of Law community at reunions, receptions and other special events



### ORANGE COUNTY ALUMNI RECEPTION

1. In March 2016, attendees of the Orange County Alumni Reception, held at Antonello Ristorante, included **Rachel W. Halbasch**, '04 (JD); **Bridget I. Harrison**, '10 (JD); **Laurie G. Rowen**, '04 (JD); Dean **Stephen C. Ferruolo**; **Erin F. Giglia**, '01 (JD); **Eve A. Brackmann**, '04 (JD); and **Kate J. Santon**, '09 (JD).



### BAR SWEARING-IN

2. Attendees of the December 2015 Bar Swearing-In at Roy's San Diego Waterfront.

3. Class of '15 law alumni **Stacy A. Hostetter**, **Aaron T. French**, **Max E. Halpern**, **Patrick C. Stormesswan**, **Frankie J. Mejia**, **Kelly C. Smith**, **Drew W. Garrison**, **Austin A. Rutherford** and **Meredith P. Grant**.



### SAN DIEGO ALUMNI RECEPTION

4. In April 2016, USD hosted a faculty panel on the 50th anniversary of Miranda featuring USD Law Alumni Board President **Knut S. Johnson**, '86 (JD), and **Richard A. Leo**, PhD, JD, Hamill Family Chair in Law and Social Psychology and professor and Dean's Circle Research Scholar, University of San Francisco School of Law.



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## 2015 MILESTONE REUNIONS

**5.** Class of '75 reunion committee members **John "Jack" R. Allender**, Hon. **Richard "Rich" M. Aronson**, **William "Bill" G. Baumgaertner**, Hon. **Steven R. Denton** (ret.), Hon. **Harry E. Elias**, Hon. **Harlan G. Grossman** (ret.), **Jackie Horton**, **Steven "Steve" R. Hunsicker**, **John P. Kochis**, **John B. Little**, **Ray Mercado**, **A. John Murphy Jr.**, **Steven "Steve" J. Parsons**, **Gary W. Schons** (ex-officio) and **Susanne Stanford** with reunion attendees.

**6.** Class of '85 reunion committee members **Wayne B. Becker**, **Brent Bernau**, **Melissa B. Cates**, **Kelly J. Salt**, **Bradley D. Schwartz** and **Lyn Rossi Semeta** with reunion attendees.



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**7.** Class of '95 reunion committee members **Craig V. Butler**, **John F. Doherty** and **Andrew B. Serwin** with reunion attendees.

**8.** Class of '05 reunion committee members **Melanie K. Delgado**, **Gina Kim** and **Frances R. Marshall** with reunion attendees.

**9.** Class of '10 reunion committee members **Christopher M. DiLeo**, **Ric T. Fukushima**, **Matthew B. Golper**, **Grace P. Gower**, **Jonathan S. Gower**, **Bridget I. Harrison**, **Christopher B. Hayes**, **Vic A. Merjanian**, **Anna G. Phillips** and **Abigail G. Stephenson** with reunion attendees.



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# USD School of Law Milestone Alumni Reunions

**1966**

Saturday, November 5

**1976, 1986, 2011**

Friday, October 14

**1996, 2006**

Saturday, October 15

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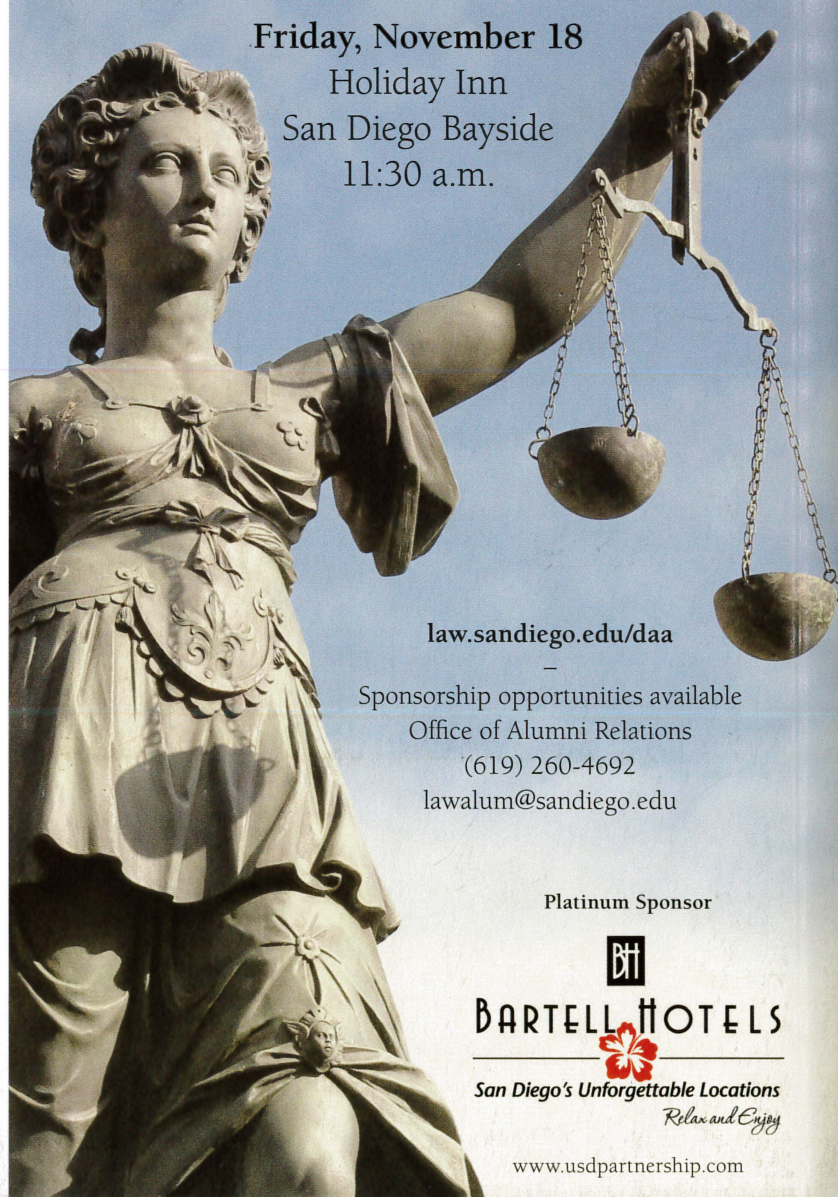
[lawalum@sandiego.edu](mailto:lawalum@sandiego.edu)

[law.sandiego.edu/reunions](http://law.sandiego.edu/reunions)

# Distinguished Alumni Awards

Friday, November 18

Holiday Inn  
San Diego Bayside  
11:30 a.m.



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