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Message from the Dean



Dear Friends:

As I reflected on this year's State of the School message, delivered to students, faculty, and staff in September, a phrase kept rumbling through my mind: "And now the hard part!" In so many ways the law school is transformed: beautiful facilities home to a terrific faculty, including recent hires with national reputations, an incredibly hard-working staff, and a smart student body that demonstrates emphatically the congruence of academic excellence and diversity. The university's mission—educating minds and hearts to change the world—is alive and well at the law school and supported by loyal alumni.

The truth is, however, with these accomplishments come heightened expectations about what we can achieve in the future, expectations that raise important challenges. These include reforming the traditional curriculum to adapt to changing times, expanding the faculty, promoting continued financial stability, solving space issues as our community grows, and enhancing the visibility of all we are accomplishing.

To be sure, achieving our challenges is hard, but that simple phrase—And now the hard part!—masks a compelling syllogism that truly makes our work exciting. It is simply this: we must take on these challenges; we've successfully done so in the past; and, there is no reason we can't do even more in the future. And there is lots of evidence to support these premises.

Our storied 100-year history demonstrates that we've done this very successfully. At the orientation dinner this year, I read from emails I had received just that week recounting the profound impact of the law school on four graduates:

- The recently appointed judge who wrote: "My experience at USF shaped me into the person I am. It gave me the opportunity to reach this level and the intellectual and ethical foundations to embrace public service as the law's goal."
- The recent graduate who wrote of his experience in Cambodia, Vietnam, and the International Human Rights Law Clinic: "These experiences have given me a perspective on issues of global justice that few law schools are able to offer, and have solidified my commitment to social justice and the rule of law."
- The alumna who spearheaded diversity efforts for the SBA, including our 2010 award from the ABA for excellence in diversity, wrote: "My experience at the law school was life-changing."
- And the recent graduate who sent a letter she had written to an applicant urging her to attend USF: "Folks at USF are genuinely interesting and engaging. Your classmates and alumni become your friends. USF breeds cohesion and community. The USF experience is unique because the students actually 'like' school."

To be sure, these are anecdotal testimonials, but they are also moving examples of our past successes. They are evidence of our ability to educate minds and hearts to change the world. In the face of hard challenges, what could be more exciting?

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[IN BRIEF]

USF Law Diversity Committee Wins ABA Award



The American Bar Association (ABA) has presented the University of San Francisco School of Law Student Bar Association (SBA) Diversity Committee with the Henry J. Ramsey, Jr. Diversity Award, which recognizes excellence in improving diversity and advancement within the legal profession. The award is presented annually to a student, faculty, administrator, or student organization from an ABA-approved law school.

“I am grateful to work at an institution as equally passionate about diversity as it is about academic rigor,” Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Erin Dolly said.

“While the course work, clinics, and international programs at the law school are challenging, the environment and sense of community encourages communication and collaboration, allowing diverse interests and ideas to flourish.”

The SBA Diversity Committee helped organize a series of events in the spring 2010 semester titled “Forging a Seamless Diversity Pipeline: Pre-law to Practice.” The series included a diversity reception, a speed networking event hosted by the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, an attorney panel focused on working with diverse clients within the estate planning and family law field, a judges of color panel, and a legal career options mixer.

“We sought to raise awareness of diversity issues ranging from race, culture, nationality, economic status, sexual preference and orientation, gender, religion, age, and disability,” said Pamela Palpallatoc ’10, the 2009–2010 chair of the SBA Diversity Committee. “The series as a whole promotes diversity in thinking, not just diversity in numbers of students and lawyers from historically underrepresented groups, by encouraging students to understand how diversity applies in attorney-client interactions.”

The ABA diversity award is a testament to Dean Henry J. Ramsey of Howard University who dedicated his life to inclusiveness and increasing the quality of legal practice and studies. [USF]

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Pamela Palpallatoc '10

USF Ranked Top Law School for Hispanics



The University of San Francisco School of Law is one of the top 10 law schools for Hispanics in 2010, according to *Hispanic Business* magazine. USF, which ranked as the ninth best law school for Hispanics, is one of the most diverse in the nation with approximately 41 percent students of color in the 2010 entering class.

The magazine assesses the nation's top universities annually to determine which schools are at the forefront of attracting Hispanic students and providing academic support to ensure they succeed.

“For the second year in a row, USF ranks among the top 10 schools in terms of creating a welcoming environment for Hispanic students. We are particularly proud of this accolade as it is tangible evidence of our steadfast commitment to diversity and particularly for underrepresented minorities,” Dean Jeffrey Brand said. “This honor reflects our unwavering belief that academic excellence and a great legal education are fueled by diversity.” [USF]



“Life rarely unfolds in a straightforward manner and as you change your dreams will change too in ways you never planned for.”

Commencement speaker Dale Minami

Graduating Class Praised for Spirit, Passion, Drive

St. Ignatius Church filled with family and friends May 22 to honor this year’s graduating class at the University of San Francisco School of Law commencement ceremony. The Class of 2010 includes 166 graduates who received Juris Doctor degrees, three graduates who received Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration degrees, and 16 graduates who received Master of Laws degrees.

Dean Jeffrey Brand praised the graduating class for their spirit, passion for justice, and dedication to the common good.

“We’ve witnessed your intelligence in the classroom, and your stamina and indestructible spirit in the face of market meltdowns, credit crunches, daunting debt, and bank failures,” Brand said. “We’ve witnessed your passion for justice in our clinics, on death rows throughout the South, in the Tenderloin, in Cambodia’s Killing Fields, and working with Haitian refugees in the Dominican Republic and Miami.”

The law school bestowed an honorary degree upon Dale Minami, a partner at Minami Tamaki LLP. Minami has tried numerous civil rights cases involving Asian Pacific Americans and other minorities on a pro bono basis, including *Korematsu v. United States*. Working with three USF law graduates and

other experts, Minami served as lead counsel in the case that overturned Fred Korematsu’s 40-year-old conviction for his refusal to obey exclusion orders that sent Japanese Americans to internment camps during World War II.

Minami said that the willingness of his Korematsu team to change course “brought us to this monumental case.”

“Life rarely unfolds in a straightforward manner and as you change your dreams will change too in ways you never planned for,” Minami said. “The ability to deviate from a linear path will help you live those dreams. Each of us never quite knew where we were going when we started our law careers.”

During the commencement ceremony, graduating students Robin Bennett received the Academic Excellence Award and Christine Start received the Pursuit of Justice Award.

Addressing his fellow graduates, student speaker Palomar Sanchez said “we stand proud today and represent so many people with honor and dignity, ready to make the world better.”

“To the graduates, for you all in front of me, my classmates, my colleagues, my friends—we are done,” Sanchez said. “Right now, this is our moment.” [USF]

The USF School of Law Fall 2010 Entering Class

4,700

Applications for fall 2010 enrollment

251

Total JD students enrolled

41%

Students of color

53%

Women

3.45

Median GPA

159

Median LSAT score

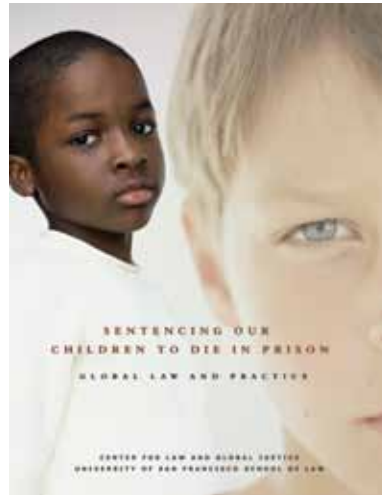
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LLM students enrolled

12

Countries represented by LLM students

[IN BRIEF]



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Dean Jeffrey Brand

U.S. Supreme Court Cites Research by de la Vega and Leighton

Citing Professor Connie de la Vega and Director of Human Rights Programs Michelle

Leighton’s research in the *Graham v. Florida* decision reached May 17, the U.S. Supreme Court held that the Eighth Amendment’s Cruel and Unusual Punishment Clause does not permit a juvenile offender to be sentenced to life in prison without parole for a non-homicide crime.

“Justice Kennedy, writing for the majority, left no doubt about the impact of Connie and Michelle’s work on the ruling, citing their report ‘Sentencing Our Children to Die in Prison’ and the brief they prepared on behalf of Amnesty International, additional NGOs, and international bar associations,” Dean Jeffrey Brand said. “The ruling is about more than just the great reports that the USF School of Law End Juvenile Life Without Parole Project has produced over the many years that Connie and Michelle have been working on it. It’s about conditioning the courts to the importance of international treaty law and the practices of other countries to the disposition of domestic criminal issues—a concept which Connie and her colleagues have been working on for a long, long time.”

The case involved Terrance Graham, who at age 16 participated in an attempted robbery in Jacksonville, Fla. and was sentenced as an adult to concurrent three-year terms of probation. While on probation, Graham was arrested for home invasion robbery. The trial court sentenced him to life in prison. Florida abolished its parole system in 2003 and Graham’s sentence offered no possibility of release unless granted executive clemency.

Citing a *University of San Francisco Law Review* article by de la Vega and Leighton, Justice Anthony Kennedy said that imposing life without parole sentences on juveniles who did not commit homicide runs counter to international standards of juvenile justice. Leighton and de la Vega’s research has established that the United States is the only country in the world that sentences juveniles to life in prison without parole.

While international agreements, law, and practice are not binding, the judgment by the world’s nations that this sentencing practice is “inconsistent with basic principles of decency” is relevant to the Eighth Amendment, Justice Kennedy said.

De la Vega’s efforts to reform juvenile sentencing in the United States began with earlier work to abolish the death penalty for juveniles. Kennedy also cited de la Vega in his 2005 majority opinion in *Roper v. Simmons*, which declared the juvenile death penalty unconstitutional.

The USF School of Law Project to End Juvenile Life Without Parole received funding from the JEHT Foundation, U.S. Human Rights Fund, and the Ford Foundation. [\[USF\]](#)

Carmen Franklin

Third-Year Student | Full-Time Juris Doctor Program

Carmen L. Franklin is a graduate of California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, where she received a bachelor's degree in political science. Prior to law school, Franklin served at the Alameda Superior Court as a judicial administrative fellow and assistant director of JusticeCorps. As a law student, she has participated in the Student Bar Association, the Black Law Students Association, and service projects with Public Interest Clearinghouse Rural Education and Access to the Law. Franklin is the 2010–2011 co-chair of the Public Interest Law Foundation.

Did you dream of being a lawyer as a kid?

I did dream of being a lawyer as a kid. I never had a negative perception of attorneys. I always looked at them as individuals who wanted to help others within the confines of the law. Even though it is a rather idealistic way to view attorneys, I keep that ideal with me so I can strive to be the best attorney I can be.

Who most influenced your path to law school?

My parents were very influential in my decision to go to law school. They told me I could be whomever or whatever I wanted to be. Without them, I don't think I would have aspired to be an attorney. I wouldn't have known it was an option.

How do you plan to use your law degree?

I definitely want to work in the public interest/public sector. I would love to work in local government as a city attorney or in criminal law as a district attorney. I am also interested in juvenile dependency law. Whatever type of lawyer I become, I hope to one day become a judicial officer.

What is one of your most memorable experiences at USF?

When I was a 1L, I had three breakouts of shingles (the adult form of chickenpox) within three months. It is brought on by stress. After this, one of my mentors, Carol Wilson, reminded me that being successful in law school starts with taking care of myself and balancing my personal needs. After that I started to pay more attention to being a healthy law student, rather than a stressed out one.

Where is the best place to get away?

Memorial Crown Beach in Alameda is my getaway. I love the sound of the waves crashing against the rocks. I also can look out into the distance and see San Francisco. It is a great way to remember I live in a world that is bigger than me.

What is the class that has challenged you the most?

Race and Racism in American Legal History with Professor Rhonda Magee—it filled in a lot of gaps about the United States and its extended history of using the law to discriminate against other groups.

Do you have a law school pet peeve?

People who expect you to be quiet when you are *not* in the library.





From left: Michael Pearce of the ABA, Megan Poole '08, Symposium Chair Susan Gilbert-Miller 3L, and John C. Cruden of the ABA.

Water Law Symposium Wins ABA Award

The 2010 California Water Law Symposium, hosted by the University of San Francisco School of Law in January, has been awarded the Law Student Program of the Year Award by the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources. The symposium is an annual event established by law students from USF, UC Hastings, UC Berkeley, and Golden Gate University.

This year's symposium, titled "Who Controls the Water? Reforming California Water Law Governance in an Age of Scarcity," gathered more than 250 practitioners, policymakers, academics, and law students to address who should have the power to manage California's dwindling water supplies. Susan Gilbert-Miller 3L served as student chair and Professor Alice Kaswan served as faculty advisor. [USF]

[IN BRIEF]

Yu Awarded Medal of Excellence

Ning Yu '10 was awarded the 2010 American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence for her outstanding performance in her bankruptcy coursework. The American Bankruptcy Institute honors graduating law students throughout the nation for their academic achievements.

"Ning Yu is among the brightest and most talented students with whom I have had the pleasure of working at USF," Professor Bruce Price said. "In her Bankruptcy course, she received the highest grade and the Cali award for excellence. She will make a huge contribution to the bankruptcy bar and I look forward to following her career and accomplishments in the future." [USF]



"The course is grounded in the ongoing debate over immigration and immigration reform. In order to be intelligent about that debate we must be familiar with the law. But beyond the law, we need to know more about immigrants and how they fit into U.S. society and its economy." Bill Ong Hing

Course Immigration Law

Professor Bill Ong Hing

Description Professor Bill Ong Hing, founder of the Immigrant Legal Resource Center in San Francisco, says teaching Immigration Law gives him the opportunity to hear student reactions and ideas on immigration policy. His course covers topics pertaining to U.S. immigration and citizenship laws, including nonimmigrant visas, permanent resident status, deportation, asylum, and naturalization. Hing also stresses the importance of understanding how immigrants fit into U.S. society and its economy. "Non-citizens make up a sizable proportion of the population—especially in California. Students should understand how those demographic changes have occurred and are likely to evolve," he says.

Selected Readings

Arizona Senate Bill 1070

United States of America v. State of Arizona and Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona (2010)

Maria Socorro Guerrero de Reynoso and Jose Reynoso-Gonzales v. Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (1980)

Defining America Through Immigration Policy by Bill Ong Hing (Temple University Press, 2004)

Immigration Cases and Materials for Public Interest Lawyers by Bill Ong Hing, Jennifer M. Chacón, and Kevin R. Johnson (Aspen Publishers, forthcoming 2011)



USF law students at the finals of the Jessup International Law Competition in Washington, D.C.

“Competing not only improved my brief writing skills but gave me a very valuable opportunity to learn from the great oral advocacy skills of other students and alumni.”

Alex Wong '10

USF Advocacy Teams Earn Top Placements

USF Advanced Advocacy Competitions Program teams earned top placements in moot court competitions during the 2009–2010 academic year.

“It has been a record-breaking year for our advanced advocacy teams,” Director of Advocacy Programs Henry Brown said.

USF earned second place in the Pacific round of the renowned Jessup International Law Competition in Portland, Ore. The win earned the USF team a spot in the international finals for the first time in school history. Approximately 140 schools from across the country competed for the opportunity to be one of 12 teams representing the United States in the international finals that took place in Washington D.C. More than 80 countries participated, including teams from Iraq and Afghanistan.

“The teams from Afghanistan, who survived a bombing to get here, were greeted with signs of support, tears, and a standing ovation,” Jessica Morreale '10 said. “I think what this competition is really about, is seeing the world outside of school instead of through the lens of a textbook. This (experience) has taught me that judicial decisions are not just words on paper, but choices that affect real people, whether in California, the U.S., or around the world.”

At the Jessup international finals, the USF team won 15th best brief and Robin Bennett '10, who faced more than 500 competitors in the finals, placed as the 10th best oralist.

In the American Bar Association Labor and Employment Trial Skills Competition, the USF team placed second in the San Francisco region. Carlo Miranda '10 and Christine Start '10 won best brief in the regional Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition.

For the first time in USF history, the National Moot Court Competition team advanced to the national finals. The team, comprised of J. Neil Stuart '10, Lisa Hamer 3L, and Russell Ozawa '10, placed third in the regional competition. Andrew Haling '10 earned fourth best oral advocate in the preliminary regional competition.

At the regional competition of the National Appellate Advocacy Competitions in Brooklyn, N.Y., Martha Saracino '10 earned seventh place for best advocate. Bryan Clifton '10, Christopher Ulrich '10, and Kendal Fletcher 3L placed third for best brief and advanced to the regional finals.

USF teams competing in the Robert F. Wagner National Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition and the American Intellectual Property Law Association's Giles Sutherland Rich Moot Court Competition advanced to the quarterfinal rounds. The Roger J. Traynor California Appellate Moot Court Competition team earned third best brief. The USF team placed second in the regional Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition, which focuses on trademark and unfair competition law.

Kendrick Li 3L and Ben Anderson '10 placed fourth in State Bar of California's Environmental Negotiations Competition and were one of only four teams to advance to the final round.

“Competing...not only improved my brief writing skills but gave me a very valuable opportunity to learn from the great oral advocacy skills of other students and alumni,” said Alex Wong '10, student coordinator for the USF Advanced Advocacy Competitions Program. [USF]

USF SCHOOL OF LAW IN THE NEWS

“When lawyers have invested a lot of time and emotional capital into a particular case, it is not easy to let go. But it will be pretty hard for them to win. That was key evidence.”

Professor Robert Talbot speaking with the *Los Angeles Times* regarding an appeals court ruling that found drug evidence against Barry Bonds inadmissible

“People can criticize Judge Walker but at the end of the day he didn’t make the decisions about how to defend this case....The lawyers that were representing the proponents of Proposition 8 argued religious beliefs and moral disapproval and whether you like it or not those things are actually not allowed as a defense to a law. Our Constitution simply does not allow moral disapproval alone as a reason to interfere with any groups’ constitutional rights—we learned that in race discrimination and sex discrimination as well.”

Herbst Professor of Law Julie Nice analyzing the Proposition 8 decision on *CBS 5 Eyewitness News*

“Anti-monopoly law and intellectual property protection are regarded by some, incorrectly, as conflicting bodies of law. That view is based on the fact that such protection allows the owner to exclude others from using the property, or establish the terms that will apply to its use.”

Marshall P. Madison Professor of Law Jesse Markham in an op-ed for *People’s Daily* (China)

“Ideas about privacy don’t always correlate to traditional labels of conservative or liberal. You don’t really know how the justices are going to feel and how those positions translate.”

Professor Susan Freiwald in the Yahoo! News article “High Court Goes High Tech: Justices to Hear Employee Texting Case”

“I think first of all people should calm down and we should ask the question, why are Mexican migrants coming here? A lot of what controls the flow of Mexican workers across the border is beyond their control. They’re controlled by multinational corporations who control how the flow of goods come across (the border). I think it would be surprising to a lot of people that Mexico, for example, doesn’t produce its own corn anymore because it cannot compete with U.S. agriculture. So where do those farm workers go? Well, they come to the United States.”

Professor Bill Ong Hing speaks with *KRON 4 News* about Arizona’s immigration law

“Under international law nobody under the age of 18 should be sentenced to life without parole—period.”

Professor Connie de la Vega in a KQED radio interview on the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that deemed juvenile life sentences without parole in non-homicide cases unconstitutional

“I think there is more promise for the energy aspects of the bill and that would include both research and development for new clean energy as well as some sort of renewable portfolio standard....The renewable portfolio standard would focus on increasing our non-fossil fuel, low carbon, energy supply but the other piece of the energy puzzle is reducing demand and that requires new federal initiatives on the efficiency side—so those may possibly be included as well. I think there is still a great deal of debate and much less promise. I have much less faith that we will see caps on carbon emissions themselves or a trading program that would place a price on carbon.”

Professor Alice Kaswan discussing federal energy legislation on *Letters to Washington*

“Summer Corps members provide critically needed legal assistance.”

AmeriCorps Program Manager Martin Costello

USF Law Students Serve Local Communities

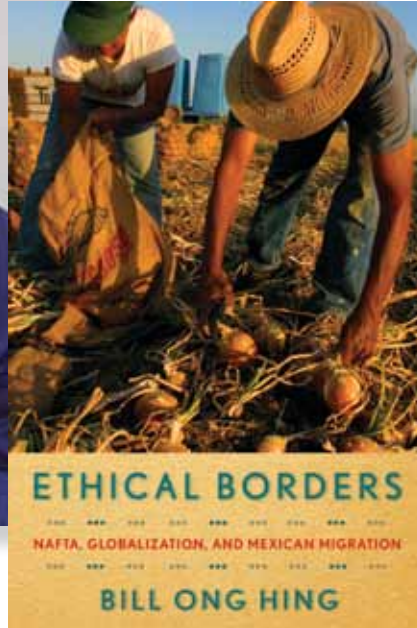
Ten University of San Francisco law students were selected from more than 1,500 applicants to participate in the 2010 Equal Justice Works Summer Corps program. USF had the highest number of participating students of all California law schools.

“Summer Corps members provide critically needed legal assistance,” AmeriCorps Program Manager Martin Costello said. “In addition, Summer Corps members gain first-hand experience and legal skills in areas such as client intake, individual representation, research, and writing.”

The students worked for nonprofit public interest organizations to provide legal assistance to low-income and underserved communities. Participants engaged in a broad range of social justice issues, including civil rights, community economic development, disability rights, housing, domestic violence, education, and public benefits.

USF School of Law participants and the organizations they served include Elizabeth Aleman 2L, Legal Aid of Marin County; Liat Blum 2L, Bay Area Legal Aid in Richmond; Nora Devine 2L, Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund in Berkeley; Dana Isaac 3L, Bay Area Legal Aid in San Francisco; Kaitlyn Johnson 2L, HomeBase in San Francisco; Charles Millioen 3L, San Francisco Office of the Public Defender; Yolanda Peneda 4L, Children’s Law Center of Los Angeles; Laura Schniedwind 3L, East Bay Community Law Center; Jamal Shakur 3L, Bay Area Legal Aid in Oakland; and Michelle Ternus-Nugent 3L, East Bay Children’s Law Offices. [\[USF\]](#)

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Hing Examines **Immigration Policy** in New Book

In his new book, *Ethical Borders: NAFTA, Globalization, and Mexican Migration* (Temple University Press, 2010), Professor Bill Ong Hing examines why undocumented immigrants continue to enter the United States and proposes a policy for U.S. investment in Mexico that would improve conditions so that Mexican citizens would have little incentive to migrate.

“The militarization of our borders hasn’t helped,” Hing said. “People still come because they need to feed their families and they don’t have job opportunities in Mexico. We have a lot to gain by investing in Mexico.”

Hing points to the approach of the European Union to stem undocumented immigration as evidence of the effectiveness of adopting economic development policies as part of immigration reform. “The rich countries in the E.U. have invested heavily in the poorer countries,” he said. “That has opened up jobs and as a result there has been very little movement across borders.”

In the wake of the passage of a controversial immigration law in Arizona, Hing’s book offers a nuanced look at the root of the immigration problem. He insists that modifying the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is vital to ameliorat-

ing much of the poverty that drives undocumented immigration. Hing also argues for a spectrum of reforms, including a new vision of border enforcement; a broader view of the visa system; a path to citizenship for undocumented migrants; and consideration of a guest worker program.

Hing is a 1974 graduate of the USF School of Law and a professor emeritus at UC Davis. His five published books include *Defining America through Immigration Policy* (Temple University Press, 2004) and *Departing Our Souls: Values, Morality, and Immigration Policy* (Cambridge University Press, 2006). Hing was co-counsel in the U.S. Supreme Court asylum case *INS v. Cardoza-Fonseca*. He is the founder of the Immigrant Legal Resource Center and serves on the National Advisory Council of the Asian American Justice Center.

Hing says he hopes the book will appeal to those on both ends of the political spectrum.

“Conservatives want there to be less immigration from Mexico, and I am proposing a way to give Mexicans a choice of where to work and live,” he said. “We all have a shared interest in Mexico doing well economically.” [USF]



Davis Named Associate Dean for Faculty Scholarship

USF School of Law Professor Joshua P. Davis has been named associate dean for faculty scholarship, a newly created position intended to enhance the law school's scholarly production and reputation.

Davis is director of the Center for Law and Ethics and teaches Civil Procedure, Constitutional Theory, Judicial Review, Legal Ethics, the Legal Scholarship Seminar, and Remedies. He is also a Dean's Circle Scholar, a designation that honors the achievements of the law school's most productive scholars.

"I believe that Professor Davis is particularly well suited to the task having worked hard for years to enhance our scholarly production and reputation. He has collaborated with others over the past decade to organize various scholarly events and to reform the law school so it will better support scholarship. He is also a productive scholar in his own right," Dean Jeffrey Brand said.

Davis said the law school has a vibrant academic environment and impressive scholarly production. "Our faculty members are already very productive as scholars," he said. "I look forward to helping them become even more productive and to get the word out about all we are doing."

Legal scholarship, Davis said, is critical not only as a means to seek the truth, an intrinsically valuable endeavor, but also as a way to contribute to legal reform, and ultimately to change society to make it more humane and just. "We believe in theory, social commitment, and the pursuit of the truth. That is the heart of legal scholarship." [USF]

Faculty Scholarship & Service



Dean Jeffrey Brand spearheaded the University of San Francisco Haiti Teach-In on behalf of the Provost Council. The April teach-in explored the context in which Haiti's devastating earthquake occurred and the international response. Brand welcomed attendees and moderated the panel "Cultural, Political, Religious, Historical Context." **Professors Dolores Donovan and Bill Ong Hing** moderated panels on humanitarian aid and the legal response. This summer, Brand presented a half-day seminar on industrial relations law and labor law at the University of Labour and Social Affairs, and a half-day seminar on industrial relations law at the Ministry of Labour, Invalids, and Social Affairs in Hanoi. He also participated in discussions with **Marshall P. Madison Professor of Law Jesse Markham** and the Supreme People's Prosecution Office in Hanoi.

Technical Service Librarian Shannon Burchard has become president of the Northern California Association of Law Libraries. She coordinated and presented during the "Innovative Law Users Group" at the American Association of Libraries 103rd Annual Meeting and Conference in Denver, Colo. She also coordinated "Looking Up from the Bottom: Bankruptcy Law and Research."

Professor Joshua Davis is the author and co-author of forthcoming articles in the *Rutgers Law Journal*, *BYU Law Review*, and *William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal*. With **Professor Joshua Rosenberg**, Davis published "Government as Patron or Regulator in the Student Speech Cases" in the *St. John's Law Review*. He also co-authored "Antitrust, Class Certification, and the Politics of Procedure," published in the *George Mason Law Review*. His article "Benefits from Private Antitrust Enforcement: An Analysis of 40 Cases," co-authored with Robert H. Lande, was cited by the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin. Davis filed an amicus brief with Avidan Stern,

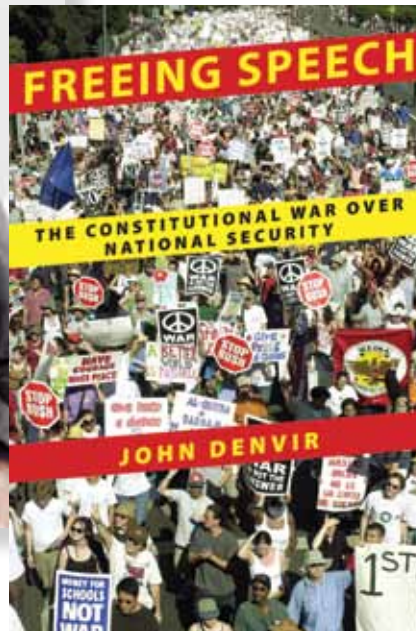
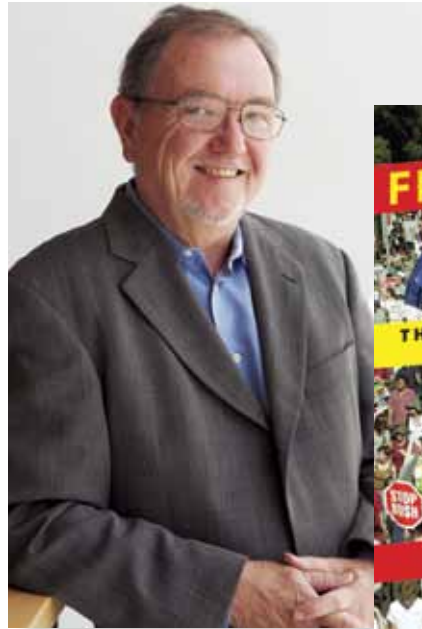
Leo Receives Sutherland Award

Associate Professor Richard Leo earned the Edwin H. Sutherland Award from the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Law and Society Division for his book *Police Interrogation and American Justice* (Harvard University Press, 2008).

Leo's book is a study of the criminal justice system that demonstrates how crime units have developed interrogation methods based on persuasion, manipulation, and deception. *Police Interrogation and American Justice* has also won the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Outstanding Book Award and the Herbert Jacob Book Prize from the Law and Society Association.

"Leo offers an expansive analysis of the nature and impact of police interrogation (in this) comprehensive and interdisciplinary piece that nicely places the idea of interrogation within the contexts of criminology, law, sociology, and psychology," the SSSP Law and Society Division said. "The book offers an excellent analysis of policy directions in the protection of legal rights."

This is the inaugural award of the Edwin H. Sutherland Outstanding Scholarship competition, which will occur every other year. [USF]



Denvir Examines

FIRST AMENDMENT

in New Book

In his new book *Freeing Speech: The Constitutional War Over National Security* (NYU Press, 2010), USF School of Law Research Professor of Constitutional Policy John Denvir explores the issue of presidential dominance and proposes an ambitious solution: a First Amendment that makes sure the voices of opposition are heard.

Denvir was inspired to write a book on how post-9/11 national security concerns have affected free speech during the run-up to the invasion of Iraq. “I was shocked by how one-sided the debate was,” Denvir said. “The government had a well-orchestrated media campaign at the same time opponents of the war were denied use of the streets and parks to make their case. Our free speech system did not seem to be working very well.”

While a traditional reading of the Constitution holds that America uses military force only after a full and informed national debate, the book illustrates how modern presidents have had unparalleled access to the media as well as control over the information most relevant to these debates. This control over the medium and the message, Denvir argues,

jeopardizes the ability of the general public to fully participate in the discussion.

Denvir goes on to assert that the First Amendment’s goal is to protect the entire structure of democratic debate. Assessing the right of political association, the use of public streets and parks for political demonstrations, the press’ ability to comment on public issues, and presidential speech on national security, Denvir examines why this democratic model of free speech is essential at all times, but especially during the War on Terror.

Mark Tushnet, William Cromwell professor of law at Harvard Law School, said the book offers “provocative suggestions for a First Amendment for our time, one that would provide us today with the information we need to govern ourselves.”

Freeing Speech, Denvir said, was not written for an audience of only lawyers but for “ordinary citizens who want to have a voice in our future. Constitutional law should not be an arcane subject left to the judges and professors. If democracy is going to work, citizens must own the Constitution.” [USF]

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Eric Cramer, and Andrew Curley on behalf of the American Antitrust Institute before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.



Professor Connie de la Vega's article "The Special Measures Mandate of the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination: Lessons from the United States and South Africa" has been published in English and Spanish in the *ILSA Journal of International and Comparative Law*. Under the direction of de la Vega, the University of San Francisco was one of the primary organizers of a San Francisco consultation regarding the U.N. Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review (UPR). De la Vega welcomed attendees and provided an overview of the UPR process. She moderated a panel exploring disability rights and a panel on criminal justice, the death penalty, and prison conditions. In March, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) issued an admissibility decision on a petition the Frank C. Newman International Human Rights Law Clinic has been handling for a San Quentin inmate who has been on death row for 18 years without a hearing for his first appeal. The IACHR ruled that the petitioner does not have to exhaust domestic remedies to raise the claim that the long delays on death row constitute torture because there are none readily available to him under the procedures that exist in the United States. De la Vega also provided opening comments at the UC Hastings International and Comparative Law Review Symposium "Health as a Human Right: The Global Option" and participated in the roundtable discussion "Human Rights as Essential Conditions for Human Health."



Professor Reza Dibadj authored "Four Key Elements to Successful Financial Regulatory Reform," published in the *Hastings Business Law Journal*, and "An Uneasy Case for White-Collar Martyrs," published in the *University of San Francisco Law Review*.



Professor Dolores Donovan organized a visit from a delegation of 26 Thai students and faculty from Assumption University. In addition to visiting federal courts and Sacramento, the delegation attended lectures by Donovan and **Professors Jesse Markham and Joshua Rosenberg**.

Professor Emeritus Jay Folberg was a featured speaker at an educational conference of the National Association of College and University Attorneys titled "Higher Education Employment Law: Changing Campuses, Continuing Challenges." His panel presentation was on mediator, defense attorney, and plaintiff attorney perspectives on successful mediation. At the American Bar Association's Annual Conference of the Section of Dispute Resolution, Folberg participated in two panels on effective mediation and the future of business conflict, and moderated the panel "Weinstein International Fellows—A Visitor's View of ADR in the U.S."



Professor David Franklyn authored the remark "The European Court of Justice Rules on Keyword Ads and Trademark Rights" in the spring 2010 *Intellectual Property Law Bulletin*.



Professor Susan Freiwald participated in a panel on privacy law at the "Intelligent Privacy Management Symposium" at Stanford University. Freiwald's article "A First Principles Approach to Communications' Privacy" (*Stanford Technology Law Journal*, 2007) was republished in the books *State Surveillance and Privacy Exception* (Amicus Books, 2010) and *Professional Privileges and Judicial Approach* (Amicus Books, 2007).



Professor Jack Garvey published "Nuclear Containment in the 21st Century: A Mandatory International Nuclear Forensics Data Bank" in the peer-reviewed *Journal of Conflict & Security Law* (Oxford University Press).



Professor Tristin Green authored "Race and Sex in Organizing Work: 'Diversity,' Discrimination, and Integration," published in the *Emory Law Journal*.



Professor Bill Ong Hing is the author of *Ethical Borders: NAFTA, Globalization, and Mexican Migration* (Temple University Press, 2010). His article "Teaching Immigration Law and Immigrant Rights From Your Own Caseload" was published in the spring 2010 *Saint Louis University Law Journal*. Hing addressed the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee in March regarding arrests by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement of undocumented youth who have not been convicted of a crime. He discussed immigration reform as the keynote speaker at an Asian Pacific Americans for Progress-San Francisco Bay Area Chapter event and spoke at the "AB 540 Student Teach In: Undocumented Students and their Struggle to Achieve Higher Education" at Stanford University. Hing also participated in an immigration reform panel during the 40th anniversary celebration of the UC Los Angeles ethnic studies program and in a panel on labor issues that transcend the United States-Mexico border at the 36th Annual Conference of the Southwest Labor Studies Association.

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Professor Peter Jan Honigsberg is the author of “Inside Guantanamo” published in the *Nevada Law Journal*. Under the direction of Honigsberg, this spring and summer the Witness to Guantanamo project filmed interviews with a former Guantanamo prison guard who had converted to the Muslim religion while in the prison; a former military JAG officer who represented a young man who was 14 when captured and kept in Guantanamo for more than eight years; three former Uyghur detainees in Bermuda; a chief prosecutor for Guantanamo; an FBI profiler who worked in Guantanamo; and other voices. Honigsberg spoke and presented video clips at the Harvard University Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, at a Harvard Social Anthropology Program Seminar Series, and at a conference on Guantanamo at New York University’s Cantor Film Center. The Witness to Guantanamo project has received major grants from the Open Society Institute and the Levinson Foundation.



Assistant Professor Grace Hum presented at the Emory University School of Law Conference “Transactional Education: What’s Next?” during the panel “Legal Writing Professors Morphing into Contract Drafting Professors.” She also presented “What Students Should Know About Good Grammar, But Don’t—Jeopardy Style!” at the 14th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute.



Professor Tim Iglesias published “Housing Paradigms” in the *International Encyclopedia of Housing and Home* (Elsevier, Ltd, 2010). He also presented “What Does the Mortgage Crisis Teach Us About the Political Economy of Home Ownership” during the property workshop of the

Association of American Law Schools 2010 Mid-Year Meeting.



Professor Alice Kaswan is the author of “Decentralizing Cap-and-Trade? State Controls within a Federal Greenhouse Gas Trading Program” (*Virginia Journal of Environmental Law*, 2010). She presented “CARB’s Draft Cap-and-Trade Regulation and What It Means for California: An Environmental Justice Perspective” at the UC Berkeley School of Law Center for Law, Energy, and the Environment Spring Speaker Series; “Climate Change Federalism and Regional Equity” at the Association of Property, Law, and Society Annual Meeting at Georgetown University Law Center; and “State Controls with a Federal Cap-and-Trade Program” at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools’ Annual Meeting.



Professor Daniel Lathrope served as a reviewer for a proposal on modernizing and rationalizing the depreciation system that was authored by the Tax Policy, Practice, and Legislation Committee of the California Bar Association Taxation Section.



Director of Human Rights Programs Michelle Leighton received a Fulbright scholarship to support her teaching and research in Krygyzstan during the 2010–2011 academic year. She is focusing on climate change and human rights impacts as well as children’s rights issues and juvenile justice. This spring, she presented on the human rights implications of climate change at the United Nations Institute for Training and Research seminar “Environmentally Induced Migration on Climate Change” and participated in the panel “Forging International Law and National

Policy Responses.” Leighton presented to European delegates in Brussels at a German Marshall Fund policy meeting on the legal issues surrounding forced migration from poor countries to wealthier countries due to climate disasters. She also presented on juvenile life sentences without possibility of parole at a San Francisco consultation on the U.N. Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review. In February, Leighton toured Senegal in a study for the German Marshall Fund.



Associate Professor Richard Leo co-authored “The Three Errors: Pathways to False Confession and Wrongful Conviction,” published in *Interrogations and Confessions: Current Research, Practice, and Policy Recommendations* (2010). He also co-authored “Moving Targets: Placing the Good Faith Doctrine in the Context of Fragmented Policing,” published in the *Fordham Urban Law Journal*. His book *Police Interrogation and American Justice* is the inaugural winner of the Edwin H. Sutherland Outstanding Scholarship Award conferred by the Society for the Study of Social Problems Law and Society Division. At a UC Berkeley School of Law faculty colloquium in March, Leo presented “When Lightning Strikes Twice: Analyzing Double Wrongful Convictions.” He also presented two continuing legal education lectures to the Department of Army, U.S. Trial Defense Service in Ft. Lewis, Wash., on the psychology of false confessions and litigating coerced or false confessions.



Professor Rhonda Magee presented a commissioned white paper titled “The Contemplative Practice in Law Movement: An Overview” at a conference on contemplative practice in America. The presentation marked her contribution to a dialogue of approximately 20 invited leaders in the contemplative practice movement. Magee also facilitated the panel “Contemplation in Teaching” during a USF Mission Conversations program at the Lane Center for Catholic Studies and Social Thought.

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Professor Maya Manian authored "Response, *Hein* and the Goldilocks Principle," which was published on the *Mississippi Law Journal's* online companion MISSing Sources. She also presented "Facial Challenges and the Face of Abortion" at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association.



Marshall P. Madison Professor of Law Jesse Markham authored "The Supreme Court's New Implied Repeal Doctrine: Expanding Judicial Power To Rewrite Legislation Under The Ballooning Conception of 'Plain Repugnancy'" (*Gonzaga Law Review*, 2010). He presented "The Structure of the Legal Academy" at the Society of American Law Teachers program "New Teacher Pipeline Project" and his article "Too Big To Fail: The Antitrust Response to Catastrophic Business Failure" at the Fordham Corporate Law Center Murphy Forum. Markham hosted a visit from Mandakh Dashdorj, chairman of the Authority for Fair Competition and Consumer Protection of Mongolia. Markham spent time in Mongolia this summer, assisting the Authority for Fair Competition and Consumer Protection with the passage and implementation of antitrust legislation, as well as Vietnam, where he presented a half-day seminar on competition law issues relating to health care and pharmaceutical markets to the Vietnam Competition Authority.

Senior Professor J. Thomas McCarthy published "Are Preliminary Injunctions Against Trademark Infringement Getting Harder to Achieve?" in the fall 2009 *Intellectual Property Law Bulletin*. He participated in the panel "An IP Year in Review: Patent Law, Trademark Law and Right of Publicity, and Copyright Law" at the University of Southern California Gould School of Law 2010 Intellectual Property Institute. He also presented lectures on trademark and anti-dilution law to 30 federal judges at a Federal Judicial Center intellectual property seminar at UC Berkeley in May.



Professor Sharon Meadows moderated and presented during "The Criminalization of Poverty" panel at the Society of American Law Teachers conference "Vulnerable Populations and Economic Realities." At the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations Leader Summit, she presented on law school clinics and their relationship to inspiring community activism within the legal community during the panel "Transforming our Communities."

Professor Julie Nice participated in media interviews on Proposition 8 and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California ruling with CBS, KTVU, NPR, and numerous other media outlets.



Professors Maria Ontiveros, Michelle Travis, and Tristin Green organized the Jack Pemberton Legacy Event. The March event included the Sixth Annual Jack Pemberton Lecture on Workplace Justice, which was held at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and an academic conference held at the law school titled "Moving Equality Forward: A Conversation on Present and Future Directions of Lawyering for Equality."

Professor Joshua Rosenberg co-authored "Government as Patron or Regulator in the Student Speech Cases," with **Professor Joshua Davis**, in the *St. John's Law Review*.

Senior Reference Librarian Lee Ryan was awarded the Fr. William Dunne Award at the University of San Francisco Merit Award ceremonies. The award is the highest individual honor that the university bestows, recognizing an individual who has demonstrated excellence to USF and the community through service, creativity, innovation, and leadership.



Professor Robert Talbot and the Investor Justice Clinic were featured in a 7 *On Your Side* broadcast about a case against Charles Schwab. Talbot was also interviewed by the *Los Angeles Times* and CNN on the Barry Bonds ruling by a federal appeals court.

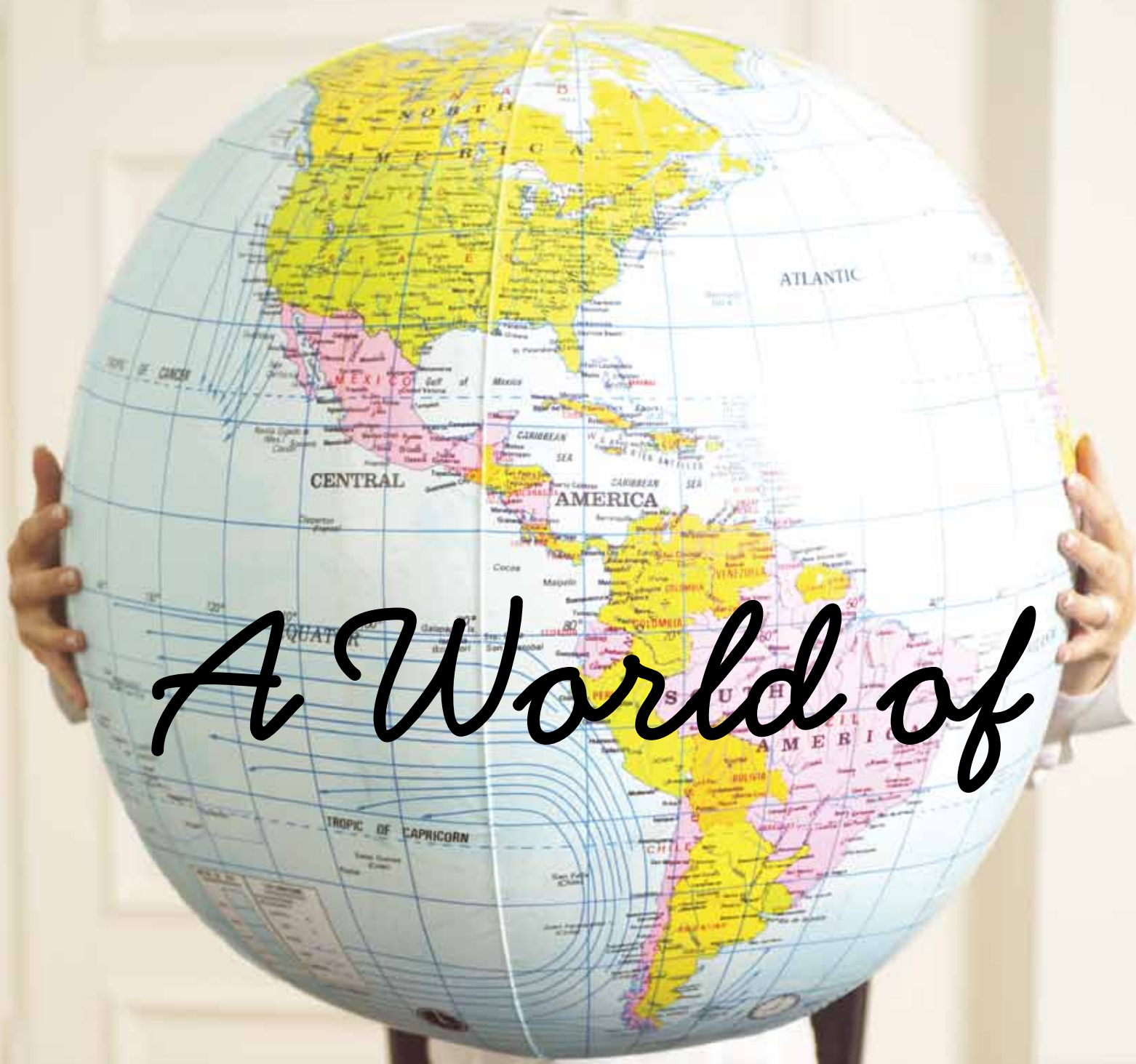


Professor Michelle Travis published "What a Difference a Day Makes, or Does It? Work/Family Balance and the Four-Day Work Week" in the *Connecticut Law Review*. Travis presented "Review of the United States Supreme Court Cases on Labor and Employment in the 2009-2010 Term" with **Professor Maria Ontiveros** at the Bar Association of San Francisco in June.

Adjunct Professor Mark Tuft authored "Supervising Offshore Outsourcing of Legal Services in a Global Environment: Re-Examining Current Ethical Standards," published in the *Akron Law Review*.



Director of the Law Library Ronald Wheeler began a three-year term as executive board member of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) in July. He proposed, coordinated, and moderated the panel "Arizona's SB 1070: Necessary Protection from Illegal Immigration or a License to Discriminate?" at the AALL annual meeting. Wheeler is the co-author of "Georgia Practice Materials: A Selected Annotated Bibliography" (*State Practice Materials: Annotated Bibliographies*, forthcoming 2010).



A World of

BY KRISTINA SHEVORY



*Students and faculty
at Beijing University.*

Opportunity

*F*rom Bangalore to Bilbao to Beijing, increasing numbers of students are fanning out across the globe each summer to work in international law firms, non-governmental organizations, and foreign government agencies. These opportunities are provided by the USF School of Law's expanding global externship program, which is a central part of the law school's mission to educate lawyers with a global perspective and passion for justice and human rights.



Nicole Phillips '99 (left) and Professor Dolores Donovan (middle) directed the Haiti program.

Working in Haitian refugee camps may seem like the last thing a young law student should be doing before she graduates, but Darya Larizadeh 3L thinks it was the best thing she could have done.

She was so convinced of her decision that she turned down an internship with a judge in San Francisco to go to Haiti. This past summer, she tracked down dozens of families displaced by the earthquake to ask them about their living conditions. Survey responses will be the basis for a report on camp conditions that will be submitted to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights by the Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti.

“I didn’t want to go to Haiti just to feel better. I wanted to actually help people and not be in the way,” said Larizadeh, who would like to work in international development. “It’s really exciting for a law student to feel like you’re doing something.”

Traditionally, overseas externships aren’t typical for law students because they are difficult to set up and legal systems vary across countries. But for the University of San Francisco School of Law, international externships are a central part of its mission to educate lawyers to be global citizens with a passion for justice and human rights.

“Students should do more than soak up the culture of a country and enjoy its spectacular food,” Dean Jeffrey Brand said. “They should be fulfilling their responsibility as future legal professionals in an increasingly global society to better the human condition.”

Externships can also help students get valuable job experience during a recession when even unpaid internships are difficult to find. Many students have decided they’d do better working overseas at a nonprofit or law firm than staying in the United States. This year, USF’s program received the highest number of applications in its history.

Unlike traditional domestic placements, international externships allow students to learn about the law from the perspective of practitioners who are operating in entirely different legal and cultural traditions.

“These educational experiences are critically important in a world where the legal profession is becoming increasingly globalized and can not be achieved by students who stay in the United States,” said Professor Dolores Donovan, director of international programming.

It seems other law schools now agree on the importance of such experiences for law students. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching criticized law schools for their failure to adequately prepare students for life after graduation and called for them to add more practical training. Since the report was published three years ago, many schools have revised their programs and added new externships, clinical opportunities, and simulations.

“A lot of schools increasingly understand that their graduates need to know about the global universe,” said Judith Welch Wegner, co-author of the Carnegie report and a professor at the University of North Carolina School of Law.

USF has been a believer in a global education with a strong focus on human rights for decades. Donovan introduced the school’s first externships at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), a government agency that provides economic and humanitarian assistance, to supplement the legal training the school was giving to Khmer students, lawyers, community leaders, and government officials in Cambodia. While the international externship program grew over the years, adding countries, law firms, and nonprofits, it still retained its informal feel, with no academic credit and externship options dependent on student and professor interest. In the last four years, however, the program, which is now based out of the school’s Center for Law and Global Justice, has become more formal, with academic credit now conferred.

“The future of the global economy lies in Asia, Latin America, and perhaps even Africa,” Donovan said. “So if USF is serious about educating these young men and women to perform as global lawyers on the world’s economic and political stage, it must provide them with opportunities to learn about the countries that hold the future of the world in their hands.”



Benjamin Dockery 2L in Buenos Aires, where he worked at the law firm Fiorito Murray & Diaz Cordero.

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Geoff Lewis 4L, Benjamin Dockery 2L, Jersey Miranda 3L, and Professor John Adler and his wife at the Jesuit university in Cordoba, Argentina.

Elena Gil '08 has found that the skills she picked up during an international externship are helping her in her current role as a fellow at a legal aid clinic assisting immigrants with deportation-related problems.

Four years ago, Gil went to El Salvador to intern at a human rights clinic researching American immigration law for local attorneys and helping people deported from the United States. She dealt with similar immigration problems in the Dominican Republic for two summers as a USF law student.

“It gives me the whole side of the story,” said Gil, who has a year-long fellowship at Bay Area Legal Aid in San Francisco. “I’m trying to find solutions in our legal system because I am aware of what happens on the other side.”

Working overseas can also help a new graduate stand out in an increasingly crowded job market. While it doesn’t guarantee a job, it can be particularly appealing to law firms and nonprofits in the same region.

“Experience overseas is useful because it can show commitment to something other than the profit motive,” said James Leipold, executive director of the National Association for Law Placement in Washington, D.C. “It does provide some actual lawyering experience.”

While the externships are not meant to lead to full-time employment, some students have parlayed them into other opportunities and eventual jobs. Three years ago, David

Raynor '09 had an externship at Baker & McKenzie’s Hanoi office where he advised young Vietnamese lawyers on international client communications.

After returning from Vietnam, he got an interview for a summer position at Baker & McKenzie’s San Francisco office and won it. With good grades and experience in business development and human resources consulting, he landed his current job as an associate in the firm’s Palo Alto office.

“My time in Hanoi definitely opened up the possibilities for what I wanted to do with my legal career,” Raynor said.

With few prospects for an unpaid position as a first-year law student, Ben Dockery decided the best use of his summer was an externship in Argentina. He already spoke Spanish and the expense would be about the same as staying in the United States.

While in Buenos Aires, Dockery worked for a medium-sized law firm where he translated documents, edited translations, and researched comparative practices of evaluating stock premiums in the United States and Argentina. He visited local courts, met with judges, and toured the Argentinean soccer headquarters with his boss.

“It was much more fun than working on a hypothetical example for a research project that’ll be graded and thrown away,” Dockery said. “I actually could see that this was something that will be used and referenced.”

An externship in Vietnam convinced Anne Ho 3L to change her focus from corporate law and mergers and acquisitions to international law. Working for a USAID-funded NGO in Hanoi, Ho, a former insurance analyst, combined her analytical and legal skills in a project that evaluated the Vietnamese court system and its use.

“I wanted to be directly involved in creating this infrastructure for Vietnamese growth,” said Ho, a JD/MBA student whose family emigrated from Vietnam to the United States. “I really felt like I knew Europe and at this point, I wanted to get to know my roots.”

After her Hanoi externship, she studied in Prague, took the Cambodian Genocide course and interned at a nonprofit in Ho Chi Minh City this past summer. She’s now combining both



*Adelaide Stegmaier 3L
in Vietnam.*

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DEAN JEFFREY BRAND

her business and legal skills as an intern at the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco working on a team that assigns Asian banks their credit ratings.

The externships can also be a good way for students to figure out what they don’t like. Bonnie Fong 2L spent her summer writing contracts, such as nondisclosure agreements and contracts for the termination of a joint venture, for two firms in Bilbao, Spain. She also researched American bankruptcy law for her boss who was trying to rewrite Spanish law to deal with the growing number of failing Spanish businesses.

“It gave me a better focus of what I’m interested in,” Fong said. “I realized that I don’t enjoy commercial or bankruptcy law as much and want to do more local work. It crosses off a few things on my list.”

A USF externship helped Jesse Macias ’07 become more flexible. After his second year of law school, Macias worked with USAID in the Philippines during a USF externship. While there, he researched human trafficking laws and Muslim courts for the agency’s Rule of Law Effectiveness project, prepared a retired chief judge to give a speech on judicial reform, and set up workshops to promote cooperation between agencies fighting corruption.

After graduating three years ago, Macias worked for the Alameda County Public Defender’s Office and was laid off a year and a half later because of budget cuts. Now a contract attorney in San Francisco, Macias would eventually like to go back overseas to work for USAID.

“I would recommend (an externship) to everybody since it’s such a humbling experience,” Macias said. “To go to a country and be given access to so much and to work with people on issues in their country, it makes you more nimble.”

As student debt increases and the legal employment market remains tough, the law school is challenged to nurture the passions of students who want to do human rights work around the world, Dean Brand said.

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*Ben Lewis 3L (right)
interviewing a Haitian
woman at the Champs
de Mars camp with
the assistance of an
intepreter.*



International Programs Summer 2010

More than 100 students took part in the law school's global externships and study abroad programs this summer.

Bangalore, India

Placements

- UNICEF
- Child Protection Unit
- Nishith Desai Associates
- Dua Associates
- Sichrem
- South India Cell for human rights and education monitoring
- FoxMandal Little

Beijing and Shanghai, China

Placements

- Wan Hui Da
- Allbright Firm
- King and Wood
- Unitalen

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Placements

- Moreno & Crotto
- Claria & Trevisan
- Fiorito, Murray & Diaz Cordero

Bilbao, Spain

Placements

- Despacho San José Abogados
- Fundación Ellacuria
- Despacho Gomez Bilbao
- Public Prosecutor
- UNESCO Etxea

Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Placements

- UNDP
- IOM
- UNICEF
- LAC
- CCHR
- CLEC
- DC-CAM

Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Placements

- Baker & McKenzie
- Duane Morris
- YKVN Lawyers
- Nhquang & Associates
- DAI

Other Summer Programs

Study Abroad Program in Dublin

30 students

Study Abroad Program in Prague

30 students

Summer Course in Cambodia on the Khmer Rouge Genocide

5 students under the direction of Adjunct Prof. Howard de Nike

Haiti Program

4 students under the direction of Prof. Dolores Donovan and Nicole Phillips '99

Haiti Virtual Internship Program

3 students under the direction of Nicole Phillips '99

A FEW GOOD



MEN & WOMEN



USF GRADUATES— INCLUDING SOME WHO WERE ONCE OPPOSED TO THE MILITARY— FIND MEANING IN THE JUDGE ADVOCATES CORPS.

BY KRISTINA SHEVORY

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chenna Ahanonu '09 assumed she'd find a job at a district attorney's office when she got out of law school. She had externships

at a big law firm, the California Supreme Court, and the Office of the Attorney General, but the economic recession and a hiring freeze put that dream on hold.

Starting her own practice or joining a large firm didn't hold much appeal, either. A former colleague thought the military might be a good fit and put her in touch with an Air Force judge advocate. That talk led to others and soon she realized the Air Force could give her what she wanted: a life abroad doing important work that supported a larger mission and didn't revolve around money. In May, she received her commission.

"No one can understand why I did this based on my resume, but I didn't want the jobs I could get," said Ahanonu, who trained at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala., this summer and is now stationed at Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, Mass. "I want to practice law for a meaning, I don't want to practice law for money."

Opposite: Patrick Sandys '09 and Uchenna Ahanonu '09 are lieutenants in the Army and Air Force JAG Corps, respectively.



From left: Adrian Driscoll '80, a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve; Edward Piasta '05, a captain in the Army JAG Corps, meeting at a joint security station in Iraq; Richard Lebedeff '90 of the Army JAG Corps in Iraq.



The economy has tightened purse strings, forcing law firms, nonprofits, and government offices that hire attorneys to cut jobs and impose hiring freezes. Employment at law firms has dropped over the last two years by 63,000 to 1.1 million as of July 2010, according to the Department of Labor. Young attorneys have been especially hard hit and many are struggling to find contract and volunteer work.

The military, however, is still hiring and many practicing attorneys and freshly minted law school graduates are giving it a serious look. Applications for a position in the judge advocate corps across the military's four branches have more than doubled since the last fiscal year ended September 2009. The Army, with the largest number of attorneys, received 1,800 applications for 200 openings.

"We're still hiring when other people are not," said Capt. John-Paul Wheatcroft, a recruiter and judge advocate in the Marine Corps in Berkeley. "The economy has brought us applicants who wouldn't have considered the military before. I've seen individuals with amazing GPAs who may have gone to Google or Wall Street but are coming to us now."

After graduating from the University of San Francisco School of Law, Patrick Sandys '09 was happy he found a job at an insurance firm that represented boat captains and divers. But two months on the job, he realized that he didn't like it because "everything revolved around money. It all boiled down to a price."

But there weren't many jobs available last year. With a family history in the Army, Sandys rethought his opposition to the military. The more he thought about it, the more he realized that the military could be a way for him to work with a wide variety of clients and help the largest number people. He applied and was accepted for a position in the Army JAG Corps last year.

"If you had asked me two years ago if I'd join the Army, I would have said an unequivocal no," said 1st Lt. Sandys, who

will be stationed along the Korean demilitarized zone (DMZ). "I'm the bleeding heart liberal that joins the military."

After completing training, which typically lasts about six months, new judge advocates spend four years rotating between civil and administrative law, legal assistance and criminal law. Unlike private practice, young attorneys are assigned their own cases and are expected to learn as they go and get help if they need it.

"As a relatively new attorney, you're given a lot of responsibility and, to some degree, independence right away," said CDR Scott Thompson, special assistant to the Navy judge advocate general for recruiting.

Edward Piasta '05 has only been an attorney in the Army JAG Corps for five years, but his resume reads like someone much older. During a tour in Iraq, he advised the commanding officers on targeting missions and won a Bronze Star for his efforts. Back in the United States, he was a lead trial prosecutor and now represents soldiers charged with issues ranging from weapons trafficking to sexual assault to credit card fraud.

"It's meaningful work," Capt. Piasta said. "It's high-stakes litigation. It makes for a client base you really want to fight for."

A judge advocate's work can more closely resemble that of a civilian attorney than a military one. During his four-year tour as a naval judge advocate in San Diego, Kevin Woodall '95 spent nearly his entire time at the local U.S. Attorney's Office working on consumer claims and defending the Secretary of the Navy in jury trials involving gender discrimination, medical malpractice, and personal injury cases. During his time in the Navy, he had five jury trials and dozens of bench trials and administrative boards.

"You're kind of thrown in," Woodall said. "I thought the experience was invaluable. Some of the trial techniques I learned in the military have helped me move forward in the trials I've had since I got out."

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When he left the Navy, he specialized in workplace, labor and employment law and made partner at Foley & Lardner in San Francisco. Nearly 11 years later, he left in July to start his own firm.

Lawyers who have years of practical experience are like catnip for military judge advocate recruiters: they can't get enough of them. Richard Lebedeff '90, who had been a practicing attorney and then business executive, joined the Army after the 9/11 terrorist attacks out of a sense of duty. Five years later, after several false alarms, he was finally activated as an Army reservist and deployed to Iraq in 2009.

During a year in Iraq, Lebedeff served as an economic development and commercial rule of law advisor to the Army, U.S. embassy, Iraqi government, and private investors. He was his brigade's lead on \$200 million in rebuilding projects, including the Baghdad airport, and helped support the Iraqi government's effort to introduce governance, economic development, and the rule of law.

“Everything needs to go through the JAG Corps now. The meetings you do with the Iraqis, whether it's criminal or development work, they pull in the JAGs. I worked at the higher levels of diplomacy,” said Lebedeff, a Phoenix engagement manager at the software company VMware. “Where am I going to get to do that at a San Francisco law firm?”

For Adrian Driscoll '80, who defends clients in civil litigation, the Army exposed him to new areas of the law that he wouldn't have seen as a civilian. In 2003, he was activated to organize and plan housing and transportation at Camp Parks in Dublin, Calif., for thousands of reservists who were being sent to Iraq. He has also helped counsel soldiers on legal matters and currently advises a brigade commander on topics ranging from administrative law to standards of conduct.

“You can do a lot of good for a lot of people. You can help a lot of the little guys who can't afford a lawyer,” said Lt. Col. Driscoll, who is attached to the 91st Training Brigade at Fort Hunter Liggett in California.

As a practicing attorney, Driscoll joined the Army in 1989 to better serve his community. Since he had a thriving civilian career, he didn't want to go active and selected the Army Reserve. Over the years, he's made lifelong friends and even found a job at his current firm, Ropers, Majeski, Kohn, Bentley, in San Francisco through contacts he made in the Army.

“It's been rewarding and it's been fun,” said Driscoll, an adjunct professor at the USF School of Law. “If it wasn't, I wouldn't still be in.” [USF]

JAG

CAREERS

REQUIREMENTS Judge advocate candidates must pass the bar exam in any state in the country and have graduated from an ABA-approved law school. Every officer serves a four-year tour of duty.

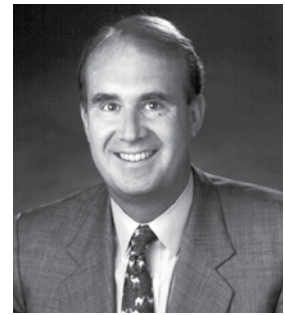
TRAINING Training generally consists of three phases that include a military orientation course, military justice school, and officer development.

SALARY Pay is the same across all four branches of the military for the same rank and time in service. A new judge advocate enters the service as a first lieutenant (lieutenant junior grade in the Navy) and is promoted to captain six to 12 months later. First lieutenants receive \$3,162 per month and captains with less than two years in service get \$3,660 a month.

BENEFITS All officers receive a basic allowance for subsistence (BAS) that is \$223 for first lieutenants and captains. A basic allowance for housing (BAH) is also given, but the amount is based on rank, dependents, and the cost of living at an officer's duty station. All military members receive free medical and dental care and are eligible for a pension after 20 years of active duty service.

LOAN REPLACEMENT The Army and Air Force have introduced student loan repayment programs for new judge advocates of up to \$65,000. Payments are divided over three years and are paid at the end of the first, second, and third years of active duty service.

BONUSES There is also \$60,000 in retention bonuses for Army and Air Force judge advocates that sign up for additional years of active duty service. The Marine Corps offers up to \$30,000.



Meet the Dean's Circle: John E. McInerney

John E. McInerney '75 is the president of Anasazi Properties and a fifth-generation San Franciscan. He was formerly the managing broker of TRI/Coldwell Banker, the largest residential brokerage office in Northern California, and a partner with Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, where he specialized in land use and real estate law.

Why did you choose USF for law school?

I wanted to practice in San Francisco after law school. USF had a strong alumni base in the city, and I preferred a smaller law school with a more personal approach when compared to other Bay Area alternatives.

Why have you been inspired to support the USF School of Law so loyally in the years since graduating?

I have only good memories of law school. I am profoundly grateful for the legal education I received at USF. My time at the USF School of Law congealed the academic experience; intellectual discipline and rigor; research, analytical, and writing skills; and ethics, which I regard as the foundation upon which I built my career. The law school environment was always collegial and provided many lifelong friendships.

How do you hope your support helps the USF School of Law?

Maintaining the law school's financial strength is crucial to its continued success and to assurance and enhancement of the high-caliber education current students deserve. That financial support needs to principally come from our large and successful alumni base.

What distinguishes USF and its law graduates from other law schools?

Among the outstanding Bay Area law schools, USF alumni are distinguished by their elevated awareness of, and connection to, social justice issues in the Jesuit tradition.

What are the priorities of the school that are most meaningful to you?

Excellence in the classroom; faculty scholarship, expansion, and enrichment; maintenance of high-quality intern and clinical programs.

These are difficult economic times. Why did you feel that investing in USF School of Law was the right thing to do at this time?

Generosity is always a positive example to others. When times are more difficult for all of us, it may be more appreciated, not soon forgotten, inspirational to the recipients, and hopefully motivate colleagues who have shared experience and feelings to make similar commitments to the school to express their gratitude.

Blum Foundation Unmatched in its Support of San Francisco Legal Education

Hundreds of deserving University of San Francisco law

students together have received nearly \$3 million to help with tuition and other educational expenses from the Leon A. and Esther F. Blum Foundation throughout the past decade. The foundation was established in 1981 under the will of Leon Blum to give financial assistance to students at law schools in San Francisco (USF, UC Hastings, Golden Gate University, and San Francisco Law School.)

"The foundation is the single largest donor to law schools in San Francisco," said Bruce Lubarsky, a San Mateo-based attorney who has served as the foundation's executive director and president since 1982. "All have received in excess of a million dollars, and the annual distributions will continue for many years to come. Of every dollar we give, 97 cents go to law schools, and the foundation has given approximately 3,000 law school scholarships."

Leon Blum was a self-made man who immigrated to the United States from Romania as a child. He worked his way through San Francisco Law School and passed the bar exam at age 20. With profits from the law firm he established, he became a successful real estate investor. Never forgetting his humble beginnings, before

his death in 1975 he quietly set up the foundation with the intention of helping needy law students in San Francisco.

"There was considerable surprise, due to the size of the bequest and the fact that none of the law schools knew who Leon was," said Lubarsky, who counts Leon Blum as a mentor, having worked in the San Francisco law firm founded by Blum. "Leon was my mentor, not just professionally but personally. His business insight was invaluable."

At USF, Blum scholarships are distributed to students participating in the Academic Support Program. Recipients may use the funds for tuition, rent, or other expenses necessary to successfully complete their education.

"The Blum Foundation's commitment to legal education is stunning," Dean Jeffrey Brand said. "Year after year, the foundation provides critical money to support students in need and particularly students of color. We deeply appreciate the foundation's long-term commitment to the welfare of our students who are experiencing unimaginable economic stress. All law schools in San Francisco owe Bruce Lubarsky and the foundation a huge debt of gratitude." [USF]

[ALUMNI NEWS]

Class of 2010 Welcomed into Alumni Ranks

More than 300 students, alumni, faculty, and staff gathered at San Francisco's InterContinental Hotel May 19 to welcome the Class of 2010 into the USF School of Law alumni ranks at the 2010 Alumni Graduates Dinner. The evening also included the presentation of several faculty and student awards, as well as a class gift to the law school.

Professor Julie Nice, who joined the faculty full time last year after spending a year at the law school as a visiting professor from University of Denver Sturm College of Law, received the Distinguished Faculty Award. Adjunct Professor Thomas Onda received the Hon. Ira A. Brown Jr. Distinguished Adjunct Professor Award.

The Student Bar Association Award, given to a member of the graduating class who contributes to the character of the law school through service and leadership, was given to Ellie Stone, co-chair of the law school's Public Interest Law Foundation and chair of the Graduation Committee.

Stone presented Dean Jeffrey Brand with a gift from the Class of 2010, a check of nearly \$70,000 to endow a student scholarship. "This check is a piece of the entire Class of 2010," she said. "We are happy to give this back to the school that has done so much for us."

The USF School of Law graciously acknowledges event benefactors Ferrari-Carano Vineyards and Winery and Miller, Sabino & Lee, Inc., Legal Placement Services as well as event sponsors Coblenz, Patch, Duffy & Bass LLP; Hanson Bridgett LLP; Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein LLP; Liuzzi, Murphy & Solomon, LLP; Murphy, Pearson, Bradley & Feeney, PC; Lindbergh Porter Jr. '81; Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold LLP; and the Law Office of J. Thomas Trombadore '88. [USF]



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & ALUM OF THE YEAR AWARD

Please join Dean Jeffrey S. Brand and the USF School of Law community in honoring the 2010 Alum of the Year.

DATE Wednesday, December 1, 2010

TIME 11:30 a.m. No-Host Cocktails, 12 p.m. Luncheon

LOCATION The Fairmont, 950 Mason Street, San Francisco

Tickets are \$60 per person and sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at (415) 422-5457 or lawalumni@usfca.edu for information or to register. Online registration will be available October 15, 2010, at www.law.usfca.edu/holidayluncheon.

Classnotes

1953

Thomas Bendorf BA '48, JD '53, was featured in the article "One of the Last: Aberdeen Man Proud to be WWII Fighter Pilot," which appeared in *American News* (Aberdeen, S.D.).

1960

Hon. Robert Dossee '60 (Ret.), who served as a justice for the U.S. District Court of Appeal for the First District, is a mediator with JAMS in San Francisco. He was recently featured in *The Recorder's* On the Bench section.

1963

Michael McCabe BA '61, JD '63, was featured in *The Recorder* article "McCabe Followed Faith, And it Led Him to Mediation."

1964

Maj. Gen. Tony Clark, USAF '64 (Ret.) has accepted an appointment as state co-chair of the Nevada Energy Forum. **Hon. Daniel Hanlon '64 (Ret.)**, a neutral for JAMS, was profiled in the *Daily Journal* in December.

1967

Hon. Neal Cabrinha BA '64, JD '67, a Santa Clara County Superior Court judge, was featured in the *Daily Journal*. Cabrinha became a family law judge in January after handling civil trials for nearly a decade.

1968

Gary Raghianti BA '65, JD '68, James Parrinello BA '71, JD '74, Teresa Cunningham '88, and Jordan Lavinsky '97 were featured in "Spotlight: Litigation Attorneys and Mediators," published by the *North Bay Business Journal*.

1970

Ann G. Miller '70 has opened the Law Offices of Ann. G. Miller in San Francisco.

1972

Thomas Brandi '72 was interviewed by *The Recorder* for the article "PJ Asks Civil Litigators for Help Curing Budget Ills."

1974

Hon. Maria Rivera '74 spoke at the Bar Association of San Francisco event "California Supreme Court Trends" in March.

1976

Patricia Gillette '76, an employment law partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, has been appointed to the American Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession. She also authored "Memo to Firm Leaders: Don't Go Overboard With Layoffs," published in *The American Lawyer* and *The Recorder*.

Mark Karlinsky '76 and his wife were honored as guardians on the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Wall of Life. The honor is being conferred in recognition of the couple's leadership, philanthropy, and dedication to the Hebrew University and Jewish communities worldwide. Karlinsky is a partner at the New York office of Butzel Long. **Charles B. Lewis '76**, a construction litigation partner in the Chicago office of Duane Morris LLP, has been certified by the International Mediation Institute as a certified mediator. Lewis is an arbitrator and mediator for the American Arbitration Association and has mediated more than 350 construction disputes.

Robert Thornton '76 has been named one of the top 10 environmental attorneys for the fifth consecutive year by *United States Lawyer Rankings*. Thornton is a partner at Nossaman LLP.

1979

Charles M. Louderback '79 has joined Ongaro Burt & Louderback LLP as a partner.

Hon. William Schuette '79

(Ret.), senior counsel at Warner, Norcross & Judd, is a candidate for attorney general in Michigan. Schuette has served on the Michigan Court of Appeals, Michigan Senate, and U.S. House of Representatives, and acted as director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Sarah L. Tobocman '79 has been included in the legal directory *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* as a leader in the field of immigration. Tobocman is a shareholder and chair of the immigration practice in the Miami office of the law firm Gunster.

1980

Philip Atkins-Pattenson '80 is a partner in the business trials practice group in Sheppard Mullin's San Francisco office where he specializes in complex business litigation. Atkins-Pattenson represented the City of Sacramento as lead defense counsel in a land use case regarding the "Railyards Project." The *Daily Journal* recognized the judgment as one of the top 10 defense verdicts in California for 2009.

Dean E. Barbieri '80 has been named dean of John F. Kennedy School of Law. He previously served as director for examinations at the State Bar of California.

John M. Runfola '80 is a trial lawyer specializing in criminal defense. His private practice, the Law Offices of John M. Runfola, is located in San Francisco.

1981

Richard Vollertsen '81, who has worked for Atkinson, Conway & Gagnon, Inc. since 1982, was selected as an Alaska Super Lawyer. His practice includes complex litigation involving products liability, wrongful death, and personal injury. Vollertsen was also named by *Best Lawyers in America* as Alaska's "Personal Injury Lawyer of the Year" in 2009.

1984

Deborah T. Boylston '84 is a program and development assistant at Northwest African American Museum in Seattle.

Lisa Chapman '84 has joined the labor and employment practice in the Palo Alto office of the Royse Law Firm, PC.

John Creighton '84 is running for Alameda County Superior Court judge. He has worked as a deputy district attorney for Alameda County for 25 years and serves on the board of directors of Planned Parenthood.

Clifford Fried '84 has created Fried & Williams LLP with Steven Williams. The firm has offices in San Francisco and Oakland. Fried will focus on real estate litigation including trial and appellate work. **Timothy Geckle '84** is general counsel of the Ryland Group, one of the largest homebuilders in the United States. He was recently profiled in the In-House Counsel section of *The Recorder*.

Karen Goodman '84, a principal at Goodman & Associates, has won a three-year term to the State Bar of California's Board of Governors in District Two. The board is the bar's governing and policy-making body.

1985

Mark Zanobini '85 is the principal of the Law Office of Mark J. Zanobini in San Francisco.

1986

Kathleen Carpenter '86, who previously worked with Cooper, White & Cooper, has joined Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps as a partner. She is a member of the firm's real estate and environmental litigation and real estate transactional practices.

Paul Killion '86, a partner in the trial practice group of Duane Morris LLP in San Francisco, has been certified as an appellate law specialist by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization.

1987

Jill Ravitch '87 has been elected district attorney in Sonoma County.

1988

Aaron H. Jacoby '88 has joined Arent Fox as a partner and co-chair of the automotive industry group. His practice focuses on class actions and consumer litigation, unfair competition, defending government investigations, and federal and state regulatory matters affecting the automotive industry. He speaks and writes frequently on automotive industry issues, serving as counsel to several automotive associations. In 2009, Jacoby was recognized as one of the top 100 lawyers in California by the *Daily Journal*.

J. Thomas Trombadore '88 announced with David M. Gonden the opening of Trombadore Gonden Law Group, which represents clients in business matters and complex civil and class action litigation, including financial services, real estate and construction defect litigation, legal ethics and professional liability, title insurance, insurance coverage, transportation, and nonprofit counseling.

1989

Gregory Baka '89 has been appointed San Francisco field division counsel for the United States Department of Justice Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. He previously lived in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), for 19 years. He served as federal judicial law clerk, CNMI assistant public defender, assistant U.S. attorney, sole practitioner, CNMI assistant attorney general, and the CNMI deputy attorney general.

Jim Kowalski '89 taught the Jacksonville Area Legal Aid CLE course "Successful Defense of Credit Card Collection Lawsuits" in April. Kowalski, an AV-rated civil trial attorney based in Jacksonville, FL., served as an assistant state attorney from 1989 to 1996. He now specializes in consumer fraud and personal injury cases as a solo practitioner.

Mark Kushner '89 is the superintendent and founder of the charter school organization Flex Academy, which has proposed plans to open schools in Mt. Diablo and San Francisco.

Michael J. Morris '89 was featured in the July 2010 issue of *The National Law Journal* in a special section devoted to successful litigators and their strategies.

1990

Barbara W. Moser '90 recently announced the 15-year anniversary of her boutique family law, estate planning, and probate firm, Kaye • Moser • Hierbaum, which specializes in complex matters for high net worth individuals. The firm has grown to five attorneys, including three USF alumni, **Darrick Chase '90**, **Vanessa Hierbaum '96**, and **Laura Cronin '08**.

1991

John H. Podesta '91 is a partner in the contracts and insurance coverage practice group of Branson, Brinkop, Griffith & Strong LLP.

Susan M. Saylor '91 has been named chief counsel of the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, the largest state civil rights agency in the country.

1993

Laurelle M. Gutierrez '93 of Carr McClellan Ingersoll Thompson & Horn, **Alison Yew '94** of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP, **David Lee '97** of Fitzgerald Abbott & Beardsley LLP, **Rebecca Moore '97** of Knox Ricksen LLP, **Kimberlei Evans '99** of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP, **Todd Walburg '99** of Loeffl Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP, **Luke Brooks '00** of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, **Miles Cooper '00** of Rouda, Feder, Tietjen & McGuinn, **David Streza '00** of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP, **Kristen Palumbo '01** of Bingham McCutchen LLP, **Amy Ross '01** of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, **Christopher Stecher '01** of Keesal, Young & Logan, and

Allyson Cook BA '97, JD '03, of Burnham Brown were recognized in *The Recorder's* New Partners 2010 listings.

Hon. Paul Haakenson '93, appointed to Marin County Superior Court by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2006, faced his first retention election on June 8 and won six more years on the Marin County bench.

David Livingston '93 has been elected Contra Costa County's new sheriff.

1994

Terrence Coleman '94, a partner at Pillsbury & Levinson, LLP, has been named a Northern California Super Lawyer. Coleman represents policyholders in insurance bad faith and insurance coverage matters.

1995

David J.S. Ahn '95 was promoted to vice president and chief legal officer of LG Philips Displays Group at the global headquarters in Hong Kong.

Tamara F. Lawson '95 published "Mainstreaming Civil Rights in the Law School" in the *Saint Louis University Law Journal*.

1996

Noah Lebowitz '96, a partner at Duckworth Peters Lebowitz LLP in San Francisco has joined the board of the California Employment Lawyers Association.

Joelle Ryssemus Sullivan '96 is now general counsel and vice president of human resources for Presidio Financial Partners LLC in San Francisco.

Simon Zinger '96 was featured in *The Lawyer* article "Rock of Aegis: Simon Zinger, Aegis Media." He is general counsel for Aegis Media in London.

1997

David Blaine '97 has become an owner of Klein, DeNatale, Goldner, Cooper, Rosenlieb & Kimball LLP, where he has focused on employment counseling and litigation since 2002.

Matthew Scott DaVega '97 has joined Cappello & Noël in Santa Barbara as an associate. He will focus on complex commercial litigation including lender liability, intellectual property, and class actions.

1999

Jennifer George '99 has joined Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP as a partner.

Nicole Phillips '99, an attorney at the Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti, moderated a panel on USF student projects at the University of San Francisco Haiti Teach-In. Phillips co-organizes the law school's Haiti Virtual Internship.

2000

Andreza Oikawa '00 has assumed the financing coordinator position with the Department of Paraná, State Industry Federation in Brazil. Oikawa's responsibilities include attracting bank investments and monetary funds.

Stephanie Woodhead BS '86, JD '00, co-authored "Investing in an Investigator," published in the *Daily Journal* in January. Woodhead specializes in fraud, entertainment, and employment cases as an investigator with Applied Facts.

2001

Amy Ross '01 has been promoted to partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP and is a member of the firm's securities litigation and regulatory enforcement group. She focuses her practice on the representation of public companies, directors, and officers in securities class actions, Securities and Exchange Commission and Department of Justice investigations, and enforcement actions.

2002

Dawn Balzarano '02 joined Hanson Bridgett LLP's real estate and construction practice. **Travis Barrick '02** is running for attorney general of Nevada as the Republican candidate. The election is Nov. 2.

Elizabeth Hall '02 has joined Khorrami Pollard & Abir LLP in Los Angeles as an associate. Hall, who previously worked with Beverly Hills Law Associates, focuses on consumer fraud and wage-and-hour class actions.

Krista Mitzel '02 has established a management-side employment law and human resources consulting firm with several other attorneys. The Mitzel Group represents clients in employment litigation and before government agencies, and partners with companies on all aspects of employee relations.

Veneta Zaharieva LLM '02 was featured on Photographers Speak, a blog that profiled her photography and its cultural and personal influences. In 2009, Zaharieva received the Gold Award in the *B&W* magazine Single Image Contest.

2003

Loretta James '03 joined Hanson Bridgett LLP's real estate and construction practice.

Alexa Koenig '03 authored "Prohibition's Pending Demise: Internet Gambling & United States Policy" (*University of Pittsburgh Journal of Technology Law & Policy*, 2009).

Elisa Rhein Marcaletti '03 has been promoted to partner at Phillips, Spallas & Angstadt LLP. Marcaletti, who joined the firm in 2003, focuses on litigation defense in the areas of real property, landlord-tenant, premises liability, and personal injury disputes.

2004

Jeanna Steele '04, an associate at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, and her colleague Elena Kouwabina won asylum for an Arab Israeli woman from East Jerusalem threatened with a "honor killing" for refusing to enter an arranged marriage and becoming pregnant with another man's child. In this pro bono case, Steele and Kouwabina represented Soraida Azzouni who was granted asylum by the San Francisco Immigration Court due to her past persecution and fear of future harm if she were forced to return to her homeland.

2005

Brian Mitchell Davis BS '02, JD '05, has joined Gromet & Associates as a partner/shareholder.

2006

Anna Ciesielski '06, Elisabeth Hanowsky '07, Amy Lifson-Leu '08, Danielle Tizol '08, and Brahmani Houston '10 worked with the Frank C. Newman International Human Rights Law Clinic on a petition before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR). The clinic raised the issue of death row phenomena as a violation of various treaties and declarations on behalf of an inmate at San Quentin who has been on death row for 18 years without a hearing for his first appeal. In March, the IACHR ruled that the petitioner does not have to exhaust domestic remedies to raise the claim that the long delays on death row constitute torture because there are none readily available to him under the procedures that exist in the United States.

2007

Ifeoma Ajunwa '07 authored the Right Respect blog posting "Haiti is Not Forgotten: The Need for Innovative and Sustainable Approaches to Humanitarian Relief and Economic Development" and "In Honor of Earth Day: Burn for Clean Alternative Energy," published on the Coffeehouse Talks website. Ajunwa is a PhD student in sociology at Columbia University.

Whitney McCollum '07 recently co-authored "A Statistical Analysis of Trade Secret Litigation in Federal Courts" with her colleagues from O'Melveny & Myers LLP. The article was published in the *Gonzaga Law Review Journal*.

Kristofer B. Motola '07 is an associate in the corporate practice group at the San Francisco office of Shepard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP. His practice areas include mergers and acquisitions and corporate law.

2008

Cynthia G. Der '08 has launched Align Family Law, a solo practice

located in San Francisco. She specializes in child custody and support, divorce, property division, spousal support, and marital agreements.

John Hamasaki '08 has opened The Law Office of John Hamasaki, a solo criminal defense practice in San Francisco.

Nicole Skibola '08 and Amol Mehra '09 have created the nonprofit Right Respect to foster dialogue about the intersection of business and human rights.

Raj Virk '08 won the William J. Clinton Fellowship for Service in India, which is administered by the India-America Foundation. Fellows work with NGOs throughout India.

2009

May Chang '09 was interviewed by *7 On Your Side* with Michael Finney for her work with the Investor Justice Clinic.

Abbey Glenn '09 was profiled in the *Daily Journal's* "Deferred but Not Deterred."

Amol Mehra '09 authored "Bridging Accountability Gaps—the Proliferation of Private Military and Security Companies and Ensuring Accountability for Human Rights Violations," published in the *Pacific McGeorge Global Business & Development Law Journal*.

Alex Tuzin '09 authored the blog posting "The Battle Over Generic Drugs Destined for the Developing World" on Right Respect. He also published an article in the *Loyola University Chicago International Law Review* on Vietnam's eligibility for U.S. Generalized Systems of Preferences trade benefits.

2010

Robert Foss JD/MBA '10, Lani Virostko '10, and Alexandra Wong '10 assisted Professor Connie de la Vega and Director of Human Rights Programs Michelle Leighton prepare an amicus brief for the U.S. Supreme Court case *Graham v. Florida*. The court cited de la Vega and Leighton's research in its ruling that juvenile life without parole (JLWOP) sentences are unconstitutional when murder has not been committed. **Angela Fitzsimons '05, Patricia Fullinwider '06, Elisabeth**

Hanowsky '07, Nicole Skibola '08, Marie Montesano '09, and Amanda Solter '09 also reported on JLWOP at U.N. meetings and helped develop language for resolutions that were cited in de la Vega and Leighton's brief.

Matthew C. Lewis '10 authored the comment "Thirsty for Change: Desalination as a Practical and Environmentally Friendly Answer to California's Growing Water Shortage," published in the *University of San Francisco Law Review*.

Allison M. Low '10 authored the *University of San Francisco Law Review* comment "Designing a Constitutional Ruse Drug Checkpoint: What Does the Fourth Amendment Really Protect?"

Brian C. McComas '10 published "Article III by Default: Constitutional Requirements for the Capital Prosecution of Unprivileged Enemy Belligerents" in the *University of San Francisco Law Review*.

Christine Moore '10 authored the *University of San Francisco Law Review* article "The PDA Fails to Deliver: Why Nalco and Wallace Cannot Coexist, and a New Standard for Defining Related Medical Condition."

Jessica Morreale '10 published "Dr. Cafta: The Siren Song for Improved Labor Standards for Haitians in the Dominican Republic" in the *University of San Francisco Law Review*.

Elissa Stone '10 authored "How the Family and Medical Leave Act Can Offer Protection to Domestic Violence Victims in the Workplace," published in the *University of San Francisco Law Review*.

Vanessa L. Williams JD/MBA '10 authored the survey "Recent Maritime Decisions Within the Ninth Circuit Region" with Daniel O. Ajeigbe 3L, Chad M. Jaben 3L (JD/MBA), David R. Montano 3L, and Matt Upton 3L, published in the *University of San Francisco Maritime Law Journal*.

In Memoriam

We announce with sadness the passing of:

William Bennett '46
February 2010

Hon. Joseph Desmond '51
August 2010

Donald Milton Logan '51
June 2010

Hon. John Boskovich BS '50, JD '53
January 2010

Hon. John J. Bible '59
May 2010

William Joseph Hoy '61
July 2010

Marchmont James Schwartz BS '63, JD '66
March 2010

Rita F. Gilmore '79
June 2010

C. Judith Johnson '82
March 2010

Tyrone Clayton Brown '85
April 2010

Harry Weininger '88
May 2010

Erik Fitzpatrick '11
May 2010

It is with great sadness that the USF School of Law announces the passing of School of Business and Professional Students Professor and former Associate Dean Eugene Muscat, a friend and strong supporter of the law school. The law school extends its deepest sympathy to Professor Muscat's family.

ALUMNI BOOK REVIEW

Alumna's New Novel Details Drama of Drug Courts

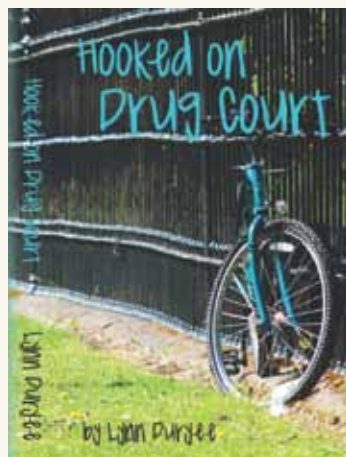
BY LARRY TOWNSEND '79

Lynn Duryee '79, a Superior Court judge in Marin County, has penned a wonderfully entertaining novel, *Hooked on Drug Court*, packed with real and memorable characters, biting humor, and striking insights into the relationship between drug court and divorce court.

The story revolves around a 15-year-old girl named Andy who is whip-smart, vulnerable, sensitive, full of attitude, and who's discovered drugs as the best way to manage all the conflicting directions she feels pulled. No surprise, she holds a lot of anger that's scattershot at pretty much everything around her, but mostly at her parents who, it just so happens, have been going through a long and ugly breakup. The story opens:

Of all the places to wake up, Juvie is the worst. I got my bony white butt thrown in here for the weekend so I could "think about my life," which is the lamest thing ever. There's no way you can think when you're locked in a cell with pink-streaked floors, puke green walls, and the nonstop roar of TV sports.

Then we meet Andy's father, Bryan, newly remarried. Bryan comes across as completely sympathetic, unlike his ex who is a proper lawyer highly trained at bringing against Bryan a constant onslaught of motions, petitions, OSC's, invasive demands for accounting, and what otherwise might be described as a "Gitmo-style" practice inside the walls of the family courts. Or so it seems Bryan is the



victim until a clearer picture emerges of his role in Andy's self-destructive behavior.

One of the most surprising and endearing characters in the book is Judge Strathmore Reed Jr. who, practically kicking and screaming like a petulant teenager himself, is forced to take over drug court by his presiding judge. It turns out that maybe Reed has been too quick to pass judgment on the kids in drug court, who they are, where they come from, and what exactly their problem is. Reed hails from a well-heeled, blueblooded background (family events in the presence of his imperial and snobbish

mother are a scream, not to be missed). The judge, who is widowed, falls for an enchantress whose charms he finds so intoxicating it's as if someone removed the tamper-proof cap and managed to put arms and legs on a... well, you get the idea. By the time all the evidence is in, Reed has been forced to do some painful but highly instructive homework of his own, much the way he has been tasking his drug-court kids.

Duryee has written two books published by the California Judges Association (CJA) consisting of collections of her insightful, often humorous essays for her popular column in the CJA newsletter, typically covering the very human and often humbling aspects of being a judge. A novel, of course, demands that a writer stretch her imaginative powers so as to better pack the kind of narrative and revelatory snap, crackle, and pop that fiction readers crave. *Hooked On Drug Court* delivers all the kicks. [USF]

Change is in the Air



BY PATRICIA K. GILLETTE '76

Change is in the air: change in the way work gets done, in the way performance is measured, and in the way law firms interact with their clients. But how does this square with the psyche of lawyers who live their lives relying on precedent and tradition? Why change what has worked for all these years? The answer lies in the arrival on the law firm scene of Dr. Doolittle’s fictional animal, the “pushme-pullyou”: Generation Y lawyers are pushing and Baby Boomers are pulling. And right in the middle are the law firms, slowly but steadily, moving into a new era.

Generally, Gen Y includes those born between 1978 and 1994. This generation is nearly the size of the Baby Boomers and, like the Baby Boomers, they have become a force to be reckoned with in the workplace.

What we know about Gen Y’ers is that they are willing to trade money for time; they want life balance; they are committed to social causes and volunteering; and they want to do interesting, fast-paced work, preferably with their friends. As these attorneys entered large law firms, interesting statistics began to emerge: 78 percent of associates were leaving before their fifth year of practice. They weren’t leaving because they were asked to, but because they had paid off their law school debts and they were looking for “greener pastures” or anything other than practicing law.

Finally some law firms woke up and realized that this turnover of highly paid attorneys in whom the law firm had invested time and money was not a good thing. They began to admit that Gen Y values were inconsistent with the traditional law firm structure—where success is measured by the billable hour and progress is tracked by year out of law school; where the best and the brightest are often holed up in rooms doing document reviews on large cases, never seeing any clients, much less a courtroom; where the reward for making partner is more work. This caused some firms to reconsider whether the traditional work structure still made sense.

But this epiphany was not solely due to the Gen Y phenomena. As it turns out, the Gen Y perspective bears an uncanny resemblance to that of the Baby Boomers, who are now running law firms. Contrary to their younger days, Baby Boomers are also willing to trade money for time. They can’t or don’t want to retire, but they want to slow down; they want time to enjoy the money they have earned; they want to give back to their communities; and, as they wind up their careers, they want to do interesting work with friends.

It is these shared characteristics between the bookends of the law firm community that is a primary driver of the change in the way law firms are run.

As part of this facelift, firms, mine included, are investing in an infrastructure: outsourcing work, project management, and meaningful performance feedback. Firms are also investing in their associates: defining the competencies that are expected and measuring performance by those competencies, tying compensation to merit, not year out of law school; rewarding associates for efficient, productive work, not simply billable hours; recognizing partners who embrace diversity, teamwork and life balance; using alternative billing arrangements to partner with their clients; and ditching the career ladder in favor of a career lattice that allows for variations and different career paths.

Some think the changes in law firm structure are a flash in the pan or a reaction to the economic times. Not so. The “pushme-pullyou” may move slowly and sometimes even reluctantly, but it will continue to move forward. This animal—fictional or not—isn’t going away. [USF]

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When Judge John Bible died in May 2010, he left a distinguished legacy of service: He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and later, after graduating with a BS and a JD from USF, served as a superior court judge for more than two decades.

Now, his legacy of service includes significant support of the law students at the University of San Francisco. By designating USF in his will and establishing a charitable gift annuity that paid him quarterly income and provided substantial tax deductions while he was alive, Judge Bible will have an important impact on the law school for years to come.

“I always planned to support the School of Law through my will,” he said when he established his planned gift to USF. “But when I learned of the benefits of the USF Charitable Gift Annuity, I decided it would enable me to support a scholarship for the law school. USF still gets the assets I intend for it to get when I die, but I receive a variety of benefits while I am living.”

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Immigrant Experiences Explored

The exhibit “Those Among Us,” on display in Kendrick Hall’s second floor rotunda this fall, showcases work by photojournalist Peter Kupfer. “Those Among Us” is curated by Saiko Matsumaru.

Kupfer captures a broad range of immigrant experiences in his photographs. In the piece “Chinatown,” a senior man stands on the side of a busy street in San Francisco’s Chinatown. “On the Stoop” features a woman and three small children sitting in a doorway.

“The photographs in this exhibit invite us to get to know our immigrant neighbors and our own immigrant past,” Professor Bill Ong Hing said in a statement on immigration included in the exhibit.

“When I meet and speak with immigrants—documented and undocumented—I find decent, hard-working folks who have traveled to join relatives or to work, or, in the case of refugees, fled here seeking freedom.... If we were in their shoes—in fact, many of our parents or grandparents were in their shoes—I am confident that we would want to be treated with simple, human respect.”