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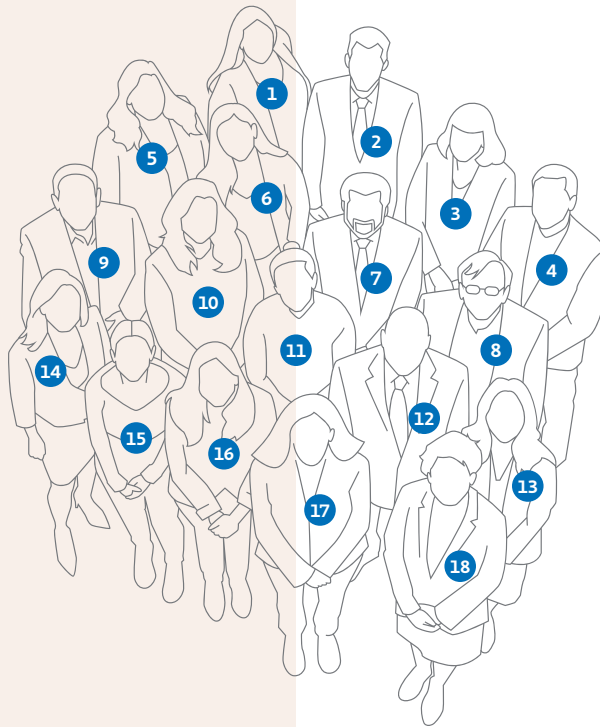
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DEAN'S MESSAGE

I have been the dean of the School of Law for a little more than a year. The School of Law, like all of us, has experienced a significant amount of change during the pandemic. Our community continues to come together in supportive and innovative ways. The students have been persistent and resilient with their studies, receiving their legal education both in person and virtually. The faculty continue to embrace new technologies as they deliver the finest legal education possible to our students, while also advancing their ambitious scholarly pursuits.

Despite the challenges, reasons for optimism abound. In May, we were able to hold an in-person commencement ceremony for both the Class of '21 and members of the Class of '20, which enabled them to walk across the stage to receive their hard-earned diplomas. The School of Law also saw increasing recognition of the prominence of its faculty and specialty programs. Our faculty was ranked in the top 15% nationwide in scholarly impact and in the top 20% in teaching. Eight of our specialty programs were ranked in the top 25%, including Contracts/Commercial Law, Business and Corporate Law, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Intellectual Property, International Law and Tax, as well as our part-time program. I look forward to announcing at least one significant faculty hire this spring, as we continue to build on the strength of this stellar faculty through aggressive hiring across a wide range of fields.

USD law students have soared in national competitions. Last spring, the Mock Trial team placed second in the national Black Law Students Association Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition. We were fortunate to have students win or place in individual rankings, competitions and student writing competitions. I think you will also be inspired by the work of Marcus Friedman, '21 (JD), the 2020-2021 Julie D. Fellmeth Public Interest Scholar, which focuses on gun violence prevention.

This year, we came together to celebrate the Distinguished Alumni Awards and the 50th anniversary of the Legal Clinics. We have held exciting conferences and symposiums, including the Class Action Law Forum, co-hosted with Western Alliance Bank and co-chaired by David S. Casey Jr., '74 (JD), and Gayle M. Blatt of CaseyGerry; Erin M. Bosman, '94 (JD), of Morrison & Foerster; and Joshua Jessen, '02 (JD), of Gibson Dunn.



A new initiative to advance the School of Law's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) has launched. The DEI Task Force is composed of faculty, administrators, students and alumni who will develop recommendations for promoting DEI for all members of our community. The work will dovetail with university-wide efforts through USD's Horizon Project.

Many of you have fond memories of your time on *Law Review*. I am delighted for you to meet the editors of our student-led journals.

In the Faculty Footnotes pages, we include a look at Professor and Director of Graduate Tax Programs Miranda Perry Fleischer; Professor Orly Lobel and her work on employment law and innovation policy; and Professor Michael Ramsey, who was appointed to serve on the Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court of the United States. We wish a fond farewell to Professor Walter Heiser, who retired last May.

It is an exciting time at our law school. I am continually inspired by our students, staff, faculty and alumni. I look forward to seeing you on campus!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert".

Robert Schapiro

Dean and C. Hugh Friedman Professor of Law

› USD Hosted Third Annual Class Action Law Forum

On April 21 and 22, 2021, USD School of Law co-hosted the Third Annual Western Alliance Bank Class Action Law Forum. The virtual event showcased expert discussions on a variety of emerging issues in class action law. The event benefited the Keith F. Park Endowed Scholarship Fund, which supports student scholarships at USD School of Law.

The forum was co-chaired by plaintiffs attorneys David S. Casey Jr., '74 (JD), and Gayle M. Blatt of CaseyGerry and defense attorneys Erin M. Bosman, '94 (BBA), '99 (JD), of Morrison & Foerster and Joshua Jessen, '02 (JD), of Gibson Dunn. As Dean Robert Schapiro noted in his opening statement, the event's co-chairs are "some of the finest practitioners in legal advocacy nationally." Schapiro thanked conference partner Western Alliance Bank; the distinguished panelists and participants; and professors Michael Devitt and Jordan Barry, who provided academic support and keen insights.

The keynote address was given by Judge Anthony Battaglia, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California, who spoke on the topic of "Jury Selection in Federal Court: Addressing COVID-19, Unconscious Bias and Social Justice."

Other topics discussed included consumer class actions, COVID-19 litigation and business interruption, privacy and data breaches, and class action trends in the appellate process.

Among the highlights was a panel of chief district judges who discussed priorities for California civil trials as federal courts reopen. The panel, moderated by Casey, featured:

- Chief District Judge Philip S. Gutierrez, U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

- Chief District Judge Kimberly J. Mueller, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California
- Chief District Judge Dana Sabraw, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California
- Chief District Judge Richard Seeborg, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

Another key event was the appellate judicial roundtable, moderated by Devitt. Panelists were:

- Judge Jacqueline Nguyen, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- Judge John Byron Owens, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- Judge Patrick J. Bumatay, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

"The law school's collaboration with the Third Annual Western Alliance Bank Class Action Law Forum is an excellent example of the dedication of our alumni and partners in the community in creating a superb conference that offers exceptional educational opportunities for our students, as well as the larger legal community," Schapiro noted.



David S. Casey Jr., '74 (JD)

› Closing the Ghost Gun Loophole: Mass shooting survivor Marcus Friedman, '21 (JD), helped establish a new law that enhances gun violence prevention



Marcus Friedman, '21 (JD)

In his 3L year at USD School of Law, Marcus Friedman wanted to use his position as a scholar at the Center for Public Interest Law (CPIL) (now known as the Consumer Protection Policy Center, or CPPC) to pursue a project that was profoundly meaningful to him: gun violence prevention.

As the 2020-2021 Julie D. Fellmeth Public Interest Law Scholar, Friedman focused on ways to reduce gun violence. His research led him to an important realization: California's gun violence restraining orders, or GVROs, applied only to finished firearms; they did not pertain to the parts that can be used to make them.

GVROs were established to allow police to remove firearms from people who pose a danger to themselves or others, but they did not apply to the components of "ghost guns"—homemade guns often made from untraceable parts. After intensive research, he worked with Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris (D-Laguna Beach) to author AB 1057, which classifies ghost gun parts as

weapons that could be seized through a GVRO.

Friedman's interest in the policy changes is driven by personal ties to the issue. He is a survivor of the deadly Las Vegas shooting on Oct. 1, 2017, in which a gunman killed 60 people and wounded hundreds more at a music festival. Friedman was unhurt, but the impact will stay with him forever, he said, and has motivated him to be involved with gun violence prevention.

In addition, his hometown is Parkland, Fla., where just months after the Las Vegas event, a shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School killed 17 people. He was not there at the time, but the event further raised his awareness of the issue's urgency.

"As a survivor of the largest mass shooting in American history, I was honored to work with the CPIL and Assemblywoman Petrie-Norris on AB 1057," said Friedman. "This legislation will save lives by using restraining orders to temporarily remove precursor parts from individuals deemed a threat to themselves or others. I am grateful the school gave me the opportunity to work on it."

Friedman's efforts were phenomenally successful: AB 1057 passed the state Assembly and Senate unanimously and was signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom in October 2021. The new law is scheduled to take effect in July 2022.

"This law will allow law enforcement to step in and prevent an individual from hurting themselves and others," said Friedman, who began working full-time at the San Diego City Attorney's office in January. "It means a lot to me to turn personal tragedy into something that can help other people avoid a similar experience."

TOP HONORS FOR TRIAL TEAMS

USD School of Law had a stellar year in national competitions

Three USD School of Law National Trial teams dominated competitions held across the nation. The law school's 3L National Trial team—consisting of Allana Platt, '21 (JD); Kathryn Kellner, '21 (JD); Elmira Yousufi, '21 (JD); Brad Manering, '21 (JD); and coach Caitlin Ryan, '16 (JD)—placed second out of 22 teams in the [Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Competition](#). They bested nearly every team in the three-day competition, including top-ranked University of Pennsylvania and Washington University in St. Louis, despite competing virtually at 6 a.m. PST.

One of the law school's 2L National Trial teams—consisting of 3L Lauren Wade, 3L Katie Mefford, 3L Ellen Atkinson and 3L Evan Andersen—placed second at the [Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Civil Rights Competition](#), falling only one point short of first place. Another team—consisting of 3L Heather Buechner, 3L Kaitlyn Jensen, 3L Alana Mellgren, 3L Morgan Williams and coach Peter Estes, '13 (JD)—placed second in the San Diego chapter of the [Association of Business Trial Lawyers Competition](#).

The Mock Trial team placed second in nationals at the [National Black Law Students Association Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition](#) last spring. The team consisted of 3Ls Hamlianne Bridgeman and Chris Dugan, as well as recent graduates Brandon John, '21 (JD), and Alexandria Pritchett, '21 (JD). The team was coached by Keia Atkinson, '17 (JD).

After placing first in the regional competition, USD's Client Advocacy Team finished as semifinalists in the [American Bar Association Client Counseling Competition](#). The team was made up of 3L Danielle Pompeo and 3L Kyle Rudolph. It was coached by Brody Burns, '16 (JD); Virginia Nelson, '79 (JD); Blaine Mullican, '21 (JD); and Shana Sobel, '21 (JD).

USD's Law Transactional Team of Baylee Beeman, '21 (JD), and Kit Ryan, '21 (JD), finished as semifinalists in the [American Bar Association 2020-2021 Law Student Tax Challenge](#). It was the first time USD School of Law students have advanced this far in the competition, becoming one of only six teams out of 70 to present their memo orally in the semifinal round.

Several USD teams placed in various categories at their competitions. The Moot Court Team—consisting of 3L Alyssa Alarab; 3L Lissette Argoud; Alberto Corona, '21 (JD); and Allison Washburn, '21 (JD)—won awards for Best Brief and Top Oral at the [Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition](#). The Transactional Law Team, consisting of Jack Kelley, '21 (JD); Arin Nahapatian, '21 (JD); and 3L Alejandra Salceda, won the award for Best Overall at the [UCLA Transactional Law Competition](#). The Transactional Law Team, consisting of 3L James Keegan; Michael Tiab, '21 (JD); and 3L Julie Voorhes, won the award for Best Draft at the same competition. The Transactional Law Team—consisting of Chase Canevari, '21 (JD), and 3L Ben D'Alton—also won first place in negotiations at the [Wayne State University Jaffe Transactional Law Invitational](#).

Several USD School of Law students also won or placed in individual competitions. Preston Chaffee, '21 (JD), won [Baylor Law's 2021 The Closer National Transactional Law Competition](#). He is the second USD student to win the competition in the past three years after Rajdeep Roger Bains, '19 (JD), won the competition in 2019.

Madison "Maddie" Orcutt, '21 (JD), won the [American Bar Association Section of Real Property, Trust, and Estate Law Student Writing Competition](#). Orcutt's winning paper was titled "Blood Does Not Necessarily Make a Family (or Any Fraction Thereof): Intestate Succession, Half-Blood Siblings, and Assisted Reproductive Technology." For winning the competition, Orcutt was awarded \$2,500, a free trip to the next annual meeting of the ABA, a full-tuition scholarship for the Heckerling master's program in estate planning at the University of Miami, and consideration for publication in the *Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Journal*.

Finally, Kirstin A. Jensvold-Rumage, '21 (JD), won the [American Constitution Society \(ACS\) San Diego Writing Competition](#). Her piece was about COVID vaccinations and the incarcerated. Jensvold-Rumage received a scholarship to attend ACS National's next in-person event.

COMMENCEMENT 2021

USD School of Law proudly—and in person—celebrated the Classes of 2020 and 2021

In some ways, the thin layer of clouds that sat above Torero Stadium on commencement day proved symbolic. For a little over a year, the pandemic had been clouding the academic and professional futures of hundreds of USD School of Law students. It forced the school to Zoom for two-and-a-half semesters of online learning. Internships and externships were canceled or moved online, and many companies simply stopped hiring. But on May 15, 2021, neither the uncertainty of the past year nor the socially distanced seating could dampen the mood. It was a day of celebration for not one but two classes of USD School of Law graduates and their families: the Class of 2021 and the Class of 2020, who never got the chance to experience an in-person commencement ceremony.

The day began with the singing of the national anthem, followed by a prayer led by USD Vice President of Mission and Ministry Msgr. Daniel J. Dillabough. USD President James T. Harris III encouraged



graduates to be a generation that fights for change. He also commended them on their resilience, willingness to confront humanity's most urgent challenges, courage to stand up to power and compassion for the least represented. Following his remarks, Dean Robert Schapiro congratulated the graduates on their accomplishments. "Wherever you started, you are some of the most resilient members of your generation, continuing to pursue your legal studies in this most difficult of times. But remember this: You succeeded."

Later in the ceremony, Vice Dean Margaret Dalton announced the winners of the Thorsnes Prizes. Professor of Law Lisa Ramsey was awarded the 2021 Thorsnes Prize for Outstanding Legal Scholarship, which recognizes significant scholarly works. Herzog Endowed Scholar and Professor of Law Dov Fox was awarded the 2021 Thorsnes Prize for Excellence in Teaching, which is bestowed annually based on a vote of upper-division law students. Finally, Shannon Whitaker, '21 (JD), delivered the student address. She commended her fellow students on their resilience and perseverance and thanked the graduates' families for their support.

The crowning moment was the conferral of degrees. Although masks covered the faces of each graduate that walked across the stage, their eyes told the whole story and the elation was palpable. With their law degrees in hand, the graduates were welcomed not only into the professional legal community but also into an even more exclusive club: alumni of USD School of Law.



A Century of Women's Suffrage: Annual Bergman Lecture marked the centennial of the 19th Amendment

In September 2020, USD School of Law hosted a special panel to mark the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which granted women in the United States the right to vote.

Moderated by Professor Miranda McGowan, the panel was the highlight of the law school's annual Bergman Memorial Lecture Series on Women, Children and Human Rights. As McGowan noted, this milestone was both an occasion to celebrate but also



a time to work toward greater equality and justice for everyone. Panelists included the Honorable Cathy Ann Bencivengo, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California; Dora Rose, deputy director of the League of Women Voters of California; and Taina Angeli Vargas, co-founder and executive director of Initiate Justice, a nonprofit that aims to end incarceration.

"From our vantage point today, it's unimaginable that women didn't always have the right to vote and unbelievable that the campaign to secure the right to vote took 75 years," said McGowan, who is an expert in the areas of employment discrimination, constitutional law, and race and gender identity. "The more I immerse

myself in this topic, the more improbable and astonishing the suffragettes' victory seems to me."

Yet the 19th Amendment did not guarantee the right to vote for all women, with Native American and Asian women left behind and Black and Latina women disenfranchised through Jim Crow laws, noted Rose. The centennial should be a time of celebration but also "a reckoning to ensure that we learn the lessons of the past and pull them forward into the new era and don't repeat them," she said.

The advocacy that's needed should also extend to other members of society, including formerly incarcerated citizens, said Vargas, who talked about the laws that make it confusing and difficult for people to regain their voting franchise.

The Jane Ellen Bergman Memorial Lecture Series on Women, Children and Human Rights is the result of a gift by Dr. Barbara Yates, a longtime professor at the University of Illinois and a friend of the late Bergman. The USD School of Business and School of Leadership and Education Sciences co-sponsored the event.

BERGMAN LECTURE ON *BIVENS V. SIX UNKNOWN NAMED AGENTS*

In March 2021, the annual Bergman Memorial Lecture addressed the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court case *Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents*. The court decided the case for the plaintiff, recognizing an implied damages remedy for constitutional violations by federal officials, despite the absence of a federal statute authorizing such a remedy.

The discussion was moderated by Julia Yoo, partner at Iredale & Yoo and president of the National Police Accountability Project. Panelists included the Honorable Daniel E. Butcher of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California; civil rights attorney Michael R. Marrinan, '76 (BA), '79 (JD); and former *Bivens* plaintiff Benjamin Prado of the American Friends Service Committee.



*Left to right: 3L Hayley Zech,
3L Lindsey Jacques and
3L Minh Hieu Vu.*

MEET THE EDITORS

The students who edit the law school's prestigious journals keep them on the cutting edge of legal scholarship

When it comes to mastering the myriad skills it takes to build a well-crafted legal argument, there is nothing like hands-on experience. For the student editors of the law school's three on-campus student-run legal journals, the opportunity to dive directly into the art of persuasion alongside professional legal theorists is a particularly valuable one. "You really get into the granular skills of being a lawyer," said Minh Hieu Vu, editor of the *San Diego Law Review*. "Attention to detail, working with a team, critical thinking about claims and assertions and scrutinizing them for support and accuracy—those are all skills lawyers need."

Not only that, but by soliciting and publishing articles on the critical issues impacting our lives, the journals keep the school on the forefront of legal thought. Here is a look at three student editors leading the way.

THE GLOBALIST

Lindsey Jacques, editor in chief, *San Diego International Law Journal*

What do border issues, gene doping and employment discrimination have in common? Or intellectual property and animal law?

For 3L Lindsey Jacques, the answer is, happily, not much. Except they're all topics that the *San Diego International Law Journal (SDILJ)* has covered recently.

As editor in chief of the *SDILJ*, Jacques and her team of nearly 50 student editors are enthusiastic generalists. The twice-yearly publication covers an intentionally wide array of legal concepts and theories. That can mean, as in the most recent issue, articles as varied as a comparison of gene therapy regulations across countries, a discussion of international peace treaties, and a deep dive into the way that facial recognition technology impacts people of color. Said Jacques, "Our journal provides students an opportunity to write about any legal area they want, just through a global lens. It's a unique opportunity and not always how students think about the law."

That global ethos suits Jacques. As an undergrad, she worked in the office of Wisconsin State Senate Democratic Minority Leader Jennifer Schilling. Immediately, she connected with human rights and social justice issues—she said a dream job after law school would be with the United Nations. "I knew I wanted to do policy work," she said.

“The students at USD Law are an extraordinarily passionate and accomplished bunch. I’m inspired by my classmates and my fellow *SDILJ* members on a daily basis.” —3L LINDSEY JACQUES



“We act as the gatekeepers of novel legal theories and ideas. To the best of our abilities as students, we want to push the ball forward when it comes to scholarship.” —3L MINH HIEU VU

“I want to use my skills and talents to create a better future and promote equity and justice.”

As with USD’s other student-run law journals, the *SDILJ* publishes a mix of professional, practitioner-written articles (ranging from 20 to 120 pages) and two or three student-written associate editor “comments,” minimum 40 pages and 100 citations. Student editors review each article closely to check all citations, analyze the soundness of the legal theory and help strengthen arguments. After their 1L year, students are typically invited to contribute to the journal by scoring well in the annual Write-On competition (held simultaneously between all three journals), wherein students craft a legal memo and check citations—a sort of crash course in legal writing and editing. Others with grades ranking in the top 10 percent of their class are also invited to contribute.

The result is a team of 24 board members and 23 associate editors. Thankfully, this year the team is finally able to meet in person, though many meetings still take place digitally. “It’s certainly different in many ways, but I’m a firm believer that much of the learning in law school happens through conversations with classmates and professors outside the classroom, and that was simply not possible when we were on Zoom,” Jacques said. “The students at USD Law are an extraordinarily passionate and accomplished bunch. I’m inspired by my classmates and my fellow *SDILJ* members on a daily basis.”

THE NEW GATEKEEPER

Minh Hieu Vu, editor in chief, *San Diego Law Review*

As the oldest and largest of USD’s law journals, the *San Diego Law Review* (*SDLR*) is in many ways the school’s flagship publication. But to 3L Minh Hieu Vu, editor in chief, its purpose isn’t to hew to old conventions. “I feel we act as the gatekeepers of novel legal theories and ideas,” Vu explained. “To the best of our abilities as students, we want to push the ball forward when it comes to scholarship.”

That’s reflected in the journal’s commitment to publishing first-time authors and practitioners from a wide range of backgrounds. Vu points to an in-progress article investigating regulations on the parameters around law-student practice—which in many states involves minimal professional supervision—as indicative of the journal’s solutions-oriented ethos. “It was a fresh take on this issue,” she said of the article. “It unearthed a problem I didn’t know existed and brought up this need in the legal community and offered solutions. I like that we’re able to publish articles that move our profession forward.”

For Vu, examining the often-invisible systemic problems that lie behind larger social issues resonates deeply. She and her family immigrated to the U.S. from Vietnam when she was 3 years old and settled in San Jose. There, she recognized early on that education was the pathway to a better life, and after finishing her undergraduate degree at UC San Diego, she returned home to work in a local elementary school through Teach for America. “Coming from that background in teaching, I had a mindset that I wanted to go into education policy,” Vu said. “But I realized that you have to have strong

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social policies, a strong safety net for families, great economic policies like paid family leave and child tax credits—they all impact student outcomes.”

The *SDLR* takes a similarly incisive viewpoint. Published four times per year, the journal is produced by a team of 21 editorial board members, another 15 senior members—all 3Ls—and 30 2L citation checkers. Each issue includes at least one student-written comment in addition to longer articles from professors, legal scholars, practitioners and judges. As for choosing articles, a team of editors reviews all submissions and selects pieces “that we think will add to the conversation,” Vu said. “We’re always trying to publish new ways of thinking about old ideas.”

THE ENVIRONMENTALIST

Hayley Zech, editor in chief, *San Diego Journal of Climate and Energy Law*

Californians have a particular appreciation for the urgency of climate change. For 3L Hayley Zech, that means literally looking out the window and seeing smoke from the megafires that have rocked the state with ever-increasing frequency.

As the editor in chief of the *San Diego Journal of Climate and Energy Law*, the San Diego native has dived headlong into these pressing issues. The 13-year-old journal publishes one issue each year, released in the spring, which is thematically linked to the school’s Energy Policy Initiatives Center’s annual Lesley K. McAllister Symposium on Climate and Energy Law. Authors of the journal’s articles are often invited to speak on panels at the symposium. This year’s topics are energy grid resiliency, extreme weather and climate solutions—problems that have only become more glaring over the past year. As for reconvening in person this year, Zech is pragmatic. “There have been challenges with events and networking, but overall there is normalcy in returning to campus,” she said.

For Zech, who studied public management policy as an undergraduate at the University of Arizona but went on to work in the corporate world after graduating, environmental issues represented a higher calling. After four years of professional work, she applied to USD School of Law. “I wanted to do something in an area I’m passionate about,” she said. “I came to the realization that a lot of small changes can make a big difference. Working in this space, I can make an even greater difference. It’s something I can see myself being passionate about daily.”

The journal is produced by 16 associate editors (mostly 2Ls) responsible for citation checking and 10 3L executive board members who handle article selection and editing. Each issue includes student-written comments. Zech’s piece, written as a 2L, focused on the powers of the president to deregulate public lands in the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase national monuments and the climate implications of those moves. “Being able to work in a field like this has sparked an interest,” she said. “I really like what I’m doing. I love being excited about the work.” ■



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A NEW DEAN FOR A NEW ERA

In his first year as dean of USD School of Law, scholar Robert Schapiro is charting a new course of increased access, growth and inclusiveness

History is not simply in the past. It's with us every day. That's among the lessons evident in the career of USD School of Law Dean Robert Schapiro, whose expertise in federalism—a concept pioneered by the country's founders—helps inform modern debates about the role of government.

Schapiro, who earned a master's in history at Stanford in between bachelor's and law degrees at Yale, is particularly intrigued by what federalism teaches about the role of states in providing basic government services.

"I'm interested in taking this traditional area of study—federalism—and seeing what contemporary relevance it might have," said Schapiro, who was named dean of the law school in January 2021.

From the New Deal of the 1930s to the Warren Court of the 1960s, the Supreme Court bolstered a new era in which the federal government

protected workers, farmers and others in need of assistance, while promoting civil rights, voting rights, and access to education and health care.

But in the 1980s, as Schapiro went through college and graduate school, the pendulum swung, and "it seemed that the federal government might not be sufficiently responsive to these kinds of concerns," he explained. "So I began to think more about what would be the role of states in protecting these vital interests."

As a clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens in the 1991-1992 term, Schapiro learned the value of applying a practical view to history. Stevens taught Schapiro to be wary of unthinkingly taking old concepts and applying them in ways that might interfere with the ability of real people, in the here and now, to receive needed remedies and protection.

“I want to make sure that we are giving the students the best education possible for this changing world.” —DEAN ROBERT SCHAPIRO

Before joining USD, Schapiro was dean of Emory University School of Law in Atlanta, where he received the Emory Williams Distinguished Teaching Award for excellence in graduate education and the Ben F. Johnson Faculty Excellence Award. The Emory Student Bar Association named him Most Outstanding Professor, and Emory’s Black Law Students Association named him Professor of the Year.

He continues to publish scholarly work. “Robert Schapiro is an enormously influential scholar of federalism,” said Heather Gerken, dean of Yale Law School. “Even when I look back to his early work, I find it prescient. I suspect I’ve quoted him or cited his work in almost every article I’ve written. He’s a scholar’s scholar, and we are all lucky to have him in the field.”

AT USD, SCHAPIRO HAS THREE OVERARCHING PRIORITIES:

- **Student success.** “I want to make sure that we are giving the students the best education possible for this changing world,” Schapiro said. “That’s a combination of theoretical education, doctrinal education and practical education.” He cites the law school’s clinics, now celebrating their 50th anniversary, as places where students get hands-on experience with the law.
- **Extending the reach of the law school.** Schapiro wants the school not only to be enmeshed in the San Diego community but also to enhance its activities nationally and globally. “We’re one of the closest law schools to Latin America and to Asia, and there are many ways in which we can expand those important connections,” he said. Additionally, and creatively, the law school can teach courses—online and in person—to people who need to learn aspects of the law without necessarily pursuing a three-year degree.
- **Diversity, equity and inclusion.** “Educational and career outcomes are enhanced when the school recognizes the diverse abilities, interests and perspectives of our students—and supports them,” Schapiro said. “We must do all we can to continue to recruit and retain the most outstanding and diverse students, faculty, and staff.” USD’s university-wide Horizon Project has provided funding to hire faculty and staff in support of this priority.

In less than a year, Schapiro has already made an impact on these priorities, said Debbie Rider, ’84 (JD), the law school’s director of development. “He is putting teeth in his priorities, and he’s putting resources behind them to find good people to implement them,” Rider said.

Schapiro and Rider work closely to raise money to support these priorities and strengthen connections with alumni. “We can attract an outstanding diverse student body, as long as we have the financial aid to make this school accessible and affordable, and our alumni play a central role in that,” Schapiro said.

Rider praises Schapiro’s willingness to listen and learn.

“He’s not a steamroller who wants to come in and do his ideas,” Rider said. “He asked us to bring forth our ideas, our ambitions.”

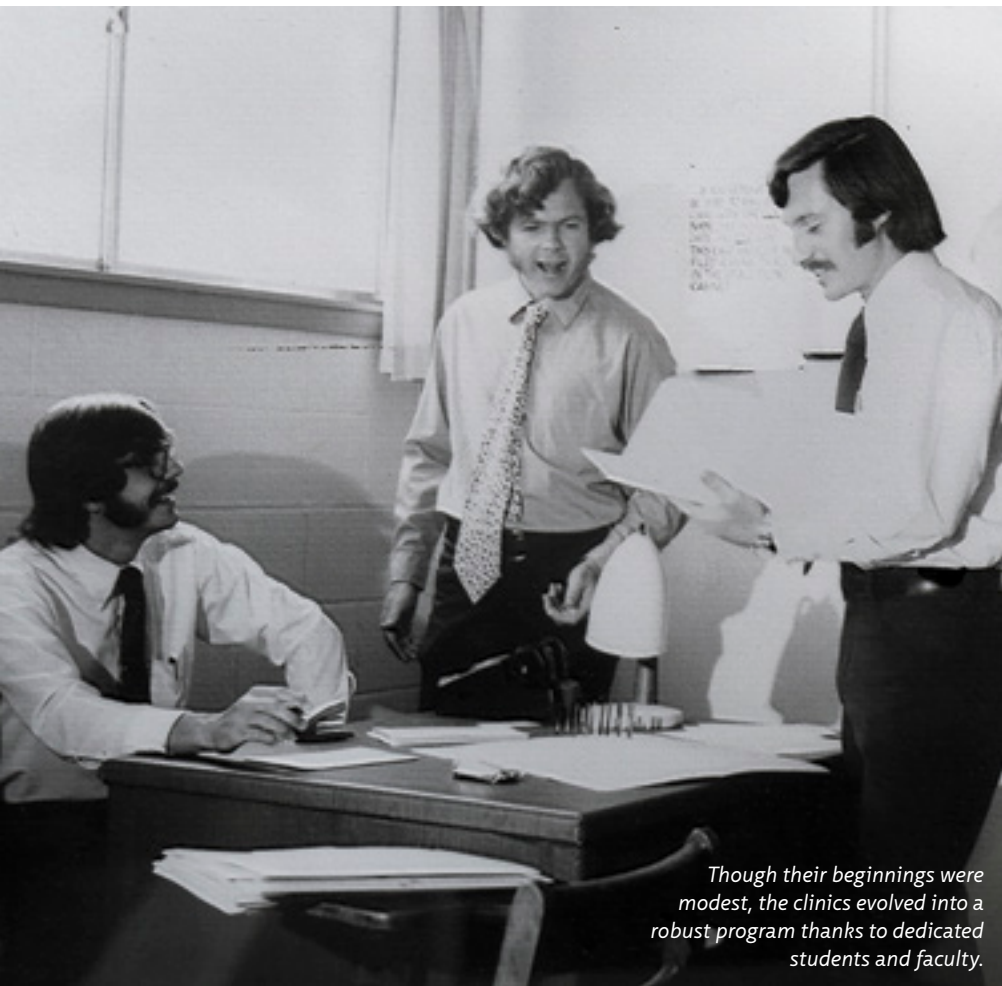
His energy and intellect are no surprise to anyone who knows Schapiro. He’s a voracious reader of both nonfiction and fiction. Recent books include *Caste*, *Thick*, *The Free World*, *The Overstory* and *Cloud Cuckoo Land*. He also loves to run in his free time. At first, he ran along the bay; now he runs in Balboa Park. “It’s a real treat to be in a place where there are so many great opportunities to run throughout the year,” he said.

He’s eager to start using all of San Diego’s amenities to recruit leading scholars to the School of Law’s already top-notch faculty. “A key focus is attracting and retaining outstanding scholars to continue to develop our areas of excellence, including tax, constitutional theory, employment, intellectual property and technology, among others,” Schapiro said. “We plan to continue to sustain and build our exceptional scholarly excellence.” ■



50 YEARS

OF USD'S TRAILBLAZING LEGAL CLINICS



Though their beginnings were modest, the clinics evolved into a robust program thanks to dedicated students and faculty.

The clinical education program at USD School of Law celebrates a half-century of innovation

Ever since clinical education was launched at USD School of Law in 1971, the Legal Clinics have been a life-changing program, not just for the generations of student participants but for the clients they've served.

Having started out modestly—with just a small client base, a handful of students and faculty supervisors, and tight quarters out of which to operate—the clinics today are a robust and influential component of USD School of Law's offerings. Not only do they offer legal services to underserved members of the greater San Diego community, they also provide students with invaluable opportunities to gain real-world lawyering skills, in real time, for real clients. And for many of the

students who participate in today's 11 client-serving clinics, the experience is a highlight of their education, helping them chart their paths as legal professionals while also benefiting those in need.

Now, as the Legal Clinics celebrate their 50th anniversary of making a difference, *Advocate* takes a look back at their legacy of innovation and service.

1970s: The Early Days

The year was 1970. Richard Nixon was president, the Vietnam War was raging, the voting age was lowered from 21 to 18, and the Beatles called it quits. Campuses were becoming increasingly socially conscious, and USD was no exception. During the 1970-1971 academic year, law students saw an opportunity to do more for the greater good, and they seized it. They wanted to use their fledgling lawyering skills to give back, and the timing was right to do so.

Professor Richard "Corky" Wharton, '73 (JD), who was a student at the law school at the time, recalls the atmosphere vividly. "It was the height of the Vietnam War and of student activism, and I was also a returning veteran," he said. Wharton, along with many of his peers, wanted to do more than just study doctrinal law; they wanted to engage with and serve the community.

"Three things happened," he said of the genesis of the clinics. "First, the Board of Governors of the State of California had promulgated rules that allowed students to be certified as attorneys and practice law in court. All you had to do was have an attorney who would be your supervisor. Another thing that happened was that the federal government reduced

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—IAN PIKE, '19 (JD)



Legal Aid funds by about two-thirds, so people did not have access to lawyers. And you had a student body with a very high social conscience. And the student body of the University of San Diego was very diverse."

In 1970, these passionate students—a group that included Alex Landon, '71 (JD); Napoleon Jones, '71 (JD); and others who went on to lead distinguished legal careers—petitioned and won the approval of the faculty to form a clinical education program. The clinics were officially launched in 1971 when the Law Student Civil Rights Research Council partnered with the USD Student Bar Association to provide free legal services to the residents of Linda Vista. A clinic was also established at the Mexican-American Advisory Council in National City, where students could aid members of the local Spanish-speaking community. Wharton ran that clinic's operation under the supervision of a volunteer attorney, even though "I didn't speak a word of Spanish," he said. "But I learned to really appreciate the Mexican-American culture by supervising that clinic."

Interest in the clinics quickly grew, and more and more students wanted to participate. With nearly 100 certified and eligible students working under supervising volunteer attorneys, it became clear to the school that more formal supervision might be required. In the fall of 1971 the school hired the first director of the clinics, Professor Charlie Lynch, a former supervising attorney at the Legal Aid Society of San Diego.

The beginnings were humble, to say the least. In fact, Wharton noted, the clinics'

1971-1972 shoestring budget included the following line items: \$200 for rent, \$483 for office supplies and postage, \$515 for equipment, \$169 for clerical salary, \$143 for travel, \$371 for miscellaneous.

But these limited resources did not stop the clinical program from growing. Within a few years, USD had agreed to allocate academic credit for participation in the program; it also contributed significant funding to the clinics, beginning a period of great expansion. Under Lynch's direction, a criminal clinic was launched in 1973, followed by an immigration clinic. In addition, a number of field offices were opened throughout the San Diego area, including in the Grossmont College and San Diego State areas, to give more clients greater access to legal services. Typically, students would go once a week to these off-site facilities, meet with potential clients and do intake, and then work with supervising faculty to decide which cases to accept. As Lynch said at the time, "We probably have a program second to none in the state ... in terms of educational opportunity for the students and close supervision."

The students were learning invaluable skills in the process, but it was almost exclusively a hands-on experience; there was no real classroom component to the clinical program. That changed in 1978, when Professor Walter Heiser arrived at USD School of Law, bringing with him a new vision for clinical education.

1970s and '80s: Formalizing the Experience

"I came on the scene as director of the Legal Clinics back when everyone's hair was much longer and, well, when I actually had hair," laughed Heiser, whose



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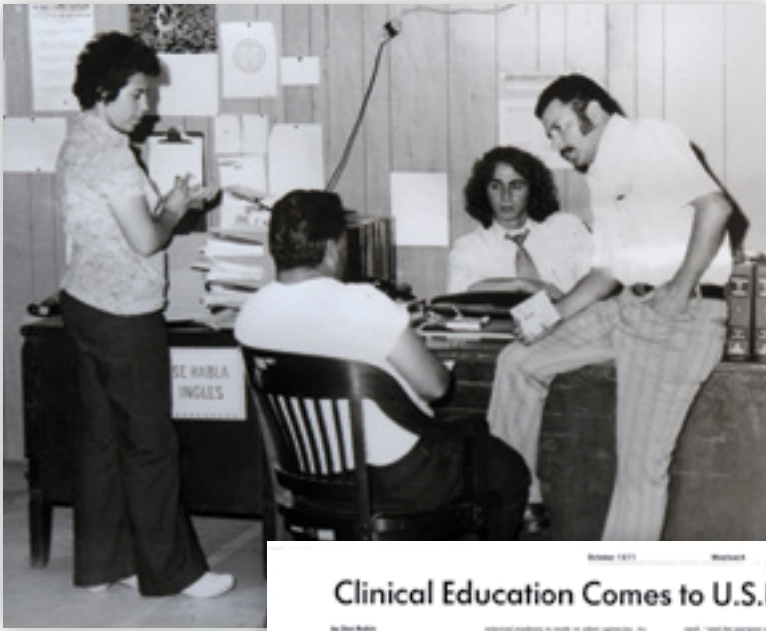
influential 40-plus-year tenure at USD started in 1978 and lasted until his recent retirement. When he began as director, he remembers being struck by the fact that the clinical program lacked an academic component, which he believed would enhance the student experience. "I felt it was important to incorporate the opportunity for the students to have a more reflective experience about the skills they were practicing," said Heiser.

His vision was influenced by his education at Harvard, where he earned a Master of Laws in teaching, studying under Dr. Gary Bellow. As Heiser recalled, Bellow "was the guru of legal clinical education at a time when the idea of creating an academic clinical experience for attorneys was rather new. ... My contribution really came in bringing what I had learned from Professor Bellow. My goal was for us to be a bit more systematic about the skills that were taught."

Heiser wanted to be sure that students fully grasped all the implications of the skills they were acquiring through the clinics, such as interviewing, counseling and negotiating, and he worked with the faculty to develop relevant courses. "We spent a fair amount of time deconstructing lawyering skills so we could then teach them in a classroom setting," he said. As a result, trial practice and litigation courses were expanded and new courses were added to the curriculum.

And the clinics themselves continued to grow, most notably with the addition of federal funding from the Department of Education to support two groundbreaking clinics: the Environmental Law Clinic, which was overseen by Professor Wharton, and the Mental Health Clinic, under the guidance of Professor Allen Snyder.

THE LEGAL CLINICS AT 50



Top: The Legal Clinics have long helped Spanish-speaking members of the community. Right: An October 1971 article in the Woolsack, the law school's student newspaper, announces the launch of the clinical education program.



Left: In 1971, Professor Charlie Lynch (center) was named the first director of the Legal Clinics.

Wharton, a leading environmental lawyer, grew his clinic into a force to be reckoned with, supervising up to eight students at a time and representing clients such as the Sierra Club. The clinic quickly gained a reputation for handling cases against such powerful entities as the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Southern California Edison and the Army Corps of Engineers. “If not for the clinic, many of these cases would not have representation,” he said in a 2012 interview. “Moreover, the public is being served by students who really want to learn and care about these issues. For students, there is just no better way to learn how to practice law, period. I can’t underscore enough the importance of the work we do in the clinics in training prepared, skilled attorneys.”

Like Wharton, Snyder started with the clinics in the '70s out of a passion for seeing justice served and found his calling in clinical education. Snyder had previously been an attorney with Legal Aid, representing many clients with mental health issues, and was asked by Heiser to oversee USD’s nascent Mental Health Clinic, one of the first of its kind in the country.

“When we started the Mental Health Clinic, it was around the time when *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest* had been released,” Snyder said. “There was a sense of righteous defense of the poor and downtrodden that I thought was really terrific. It’s a sad but not changing reality that people with different ways of being in the world have a hard time and they also tend to be poor.”

THE LEGAL CLINICS AT 50

Snyder successfully worked with students on behalf of mental health patients until the clinic's closure, in the 1980s, when such cases began to be handled by the Public Defender's Office. He then started teaching in the Civil Clinic and has been there ever since, inspiring new generations of students to serve others. And no doubt he will continue to do so until his retirement takes effect in 2024, some 45 years after he first walked through the clinics' doors.

1980s and '90s: Evolution and Upgrades

Over the years, certain clinics would come and go for various reasons, most often due to lack of funding, or new directions in leadership, or changes in policy, as was the case with the Mental Health Clinic. But new clinics continued to be created, usually as a result of new sources of funding and the particular skills and enthusiasms of faculty leaders.

In 1983, Heiser was named associate dean of the law school and was succeeded as clinics director by Theresa Player, another former Legal Aid attorney; she was followed by Susan Quinn. During the 1980s and 1990s, new clinics were added to the portfolio for varying periods of time, including an Entrepreneurship Clinic, Land Use Clinic, Small Claims Clinic and Tax Clinic.

One reason for this expansion was the creation of tenure-track positions for clinical faculty, who had previously mostly been on short-term contracts. "Sometime around 1990, Sister Sally Furay, who was



Left: A publication outlining the Legal Clinics' services, from the early 2000s.

Right: The first issue of Let the Record Reflect, the semi-annual newsletter of the Legal Clinics.

the provost, insisted that the law school have tenure-track slots that would be available for clinical teaching,” recalled Snyder. “That’s what changed everything. It is what fueled the growth of the clinics because it meant that there were four full-time tenure-track positions, people who could stay with the clinical program for long periods of time. And that kind of institutionalized the clinics.”

As the clinics increased in size and scope, they quickly outgrew their space, which had been limited to one room of the law school. “Room 308 in the law school was the entire clinic space, with five or six offices for faculty and tiny airless rooms with no windows,” Player recalled. “We had very few resources and a lot of work to do.”

Eventually, the clinics relocated down the hill from the main campus, to more spacious quarters in a building the law school owned, making them more accessible to the clients they served. Outreach Coordinator Patty O’Deane, who joined the clinics in 1993 as a receptionist and legal secretary and remains a pivotal member of the clinics today, recalled the difference the new location made. “Professor Player said the new space would give students the environment of a law firm, and it did,” O’Deane said. “We could accommodate more interns, faculty, clients, and have more paralegals, and parking was much easier. But it was eye-opening! Nothing was set up, and we had to do a lot of work to get it running.”

Another longtime contributor to the clinics, Adjunct Professor Allen Gruber, recalled how students benefited from the more professional atmosphere. “Most of the time, students join the clinic because they want the responsibility of

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an attorney,” said Gruber, who came on board in 1990 and remains a supervising attorney in the Civil Clinic to this day. “Most have clerked for law firms or been an intern for a judge or the City Attorney’s office, but this is different. They are not just in a back room doing research, divorced from the client. And most of the students love the experience. I hear this from them all the time: It is the best course in the law school. And if you want to hear something to keep you going after 30 years, that is it.”

2000s: Dramatic Growth

With a strong foundation in place, the clinics experienced their period of greatest growth beginning in 2004, when now-Vice Dean Margaret Dalton, ’94 (JD), was named director.

During her 12 years at the helm, Dalton doubled the number of clinics from five to 10. Among her many accomplishments, she oversaw the creation of the Veterans Legal Clinic, the State Sales and Use Tax Clinic (established in partnership with the California State Board of Equalization), the State Income Tax Clinic (in partnership with the California Franchise Tax Board), the Appellate Clinic and the Workers’ Rights Clinic. “One of my goals as director was to grow the clinics in areas that would help train our students to become proficient in a lot of the skills they would need to practice, and also to be a service to our greater San Diego community,” Dalton said.

Dalton also served as the supervising attorney for the Education and Disability Clinic, which she had founded in 2003 (as the Special Education Clinic) with funding from the California Endowment. “I started that clinic because I was absolutely

passionate about that area of law. Students got me interested in it, and it just grew and grew,” said Dalton, who wanted the clinic to provide representation to parents of students with disabilities.

“I also wanted to modernize the clinics and bring them up to speed as a full-service law office,” Dalton added. “When I became director, there was one reception area and one large room with two tables with computers and cords running everywhere. Within a couple of years we added an electronic case management system, developed the academic program and expanded into adjacent space. Now, when clients come in, we can treat them like they are paying us \$1,000 an hour. Because that’s the way everybody deserves to be treated.”

In 2016, Dalton was named associate dean of USD School of Law; she was named vice dean in 2019. But her legacy at the clinics is still profoundly felt, and she remains deeply passionate about clinical education. “One of the most significant things to have ever happened at the clinics was Margaret becoming director,” Snyder said. “She is so amazingly competent, and her heart will always be in the clinics.”

The Clinics Today

They may have just celebrated their 50th birthday, but the clinics still brim with vitality and youthful enthusiasm as they close over 300 cases a year. In fact, they have seen phenomenal growth, recognition and increased philanthropic support in recent years, thanks in large measure to the leadership of Robert Muth, clinics academic director, and Eric Austin, ’11 (JD), administrative director, who have both been in their positions since 2016.



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—ROBERT MUTH

Muth, a former judge advocate in the United States Marine Corps, joined USD in 2012 as the supervising attorney for the school’s new Veterans Legal Clinic. In the years since, he has grown the Veterans Clinic into a powerhouse, providing free legal assistance to hundreds of low-income, indigent and homeless veterans and their families. Committed to helping ex-servicemembers, Muth draws upon his legal training and experience as a Marine to make this clinic—which he co-teaches with Civil Clinic supervising attorney Joe Villaseñor, ’09 (JD)—as successful as it is.

Now, as academic director of the entire clinics program, Muth is responsible for academic oversight and strategic planning for all the client-services clinics, while still supervising the Veterans Clinic. A major highlight during his tenure as director has been the creation of the new Women’s Legal Clinic, which was launched in January 2020 thanks to a generous \$1 million gift arranged by Una Davis and alumnus Jack McGrory, ’81 (JD). Focused on serving family law needs, including domestic violence restraining orders, child custody and dissolution, the Women’s Clinic now brings the number of direct client-services clinics to a total of 11.

And more innovations are in the works. In 2022, the clinical program will add a new housing rights project, a program of the Civil Clinic, designed to assist undocumented and low-income San Diegans with eviction issues and other housing-related needs.

When asked about the defining moments during his time with the clinics, Muth said that the transition to remote education and service, necessitated by the pandemic, was one of the program’s

Fast Facts: USD Legal Clinics

CLIENT-SERVICES CLINICS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

Client-services clinics provide direct representation to individual clients. In 2021, these were Appellate, Civil, Education and Disability, Entrepreneurship, Federal Tax, Immigration, State Income Tax, State Sales and Use Tax, Veterans, Workers' Rights, and our new Women's Legal Clinic.



NUMBER OF
CASES CLOSED:

300+

NUMBER OF HOURS LOGGED BY
STUDENT INTERNS:

19,670+

NUMBER OF PHONE CALLS
RECEIVED:

5,000+

(Ranked No. 3 in call volume at USD
behind IT Tech Support Hotline and
Undergrad Admissions)

NUMBER OF STUDENT
INTERNS TRAINED:

155+

NUMBER OF ACTIVE CASES OPEN
ON AVERAGE:

300-400

IF WE WERE BILLING INTERN TIME
AT \$175/HOUR, A TYPICAL RATE
THAT A LAW FIRM MIGHT BILL
OUT FOR A LAW CLERK, OUR FIRM
WOULD HAVE EARNED:

\$3,400,000!

greatest success stories in recent memory. “The students, faculty and staff did a fantastic job of making sure they continued to provide high-quality service for our clients,” Muth said. “We made the pivot very quickly and seamlessly and are now seeing how virtual technological solutions can actually improve our ability to teach and to provide services.”

And, at the end of the day, that is what the clinics are all about: education and service. Though the individual clinics may have changed over the past half-century, the collective mission has not.

“It is a wonderful, collegial environment where everybody is pulling together in the same direction,” Muth said. “It is why so many people come to work here and don’t want to leave. The clinics offer a productive way to improve the lives of other people, and it can be a very grounding experience.”

One former clinic intern, Ian Pike, ’19 (JD), no doubt speaks for countless others when he expresses how the clinics have helped him maintain his moral compass as a practicing lawyer.

“I think every law student should experience the clinics because you connect with how you can really do something right for someone,” said Pike, now an associate at Haeggquist and Eck in San Diego. “If more people had their legal education rooted in that, we might all be better lawyers. It is easy to lose sight of what really matters in life, and being rooted in helping those who can get help nowhere else is a nice reality check to have in your heart.” ■



Emily Nagisa Keehn

PROMOTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

A new initiative, co-chaired by Dean of Students Emily Nagisa Keehn, strives to support an increasingly multicultural community at USD School of Law

As the new dean of students, Emily Nagisa Keehn is focused on advancing USD School of Law’s commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI), a commitment she will work toward as the co-chair of Dean Robert Schapiro’s DEI Task Force.

“This is a dynamic law school, with professors who are prolific scholars and dedicated teachers, impressive clinical and experiential learning opportunities, comprehensive student services, and a highly engaged student body,” Keehn said. “I am responsible for making sure that all of our students can thrive and make the most of what the law school has to offer.”

Among Keehn’s top priorities is promoting students’ academic success and bar exam preparation services by proactively identifying and supporting students who could benefit from additional attention as early as possible. Keehn said she plans to strengthen bar preparation to be “best in class, driven

by evidence and tailored to the particular needs of USD Law students.”

Keehn, whose heritage is Japanese and Jewish and Southern, was raised in Tokyo, Cambridge (England), Berkeley and Los Angeles. She came to the position of assistant dean for law student affairs from USD’s Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies. Previously, she worked at Harvard Law School’s Human Rights Program as associate director for the Academic Program. She has worked internationally—including in South Africa, Israel and Cambodia—helping to shape national policies and leading litigation relating to penal systems, gender equality and health. Her work and commentary have appeared in outlets including *Feminist Criminology*, *Health and Human Rights Journal*, *The Guardian*, *The Huffington Post*, Al Jazeera and CNN.

“My years as a human rights advocate taught me how to navigate complex bureaucracies, to help make rights real for those on the margins and to support communities negotiating their way through high-stakes conflict,” she said, adding, “This is helpful experience to have in a university setting.”

The DEI Task Force, which is composed of faculty, administrators, students and alumni, will develop recommendations on how to promote diversity, equity and inclusion for all members of the USD School of Law community. “[This] is a top priority for USD School of Law,” Dean Schapiro said. “We are a much stronger school when we understand and support the diverse strengths, abilities and perspectives of all members of the community and foster a genuine culture of belonging. Emily Keehn has demonstrated tremendous vision and leadership in promoting these critical



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values, and she has been a true champion of diversity in all that she does.”

The task force will reach out broadly to the law school community to gather data to assess the climate on DEI at the school. Questions about DEI training, special programs and institutional structures; how curriculum could better support DEI; and what kind of support should be offered to students will be addressed. Also researching best practices among law schools, the task force will present a final report by the end of the spring 2022 semester. The work will dovetail with university-wide DEI efforts through the Horizon Project.

Keehn said she feels uniquely suited to tackle DEI issues at the law school.

“A principal motivation in my life and career has been to promote and protect the inherent dignity of all people. In multicultural and diverse communities such as ours, efforts to advance DEI are a vital component of cultivating a culture of dignity for everyone,” she said, adding that she has experienced both difficulties and privilege because of her race, heritage, gender and nationality. “I bring direct experience to my understanding of DEI, and this includes a global perspective that does not view USD School of Law as an exception. We have to address the aspects of our law school culture that do not feel as inclusive as they could, and to collaborate with one another to make our community feel welcoming and just.”

Professor Laurence Claus, an expert in constitutional law and faculty advisor to USD’s Pride Law student organization, will join Keehn as a co-chair of

the task force in the spring. “One of the overarching goals of our work, I believe, is to help ensure we are a community in which every member feels they truly belong,” Claus said. “We can strengthen our ability to prepare students for the challenges of entering a profession that is not always sensitive to the diversity of paths they have walked to this point. We can build further our capacity to help each of our students reach their full potential.”

Keehn makes the point that law school demographics in the United States will become more diverse and culturally complex over time, and that the task force is vital to the law school’s success, especially in a time when social cohesion in the United States is experiencing significant challenges.

“To deliver on our mission as a law school, we have to figure out how to cultivate institutional norms, policies and practices that support open conversation, understanding and space to disagree in civil and peaceful ways about the variety of beliefs and positions we hold,” Keehn said. “The task force is a serious and challenging undertaking. Most of all, it is a wonderful opportunity to build on our institutional strengths and to continue to train the best lawyers, who represent clients from all walks of life with excellence and compassion.” ■



Keehn addresses law students at the 2021 Oath of Professionalism ceremony.

faculty footnotes

The USD School of Law faculty is committed to advancing the study and practice of law. In these pages, learn about our professors' activities, achievements and scholarship.

Walter Heiser and his wife, Susan.



Walter Heiser: A Beloved Professor Retires

where he earned a Master of Laws in teaching, after having received his law degree at the University of Wisconsin Law School.

After Heiser served just a few years as director of USD's Legal Clinics, the program began to gain national attention.

"Our program was highly respected by other law schools," Heiser said. "We were often asked to speak on what we were doing. We were looked at as being in the forefront."

In 1983, Heiser was named associate dean of the law school, a position he held for five years before becoming a full-time professor. By vote of the law school student body, Heiser won the Thorsnes Prize for Excellence in Teaching in 1996-1997, 2004-2005 and 2015-2016. He was also named the Herzog Endowed Scholar in 1996-1997 and received the Class of 1975 Endowed Professor distinction in 2013.

He has published many law articles in prestigious journals and is the author of a casebook titled *California Civil Procedure* and the *California Civil Procedure Handbook*.

Keeping those books updated, travel and volunteer work call to Heiser as he retires. A natural teacher, though, Heiser said he will miss his students profoundly, a realization that hit him hard as he taught his last semester over Zoom.

"I have always loved teaching in person and the connections you make with students, and this last semester teaching with Zoom, I didn't get those connections," he said. "It was like I was weaning myself away from the pleasure and fun of teaching students."

The educational value and sterling reputation of the award-winning USD School of Law Legal Clinics owe a great deal to Professor Walter Heiser, who was hired to be the director of the clinics in 1978 and, after a long career on the law school's faculty, retired in August.

His approach as the clinics' director, novel at the time, joined classroom learning with the clinical experience.

"We integrated the classroom component with what the students were coming into contact with in the clinics," said Heiser. "The theory was that if you could give feedback right after a student performed a skill, whether it was a client interview or a hearing, the student would learn better because it would be fresh in their mind."

Although some law students hone their skills by working as law clerks, such training can be uneven, Heiser said.

"It became clear to me in my training as a teacher that the best way you can make lawyers better in practice is to get to them in law school and make sure they're mentored by someone who practices good lawyering techniques," he said.

Heiser trained to be an educator at Harvard University,

ORLY LOBEL: ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF EMPLOYMENT LAW AND INNOVATION POLICY

“Employee mobility is important and good, not just as a workers’ right to improve their situation but also as an innovation policy and an economic growth policy.”

—ORLY LOBEL

→ In writing the book *Talent Wants to Be Free*, Warren Distinguished Professor of Law Orly Lobel posed the counterintuitive argument that companies seeking an innovative culture need to let their employees leave without restrictions.

Companies should provide employees the room to be creative, Lobel argued in the book, published in 2013 by Yale University Press. If workers walk out the door, she said, companies need to work harder to keep them, rather than become punitive and litigious.

Lobel’s work, including her books, research and often co-authored articles, laid the groundwork for an executive order President Biden signed last year ordering the Federal Trade Commission to restrict noncompete clauses. She also worked with the Obama administration on these issues. “I love combining the more theoretical research with action,” she said.

“Employee mobility is important and good, not just as a workers’ right to improve their situation but also as an innovation policy and an economic growth policy,” said Lobel, who has received many awards and grants for her scholarship, including the Thorsnes Prize for Outstanding Legal Scholarship and the Irving Oberman Memorial Award. She was also recently recognized as the second most cited in employment law in the country and among the most cited younger faculty in the United States in any legal field.

Lobel comes to her viewpoints from a rich perspective. As a veteran of the army in her native Israel, “I had a good sense of the significance of keeping secrets.” Now a dual citizen, Lobel earned her JD from Harvard University and joined the USD School of Law faculty in 2005. An expert on intellectual property as well as employment law, she says she is interested in thinking about how to update laws to rise to the challenge of new technologies and social needs, such as online platforms and artificial intelligence.

She combines her scholarly work with a knack for real-world issues and storytelling. Her latest book, *You Don’t Own Me* (Norton, 2017), took a deep dive into a dramatic lawsuit against Mattel, the world’s largest toy company. She reported the case like a seasoned journalist, and film rights have been optioned.

Her next book, *The Equality Machine*, is sure to find a similar audience. Although she started work on it years before 2020’s protests for racial justice, its themes of using technology to forge racial and gender equality are sure to resonate.

Lobel is living proof of her own theory: Talent, impact and creativity grow through exchanges, collaboration and engagement.





Professors Ramsey and Fox Named 2021 Thorsnes Prize Recipients

Each year, USD School of Law names two recipients of the Thorsnes Prize. Professor Lisa Ramsey was awarded the 2021 Thorsnes Prize for Outstanding Legal Scholarship, which recognizes significant scholarly works. Herzog Endowed Scholar and Professor Dov Fox was awarded the 2021 Thorsnes Prize for Excellence in Teaching, which is bestowed annually based on a vote of upper-division law students.

Ramsey is an expert on intellectual property law and trademark law. Her latest work has centered on protecting free speech and competition in trademark law. Ramsey recently published an article titled “Protectable Trademark Subject Matter in Common Law Countries and the Problem With Flexibility.” She is a member of the American Intellectual Property Law Association and International Trademark Association and has given presentations on trademark law throughout the United States and around the world.

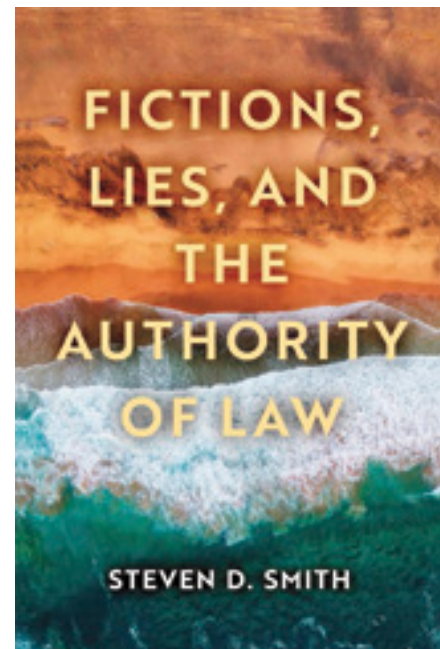
Fox teaches and writes in the areas of health law and bioethics, the regulation of technology, and criminal law. A renowned legal scholar on the fertility industry, Fox frequently can be seen discussing his work on television news programs and in various publications. At USD, Fox works as the director for the Center of Health Law Policy and Bioethics. He also serves on the advisory boards of the Appellate Defenders, American Constitution Society and Illumina Genomics. Fox also works on National Institutes of Health grants on topics in genomic privacy, translational medicine and biomedical research ethics.

THE FICTIONS BEHIND MODERN AUTHORITY

Professor Steven D. Smith publishes *Fictions, Lies, and the Authority of Law*

→ Warren Distinguished Professor of Law and Co-Executive Director of the Institute for Law and Religion Steven D. Smith recently published a new book, *Fictions, Lies, and the Authority of Law* (University of Notre Dame Press). In his insightful book, Smith asks if there is any connection between some of today’s pressing problems and the questionable nature of authority in the modern world, which he proposes are based in certain enduring “fictions.”

Tackling issues of authority from a thoughtful and original perspective, Smith looks at the implications that baseless authority raises for judges, lawyers and others. While *Fictions, Lies, and the Authority of Law* will find its primary audience among legal scholars, its thought-provoking observations are sure to interest a far wider readership.



Miranda Perry
Fleischer



Miranda Perry Fleischer: Thought Leader in Tax Law

In teaching tax law, Miranda Perry Fleischer has found the perfect home.

Fleischer, who directs the law school's graduate tax programs, says USD may be the only law school that requires all students to study tax law. She makes a strong argument that more should follow.

Tax, Fleischer notes, touches nearly every area of law. It has implications in family law, corporate law and employment law—who takes head of household status, how businesses merge, what assets are bought and sold. It often arises in civil litigation and in quite a few criminal cases as well.

"Tax permeates everything," Fleischer said. "It's all about

how the benefits and burdens of society should be distributed. More and more social policy is being implemented through the tax code."

Fleischer, who USD named 2020-2021 University Professor and who won USD School of Law's 2014-2015 Thorsnes Prize for Excellence in Teaching (determined by upper-division student vote), came to tax law in a roundabout fashion, finding inspiration from a dynamic professor late in her third year at the University of Chicago Law School, and then returning to tax only after forays as a judicial clerk and a litigation attorney.

Tax law gives Fleischer an eclectic research platform. Why do we have estate taxes? Why do we allow for charitable deductions? Should we treat all charities the same—whether they are operas patronized by the wealthy or soup kitchens for the poor? Should we adopt a universal basic income (UBI)?

Among her many law review articles are some co-authored with Daniel J. Hemel of the University of Chicago Law School delving into the underpinnings of UBI. For her work on charitable giving, the University of Colorado bestowed the 2011 Provost's Faculty Achievement Award, and at USD she was the 2017-2018 Herzog Endowed Scholar.

Knowing that law students often fear tax law as dry and filled with numbers, Fleischer puts them at ease, saying that it doesn't necessarily require complex math skills. Mainly, she just hopes that students learn how to discuss complex subjects in an intelligent fashion.

"At Thanksgiving, when their crazy uncle starts spouting off about something, they can bring the conversation down to earth and talk about some facts and fictions about the tax system," she said.

And, Fleischer hopes, they'll be making the world a better place, one crazy uncle—and one tax class—at a time.

Michael Ramsey: Constitutional Law Thought Leader

In April 2021, when President Biden issued an executive order forming the Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court of the United States, one of the experts chosen to participate was USD School of Law Professor Michael Ramsey.

Ramsey, a widely published legal scholar, brings extensive knowledge of the U.S. Supreme Court to the prestigious commission, which was formed to analyze the arguments in the public debate for and against Supreme Court reform. Serving on the 36-member commission alongside some of the country's foremost legal scholars, judges and practitioners, Ramsey is examining topics that include the genesis of the reform debate, the Court's role in the constitutional system, and the length of service and turnover of justices on the Court.



Michael Ramsey

Professor Ramsey is a prolific writer whose scholarship focuses on the intersection of international law and U.S. constitutional law. Recently named among the nation's most cited scholars in the field of international law and security, he is the author of two academic press books—*The Constitution's Text in Foreign Affairs* (Harvard University Press, 2007) and *International Law in the U.S. Supreme Court* (Cambridge University Press, with David



THE INAUGURAL BLUE BRIEF

USD School of Law is proud to announce the premiere edition of the *Blue Brief*, which provides analyses by faculty members of selected rulings from the 2020-2021 term of the United States Supreme Court. The publication, which was released in August, covers such issues as antitrust in college sports, election law, church and state, and more.

Some cases represent the court's grappling with constitutional doctrines such as speech and personal jurisdiction; others feature new perspectives on important federal statutes, such as the Voting Rights Act and the Affordable Care Act. "We are very happy to share the insights of our eminent faculty," said Dean Robert Schapiro, who is already anticipating the next *Blue Brief*, which will cover the Supreme Court's 2021-2022 term. "We look forward to reporting back to you next summer with the latest developments."

Sloss and William Dodge, 2011). The latter book received the American Society of International Law's Certificate of Merit as a "work of great distinction" in 2012.

Ramsey is also the co-author of two leading casebooks, *International Business Transactions: A Problem-Oriented Coursebook* (West Academic Publishing) and *Transnational Law and Practice* (Wolters Kluwer). His many articles include "The Executive Power Over Foreign Affairs" (*Yale Law Journal*), "Textualism and War Powers" (*University of Chicago Law Review*), and "The Constitution's Text and Customary International Law" (*Georgetown Law Journal*).

Ramsey has long had an interest in international law and economics, which took root as an undergraduate at Dartmouth and later at Stanford Law School, where he was chief articles editor of the *Stanford Journal of International Law* (and where he graduated first in his class).

In addition to his other responsibilities at the law school, Ramsey is the faculty director of International and Comparative Law Programs; he is also an editor and frequent contributor to the Originalism Blog, sponsored by the USD Center for the Study of Constitutional Originalism. His passion for this area of study was reinforced after law school, when he clerked on the Supreme Court of the United States for the avatar of originalism, Justice Antonin Scalia.

And it is precisely this combination of depth of experience and scholarly interests that makes Ramsey such a valuable member of the newly formed Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court. "It's a great honor to be part of such a diverse and distinguished group studying this important topic," Ramsey said.

It's a great honor for USD School of Law, too, to have such an accomplished thought leader as a longtime member of the faculty.

SMITH, SOHONI AND MCGOWAN RECEIVE USD HONORS AND PROFESSORSHIPS

→ Mila Sohoni was one of three professors across USD to be named a University Professor. The University Professor is the highest academic honor bestowed university-wide at USD and recognizes outstanding scholarly achievements in teaching and research supporting the mission and goals of the university. The title adds to the many accolades Sohoni has received during her eight-year tenure at USD School of Law. In 2018, she was awarded the Thorsnes Prize for Excellence in Teaching, an award voted on by upper-division law students. In 2019, Sohoni was chosen to be the Herzog Endowed Scholar. She is currently the associate dean of faculty. She teaches and writes in the areas of administrative law, federal courts, civil procedure and healthcare reform.

Steven D. Smith was selected as the 2021-2022 Herzog Endowed Scholar. The Herzog award recognizes meritorious teaching or scholarly productivity and provides funds for professional development or for increased time for research for a one-year period to law school faculty. Smith is also a Warren Distinguished Professor of Law. An accomplished author, Smith recently published his ninth book, *Fictions, Lies, and the Authority of Law* (Notre Dame, 2021). He is the co-founder of USD's Institute for Law and Philosophy and Institute for Law and Religion. Smith teaches and writes in the areas of constitutional law, religious freedom, jurisprudence and torts.

Miranda McGowan was selected as the Class of 1975 Endowed Professor. The Class of 1975 Endowed Professorship recognizes the meritorious teaching, leadership and academic accomplishments of a law school professor. McGowan is an expert on employment law, and some of her most recognized recent work argues that women's equality in the workplace depends on combating stereotypes and discrimination against men—not just against women. McGowan primarily teaches constitutional law, employment discrimination and torts, as well as gender and the law.

student chronicles

The Class of 2022 reports on highlights of the past year



“This summer I had the opportunity to give a speech alongside Mayor Gloria regarding the need for more affordable housing in San Diego. I am very passionate about this initiative, and the opportunity to address the community and advocate for creating more housing that is affordable for all San Diegans was very inspiring and meaningful.” —LINDSEY JACQUES

“This past summer I interned with A+E Networks as a legal and business affairs intern for the Los Angeles office. Although I had prior experience working at a studio, this was my first time working in the entertainment field in a legal capacity. As a result of the internship, I gained exposure to both studio and network divisions and got hands-on experience drafting agreements related to the development and production of original programming. This fall I am continuing to pursue my passion in entertainment law and currently work as a business affairs intern for ABC Signature, a part of the Walt Disney Company. In conjunction with the Corporate Counsel Externship course in which I am currently enrolled, I am gaining specialized knowledge in television production, deal-making and negotiations for above-the-line talent.” —KRISTINA NAKAO

“During the pandemic, I took advantage of the extra time at home to become a foster for a local dog rescue, California Labs and More Rescue. I fostered seven puppies (one at a time, not at the same time)! It was a great experience.”

—KELLEY SHEEHAN

“During the pandemic I was fortunate enough to land my dream job in my dream city with Wilson Sonsini in Los Angeles! I had the most amazing summer working there and am so excited to be returning after graduation.” —VALERIE LOPEZ

This is an exciting year for **Ellen Atkinson**, who is appearing as certified counsel of record before the Ninth Circuit on an immigration appeal through USD’s Appellate Clinic, supervised by Professor Michael Devitt and Professor David Schlesinger. Last spring, the *San Diego Law Review* selected Atkinson’s article, “Race-Based Discrimination in the Totality of the Circumstances: Why America’s Highest Court Should Permit Section II Voting Rights Act Challenges to State Felon Disenfranchisement Laws,” for publication in its upcoming issue on systemic racism. After graduating and taking the bar, Atkinson will move to San Antonio for a judicial clerkship in the Western District of Texas for the 2022-2023 term before returning to the San Diego community to work for Paul Hastings Employment Law in 2023.

“One positive thing that came out of the pandemic for me was the opportunity to work (remotely) with the federal government out of San Francisco. I wouldn’t have otherwise been able to do so. Also, I became a better cook! I never had time to try out fun recipes before, and during remote learning I finally got around to making some cool new dishes.”

—ADRIELLI FERRER

“I am currently working as a law intern at a law firm called TP Legal, located in the city of Tijuana. I work in the tax and litigation area, where my main job is to draft briefs, pleadings, motions and settlement agreements. It was through this job that I realized that I am going to pursue a specialization in tax law. Also, I am doing my social service in human rights, where my main work consists of the promotion of human rights of disabled people. I investigate the problems that people with disabilities suffer, in order to spread awareness of them. I am eager to commence my LLM this upcoming spring!”

—MARIA RAMIREZ (LLM)

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➤ Hon. Richard T. Fields, '87 (LLM), Received Distinguished Alumni Award



Richard T. Fields, '87 (LLM)

Justice Richard T. Fields, '87 (LLM), recently received a 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award, the law school's highest honor bestowed upon alumni. He received the honor along with Karen P. Hewitt, '89 (JD).

Fields is an associate justice for Division Two of the Fourth Appellate District of the California Courts of Appeal and assumed office in 2017.

Previously, he served in the courts of Riverside County for 26 years, becoming the first Black judge in Riverside County in April 2000. During 2007 and 2008, he served as the presiding judge of the entire Riverside County court system. He has received numerous honors and commendations throughout his distinguished career.

A lifelong learner, Fields received his Master of Laws (LLM) degree in taxation from USD in 1987 and his Juris Doctor degree from Western State College of Law in 1983, where he received a letter of commendation for outstanding service on the law review. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree, with honors, in sociology with a minor in Spanish from California State University, Fullerton in 1981. Most recently, he received his Master of Laws degree in alternative dispute resolution from the University of Southern California in 2019.

"It's never too difficult, it's never too late, and you are never too old to accomplish your dreams," Fields said.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to law school alumni who have distinguished themselves in the legal field or other chosen profession at an exemplary level and who embody the high ethical standards and commitment to community service USD School of Law seeks to instill in its graduates.

1973

Paul E. Robinson named to the *San Diego Business Journal's* SD500 Most Influential People in the Professional Services category.

1974

Patricia D. Benke retired from the state's Fourth District Court of Appeal in July.

David S. Casey Jr. established the Alberta S. Casey Legacy Endowed Scholarship.

1975

Robert S. Brewer Jr., an attorney with Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek, was honored by the U.S. Coast Guard with a Distinguished Public Service Award for his leadership as the United States Attorney for the Southern District of California from 2019 to 2021.

Harry M. Elias retired after 30 years on the San Diego Superior Court.

1976

Shelley Berkley appointed to evTS Board of Directors.

1978

Edward R. Leonard joined Tyson & Mendes in California as partner.

Frederick Schenk elected president of the San Diego Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Class Action compiles news about alumni from independent submissions and media resources. Submit your news at law.sandiego.edu/keepintouch, or email your update and photo (.jpg or .tif format, 300 dpi) to lawpub@sandiego.edu.

1979

Charles Kranstuber named to *Kev's Best 5 Best Compensation Attorneys* in Columbus list.

1980

Gregory S. Walden joined Denton's public policy practice as partner.

1981

Hon. **Jeffrey B. Barton**, a retired San Diego County Superior Court judge, was welcomed by Judicate West to its roster of neutrals.

1982

Melissa Blackburn-Joniaux, '79 (BA), named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Michael J. Kissane promoted to executive vice president and chief administrative officer at CTB Inc.

Ed McPherson named among *Billboard's* 2021 Top Music Lawyers.

Vickie Turner named among the *San Diego Business Journal's* SD500 Most Influential People in the Professional Services category. She was also named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the journal.

1983

Jeff Solomon named vice president of hockey

operations and assistant general manager of the Anaheim Ducks.

1984

Steven J. Cologne named among the *San Diego Business Journal's* SD500 Most Influential People in the Professional Services category.

Elizabeth W. Walker joined Winston & Strawn LLP's Los Angeles office as partner.

1985

Elaine K. Fresch named among the 2021 Top 50 Women in Southern California Super Lawyers.

Susan B. Murphy joined Bracewell as counsel.

Frances Fragos Townsend named to Investcorp's Board of Directors.

1986

Dennis J. Doucette named among the *San Diego Business Journal's* SD500 Most Influential People in the Professional Services category.

1987

Theodore Boutrous Jr. named among the *Hollywood Reporter's* Top 100 Attorneys.

Shawn Caine, '84 (BA), received the CLAY award.

Douglas J. Friednash selected by *5280* magazine as among 2021 Denver's Top Lawyers.

Kay Lynn Lee named 2020 winner of the State Bar of Montana Neil Haight Pro Bono Award.

1988

Victor M. Torres, '84 (BA), appointed by Gov. Gavin Newsom to the San Diego County Superior Court.

1989

Matt Ennis named to Reno's LP Insurance Services' ownership group.

Susan Hack named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

1990

Teresa M. Beck joined Klinedinst PC as a shareholder and co-chair of the diversity and inclusion committee, where she leads a new litigation group.

1991

Mark Brnovich announced run for U.S. Senate (Arizona).

Hon. **Maryann D'Addezio** elected to San Diego County Law Library Board of Trustees.

J. Anthony ("Tony") Girolami joined Sheppard Mullin as partner in its real estate, land use and environmental practice group.

Adam Levin named among the *Hollywood Reporter's* Top 100 Attorneys.

Michael J. Levy appointed general counsel for Travis Credit Union.

1993

Frank Tobin named among the *San Diego Business Journal's* SD500 Most Influential People in the Professional Services category.

Troy Zander at Barnes & Thornburg named to industry-leading advisory board of Applied Real Intelligence.

1994

John D. Alessio, '91 (BA), was reelected managing partner of Procopio Cory Hargreaves & Savitch for a second three-year term. He was named among the *San Diego Business Journal's* SD500 Most Influential People in the Professional Services category.

Kristen Caverly named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

B. Otis Felder named a partner at Wilson Elser.

Col. **Lora Rainey** retired as Idaho's first woman staff judge advocate.

1995

Susan Nahama promoted to chief operating officer of Klinedinst PC.

› Karen P. Hewitt, '89 (JD), Honored with Distinguished Alumni Award



Karen P. Hewitt, '89 (JD)

Karen P. Hewitt, '89 (JD), recently received a 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award, the law school's highest honor bestowed upon alumni. She received this honor along with Richard T. Fields, '87 (LLM).

Hewitt is partner in charge of Jones Day's California region, which encompasses five offices and nearly 300 lawyers. She represents companies nationwide in civil and criminal investigations and in complex business litigation. Before joining Jones Day in 2010, Hewitt worked at the U.S. Department of Justice for 18 years and served as the United States Attorney for the Southern District of California from 2007 to 2010. Under Hewitt's direction, the U.S. Attorney's Office achieved a record number of convictions, includ-

ing cases involving the prosecution of numerous high-ranking members of a deadly Mexican drug cartel, a defense contractor for bribing a congressman and the executive director of the Central Intelligence Agency for fraud. She led a staff of approximately 275 employees and expanded criminal prosecutions in many areas, making San Diego the third-busiest U.S. Attorney's Office for felony prosecutions in the nation. Hewitt has been named among the *Daily Journal's* Top 100 Lawyers in California nine times. She received her JD from USD in 1989 and her bachelor's degree in rhetoric from UC Berkeley in 1986.

Hewitt is the current president of the National Association of Former U.S. Attorneys, a master in the American Inns of Court, and a member of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers. In 2015, Hewitt received USD's Author E. Hughes Career Achievement Award. She joined the law school's Board of Visitors in the 2010-2011 academic year.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to law school alumni who have distinguished themselves in the legal field or other chosen profession at an exemplary level and who embody the high ethical standards and commitment to community service USD School of Law seeks to instill in its graduates.

Stephen M. Rice (LLM) announced intent to file for city of Henderson Ward 3 Council seat.

Andrew B. Serwin named 2020 Leader in the Law by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

1996

Adam C. Lenain named a 2020 Leader in the Law by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Richard Stout appointed Colusa County counsel.

1997

Christina M. Coleman named among the 2021 Top 50 Women in Southern California Super Lawyers.

Alexis S. Gutierrez named a 2020 Leader in the Law by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Rudy Perrino elected partner at Kutak Rock Los Angeles.

1998

Anthony J. Campagna appointed by Gov. Gavin Newsom to the San Diego County Superior Court.

Sean P. Crandell is a Riverside County Superior Court appointee.

1999

Jonathan Fahey served as the senior official performing the duties of the director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement from Dec. 31, 2020, to Jan. 13, 2021.

Thomas Sone appointed as public defender by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

2000

Ashley Hall appointed chief development officer of Reneo Pharmaceuticals.

Rob Hudock, of Hudock Employment Law Group, won a Best of Los Angeles Award for Best Employment Defense Law Firm 2021.

Danielle Humphries, '01 (LLM), named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Ryan Manning named chief compliance officer of Allied Universal.

Steven Napoles joined One World Universe Inc. in Huntington Beach as legal counsel.

Kelly Chang Rickert named among the 2021 Top 50 Women in Southern California Super Lawyers.

2001

James A. Garrett appointed general counsel and chief compliance officer of Apiject Systems.

Leanne L. Le Mon was appointed to serve as a judge in the Fresno County Superior Court.

Kaelyn Romey is a visiting professor at the University of San Francisco, teaching federal income tax and corporate taxation.

2002

Paul W. Baelly to serve in an interim appointment as a judge in the Ventura County Superior Court.

Jennifer Baumann named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Stephanie R. Char appointed by Hawaii Supreme Court chief justice as a Fifth Circuit District Family Court judge in Kauai.

David Gay is a shareholder in Greenberg Traurig's Los Angeles office.

Tyson Marshall named new EOS board director.

Melissa K. Neher is executive director at AIA Seattle and Seattle Design Festival.

Kathryn Roth-Douquet elected to the Princeton Board of Trustees.

Anna Salusky started her own practice in 2021, focusing on employment and personal injury law. She was recently selected to serve on the Long Beach Symphony Foundation Board. She continues to serve on the board for Jewish Long Beach and the Alpert JCC as the two organizations complete their merger.

Sarah Schaffer, '11 (LLM), named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Ronson J. Shamoun, '98 (BA), '03 (LLM), named a 2020 Leader in the Law by the *San Diego Business Journal*. He also received the 2020 *San Diego Business Journal's* CEO of the Year Award for the Small Private Company category and was named among the *San Diego*

Business Journal's SD500 Most Influential People in the Professional Services category. He was named among San Diego County's 2020 Men of Influence by *SD Metro*.

Robert Wernli Jr. joined Wilson Sonsini's corporate practice in San Diego as partner.

2003

Betsy Brennan joined the Regional Task Force on the Homeless's Continuum of Care Advisory Board.

Erin Gibson became co-lead for DLA Piper's U.S. Technology Sector.

Shaka H. Johnson named a 2020 Leader in the Law by the *San Diego Business Journal*. He also received the Black Leaders in Consumer Tech Award.

Angela M. Medrano elected 2021 North County director of the San Diego County Bar Association.

Tiffany N. North selected as the Ventura County government's chief civil legal counsel.

Sauna Sinnott named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Nancy M. Vu named senior vice president, general counsel and secretary for Park Hotels & Resorts.

Jodi White-Schnoebelen (LLM) wrote, "After spending all of my adult life at

my father's firm, White & Bright, I went out on my own. Nothing much has changed, same clients, same support staff, still working out of my home office but no more partner meetings! Life is good."

2004

Marissa Bejarano, '01 (BA), was appointed by Gov. Gavin Newsom to serve as a judge in the San Diego County Superior Court.

Janet Gertz named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Erik Greupner named CEO of the San Diego Padres.

Aubrey Haddach is general counsel/corporate secretary at Ansun Biopharma, Inc.

Michelle Ialeggio sworn in as a San Diego Superior Court judge.

Kate Williams Sterne returned as deputy chief of staff and legal counsel for U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK).

2005

Josh Beser joined Wilson Sonsini as a corporate partner in New York.

Drew Bordages appointed senior vice president and general counsel at ZO Skin Health. in Irvine.

Jeff Lang is expanding his realty group's reach to the San Francisco Peninsula.

Kimberly Miller named a Woman of Influence in

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Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Rebecca Peterson named partner in Lockridge Grindal Nauen's class action group.

Justine Phillips, '99 (BA), is a cybersecurity lawyer with DLA Piper in the firm's regulatory and government affairs practice. She was named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

2006

Andy Kvesic is the CEO and managing partner of Radix Law. Based in Scottsdale, Radix was approved by the Arizona Supreme Court under Arizona's new Alternative Business Structure rules, which allow nonlawyers to invest in law firms.

Marlys C. McGrew joined Klinedinst PC as part of a new litigation group.

Michael Morrone (LLM) is managing director and wealth manager with First Republic Investment Management in San Francisco.

2007

Adrienne Drew and her family moved back to San Diego after 10 years of living in Boston, Virginia and Japan. She is associate general counsel at Globalization Partners, LLC.

Jenna Leyton-Jones named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Joe Mizrahi elected secretary treasurer of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union.

Adriana Ochoa named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Stacey Tyree named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Alexa Zanolli was promoted to senior corporate counsel at AMN Healthcare. She was elected to the 2022 Board for Association of Corporate Counsel, San Diego.

2008

Hali Anderson named partner at GrahamHollis APC and received the 2020 Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association's President's Award.

Katie Back, '04 (BA), appointed chief revenue officer at Operative.

Carolina Bravo-Karimi named managing partner of Wilson Turner Kosmo LLP. She is president of the USD School of Law Alumni Board and co-chair of the San Diego Just the Beginning Steering Committee. In 2021, she received the San Diego County Bar Association's Service Award for Service to Diversity and was named a Woman Worth Watching by *Profiles in Diversity Journal*. Her other accolades include being named a Hispanic National Bar Association Top



Dylan M. Aste, '11 (JD)

Dylan M. Aste, '11 (JD), and **Kirsten F. Gallacher**, '12 (JD), received 2021 Rising Star Recent Alumni Awards for their professional accomplishments and service to community.

Dylan M. Aste, '11 (JD), fights to protect the city that educated him. After receiving his bachelor's degree from San Diego State University and his JD from USD School of Law in 2011, Aste has been a force to be reckoned with, all without leaving America's Finest City.

Aste's leadership skills have quickly propelled him up the prosecution ranks. He currently serves as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Affirmative Civil Enforcement Unit of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California. As a prosecutor for the United States government in federal court, he focuses on civil matters such as health care fraud. Aste is also the civil opioid coordinator and co-chair of the Diversity Committee. He has successfully recovered more than \$50 million in federal court and has twice received a certificate of commendation from the principal deputy assistant attorney general for outstanding performance and invaluable assistance in support of the activities of the Civil Rights Division.

› Honors for Rising Stars

Aste remains an active member of the San Diego legal community. He is president-elect of the San Diego Chapter of the Federal Bar Association; a member of Lawyers Club; and a former barrister in the American Inns of Court, Louis M. Welsh Chapter, a position that he held from 2017 to 2020.

In early 2020, Aste was honored by the San Diego Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for his hard work in holding doctors and pharmacies accountable for their roles in the opioid crisis. In the same year, the Federal Bar Association awarded Aste the Younger Federal Lawyer Award, a national annual award presented to only five recipients. He was also included in *SD Metro's* Class of 2020 40 Under 40.

Like Aste, fellow Rising Star Kirsten F. Gallacher, '12 (JD), is a recent alum who is already sending shock waves through the San Diego legal community. Gallacher, who was a finalist in the *San Diego Business Journal's* 40 Next Top Business Leaders Under 40, is a partner at San Diego law firm Wilson Turner Kosmo



Kirsten F. Gallacher, '12 (JD)

LLP. She has also received a Leaders in Law Award and is a member of the class action and employment law practice groups.

Gallacher's practice focuses on class action defense, primarily in the fields of consumer protection and employment. She also represents clients in employment putative class actions, representative matters involving claims of alleged wage and hour violations, and claims brought under California's Private Attorneys General Act. Gallacher has successfully obtained multiple summary judgments as well as defeated certification of putative classes.

Gallacher's early professional success shouldn't come as a surprise, especially when one looks at what she accomplished as a law student. While attending USD School of Law, Gallacher served as president of the Women's Law Caucus and the comments editor of the *San Diego Law Review*. She was a member of the Appellate Moot Court Board and a teaching assistant for Lawyering Skills.

Gallacher still finds time for her alma mater. Since graduating, she has taught appellate advocacy as an adjunct professor at USD School of Law. Gallacher joined the Law Alumni Association Board of Directors in the 2016-2017 academic year and served as the inaugural co-chair of the #HiresUSDLaw committee. She currently serves on the Mentoring and the Bergman Planning committees.

Gallacher remains an active member of the San Diego legal community. She is a former co-chair of the San Diego Volunteer Lawyers Program's Women and Families Resource Fair Task Force and former co-chair of the San Diego Federal Bar Association's Women in the Law Conference. Gallacher also volunteers for Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Diego County.

Lawyer Under 40, a San Diego Super Lawyers Rising Star, among *SD Metro's* 40 Under 40 and a 2017 USD School of Law Rising Star Recent Alumni.

Alex G. Brizolis named to *SD Metro* Class of 2020 40 Under 40.

Liren Chen hired as InterDigital's CEO.

Saerin Ally Cho, '09 (LLM), promoted to deputy general counsel and chief eligibility counsel at TechSoup.

Kristen E. Kane, '10 (LLM), reappointed chief counsel in the Office of Tax Appeals by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Andrea Myers named to the *San Diego Business Journal's* SD500 Most Influential People in the Professional Services category.

Zachary Myers named to *SD Metro* Class of 2020 40 Under 40.

Jeffrey Schnayer elected partner at Shook, Hardy & Bacon.

Liliya Stanik named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

2009

Megan L. Donohue elected partner at Cooley LLP.

Yin Ho elevated to partner in Withersworldwide's San Francisco office.

Jacqueline Isaac named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Paul Jonna received the CLAY award.

Justin Kissinger is CEO of Worldwide Brewing Alliance.

Alex Lowder elected partner at Larson LLP. He was named among the *Los Angeles Business Journal's* 2021 Minority Leaders of Influence.

Mauricio Monroy Jr. (LLM) wrote that his Mexican-based business law firm, Mink Global, is turning 12 years old. "We are older but also wiser! Here's for another 12!"

Sherlin Tung wrote, "In April 2020, I joined the partnership of Withersworldwide where I am based in Hong Kong and a member of its litigation and arbitration practice. In June 2021, I was appointed deputy director of the Vis East Moot Foundation, a nonprofit organization that organizes and runs the Vis East Moot Competition, the sister competition to the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna. Together, these events constitute not only the largest moot court competition worldwide but also the largest networking event for the fields of international arbitration and trade law."

Anand Upadhye was hired by Legalist, Inc. as director of investments.

2010

Cara Christensen appointed new council member of Snoqualmie City Council.

Grace P. Gower joined Klinedinst PC as part of a new litigation group.

Patrick Hicks (LLM) is the head of legal at Trust & Will.

Briana M. Pendergrass joined Klinedinst PC as part of a new litigation group.

Ian G. Schuler elected partner at Bowman and Brooke LLP.

2011

Dylan M. Aste named to *SD Metro* Class of 2020 40 Under 40.

Jamie Altman Buggy named to *SD Metro* Class of 2020 40 Under 40.

Nicholas J. Fox elected secretary of the San Diego County Bar Association 2021 Board of Directors.

Amber Gardina-Quintanilla named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Emily Howe named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Patrick C. Justman promoted to counsel at Latham & Watkins.

Stephanie B. Kiesel named USD School of Law assistant dean of finance and administration.

Joseph J. Machi promoted to partner at Duane Morris LLP.

Wassim Malas (LLM) is the executive director of the Wisconsin Muslim Civic Alliance.

Katherine Annuschat McCaig promoted to counsel at Snell & Wilmer.

Lisa Roper, '15 (LLM), named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Ryan Shera named assistant men's soccer coach at Washington College.

Elizabeth Tresp, '14 (LLM), named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Rebecca Van Loon (LLM) named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Miranda Watkins named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

2012

Michelle B. Hemesath joined Hodes Milman Ikuta in Irvine.

Kevin T. Kwon appointed associate general counsel at Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc.

Alexandra Eaker Perez (LLM) named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

2013

Uchechi Egeonuigwe named a Rising Star by the *New York Law Journal*.

Shannon R. Finley named 2020 Leader in the Law and a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Jonathan Salt was promoted to partner at Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost, LLP.

2014

Michelle Fonseca-Kamana named one of 13 Women Who Are Changing the Game in the Legal Industry by Yahoo! Finance.

Bardia Moayedi joined Snell & Wilmer's San Diego office as a partner.

Caitlin M. Murphey joined Procopio as an associate attorney.

Philip Szachowicz joined probate litigation firm RMO LLP.

2015

Chandara Diep (LLM) named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Russell J. Romeo joined Gilead Sciences, Inc. as intellectual property counsel.

Gwen Roy-Harrison (Holdgreiwe) was promoted in 2020 to partner at Offit Kurman, a mid-Atlantic law firm recently honored on the Am Law 200 list. In 2021, she was named to the Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch list for 2022.

Yara Hanlin Zokaie, '16 (LLM), ran for Colorado state representative – District 49 (lost).

2016

Lauren Bushman, '13 (BA), elected to Lawyers Club board.

Terry Cardenas (LLM) is part of the Law School Academy of Cetys University System and associate professor and mentor of first-year law students of the same law school. In April 2021, Cardenas entered as an associate attorney working as a transactional and corporate lawyer in the firm De Hoyos y Aviles S.C., in the Baja region in Mexico.

Vaishnavi Katarey wrote, "I recently moved to Utah to join Intermountain Healthcare, a large health care system in the Intermountain region. I am a senior partner in the corporate entity's compliance division and really enjoy all my work on ensuring organizational compliance as the company continues to grow."

Ally Keegan named a Woman of Influence in Law 2021 by the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Campbell C. Roseman promoted to senior in-house counsel at Fisher & Paykel Healthcare in Orange County.

2017

Antonio "Tony" Castillo (LLM) joined Kemp Smith LLP in El Paso.

Denise Davila, '12 (BA), wrote, "I have been working for Strata Equity Group, Real Estate Investments Firm since 2012 (after graduating from USD as undergrad), then I was promoted to corporate attorney following my USD School of Law graduation

and passing the bar in 2017. In May 2019, I got married and moved to El Paso (where husband was studying for med school), and Strata was nice enough to allow me to keep working as attorney for them remotely. We have now relocated from El Paso to Rochester, N.Y., for my husband's medical residency (with a 9-month-old baby girl and a baby boy on the way!) while I continue to work for Strata. Next year it will be 10 years working for this amazing company!"

Monique Rohani Dulanto was honored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving as Outstanding Prosecutor of the Year.

Misty Ann Giles appointed director of the Department of Administration for the state of Montana.

Julie T. Houth (LLM) appointed secretary for the New York State Bar Association Young Lawyers Section's Executive Committee for the 2021-2022 bar year.

2018

Mark Imada, '12 (BA), joined Klinedinst PC as an associate on the professional liability and general liability team.

Hyung Myung became senior patent counsel at Apple, working as in-house patent portfolio manager in the San Diego office.

Marie F. Shimada named executive director of the

Snoqualmie Valley Preservation Alliance.

Andrew Van Arsdale formed AVA Law Group in January 2019. His work on behalf of thousands of survivors of sexual abuse in the Boy Scouts of America bankruptcy case has been recognized by the *Los Angeles Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *Time* magazine.

2019

Jesse O'Sullivan, '16 (BA), joined Circulate San Diego.

2020

Molly Humphreys, '17 (BA), joined Higgs Fletcher & Mack as part of the firm's business litigation, transportation law and products liability law practice groups.

Monet McCord awarded 2020 Earl B. Gilliam Bar Foundation Scholarship.

2021

Marcus Friedman was interviewed on ABC 10 News about Gun Violence Restraining Order reforms.

Hannah Karraker participated in the mentorship program Transfer Pricing: From Classroom to Boardroom (TP C2B). She was one of six law students from across the country selected to participate in the program.

Austin Trickey participated in a mediation in which the client was awarded \$900,000.

in memoriam

1960

Robert Wohl passed away on Jan. 3, 2021. He spent over half a century in aerospace, beginning at General Dynamics (GD) astronautics operations in San Diego.

Following a period at GD's corporate office in Manhattan, he moved to Canadair Limited. After Bombardier Inc. acquired Canadair, he eventually became division president, leading the team that developed the

Bombardier Regional jet airliner.

1963

Alexander Anthony Harper passed away on Dec. 29, 2020.

George Marinos passed away on July 20, 2020. After graduating law school, Marinos practiced law in San Diego until his retirement in 1991. Throughout his life, he was an active member of the Greek community of San Diego. In 1966, he was elected president of St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church and was later reelected in 1978. He was co-founder of the Hellenic Cultural Society of San Diego. He also served on the San Diego County Grand Jury from 1993 to 1994.

Olen D. Woods passed away.

1966

Ray H. Shollenbarger passed away on April 7, 2021.

1967

Michael R. McDonnell passed away on April 8, 2021.

Hon. **J. Michael Welch** passed away on Nov. 2, 2020. He served as a deputy in both the District Attorney's Office and Public Defender's Office in San Bernardino County from 1968 to 1971 and 1987 to 1990, respectively. From 1990 to 1995, Welch served as the first commissioner to

hold a criminal assignment with the San Bernardino Superior Court. In 1995, Gov. Pete Wilson appointed him a Superior Court judge of the County of San Bernardino.

1968

R. Thomas Wood passed away on Oct. 1, 2020.

1969

Robert C. Larmer passed away on Sept. 10, 2021.

Richard V. Lee passed away on Dec. 12, 2020.

John P. Massucco Jr. passed away on July 12, 2021. He retired after 37 years with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office as chief deputy district attorney. In his honor, the John P. Massucco Jr. Scholarship has been established at USD School of Law.

1970

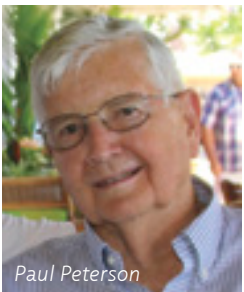
Donald Bolles passed away on Dec. 11, 2020.

1971

Hon. **Michael D. Wellington** passed away on Dec. 18, 2021. Judge Wellington served on the San Diego Superior Court for nearly 20 years, until his retirement in 2009. Previously, he served as a deputy attorney general for the California Department of Justice in San Diego. He received USD School of Law's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2009.

IN MEMORY OF PAUL PETERSON

Paul Peterson, a longtime supporter of USD, passed away on April 25, 2021. Professor Robert Fellmeth, who founded the University of San Diego Children's Advocacy Institute (CAI) in 1989, noted that "Paul Peterson [was] critical to its successful founding.



Paul Peterson

Paul's support was essential to its success in many different ways—from financial help to policy guidance to the morale of all of us—year after year after year." Since its inception, Peterson served on the CAI's advisory board to help shape better lives for children,

especially those in the foster care system.

"Paul Peterson's steadfast dedication ensures that the Children's Advocacy Institute will be well supported into the next generation," said Dean Robert Schapiro. "This ongoing commitment to the well-being of children serves as a lasting legacy of his compassion and vision."

Peterson served in the Korean War and attended UC Berkeley on the G.I. Bill. He graduated from Berkeley's law school in 1956 and moved to San Diego in 1958, where he practiced law with Byron F. White and, later, alongside Sol Price.

1972

Lee Craig Witham passed away on Jan. 18, 2021. After law school, he spent 10 years as a San Diego County district attorney and another eight years in private practice. In 1992, he took the bench as a commissioner and continued to serve the San Diego County courts for 25 years. He retired in 2017.

1973

William L. Cheatham passed away.

Bill Terry passed away on Jan. 15, 2021.

1974

Robert Paul Holbert passed away.

1975

Brian H. Speakes passed away on July 18, 2020.

1976

James Robert Dawe passed away on Oct. 21, 2021. He began his law practice at the firm now known as Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek. Dawe was a partner at SCMV for 38 years and served as the firm's CFO and chair of the land use and environmental law group. He also served as chair of the San Diego Board of Library Commissioners, the California State Library Board and the Urban Libraries Council and was the founding chair of the San Diego Public Library Foundation.

Kenneth F. Lind passed away on March 18, 2021.

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM BAUMGAERTNER, '75 (JD)



William "Bill" G. Baumgaertner, '75 (JD), had a remarkable passion for his family, adventure and the law. An enthusiastic athlete, the Manhattan Beach, Calif., resident passed away on July 24, 2021, while on a bicycle ride in Los Olivos. He was 71 years old.

Born in St. Paul, Minn., Baumgaertner learned to ski as a toddler, before going on to join racing teams and becoming a certified ski instructor. He excelled academically as well, graduating from Saint Thomas Military Academy

in Mendota Heights, Minn., in 1967 and receiving his BA from California State Polytechnic University in 1971. After obtaining his JD from USD School of Law, he joined law firm Haight (formerly Haight Brown & Bonesteel), climbing the ranks to become a partner and accomplished trial attorney. He was a member of legal organizations including the American Board of Trial Advocates and the American College of Trial Lawyers. Baumgaertner also served on the USD School of Law Board of Visitors for 11 years and on his Class of 1975 Reunion Committee for multiple milestone reunions, participating in more than 30 alumni events over the years.

He met his future wife, Sandy, in 1977 and they wed the following year. They raised two sons, Andrew and Adam. The Baumgaertners were longtime donors to USD School of Law, supporting the Class of 1975 Scholarship, Class of 1975 Professorship, Law School's Most Critical Needs, Law Annual Fund, Law Student Aid Scholarship and Legal Research Center. In 2019, Bill, Sandy and their children established the Baumgaertner Family Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a student who demonstrates a commitment to practicing law.

Thanks to the generosity of Bill and Sandy's friends, family, colleagues and law firm associates, the Baumgaertner Family Scholarship is now fully endowed and will continue to serve as a tribute to the family's legacy at USD School of Law in perpetuity.

1977

Randall W. Childress passed away on Nov. 14, 2020.

1979

Bill Brelsford passed away.

1980

Michael John Amador passed away on Feb. 12, 2021.

1981

William P. Matz passed away.

Eric F. Yuhl passed away on March 14, 2021.

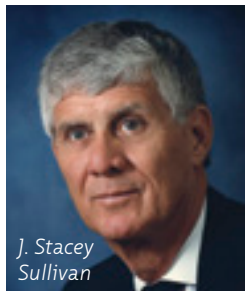
1982

J. Marcus Day passed away.

Joseph A. Roman passed away on Sept. 24, 2020.

In Memory of J. Stacey Sullivan

J. Stacey Sullivan, a former professor at USD School of Law, passed away on Dec. 18, 2021, at the age of 95. Sullivan was a renowned San Diego attorney and a key player in helping Barron Hilton, the then-owner of the Chargers, move the team to San Diego in



J. Stacey Sullivan

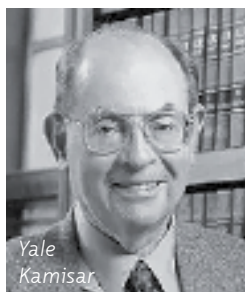
1961. Sullivan began his career in San Diego at the fledgling firm of Higgs Fletcher & Mack. In the 1960s and 1970s, he taught criminal law, along with other subjects, at USD School of Law in the evening program. He and Professor C. Hugh Friedman started one of the first California bar review classes while teaching at the school.

Sullivan was twice the board chair of the Old Globe Theatre and led the effort to raise \$6 million when the Balboa Park theater burned down in 1978. He greeted Queen Elizabeth when she

officially reopened the theater in 1983. He also promoted the local Soviet Arts Festival at the San Diego Museum of Art in 1989 and aided the city schools' court-mandated desegregation effort. Sullivan is the father of USD School of Law Adjunct Professor Monica M. Sullivan.

In Memory of Yale Kamisar

Yale Kamisar, an influential legal scholar and USD School of Law professor emeritus, passed away on Jan. 30, 2022, at the age of 92.



Yale Kamisar

Known as the “father of Miranda,” Kamisar joined the USD School of Law faculty in 2002 after spending 37 years teaching at the University of Michigan Law School. Kamisar is considered one of the nation’s foremost experts on criminal procedure.

During his career, he authored a number of seminal articles and texts, and his work had a profound influence on multiple landmark U.S. Supreme Court decisions, such as *Gideon v. Wainwright* and *Miranda v. Arizona*.

Kamisar was awarded the American Bar Foundation Award for his lifetime contributions to research and writing in law and government. He retired from the USD School of Law faculty in 2011.

1983

Jeffrey H. Bossart passed away on Sept. 2, 2020.

Steven L. Sanders passed away on July 17, 2021.

1984

Elizabeth A. Lehman passed away on July 21, 2021.

Ann Carey Mottet passed away on Oct. 4, 2021.

Kemi L. Williams passed away on Nov. 3, 2020.

1985

Thomas Scott Beadleston passed away on Feb. 8, 2021.

M. Hank Etess passed away on Oct. 21, 2020.

1987

Jerome P. Duckett passed away on Dec. 25, 2020.

Paul Francis McGreevy passed away on Dec. 5, 2020.

1990

Brendan W. Brandt passed away on Aug. 14, 2021.

1991

Christian Markle passed away.

1996

Kenneth Walter Long passed away on June 10, 2021.

2002

Kelly Ernby passed away on Jan. 4, 2022.

2010

Nathan A. Cole passed away on Sept. 2, 2020.



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CONNECTING ALUMNI

After a year-and-a-half pause on in-person alumni events, USD School of Law resumed alumni programming in the summer and fall of 2021, reconnecting alumni with one another and strengthening ties to USD School of Law.



Mentoring Program Kickoff Reception >

Mentoring Program Co-Chair and Law Alumni Board member **Jamie Ritterbeck**, '12 (JD); Law Alumni Board member **Matthew Abbot**, '15 (JD); and **Robert McCall**, '85 (JD).

< Los Angeles Summer Solstice

Board of Visitors member and 2017 Author E. Hughes Career Achievement Award honoree **Michael B. Kaplan**, '72 (JD), and Terri Kaplan hosted Los Angeles and Orange County alumni and welcomed Dean Robert Schapiro at a reception in their Beverly Hills home and courtyard.



< Baumgaertner Family Scholarship Reception

Class of 1975 Professor Miranda McGowan, Professor David McGowan, and Class of 1975 alumni **John Murphy**, **Tom Matthews**, **Susanne Stanford**, **Steve Hunsicker** and **Rob Hanna**.



< Red Mass

Hon. Patrick Joseph Bumatay; Hon. **Rohanee Zapanta**, '98 (BA), '02 (JD); Hon. Rachel Cano; Hon. **Michelle Ialeggio**, '04 (JD); Hon. **Daniel Lamborn**, '82 (JD); Hon. Euketa Oliver; Hon. **Michael Smyth**, '85 (BA), '91 (JD); Hon. Tilisha Martin; Hon. **Melinda Laster**, '73 (JD), and Hon. Tim Nader.

Incoming Students Diversity Reception >

Law Firm Challenge participant Buchalter hosted the USD School of Law Diversity Reception outdoors at Deck 655, located on the sixth floor of the firm's downtown building. Thank you to **Adam Bass**, '91 (JD), Buchalter president and CEO, and USD School of Law Board of Visitors member, and Tracy Warren, managing shareholder in Buchalter's San Diego office.



➤ Milestone Reunions

USD School of Law welcomed back the Classes of 2016, 2015, 2011, 2010, 1991, 1990, 1981, 1980, 1971 and 1970 at outdoor gatherings on campus and commemorated milestone reunions from both 2021 and 2020.



Above: Class of 2016 five-year reunion attendees Kevin Bagdasarians, Evan Kravitz and Brandon Harmon. **Below:** Class of 2001 20-year reunion attendees Ryan Luther, Jason Specht, Carmela Specht, Peter Kim, Christopher Peterson, Christine Peterson, Allison Hurley and Jeremy Johnson.



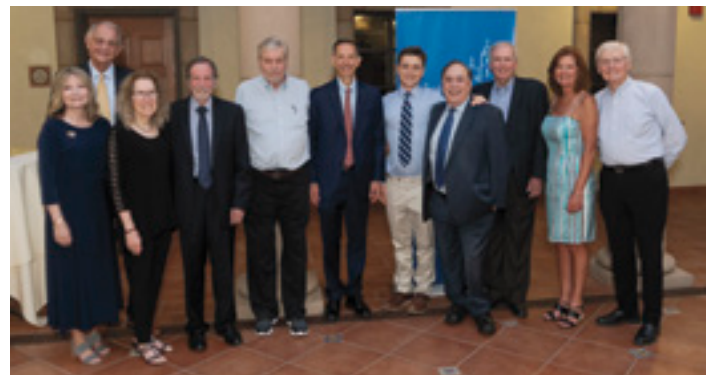
Above: Classes of 2000 and 2001 20-year and Classes of 2010 and 2011 10-year reunion attendees. **Below:** Class of 1991 30-year reunion attendees.



Above: Class of 1990 30-year reunion attendees Beth Wied, Craig Fuller, Professor Gail Greene, Jennifer Lynch and Lisa Schroeder.



Above: Classes of 1980 and 1981 40-year reunion attendees Charles Purdy, Brian Dunn and Jim McMullen. **Below:** Classes of 1970 and 1971 50-year reunion attendees Susan Blick, Samuel Blick, Dr. Nancy Greene, Alex Landon, Kenneth Wassner, Dean Robert Schapiro, Max Plotkin, Barry Plotkin, Hon. William Pate, Susanne Schlicht and Roger Schlicht.



➤ Milestone Reunions

Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022: 1972 (50-year reunion)

Friday, Oct. 21, 2022: 1982, 1992, 2002

Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022: 2012, 2017

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➤ Distinguished Alumni Awards

Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022: Joint celebration of the 10-year anniversary of the Veterans Legal Clinic.

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