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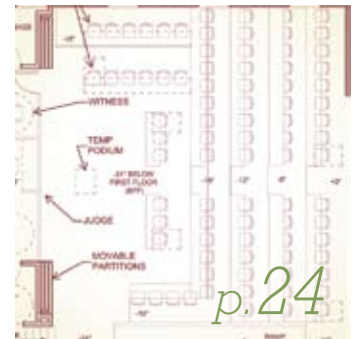
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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



For UC Davis School of Law, 2010-11 was nothing less than an amazing year.

The sense of excitement surrounding King Hall and the remarkable talents of our faculty, students, and alumni continued to grow, as did the recognition across the nation and around the world of our accomplishments and upward trajectory. We are a law school on the rise,

and I know that with the support of our King Hall community, we will achieve even greater things in the years to come.

The past 12 months brought many milestones, including the first classes in the King Hall building's new east wing, another increase—this time to 23rd—in our *U.S. News & World Report* rankings, the investiture of our alumna **Tani Cantil-Sakauye '84** as Chief Justice of California, the hosting of the California Attorney General candidates' debate and oral arguments of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in our new **Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom**, the addition of three distinguished professors—**Angela Harris** from UC Berkeley, **Ashutosh Bhagwat** from Hastings, and **Gabriel "Jack" Chin** from the University of Arizona—to our already excellent faculty, and much more.

Now, we are building upon these successes so that we may serve our students, community, nation, and world even more successfully. We are embarked on exciting and ambitious new initiatives such as the **California Environmental Law and Policy Center**, which under the direction of distinguished environmental law scholar **Richard Frank '74** will capitalize on our legacy of excellence in environmental law, consolidate our efforts in the field, and address some of the most pressing

legal problems of our time as we train the next generation of environmental law leaders. We are forging deep and broad new partnerships with law schools in China, Europe, and South America, enhancing and investing in our **Financial Aid** and **Career Services** programs, broadening our alumni outreach, working to renovate the "old" King Hall to complement the new, state-of-the-art expansion wing, and redoubling our efforts to promote diversity and support public service.

Every day, in countless ways, we are attaining new levels of excellence, and with the continued help of all who are connected with King Hall, I know our best days are yet to come. The challenges ahead are no doubt formidable. We need to fully fund the renovation phase of our building project so that we may provide a complete facility befitting UC Davis School of Law's status as one of the nation's premier law schools. We must increase our support for student scholarships in order to offset rising fees, continue to attract the best and brightest students, and ensure that a King Hall education remains available to all deserving students, regardless of socioeconomic background. We must promote and reward outstanding scholarship in order to continue to retain and improve our already outstanding faculty. Working together with all of you, we will achieve these lofty goals, and many more.

Thank you for believing in UC Davis School of Law! We are proud to have you as part of our community, and hope that we are making you proud of what is happening at your King Hall.

Kevin R. Johnson

Dean and Mabie-Apallas Professor of Public Interest Law and Chicana/o Studies

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR



photo: KARIN HIGGINS

As Chancellor of UC Davis, I am proud to be associated with a law school distinguished by innovative thinking, a commitment to public service, and a deep sense of community. Those qualities are what make UC Davis – and the School of Law – so exceptional.

UC Davis law faculty and students are among the very best in the nation and the world. In just four years, the Law School has moved from 44th to 23rd in the *U.S. News and World Report* rankings. It has been ranked 10th in the nation by the *Princeton Review* for the diversity of its faculty.

But rankings don't tell the real story of the law school's value to society. I have learned that the qualities that set King Hall apart from other top-ranked law schools are the same qualities that set UC Davis apart from other top-ranked universities. Its emphasis on public service and student engagement is unparalleled. King Hall is a place where great minds do great work—work that makes for a better life for countless others.

As Chancellor, I consider it a pleasure and a privilege to be part of the tradition of excellence at UC Davis School of Law. I look forward to working with the King Hall community to help the Law School to excel and prosper in the years to come.

Linda P.B. Katehi

Chancellor, University of California, Davis

NEWS & NOTES

UC DAVIS SCHOOL OF LAW JUMPS TO 23RD IN U.S. NEWS RANKINGS

UC Davis School of Law placed 23rd in the latest *U.S. News & World Report* rating of almost 200 American Bar Association-approved law schools. The rankings, which appear in the 2012 edition of “America’s Best Graduate Schools,” confirm UC Davis’ ascendance among the nation’s top law schools.

“At UC Davis School of Law, we have made great strides in recent years, and our strong showing in the *U.S. News* rankings represents a welcome confirmation that our progress is being recognized on a national level,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. “We are proud to be ranked as one of the nation’s top 25 law schools, and look forward to achieving even greater things in the years ahead.”

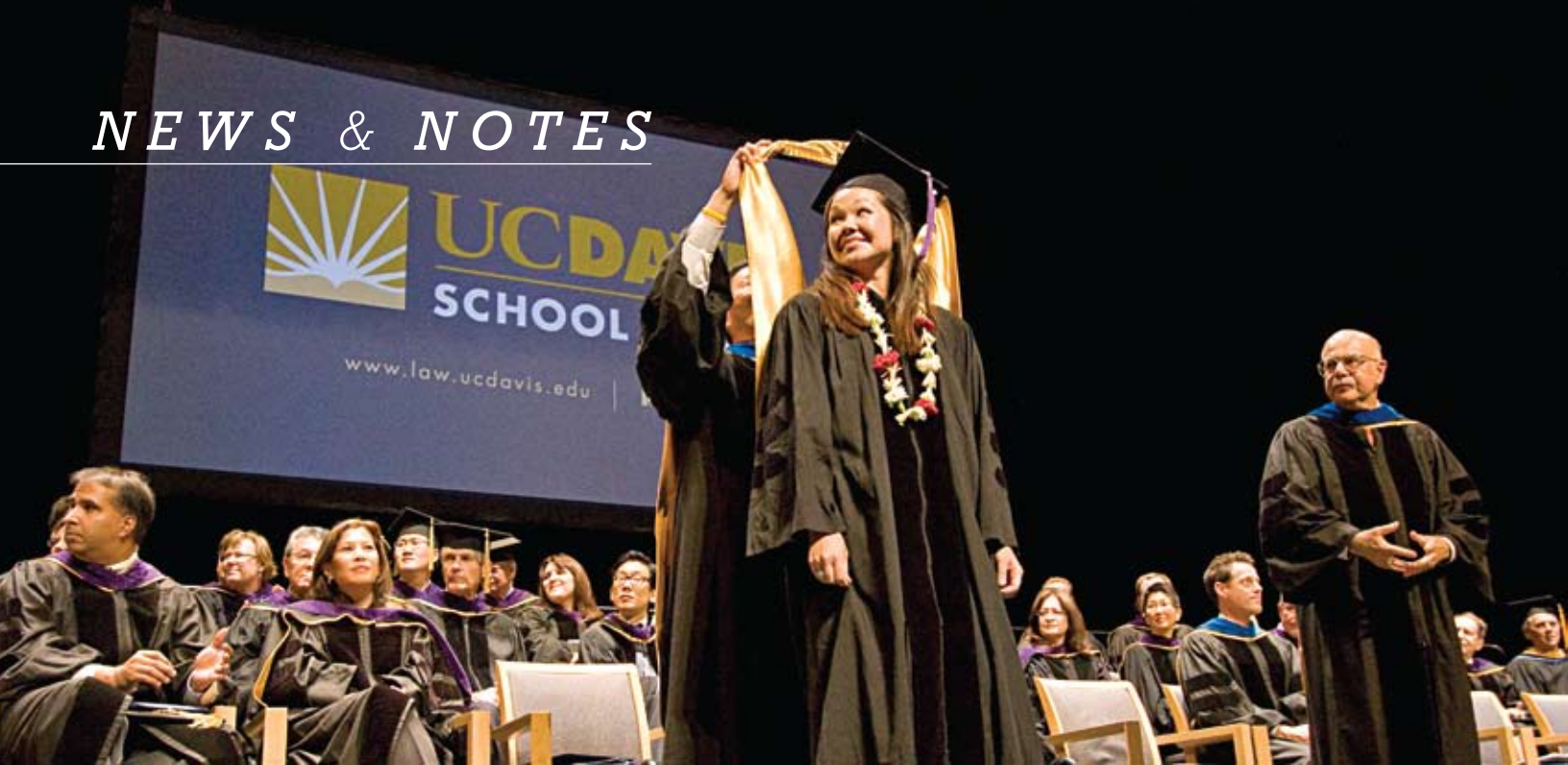
U.S. News has published annual rankings of American law schools since 1990. It is probably the most prominent—though oft-criticized—annual ranking and is considered widely influential among law students and employers. The UC Davis School of Law faculty was also rated 23rd in the most recent (2010) comprehensive faculty quality assessment undertaken by Brian Leiter, a law professor at the University of Chicago, whose periodic rating of law faculty productivity and influence is often regarded as the single most systematic evaluation of American law school quality. UC Davis also placed 23rd in the *U.S. News* 2012 ranking of “The Most Diverse Law Schools,” which measures student diversity.

UC Davis School of Law has in recent years made impressive strides in several areas that have contributed and will continue to contribute to its growing national reputation. The Law School recently completed a new wing for its Martin Luther King, Jr. Hall, including the state-of-the-art Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom, and is in the process of renovating the “old” King Hall, a construction project involving more than \$37 million in total. In addition, several distinguished senior faculty have moved to UC Davis from other outstanding universities, bolstering the Law School’s already strong faculty and reputation. Angela Harris from UC Berkeley, Ashutosh Bhagwat from UC Hastings, and Gabriel “Jack” Chin from the University of Arizona have joined UC Davis for the current academic year, joining Mario Biagioli from Harvard University, Miguel Méndez from Stanford University, Leticia Saucedo from University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Richard Frank from UC Berkeley, and Dennis Ventry, Jr. from American University as recent additions.

Because the criteria used by *U.S. News* can generate significant fluctuations from year to year, it is important not to place undue emphasis on any given year’s performance in the survey, Johnson said. Still, the overall trend of increasing excellence and rising national prominence reflected in the rising *U.S. News* rankings exists independently of any ranking methodology, he added.

“These are exciting times at King Hall,” said Johnson. “We have a new building, outstanding faculty, and increasing national and international prominence. In just a little more than 40 years, UC Davis has become firmly established among the top echelon of American law schools, and we are determined to continue our upward trajectory for years to come.”





CHIEF JUSTICE TANI CANTIL-SAKAUYE '84 DELIVERS 2011 COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye '84

Ceremony on May 13 at the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts. The event also featured remarks from Dean Kevin R.

Chief Justice of California Tani Cantil-Sakauye '84 delivered an inspiring Commencement Address and Camille Papini-Chapla '11 was presented with the Law School Medal for academic achievement at the UC Davis School of Law 2011 Commencement

Johnson, UC Davis Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Ralph J. Hexter, Professor Dennis J. Ventry, Jr., and student speaker Richard H. Nguyen '11. The Law School awarded 193 Juris Doctor and 17 Master of Laws degrees.

"Many congratulations on your accomplishments, and we look forward to everything you will accomplish in the next 50 years of your careers," Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye said in her address.

Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye spoke about her "personal compass," the values of hard work, honor, respect for community, giving back, and appreciation for opportunity she learned from her family of working-class immigrants, as well as her "professional compass" values of respect for the rule of law, the need for diversity, and the importance of pro bono work she learned from her teachers and mentors in the legal profession. The Chief Justice encouraged the Class of 2011 to develop their own "compasses" to provide guidance as they face the challenges ahead.

KING HALL RANKED AMONG TOP PUBLIC INTEREST LAW SCHOOLS

In a welcome recognition of UC Davis School of Law's status as one of nation's top public interest law schools, King Hall placed No. 16 in *preLaw* magazine's recent ranking of "Best Law Schools for Public Interest."

A total of 96 law schools were recognized in the rankings for their

commitment to public service. In order to qualify, law schools needed to have at least one public interest clinic, at least one faculty committee/administrator to oversee public interest, and a loan repayment assistance program. UC Davis School of Law more than meets these criteria, with four active clinics, four faculty members—

Dean Kevin R. Johnson, Associate Dean Vikram Amar, and Professors Margaret Johns and Leticia Saucedo—working to supervise public interest programs, and the recently expanded King Hall Loan Repayment Assistance Program, which was the first such program of its kind at a California law school.

RECOGNITION CELEBRATION HONORS PROFESSOR TANAKA, SCHOLARSHIP DONORS AND RECIPIENTS

Professor Clay Tanaka was presented with the William and Sally Rutter Distinguished Teaching Award and King Hall's 2010-11 scholarship donors and recipients were honored at the 32nd Annual Scholarship Recognition and Distinguished Teaching Award celebration on March 31, 2011. The event included tributes to Professor Tanaka from Dean Kevin R. Johnson and Senior Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Hollis Kulwin, as well as remarks from scholarship recipient Elica Vafaie '11.

Dean Johnson began the proceedings by honoring the King Hall Alumni Board members and scholarship donors who have supported excellence at UC Davis School of Law. Vafaie, the John F. Cheadle Memorial scholarship recipient, also took the opportunity to express her thanks to the private supporters who have made scholarships available to King Hall students. In relieving some of the financial burden of law school, the scholarship has freed her to become involved in the Law Review, the Immigration Law Clinic, and other organizations and activities.

"Scholarships and grants have given me the opportunity to give back to my community, which is the reason I came to law school," said Vafaie.

"I want to really thank the donors for allowing us to thrive at King Hall."

Dean Kulwin spoke about Professor Tanaka's "consistently stellar"

student evaluations, his "engaging lectures in which he combines the required information with examples from his real-world experiences," and his "famous rolodex" containing names of judges and practitioners Professor Tanaka came to know in his 27 years working in the California Attorney General's Office. Professor Tanaka frequently draws upon his many contacts to bring guest speakers to his Legal Writing and Research course and also to assist students with



Professor Clay Tanaka and Dean Kevin R. Johnson

their job searches, she said.

Professor Tanaka accepted the award with humility, eloquence, and humor. "King Hall is a great law school, and my appreciation for it is even greater because I attended a different law school," he said. "I appreciate the collegiality, the friendliness, and sense of community. I think of my students like a part of my family. We have great students come to King Hall from all over, and I'm constantly reminded that in the blink of an eye they will become our future judges and legislators and community leaders," he said. "I want to say to you all: when you do, remember King Hall."

KING HALL JOINS UCDC LAW PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

A new externship program gives King Hall students the opportunity to see firsthand how laws are made and changed in the nation's capital.

The UCDC Law Program is a uniquely collaborative semester-long externship program in Washington, D.C. that combines a weekly seminar with full-time field placement to offer King Hall students an unparalleled opportunity to learn how federal statutes, regulations, and policies are made, changed, and understood in the nation's capital. Students are eligible for placement in congressional offices on Capitol Hill, the U.S. Department of Justice, regulatory agencies, advocacy nonprofits, and more.

"The UCDC program is a tremendous opportunity for King Hall students to learn the theory and practice of Washington lawyering," says Senior Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Hollis Kulwin. "It's a great fit for any student who wants to gain firsthand experience in the areas of public interest law and public policy."

Tiffany Lee '11 said that participating in the UCDC program was "the best decision I've made since I decided to come to law school."

The program currently includes law students from UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC Irvine, and UC Davis.





KING HALL COMMUNITY MOURNS PROFESSOR KEITH AOKI

Professor Keith Aoki died at the age of 55 on April 26, 2011 following a prolonged illness. A brilliant scholar, devoted teacher, and beloved colleague, Professor Aoki had a lasting, positive impact on faculty and students.

“Keith has touched our community in a special way, and he will be greatly missed,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson.

Professor Aoki earned a B.F.A. degree from Wayne State, as well as an M.A. in Fine Arts from Hunter College, and worked as an artist in New York City before attending Harvard Law School. In addition to his J.D. from Harvard, he earned an LL.M. from the University of Wisconsin Law School. He taught for more than a decade at the University of Oregon School of Law, where he was the Philip H. Knight Professor of Law, as well as Lewis & Clark, Columbia, and Boston College law schools before coming to King Hall as a visiting professor in 2006 and joining the faculty in 2007.

Professor Aoki was an accomplished and widely published scholar in civil rights, critical race theory, intellectual property, and local government law, and a member of the prestigious American Law Institute. He was also a musician and a gifted cartoonist who wrote legal articles and two books—*Bound by Law* and *Theft: A History of Music*, co-written with James Boyle and Jennifer Jenkins—in comic book form. Professor Aoki also authored *Seed Wars: Cases and Materials on Intellectual Property and Plant Genetic Resources*. He is survived by his wife, Mona, and nine-year-old twin daughters, Rachel and Sarah.

HALO AIDS VICTIMS OF KATRINA, DEEPWATER SPILL IN BILOXI

Students in the UC Davis School of Law Humanitarian Aid Legal Organization (HALO) traveled to Biloxi, Mississippi over the 2011 spring break to work on a variety of legal aid and community outreach projects benefitting victims of Hurricane Katrina and the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Students travelled to the impoverished Gulf Coast city, which had also been the destination of the HALO spring break legal aid trip in 2008. They worked with the Mississippi Center for Justice, which has been at the forefront of federal

and state policy battles to restore safe and affordable housing to Hurricane Katrina’s survivors and has initiated a number of policy campaigns to address the wide range of legal issues currently facing Mississippi residents.

HALO students worked to provide residents of Biloxi and neighboring communities with information about the settlement fund set up by British Petroleum to compensate victims of the oil spill, producing and distributing fliers and conducting follow-up interviews. They also prepared materials for a Mississippi

Center for Justice clinic on the Fair Housing Act, assisted with the federal Sustainable Communities Initiative study on food pricing, store locations, and transportation issues, helped to advocate for the reopening of an important, historically African American school, provided elderly residents with debt reduction advice, and helped Katrina victims acquire valid titles to their properties so that they would be eligible for government aid.



photo courtesy of HALO

IMMIGRATION CLINIC STUDENTS ACHIEVE VICTORY IN NINTH CIRCUIT

UC Davis School of Law students working under the direction of Immigration Law Clinic faculty achieved a stunning victory in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in a March 31, 2011 decision that sets a new standard of proof in bond hearings provided by immigration courts.

The client was assisted by Kelly Martin '11, Serena Salinas '12, and Scott Grzenczyk '11. Grzenczyk presented oral argument on behalf of a man who had been held in a remote detention center near Mojave, California for nearly four years and succeeded in winning a new bond hearing for him. The action came as a result of years of research and advocacy by students including Su Yon Yi '10, Layla Razavi '11, and Rachel Prandini '10 under the direction of Holly S. Cooper, a Lecturer with the Immigration Law Clinic.

In a unanimous decision, Judges Raymond C. Fisher, Jay S. Bybee, and Susan P. Graber held that the standard of proof in bond hearings should be clear and convincing evidence (a heightened standard required in most civil detention custody determinations) and required contemporaneous records of bond hearings be provided by the immigration courts.

ALUMNI HONORS

JUDGE FRANK OCHOA '75 HONORED AS 'HERO FOR JUSTICE'

Santa Barbara County Superior Court Judge Frank Ochoa '75 was honored at the Richard Goldman Heroes for Justice Awards Dinner in Santa Barbara on May 14, 2011 in an event organized by the Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County.

TOM STALLARD '75 RECEIVES McCUEN AWARD

Tom Stallard '75 received the prestigious Peter McCuen Award for Civic Entrepreneurship at the Sacramento Metro Chamber's 116th Annual Dinner and Business Awards on February 4, 2011. The award honors Stallard for his civic and community involvement. Stallard also has been selected by the Woodland City Council to fill a council seat left vacant following the retirement of Councilmember Jeff Monroe.

PHIL SATRE '75 INDUCTED INTO NEVADA BUSINESS HALL OF FAME

Phil Satre '75 has been recognized by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas College of Business as a 2011 inductee to the Nevada Business Hall of Fame. Satre served as chairman of the board of Harrah's Entertainment (now known as Caesar's Entertainment Corp.) and is chairman of the board for NV Energy and International Gaming Technology.

KARA UEDA '00, B.J. SUSICH '06 HONORED BY BUSINESS JOURNAL

Kara Ueda '00 and B.J. Susich '06 were named as winners of the *Sacramento Business Journal's* 2011 "40 Under 40" award at a celebration hosted by the publication on April 26, 2011 in Sacramento. The award honors Ueda, a partner at Best Best & Krieger and President-elect of the King Hall Alumni Association Board of Directors, and Susich, an attorney at Boutin Jones who has taught Accounting for Young Lawyers at King Hall, as being among the most talented young leaders in the Sacramento business community.

DAVID WALGREN '95 SECURES GUILTY VERDICT IN MICHAEL JACKSON MANSLAUGHTER TRIAL

Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney David Walgren '95 served as prosecutor in the involuntary manslaughter trial of a doctor charged in connection with the death of pop star Michael Jackson and succeeded in securing a guilty verdict in the highly publicized trial.

BOB BACON '76 HONORED WITH RHEINER AWARD

Bob Bacon '76 has been honored with the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco's Rheiner Award, which celebrates outstanding community service. The Bay Area attorney was praised for "his 20-year commitment to defending the most imperiled individuals in our legal system in death penalty appeals; for representing criminal defendants in state and Federal habeas corpus proceedings; and for his educational and activist efforts to end the death penalty through work with the Unitarian Universalists for Alternatives to the Death Penalty and other organizations."

STEVE MACHTINGER '74 CHAIRS BAY INSTITUTE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Steve Machtinger '74 has been appointed Chair of the Board of Directors of the Bay Institute, a leading Bay Area environmental organization. A resident of Tiburon, Machtinger has served on the board for five years. He is General Counsel of CODE Advisors, a strategic advisory firm focused on the digital media sector that has applied to the SEC for registration as a broker-dealer.

MARY SCOONOVER '87 RECEIVES DEFENDER OF THE TRUST AWARD

Mary Scoonover '87 received the Mono Lake Committee's Defender of the Trust award at the committee's Defender of the Trust weekend September 23-25, 2011. Scoonover is an attorney with Resources Law Group whose practice is devoted to complex natural resource management issues and conservation philanthropy. Scoonover is also chair of the California Environmental Law and Policy Center Advisory Board.

ROBERT A. BARTON '88 APPOINTED AS INSPECTOR GENERAL

Robert A. Barton '88 has been appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to lead the California Inspector General's Office overseeing the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Barton has been senior assistant inspector general in the office since 2005 and worked as a Kern County deputy district attorney.

photo: ROBERT DURELL



KING HALL HOSTS NINTH CIRCUIT

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit held oral arguments in the Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom on March 15, 2011, marking the first time a federal appeals court held a sitting in King Hall.

Law School faculty, students, and staff crowded into the courtroom to observe as Circuit Judges William A. Fletcher and Milan D. Smith, Jr., and United States District Judge George H. Wu, sitting by designation, heard arguments in cases involving immigration, asylum, water law, and state law matters. Many more students, staff, and faculty viewed the proceedings on video screens around King Hall.

Following the oral arguments and a brief recess, the judges participated in a question-and-answer session with students, speaking on differences in procedure between the California Courts of Appeal and the Ninth Circuit, the increased number of immigration cases on the Ninth Circuit docket, and best practices for oral arguments and briefs.

CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION STUDIES HOSTS 'BAYH-DOLE @ 30' CONFERENCE

Academic experts and industry leaders from UC Davis and around the world came together in King Hall April 29-30, 2011 for "Bayh-Dole @ 30," a conference exploring the ways in which intellectual property and patent law can maximize the economic and social benefits of technological innovation. The event was hosted by the UC Davis Center for Science and Innovation Studies (CSIS), UC Davis School of Law, the UC Davis Division of Social Sciences, and the UC Davis Science and Technology Studies Program.

Titled for the Bayh-Dole Act, the 1980 federal legislation that assigned intellectual property control to universities, businesses, and nonprofits for discoveries arising from government-funded research, the conference included remarks from King Hall faculty including Dean Kevin R. Johnson, Professor Mario Biagioli, Director of CSIS, and Professors Anupam Chander, Peter Lee, and Madhavi Sunder. Highlights of the event included a panel discussion of university patenting featuring Professor Biagioli and leading intellectual property and copyright scholar Pamela Samuelson.

IN BRIEF

FACULTY HONORS

DEAN JOHNSON NAMED AS KOREMATSU FELLOW

Dean Kevin R. Johnson has been named as one of 18 non-resident faculty fellows who will join the Seattle University School of Law's Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality as part of the center's "After Race" project, which will engage a set of questions centered on post-racialism.



PROFESSORS REYNOSO, FRANK SERVE ON ATTORNEY GENERAL TRANSITION TEAM

Professor Cruz Reynoso served on the transition team of California Attorney General Kamala Harris as a member of the Civil Rights panel, and Professor Richard Frank led Harris' Advisory Committee on the Environment.



REYNOSO FRANK

ASSOC. DEAN AMAR, PROFESSOR SAUCEDO ELECTED TO ALI

Associate Dean Vikram Amar and Professor Leticia Saucedo have been elected to the American Law Institute (ALI), joining



AMAR SAUCEDO

14 other King Hall faculty who are members of the prestigious institution.

PROFESSOR JOSLIN NAMED AMONG 'BEST LGBT LAWYERS UNDER 40'

Professor Courtney Joslin has been named by the National LGBT Bar Association as a recipient of the "Best LGBT Lawyers under 40 Award." The award recognizes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender legal professionals under the age of 40 who have distinguished themselves in their field and demonstrated a profound commitment to LGBT equality.



PROFESSOR IMWINKELRIED KEYNOTES EVIDENCE LAW CONFERENCE IN BEIJING

Professor Edward Imwinkelried traveled to Beijing in August 2011 to deliver a keynote address at the Third International Conference on Evidence Law and Science sponsored by China University of Political Science and Law. Attendees voted to establish the first permanent international evidence association, the International Association of Evidence Science, and



elected Professor Imwinkelried to its governing council.



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DR. IVES BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RAISES MONEY FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

Sunday, April 3, 2011 the King Hall Legal Foundation (KHLF) hosted its 33rd Annual Dr. Ives 5-on-5 basketball tournament. More than 100 students, staff, faculty, alumni, and friends of UC Davis School of Law came out for the event, a fundraiser for KHLF. In the thrilling final game, Team Briscoe defeated the three-time champion Tanakaholics with a final score of 53-33.

This year's event hosted the 2nd Annual Knock Out Tournament. Junei Chen '13 edged out Krista Della-Piana '12 to win the women's division. Assistant Dean for Career Services Craig Compton took the men's division. In the Faculty Knock

Out event, Professor Peter Lee beat out Clay Tanaka (2nd place) and Alan Brownstein (3rd place) to become the faculty Knock Out champion.

The Dr. Ives Basketball Tournament is named for Eric Iverson '79, who, according to Law School legend, jumped over three defenders to toss in a spectacular scoop shot at the buzzer to win the first tournament's championship game.

The King Hall Legal Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the access of underserved populations to the American legal system through the funding of projects proposed by King Hall students and support for students pursuing careers in the public interest law.

PROFESSOR LEE WINS SAMSUNG-STANFORD PATENT PRIZE

Professor Peter Lee was recognized as one of the winners of the inaugural Samsung-Stanford Patent Prize competition.

This competition, jointly sponsored by Samsung Electronics and Stanford Law School, awarded prizes for outstanding scholarship related to patent remedies.



PROFESSOR FRANK NAMED AS CALIFORNIA LAWYER ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR WINNER

Professor Richard Frank has been named as a winner of the 2011 California Lawyer Attorneys of the Year (CLAY) award by *California Lawyer* magazine in recognition of his role in convincing

the California Supreme Court to unanimously strike down an air district's 2004 approval of a plan to expand the ConocoPhillips oil refinery in Wilmington.



CAPALF, SALT HONOR PROFESSOR AOKI

The Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty (CAPALF) and Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) have created awards to honor the life and achievements of the late Professor Keith Aoki, who died April 26, 2011 following a prolonged illness. CAPALF has established a scholarship for students, the Professor Keith Aoki Asian Pacific American Jurisprudence Award, and SALT has

created an award for teachers, the Keith Aoki Mentoring Award.



CHILD ABDUCTION ARTICLE HONORED

"The Hague's Online Child Abduction Materials: A Trap for the Unwary," an article by Professor Emeritus Carol Bruch and Margeret Durkin, Head of Library Services at the school's Mabie Law Library,

has been selected as the American Bar Association's best family law article of the year.



BRUCH DURKIN

AMAGDA PÉREZ HONORED WITH DOLORES HUERTA, THON HY HUYNH AWARDS

Amagda Pérez, Director of the UC Davis School of Law Immigration Law Clinic and Executive Director of the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, has been honored with the North Valley Hispanic Chamber

of Commerce Dolores Huerta Award for Social Justice and the City of Davis' Thong Hy Huynh Memorial Award, which honors outstanding service in addressing human rights issues.



NEW FACULTY PROFILES

*From left to right:
Angela Harris
Gabriel "Jack" Chin
Ashutosh Bhagwat*





PROMINENT FACULTY FROM UC Berkeley, UC Hastings, & Arizona JOIN KING HALL

In a remarkable achievement for UC Davis School of Law, King Hall succeeded during the summer of 2011 in hiring three distinguished senior law professors: Angela Harris from UC Berkeley, Gabriel “Jack” Chin from the University of Arizona, and Ashutosh Bhagwat from Hastings. The outstanding new additions are part of a growing list of prominent faculty who have left well-regarded institutions including Harvard, Stanford, and Berkeley in recent years to join UC Davis School of Law.

“Each of the three standing alone is a great catch; getting all three is quite a coup,” Associate Dean Vikram Amar said of the new faculty.

Bhagwat, Chin, and Harris join several other distinguished faculty who have made a lateral move to UC Davis School of Law in recent years. Last year, intellectual property historian Mario Biagioli left Harvard University for UC Davis, immigration law scholar Leticia Saucedo came to King Hall from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and environmental law scholar Richard Frank joined the Law School from UC Berkeley. The previous year, Miguel Méndez left an endowed chair at Stanford Law School and tax law scholar Dennis Ventry, Jr. left American University’s Washington College of Law to come to King Hall.

Harris, who began teaching at UC Berkeley’s Boalt Hall in 1988, is one of the nation’s foremost scholars in the fields of critical race theory, feminist legal theory, and civil rights. Bhagwat, a tenured member of Hastings’ faculty for more than a decade, is an innovative, broad-ranging, and widely published constitutional law scholar. Chin, who held the Chester H. Smith Professor of Law Chair at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, is a prolific and much-cited criminal and immigration law scholar whose work has addressed many of the most pressing social issues of our time.

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“We are thrilled to welcome Professors Bhagwat, Chin, and Harris to UC Davis School of Law,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. “The fact that three such accomplished senior faculty would choose to come to King Hall is surely a reflection of our rising status among the top American law schools, as well as an indication that we will continue our upward trajectory for years to come.”

Professor Madhavi Sunder, who served as Appointments Committee Chair, described Harris as “a paradigm-shifting thinker who has always been on the cutting edge” and “perhaps *the* star in critical race theory.” And of Chin, Sunder said: “He is incredibly prolific, and is a scholar who has had a real impact on legal reform. As a public law school, we pride ourselves on being engaged in addressing the most vexing legal questions facing society, and he really fits in with that.”

Brian Leiter, the University of Chicago law professor whose annual ranking of law faculty is one of the main rivals to the yearly *U.S. News* rankings, observed in his Law School Reports blog entry at a time when the Harris and Bhagwat acceptances, but not Chin’s decision, were public: “Impressive for Davis to have pulled off two such senior hires in a single year, and let alone under these economic conditions!” Leiter also noted that “both Bhagwat and Harris are past recipients of their schools’ ‘Teacher of the Year’ awards.”

Commenting on the process of recruiting these new faculty members, Professor Sunder said, “Davis has gained a reputation as a place that is producing relevant, cutting-edge scholarship in a collegial environment, and in a community that is a wonderful place to live. It’s being recognized that we have the whole package, and that has enabled us to bring in senior faculty from many great places, including Harvard, Stanford, and Berkeley.”

Harris said that the presence of Dean Kevin R. Johnson was a major factor in her deciding to make the move to Davis. “I’ve known him and admired his intellectual accomplishments for a long time, but it seems to me he has also become a really astute leader,” she said. “The love that he has for Davis was very evident in my discussions with him, and he was very persuasive that it was time to make a change.”

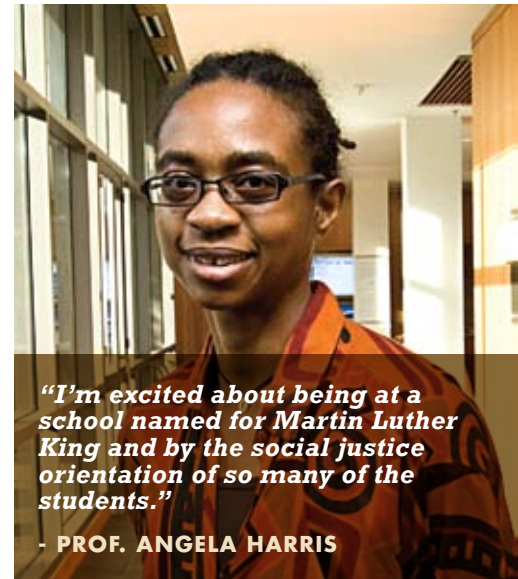
Harris said she was also impressed with the King Hall students, and felt that the UC Davis campus, with its excellence in agriculture and life sciences, would be an ideal place to pursue her growing interest in the law and culture of food.

“I think right now UC Davis School of Law is a very exciting place to be,” said Bhagwat. “There’s a vibe and a buzz. It’s a school on the move. There’s a lot of intellectual excitement, and there are a lot of people on the faculty, including the Constitutional Law faculty, who just do amazing work. I really wanted to be their colleague, and I’m excited about working with them.”

Bhagwat plans to continue his research in the area of free speech and the political process. “I’m also becoming more and more interested in the interface between speech and religion, and the role of religion in the political process,” he said. “Part of the reason I wanted to come to UC Davis is to have the opportunity to work with Alan Brownstein, one of the preeminent experts in the country on the subject. I view that as a real opportunity.”

Chin is also excited about working with King Hall faculty and students. “There were a number of reasons for my interest in UC Davis, but the most critical were the quality and diversity of the faculty and student body, as well as the public interest orientation of the school,” he said. “Also, there are a number of people here, including Dean Kevin Johnson, who are interested in immigration, race, and law, and a distinguished criminal law group.”

Chin has plans to continue and expand his scholarly work on race, immigration, and law in coming years, and hopes to complete a long-planned book on Asian Americans and the law. He also plans to build on his previous work regarding the collateral consequences of criminal conviction, which includes an article that repeatedly was cited by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Padilla v. Kentucky*, the landmark 2009 decision holding that deportation is a collateral consequence of criminal conviction. He plans to continue his exploration of constitutional issues related to state immigration laws such as Arizona’s controversial S.B. 1070, among other projects. ■



GOING GLOBAL: **UC Davis School of Law** PARTNERS WITH **Top Law School** IN China

As part of the increasing international profile of UC Davis School of Law, King Hall is expanding its partnership with a top Chinese law school, helping Chinese scholars and students understand U.S. law, and paving the way for change in China's legal system.

As China seeks to modernize and adapt its legal system to an increasingly international economy, faculty and students from China's largest law school are turning to UC Davis School of Law for the expertise they need. The rapidly expanding partnership between King Hall and the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) is providing Chinese legal scholars with advanced perspectives on the U.S. legal system and international law while offering UC Davis law faculty and students invaluable opportunities to learn about China and its evolving legal system.

"This is an exciting time of increasing cultural and economic

exchange between China and the United States, and UC Davis School of Law is proud to be playing an important role in this process," said Dean Kevin R. Johnson.

Building on connections first made six years ago by Dean Rex Perschbacher, Professor Daniel L. Simmons, and International Law Programs Executive Director Beth Greenwood, King Hall is hosting increasing numbers of CUPL faculty and students as China seeks to develop a legal system that incorporates the best of Chinese cultural, historical, and civil law traditions with legal ideas, approaches, and methodologies from the common law legal system. UC Davis School of Law, long a leader in international and comparative law, offers Chinese scholars and practitioners the opportunity to acquire new knowledge and approaches that will shape the Chinese legal system while sharing their expertise with the members of the King Hall community.

During the summer of 2010, King Hall hosted 38 CUPL

undergraduate and graduate students for a three-week educational program on the U.S. legal system. In 2011, the successful summer program expanded and UC Davis School of Law hosted 62 CUPL students and four CUPL faculty for a special four-week program taught by UC Davis faculty. Students learned about many aspects of the U.S. legal system including constitutional law, torts, civil procedure, ethics, conflict of laws, and many other subjects.

Over the course of the past year, CUPL Professors Li Ling Yue and Jinxi Wang visited UC Davis School of Law, working with King Hall faculty to increase their understanding of the U.S. legal system.

Professor

Yue, a Fulbright Scholar, spent the year researching the criminal justice system, working closely with Professor Floyd Feeney, an internationally recognized criminal procedure expert.

Professor

Jinxi Wang, who leads a cutting-

edge Forensics Evidence Center at CUPL, spent the year working with Professor Edward Imwinkelried, a world-renowned expert on forensics scientific evidence.

In November 2011, King Hall hosted a CUPL delegation for a visit that included the signing by UC Davis Chancellor Linda Katehi and CUPL President Jin Huang of an agreement to form a new strategic partnership between the law schools. The partnership involves a series of legal research and educational initiatives, including faculty and student exchanges, joint research, a new Ph.D. summer program, a collaboration with CUPL's China/European Union Comparative Law Program, a new intellectual property certificate program hosted at CUPL's Beijing campus, and a joint LL.M. program. The chancellor and Dean Johnson have been invited to attend CUPL's 60th Anniversary Celebration in Beijing in 2012, and Dean Johnson has been asked to give a presentation about U.S. legal education. ■



CUPL students and faculty on the steps of King Hall in Summer 2011

Environmental LAW

at KING HALL

A TRADITIONAL STRENGTH,
A NEW BEGINNING



In July 1969, as the modern environmental movement was being born, the new law school at UC Davis was uniquely positioned to become a powerhouse in the emerging field of environmental law.

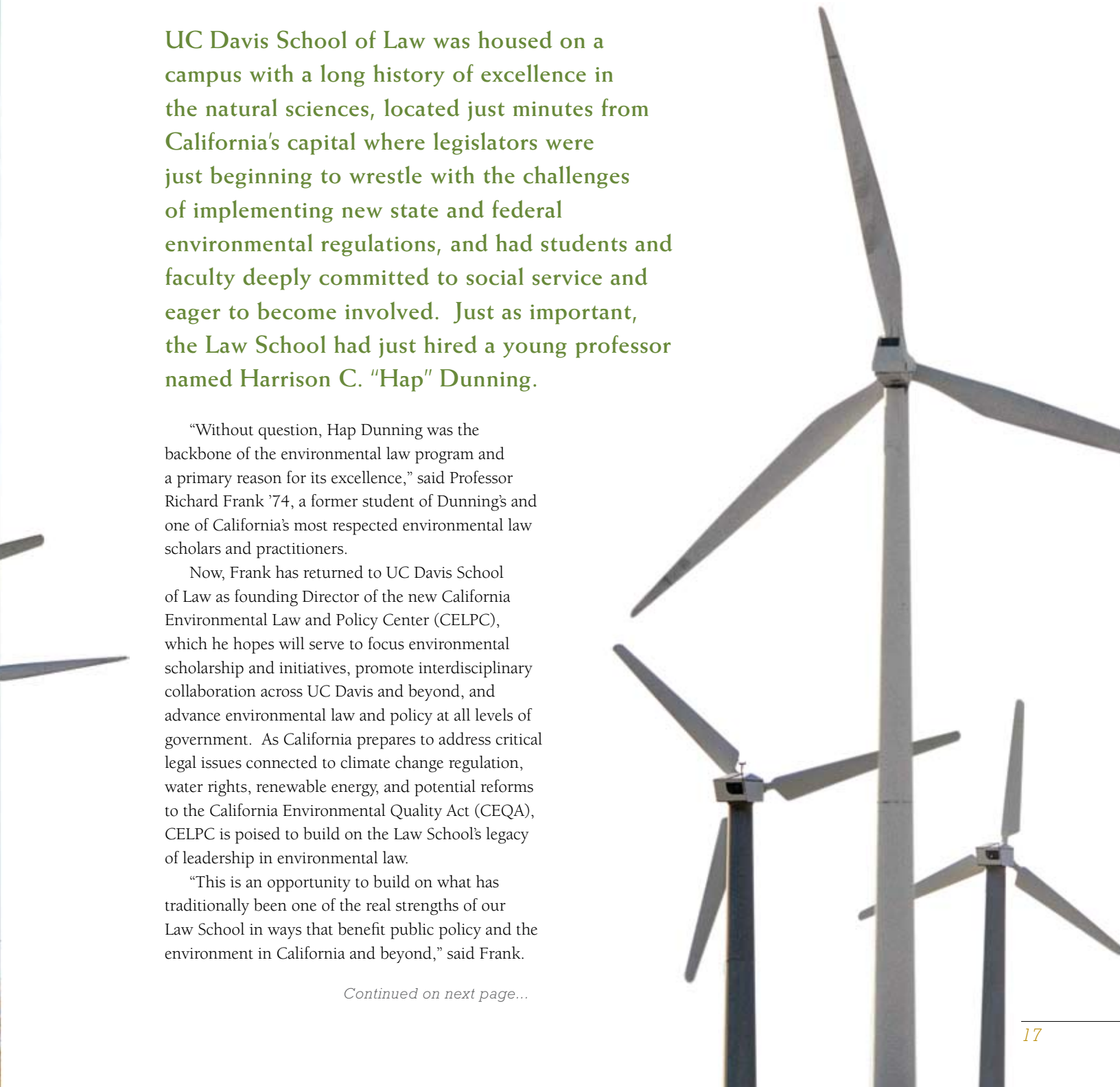
UC Davis School of Law was housed on a campus with a long history of excellence in the natural sciences, located just minutes from California's capital where legislators were just beginning to wrestle with the challenges of implementing new state and federal environmental regulations, and had students and faculty deeply committed to social service and eager to become involved. Just as important, the Law School had just hired a young professor named Harrison C. "Hap" Dunning.

"Without question, Hap Dunning was the backbone of the environmental law program and a primary reason for its excellence," said Professor Richard Frank '74, a former student of Dunning's and one of California's most respected environmental law scholars and practitioners.

Now, Frank has returned to UC Davis School of Law as founding Director of the new California Environmental Law and Policy Center (CELPC), which he hopes will serve to focus environmental scholarship and initiatives, promote interdisciplinary collaboration across UC Davis and beyond, and advance environmental law and policy at all levels of government. As California prepares to address critical legal issues connected to climate change regulation, water rights, renewable energy, and potential reforms to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CELPC is poised to build on the Law School's legacy of leadership in environmental law.

"This is an opportunity to build on what has traditionally been one of the real strengths of our Law School in ways that benefit public policy and the environment in California and beyond," said Frank.

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The Ground Floor

A native of Philadelphia, Dunning arrived at UC Davis in July 1969 with a bachelor's degree in Government from Dartmouth, an LL.B. from Harvard, and four years of experience teaching in Ethiopia. Assigned to teach Property Law, Agricultural Law, and Water Law, Dunning also found himself appointed by founding Dean Edward Barrett to lead a Student-Faculty Task Force on the Environment formed to support a grant application to the Ford Foundation for money to found an environmental law program.

The application was unsuccessful, but student and faculty enthusiasm for environmental law remained high, Dunning recalled, so that when he approached Barrett with the idea of teaching environmental law, the dean was receptive. The result was the Davis Program in Law and Environment, a non-curricular program that brought speakers to King Hall, organized conferences and summer research for students, and established a first-year elective course in Contemporary Legal Problems, a section of which was taught by Dunning and focused on environmental law.

"This was really the ground floor," said Dunning. "The National Environmental Policy Act had just been enacted in the fall of 1969, and the California Environmental Quality Act came along shortly after. My students got a big dose of NEPA and CEQA, and we started an externship program as well as an environmental law moot court competition, which was enormously popular with students."

Student Enthusiasm

Student enthusiasm for environmental law was key to the success of the program, Dunning said. "There was always considerable student interest," he said. "It was a time of social upheaval and student activism on a number of fronts, including civil rights, Vietnam, and women's rights, and many students were also passionately concerned about environmental issues."

One such student was Edwin Wilson '72, who helped to found the Environmental Law Society in 1971 and served as its first chair. Wilson said that at the time he experienced a "sudden realization" that the natural resources he'd taken for granted growing up in heavily forested Plumas County, California were at risk. "We decided to try to get some people together to talk about what was at risk, try to create awareness, and see if we could come up with some ideas about what could be done," said Wilson, who now practices natural resources law in Healdsburg. "Going into law school, I had no concept of environmental law. As it turned out, that has been where I have spent my career, trying to preserve the natural resources I love so that my children and grandchildren can enjoy them. I will give a lot of the credit for that to Hap."

In 1977, King Hall students led by Sam Imperati '79 and Kathryn Beaumont '79 founded *Environs: Environmental Law & Policy Journal*. "A group of us were talking one day and realized there could be an alternative to the traditional law review, one that focused on environmental issues and published on a more regular basis—every few months rather than once a year—in order to capitalize on new developments and current news," said Imperati. "That was the genesis of *Environs*."

Imperati, who now operates a mediation service in Portland, Oregon where he often works to resolve environmental law disputes involving state and federal agencies, said that students were aware that environmental law presented a unique opportunity for UC Davis School of Law.

"Davis, given its proximity to the state capital and its status as a land grant university with a strength in natural sciences, seemed to be the perfect constellation of factors where these issues could be explored from the multidisciplinary levels of policy, law, and science," said Imperati. "It seemed like a great opportunity for us to distinguish ourselves as a law school and to continue to put King Hall on the map."



The Public Trust Doctrine and Mono Lake

In addition to his work with students, Dunning distinguished himself as a scholar, particularly with regard to the establishment of the public trust doctrine as a key principle in California environmental law.

While teaching Property Law in his early years at King Hall, Dunning studied the 1971 California Supreme Court decision in *Marks v. Whitney*, a case involving public access to tidelands in

Tomales Bay. The Court's decision relied upon the public trust doctrine—the idea that certain natural resources such as navigable waters and their shorelines must be accessible to public use—and held that the government's

"Hap Dunning deserves a lot of credit for calling our attention to what was then a relatively little known area of law. He is the environmental law icon at King Hall."

- Edwin Wilson '72
Environmental Law Society Inaugural Chair

responsibility to protect access to the tidelands also meant protecting their recreational and aesthetic value and ecosystem.

Dunning realized that the public trust doctrine had the potential to be a profoundly effective tool in environmental litigation. In 1980, he organized a Law School symposium on the public trust doctrine. The event was "a tremendous success," Dunning said. Several articles presented at the symposium and subsequently published in the *UC Davis Law Review* were cited in the state Supreme Court's precedent-setting 1983 decision that preserved Mono Lake (*National Audubon Society v. Superior Court*).

"In 1983, we had the California Supreme Court litigation about the Mono basin, Mono Lake and its creeks, saying that

indeed the public trust doctrine can be used to modify the exercise of appropriative water rights," said Dunning. "That was a fantastic breakthrough."

"That's what gives me the most satisfaction" said Dunning. "Rather than be cited by somebody, I'd rather be able to see water in the creeks of the Mono Basin or in the formerly dry areas of the San Joaquin River."

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Harrison C. "Hap" Dunning, Professor of Law Emeritus



Influential Alumni

In the years that followed, the environmental law program grew, as faculty members including Professors Albert Lin, Holly Doremus, and Chris Elmendorf taught courses, and others, including Richard Frank and Tim Taylor, an environmental law attorney with Stoel Rives in Sacramento, taught as visiting professors and adjunct faculty.



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- **Sen. Darrell Steinberg '84**
President pro Tempore of the
California State Senate

In addition, the influence of the program grew as alumni entered the field and practiced in government, with environmental nonprofit organizations, environmental law firms, and in other capacities. (While it would be impossible to mention more than a small fraction of the outstanding King Hall alumni in environmental law, a brief listing gives some sense of the

program's impact. *See sidebar, below.*)

Many distinguished alumni credit UC Davis School of Law for providing them with the training they needed to successfully pursue their career goals.

"I went to law school specifically to study environmental law," said Mary Scoonover '87, a former Deputy Attorney General in the Public Rights Division of the California Department of Justice who now works on natural resource management and conservation philanthropy for Resources Law Group in Sacramento. "It was what I wanted to do, and my father was convinced I would starve, because there weren't a lot of environmental law jobs available then! But I thought that a law degree would provide a good set of tools to accomplish what I wanted to do, which was to make a real contribution in terms of natural resource protection, and that turned out to be true. I feel very appreciative of the training I received from Hap Dunning and UC Davis School of Law."

"Hap Dunning was a brilliant and engaging professor," said Susan Brandt-Hawley '77, who practices in Glen Ellen representing public-interest groups in preservation issues statewide and has won numerous awards for her work, including a 2001 CLAY (California Lawyer of the Year) Award from *California Lawyer*. "Even though I didn't anticipate going into environmental law, the training I received at King Hall gave me the confidence to take on a major local environmental case shortly after graduation, and that has led to my practice, which has focused on the California Environmental Quality Act. I would credit Hap Dunning for providing the inspiration and background I needed."

"My approach to environmental policymaking has been shaped greatly by the legal guideposts I learned at King Hall," said Senator Darrell Steinberg '84, President pro Tem of the California



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- **Steve Volker '74**, attorney for the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, now operates his own environmental law firm in Oakland;
- **Cliff Lee '76**, a California Deputy Attorney General specializing in water law;
- **Virginia "Ginny" Cahill '81**, a preeminent water law expert and teacher who has practiced with private firms and the California Attorney General's Office;
- **Hugh Barroll '83**, Assistant Regional Counselor with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in San Francisco;
- **Darrell Steinberg '84**, California Senate President pro Tem, who has been a leading voice in the Legislature with regard to environmental issues;
- **Margaret "Peggy" Twedt '88**, who has worked in water law and land-use law for the state of Nevada and the Dyer Lawrence Law Firm in Carson City, Nevada;
- **Matt Bogoshian '88**, a former environmental prosecutor with the Monterey County District Attorney's Office who was recently appointed by the Obama administration to serve as a deputy assistant administrator at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance;
- **Tina Canon Leahy '98**, who has practiced environmental law in various capacities for the state of California and is now Water Policy Consultant for the Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee.

State Senate. “One of the great legacies of California is the promise each generation makes to provide an enduring, healthy, and beautiful environment for this and future generations. While technology, priorities, and the prevalence of natural resources are always changing, the legal principles I studied at King Hall remain constant, and they continue to guide my efforts to preserve and expand California’s environmental heritage for generations to come.”

The California Environmental Law and Policy Center

Even among such distinguished alumni, Richard Frank has impressive credentials that make him an ideal choice to lead the new California Environmental Law and Policy Center at King Hall.

A leading expert on energy and environmental issues, Frank practiced law with federal and state agencies for 32 years, most of that time with the California Department of Justice, where he specialized in environmental law matters and served as Chief Deputy Attorney General for Legal Affairs. He has served on numerous advisory boards and committees, including co-chairing the environmental component of California Attorney General Kamala Harris’ transition team, and has won honors including a 2011 CLAY award recognizing his work in the California Supreme Court case *Communities for a Better Environment v. South Coast Air Quality Management District*.

“It’s very satisfying after 35 years of practicing environmental law to come back to UC Davis, help to launch the Environmental Law and Policy Center, and work with the environmental law faculty and students,” said Frank. “I see it as coming full circle, coming back to a law school that I love in order to teach, to help develop the center, and hopefully contribute to the Law School’s strength in environmental law, which goes back to the early ’70s and Professor Dunning.”

Frank has already been busy, helping to organize the 2011 Law Review Symposium on “The Public Trust Doctrine: 30 Years Later,” a reprise of the 1980 symposium. He said that under the auspices of CELPC, he hopes to host a continuing series of similar events focusing on critical environmental law issues, such as the “CEQA at 40: A Look Back, and Ahead” conference hosted in November 2011, with a goal of proposing practical solutions to contentious legal problems associated with climate change regulation, water rights, and other issues.

“We’re working to build relationships with environmental policy makers in Sacramento, as well as regionally and nationally, and take the opportunity to engage them through expert testimony, through white papers, through conferences, and other gatherings, and to influence and inform public policy,” said Frank.

“UC Davis has a wonderful reputation, really talented students, is so close to the capital, and has a whole host of alums



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**Director, California Environmental Law and Policy Center
Professor of Environmental Practice**

who are either in the Legislature, in state or federal government, in private practice or in nonprofit organizations working in environmental law,” said Scoonover, who has agreed to chair the CELPC Advisory Board. “We have all of these assets, and we need to maximize their impact. The California Environmental Law and Policy Center is really good step in that direction.”

Frank said that he hopes that the continued active involvement of Professor Dunning, who has agreed to be part of the CELPC Advisory Committee, will help to rally support.

“For a lot of people like me, Hap Dunning has been a mentor and taught them the area of the law that they’ve now devoted their careers to, and there’s a lot of loyalty,” he said. “Hap is still engaged, and hopefully will be instrumentally involved in the center and helping to take the environmental law program to the proverbial next level. Having him involved is enormously satisfying to me, and gives me the additional assurance that this is going to be a successful initiative for the Law School.” 📌



PHIL SATRE '75

From Law to Business

Phil Satre '75 says that many factors contributed to his success as a business executive, including hard work, good luck, and the legal education he received at UC Davis School of Law.

“Law school was very instructive in terms of learning critical thinking skills,” said Satre, who was the top executive for Harrah’s Entertainment (now known as Caesars Entertainment) for more than 20 years and currently serves as chairman of both NV Energy and International Gaming Technology. “Problem-solving through an analytical process was something I learned at King Hall, and I’ve used it ever since in my business career.”

A graduate of Stanford University, where he played linebacker on two Rose Bowl-winning football teams, Satre went to work for Harrah’s in 1980 as general counsel. At that time, the company had only two Nevada casinos and one more in development in Atlantic City. In positions of increasing responsibility, Satre helped build Harrah’s into a Fortune 500 company with 28 casinos and approximately \$4.7 billion in annual revenues when he stepped down in 2005.

Satre became chief executive officer of Harrah’s in 1984, joined the company’s board of directors in 1988, and became chairman of the board in 1997. He is widely credited with providing marketing innovations and leadership that enabled Harrah’s growth into a world gaming giant, and has won many honors and awards, including election to the American Gaming Association’s Gaming Hall of Fame and the Nevada Business Hall of Fame, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Gaming Summit, and selection as Best Chief Executive in the Casino and Hotel Industries by the *Wall Street Journal*.

“There are many different paths you can take with a law degree, and mine happened to be in business,” said Satre. “I feel fortunate to have had the training I received at UC Davis, because so much of what you do in business involves analyzing a situation, gathering facts, and coming up with recommendations for further action. I learned the skills I needed to do that in law school.”

Satre said that as an executive in the highly regulated gaming and public utilities industries, he’s always felt that his King Hall degree gave him an edge. “Particularly in my early days at Harrah’s when we were growing rapidly in new environments that

were legalizing gaming, the fact that I had taken courses in law school that enabled me to understand regulators, why they do what they do, and the importance of regulatory compliance was extremely helpful.”

Satre retains fond memories of his years at King Hall, praising the “collegial atmosphere” of the Law School and outstanding faculty including Professors James Hogan, Richard Wydick, John Poulos, and Harrison “Hap” Dunning. “They were inspiring,” he said. “I have had the good fortune to run into them periodically when I’m back on campus, and it’s always a great thrill to see them and find out about their latest activities.”

Satre has been returning to King Hall more frequently in recent years, in part to visit his daughter, Jessica Satre ’12. She said that her father was “a major influence” both in terms of convincing her of the value of obtaining a legal education and also in her decision to attend King Hall.

“He always spoke well of his experience at King Hall, and compared it favorably to what he’d heard about other law schools from his peers,” she said. “At first, I thought maybe I should try to do my own thing and attend a different law school than my father did, but I applied here, and visited, and realized this was the best place for me, particularly since I’m interested in going into public service law.”

Phil Satre, who along with his wife Jennifer has a long history of giving to the Law School, said he is pleased to have more time, now that his four children are grown and his business responsibilities are somewhat lessened, to be able to volunteer at King Hall, where he serves as a member of the Dean’s Leadership Council.

“Early in my career, it was hard to carve out time,” he said. “But about 10 years ago I began to become more involved, and it’s been very rewarding. UC Davis is a unique law school, and one with a lot of loyal alumni, but it hasn’t had the kind of private financial support that private schools like Stanford receive. I think all of our alumni need to recognize that things are changing. We can’t depend upon the state as the sole source of financial support. We all need to offer our support, whether it’s financial, volunteering, or whatever we might be able to do to help the Law School excel and become stronger. As alumni, we all benefit when the Law School achieves excellence, and we need to do what we can to help make that happen.” ■

Building Peace, Affirming Life: ANGELA OH '86



photo: FLORENCE LOW

“I’m not interested in finding a job,” said Angela Oh ’86. “I’m interested in finding the work I need to do for the rest of my life.”

That quest has meant many things for Oh, who has served society as an attorney, public lecturer, community leader, social activist, a teacher at UCLA and UC Irvine, and Zen Buddhist priest, among other roles. She’s been a public figure as a voice for reconciliation following the 1992 rioting in Los Angeles and a member of the Advisory Board of President Clinton’s Initiative on Race. Now, she is leaving her position as Executive Director of the Western Justice Center Foundation and moving to Washington, D.C., where she will be an artist in residence at the O Street Museum, write, and work as a public lecturer.

“I’m working very directly in the direction of affirming life, even if it means walking away from things that are secure and safe and doing things that appear to be uncertain,” said Oh.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Oh attended UCLA, earning a bachelor’s degree in 1977 and a Masters in Public Health in 1981, and came to Sacramento to work for the California

State Firefighters Association as Director of Occupational Safety and Health. She began to see connections between law, policy, and the social issues she was interested in, and decided to enroll at UC Davis School of Law. Oh said she was something of an unusual student, never once checking her grades and spending significant time away from King Hall participating in demonstrations, organizing the Davis Asians for Racial Equality, testifying on anti-Asian violence in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C., and other activities.

“I’m not sure I would recommend that to anyone, but for me Davis was a secure and intimate environment where I felt I could do all of these things and still be confident that I would pass the bar on my first try, which I did,” said Oh. “My experience at King Hall and the training I received was a huge influence on everything I’ve done since. If you want to work for change, you have to understand institutions, and the legal institution is one of the most powerful in our society.”

After law school, Oh returned to Southern California to work as an attorney and an activist in Los Angeles. She was President-elect of the Korean American Bar Association of Southern California when rioting erupted in the wake of the Rodney King verdict in

1992, and was interviewed by national media. Her provocative analysis caused a sensation, and in 1997, President Clinton appointed her to the Advisory Board of the President’s Initiative on Race, which was charged with engaging the nation in a dialogue on race relations.

She went on to work as a public lecturer and continued to practice law as a partner with two Los Angeles firms. (She remains Of Counsel with Bird, Marella, Boxer, Wolpert, Nessim, Drooks & Lincenberg.) She has served on numerous select commissions and boards, and won numerous honors, including the UCLA Alumni Award for Community Service.

As she prepares for her move to Washington, D.C., Oh is focused on her return to working as a public lecturer and the role she intends to play as a “peace builder” in a time of worldwide social, economic, and environmental crisis.

“The title of the talk I’m going to be giving is ‘Hope and Fearlessness in Times of Chaos and Crisis,’” she said. “I think a lot of people will want to hear it.” ■

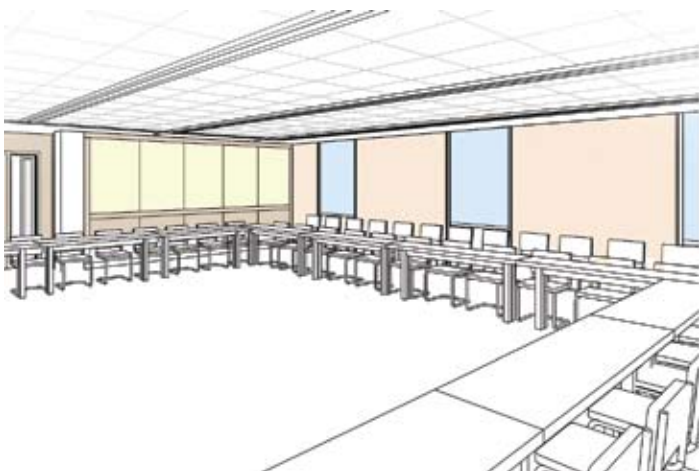


Second Floor Classroom, April 2005

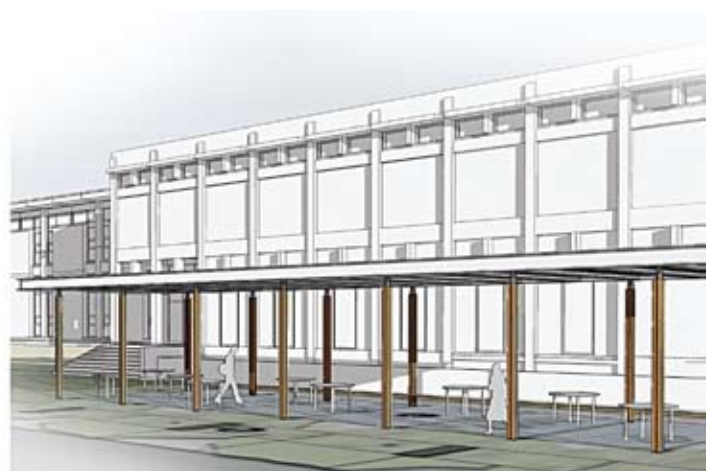


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Mabie Law Library Seminar Room



North Plaza sun shade

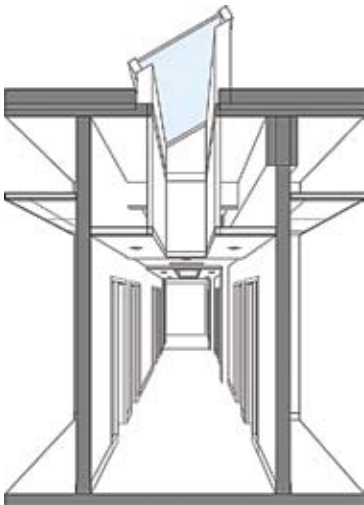


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UC Davis School of Law students are now attending courses in the newly upgraded classrooms on King Hall's second floor as construction work continues in the renovation phase of the King Hall Expansion and Renovation project, which will bring significant improvements to classrooms, study areas, the student lounge, student organization offices, the Mabie Law Library, and other key facilities.



Skylight in faculty corridor

Students will be the primary beneficiaries of the effort to upgrade the “old” King Hall to complement the new, state-of-the-art expansion wing, which opened to faculty and students in the fall of 2010, said Adam Talley, the Law School’s Senior Assistant Dean for Administration. The renovation will bring significant improvements to classrooms, study areas, the student lounge, student organization offices, the Mabie Law Library, and other key facilities, he explained.

“I think what we’re promising through the renovation and expansion is to have a modern law school facility befitting our high academic reputation, and also ensuring generations to come a welcoming and inviting, highly functional space,” said Talley. “I really expect that when the renovation is complete, we will be on the leading edge of the nation’s law schools in terms of classroom technology, and our building is going to include some features that are truly remarkable.”

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KING HALL RENOVATION

The renovation work, which began in May 2011 and is expected to take roughly 18 months, is designed to bring substantial improvements to virtually all aspects of the previously existing Law School building, upgrading the classrooms, library, study spaces, and gathering spots that are central to the student experience of King Hall.

The second-story classrooms have been renovated to match the technological capacity of those in the new addition, with a “horseshoe” seating configuration and shallower vertical drop from the back of the room to the front to create an enhanced feeling of intimacy and an improved ability for students to see one another during discussions and Socratic dialogues. As technological improvements are completed, the renovated classrooms will also feature significantly upgraded technological capabilities, allowing for interactive video simulcasts.

“If we’re hosting an event in the new Kalmanovitz Courtroom,

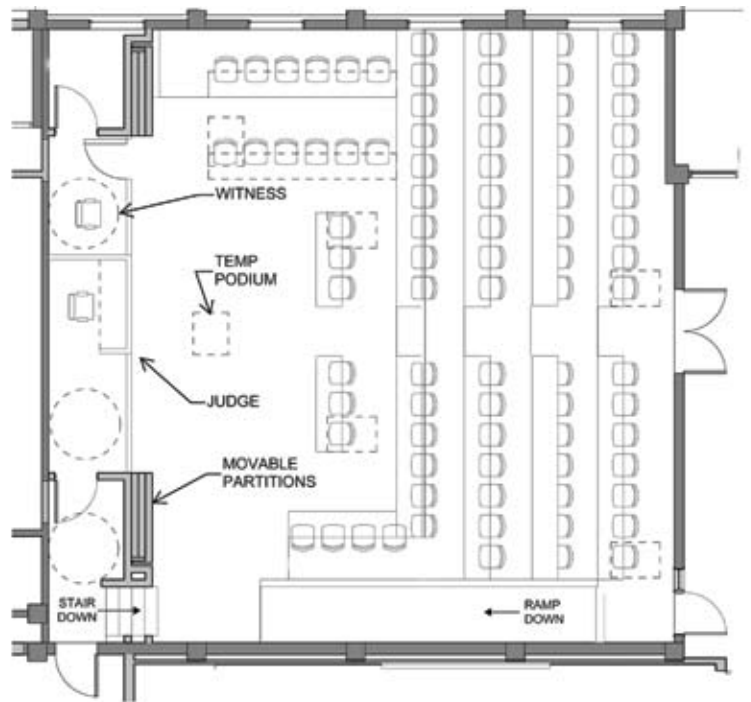
we expect to have the ability not only to project the sound and images into classrooms, but also to simultaneously show those in the overflow rooms the Powerpoint presentations and other visuals that the courtroom audience is seeing,” said Talley. “We also look forward to having the ability for students in the classrooms to ask questions and interact with those in the courtroom, and to be seen on video screens in the courtroom as they speak.”

Throughout the renovation wing, accessibility and life-safety features will be improved to match the expansion wing. Cherry wood and stainless steel finishes will be installed and, in some cases, walkways will be newly opened to natural light in order to complement the aesthetic of the new east wing.

The Mabie Law Library will receive a significant upgrading, as the renovation brings an expanded and improved lobby, remodeled reading room, and the Hugh and Hazel Darling



Southwest corner expansion: future home of the Mabie Law Library computer lab, group study rooms, and reading room. Nov. 2011



Wilkins Moot Courtroom floor plan



Wilkins Moot Courtroom rendering

Lounge. Improvements to the basement will include expanded office spaces for student organizations, the new Russell Jura '74 Student Locker Alcove, new reading rooms, and an expanded and improved Judy Campos McKeehan '74 Memorial Student Lounge that will include not only microwave ovens and refrigerators, but two sinks—a feature that was missing from the old lounge. Students will also be pleased to learn that plans for the renovated basement include significant improvements to the student lockers, which will allow proper storage of suit jackets.

Renovation work began with demolition and asbestos abatement in the classrooms and basement, and the preparation of the foundation for an extension of the building that will provide additional space at King Hall's southwestern corner. Student lockers were moved from the basement to a temporary location at the southwest corner of King Hall's second floor. By early September, students were attending classes in the newly

upgraded classrooms, and hopes were high that students and faculty will be able to return to the lower level in February 2012.

Dean Kevin R. Johnson thanked the King Hall alumni, friends, and campus partners who have made the renovation project possible. "Without the support of Chancellor Linda Katehi, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Ralph Hexter, and Vice Chancellor of Administrative and Resource Management John Meyer, the renovation project would not have come to be. The Law School owes them, as well as our generous alumni and friends, many thanks," said Dean Johnson.

With the renovation work continuing, the Law School still seeks to raise more than \$2 million in private support in order to realize the full potential of the project. To find out how you can support the King Hall Expansion and Renovation project, please visit www.law.ucdavis.edu/giving. 📧



Dan and Mee Kwan Kong Classroom (formerly Room 2011) on the second floor of King Hall. Nov. 2011



Work in progress: When completed, the Judy Campos McKeehan '74 Memorial Student Lounge will feature vending machines, double sinks, and spacious seating where students can gather. Nov. 2011

FACULTY EMERITI: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Editor's note: this is the first set in a series of articles, spotlighting the lives and activities of our faculty after retirement.

Richard Wydick THE GOLDEN PEN

Former students of Professor Richard C. Wydick will not be surprised to learn that in retirement he possesses the same understated, dry humor that enlivened his classes over the course of more than 30 years of teaching at UC Davis School of Law.

"I have a lung condition that is a big problem for a law professor, because it makes me short of hot air," he said recently, opening a keynote speech at the 2011 Western Regional Legal Writing Conference held at the University of San Francisco.

Shortly after retirement, Professor Wydick was diagnosed with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, a progressive disease that causes scarring and stiffening of the lungs, as well as shortness of breath. Much of his time has been spent participating in an experimental drug trial and doing rehabilitation work, which has succeeded in prolonging his life but not alleviating his symptoms, Wydick said. Still, he has continued to work in the area to which he devoted much of his King Hall career: excellence in legal writing.

Wydick joined the Law School faculty in 1971, and was a fixture at King Hall until his retirement in 2003, teaching Evidence, Antitrust Law, Professional Responsibility, Advanced Legal Writing, and "what's now called Intellectual Property, though it used to be called Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights, and Unfair Competition," he said.

Wydick served as Acting Dean of the Law School in 1978-80 and received the Distinguished Teaching Award in 1983. He has authored books on ethics, evidence, and good writing, including the esteemed legal writing guide *Plain English for Lawyers*. Wydick has received honors including the Golden Pen Award from the Legal Writing Institute and a lifetime achievement award from Scribes, the



American Society of Legal Writers, in recognition of contributions to legal writing.

Wydick continues to serve on the board of directors at Scribes, a position he has held for 10 years. "I'm also on a couple of committees for Scribes, one that picks the supposedly best law review article of the year, and the other picks the best book about a legal subject of the year, and awards are given to the authors of those pieces," said Wydick. "That's fun work, although it requires a great deal of reading. At the first part of each year we get about 50 books on legal subjects to read in the space of three months, so a lot of my time at that point of the year is made up of reading."

Wydick is also on a panel of advisors for the *Green Bag Almanac*, which publishes writing of interest to lawyers and judges, including judge's opinions, news articles, and law review articles. "The almanac comes out once a year, and it's fun to dredge up material for that and to have a say in what ultimately gets published in the almanac," said Wydick.

Legal writing "has improved a little" over the years, Wydick allows. "Law schools are now much more cognizant of teaching writing style in addition to how to write a particular kind of legal document, such as an appellate brief or a contract, and that's a good development."

Wydick has maintained a connection to UC Davis School of Law, regularly lunching with some professors. He and his wife, Judy, made a planned gift in 2008 to King Hall that will ultimately establish a scholarship endowment, and also have made gifts each year since in order to make scholarship awards available immediately.

"We feel we've been fortunate in life, and when the time came when we were in position to make a charitable donation, supporting UC Davis law students was the obvious choice," said Wydick. ■

Martha S. “Marty” West

‘TEACHING MY OWN HISTORY’

For anyone who took classes from Professor Martha S. “Marty” West during her 25 years of full-time teaching at UC Davis School of Law, it will come as no surprise that she’s remained active since retirement, speaking on education and gender issues to audiences from UC Davis to the University of Pretoria and volunteering in capacities ranging from General Counsel for the American Association of University Professors to Volunteer Assistant Gardener at the UC Davis Arboretum.



“I also do a lot grandparenting,” said West, mentioning the time she spends caring for her 14-year-old grandson and her granddaughters, 10 and 6 years old. “I highly recommend it. It’s much easier than parenting!”

From 1982 to 2007, West taught courses on Employment Discrimination, Labor Law, and Sex-based Discrimination. She published widely regarding gender equality issues and higher education, and remains a respected authority in the field. She served as Associate Dean from 1988-92, and Clinical Director from 1993-97. She also helped found the Law School’s Family Protection and Legal Assistance Clinic in 1998 and supervised the externship program in employment relations law. Upon retirement from full-time teaching, West helped found the Martha West Social Justice Scholarship at UC Davis School of Law to support students interested in social justice.

Beginning in 2007, West served for two years as General Counsel for the American Association of University Professors, an important faculty organization devoted to advancing academic freedom, shared governance, and standards in higher education. West has been involved in the litigation of faculty free speech cases, the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements, and the drafting of an amendment to the University of California Faculty Senate Rules to “make sure that when faculty are participating

in university governance, they can speak freely and not fear being retaliated against for criticizing the university administration,” said West.

West continues to lecture on gender and higher education issues as a guest speaker at universities across the country and abroad. She has also continued to teach a course, Gender and Law, for the UC Davis Women’s Studies program.

“It’s fun,” she said. “The undergraduates don’t have any exposure to women’s history, so they’re very eager to learn. One of the reasons I love teaching the course is that it’s really my own history that I’m teaching.”

West was part of a major influx of women in American law schools in the early ’70s, earning her law degree from Indiana University in 1974, and was part of a wave of women who joined law faculties in subsequent years as female enrollment grew. Much progress has been made, West said, but much remains to be done, particularly with regard to accommodating childbearing.

While continuing to advocate for change, West keeps busy with her grandchildren, gardening (both at home and as a volunteer in the UC Davis Arboretum), and singing in the choir of her church. She also enjoys meeting with former students.

“I miss having students,” she said. “UC Davis School of Law was a great place to teach, and I loved the students. I always look forward to seeing them at alumni events, so I would like to encourage everyone to attend their reunions!” ■

Cruz Reynoso

STILL A 'TROUBLEMAKER'

"Some people want to say I'm a hero," said Professor Emeritus Cruz Reynoso. "I think of myself as a troublemaker."

Despite his disclaimer, Professor Reynoso is surely a hero to many in the King Hall community and beyond. A farmworker's son who rose from an Orange County barrio to become the first Latino to serve on the California Supreme Court, he is an internationally recognized civil rights leader and the recipient of countless awards, including the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. He is also a beloved figure at UC Davis School of Law, where he taught as a full-time faculty member from 2001 until 2006, and where the Law School has established the Cruz & Jeannene Reynoso Scholarship for Legal Access to help students with financial needs.

Reynoso retired in 2006, but continues to work on a wide range of projects and activities despite having been involved in a horrific car accident in Virginia in June 2010 that hospitalized him for nine days with broken collarbones and other injuries. His wife, Elaine Rowen Reynoso, was even more badly injured, and spent 40 days in intensive care and another six weeks rehabilitating in a Virginia hospital.

"Fortunately, I'm doing well now," he said. "My shoulder bothers me, but it is more of an irritant than an impediment. My wife is still in recovery, but she is making progress, getting stronger, and enthused about her condition."

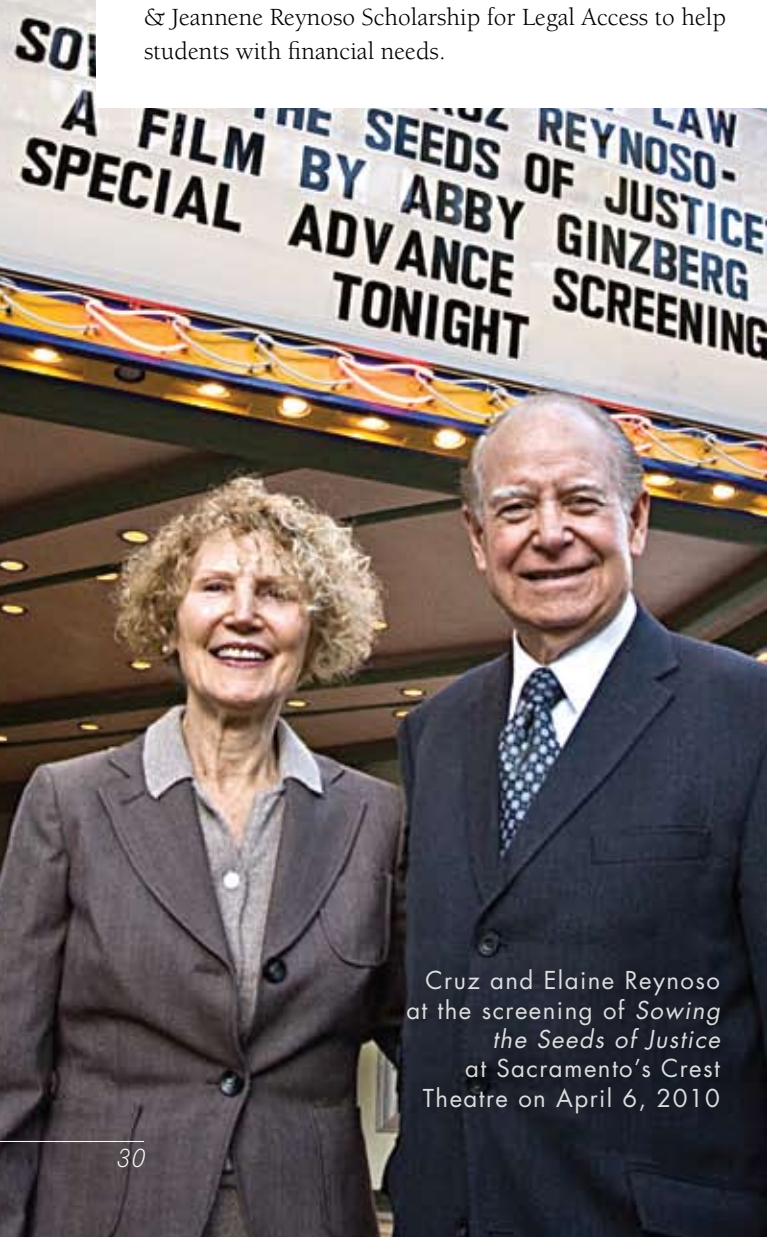
Reynoso teaches one semester per year at the Law School and an undergraduate course on Civil Rights for UC Davis freshmen. He is also hard at work writing "something akin to a memoir," he said, describing a work-in-progress that includes his memories and impressions of events throughout his storied career, from his clashes with then-Governor Ronald Reagan over the funding of the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation to his years on the California Supreme Court under Chief Justice Rose Bird to his criticism of Florida's handling of the 2000 presidential election as a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. He hopes the book will inspire readers to become involved in their communities and work for change.

"I would like for people who read it to understand that in a democracy, folks really need to be informed about what's going on with their society and government, and even more important, that their participation makes all the difference in the world, both in terms of what happens locally and what happens nationally and internationally," he said.

Reynoso continues to serve on numerous federal, state, and professional boards and commissions concerned with civil rights, governmental reform, immigration and refugee policy, legal services for the indigent, and education. He was part of the transition teams of President Barack Obama and California Attorney General Kamala Harris, and is actively involved with California Forward, a group seeking to reform California's political process, and the California Latino and Native American Leadership Council, where he has been working to promote K-12 education among Latinos and Native Americans. He is also serving to chair a commission investigating the death of farmworker Luis Gutierrez, who was shot and killed by Yolo County Sheriff's deputies in 2009.

Over the course of the past year, he has traveled the country to attend showings of *Cruz Reynoso: Sowing the Seeds of Justice*, Abby Ginzberg's film on his life, which was aired by Public Broadcasting System television stations across the nation during September 2011. He is frequently called upon to accept awards, most recently the Hispanic National Bar Association's highest Honor, the Lincoln-Juarez Award.

"How I see my own life is that I'm simply part of a continuum of thousands of people who have come forth in our country and in other countries to try to make their lives and the lives of their communities better," he said. "I'm simply a participant in that tradition, and when I'm gone there will be thousands of others who come along to carry on. I see them here in the Law School every day." ■



Cruz and Elaine Reynoso at the screening of *Sowing the Seeds of Justice* at Sacramento's Crest Theatre on April 6, 2010

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CHARLES A. '73 AND CHARLOTTE S. BIRD

For Charles A. Bird '73, the late Judge Robert Boochever, a former Alaska Supreme Court Justice and judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, was a mentor who taught him the true North point of a lawyer's moral compass.

"Bob was a jurist who could have served with distinction with any state supreme court, but he chose Alaska for the adventure of it," said Bird. "He was a deeply principled man, who really taught me what it is to be an officer of the court. My experience of clerking for him set the direction of my life as a lawyer."

Bird, a partner at Luce Forward in San Diego, has had a distinguished career specializing in writs and appeals in California and federal appellate courts, acting as lead counsel in more than 60 cases with published opinions, including the U.S. Supreme Court and California Supreme Court. Among his many honors are two Best Lawyers in America Lawyer of the Year awards and a California Lawyer of the Year (CLAY) award.

Bird clerked for Judge Boochever in Juneau, Alaska in 1973 and worked on a special project for him the following year, and the two remained in close contact over the years, taking many backpacking and fishing trips together. (Boochever took senior status with the Ninth Circuit in 1986 and moved from Juneau to Pasadena, but continued to work cases until just a few years before his death in October 2011.) In 1996, Charles and Charlotte Bird made a gift to endow the Boochever and Bird Chair for the Study and Teaching of Freedom and Equality at UC Davis School of Law and supported King Hall with a gift to name the Cruz Reynoso Room for Social Justice.

"I see UC Davis School of Law as a school that remains dedicated to sending law graduates into public service and other roles that promote the rule of law in a free society, and not merely training people for jobs that will allow them to afford a nice car," said Bird. "My perception of the mission of the Law School, the expressed purpose of the chair, and the thought behind the study hall are all connected."

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DAVID HYMAN '80, MARK PERRY '80 AND THE RICHARD ARCHIBALD MEMORIAL FUND

For David Hyman '80 and Mark Perry '80, establishing the Richard Archibald Memorial Fund was not only a fitting way to pay tribute to a recently deceased classmate on the occasion of their 30-year reunion, but also a means of honoring an obligation to help today's King Hall students.

"It came together out of our affection for Rich and our desire and commitment to give back for what was given to us,"

Hyman said. "We were fortunate enough to attend UC Davis School of Law at a time when Californians were providing us with an almost free legal education, and students now are being hit with fees that are exponentially larger. I felt like we had an obligation to give back, given how much was given to us at so little cost."

Hyman, a managing partner at Kleinbard, Bell & Brecker in Philadelphia, formed close ties with both Perry and Archibald during law school. The three friends played together on the Tortfeasors, a highly successful intramural sports team, and Hyman lived with Perry and his wife.

Archibald died of cancer in 2009, having served 22 years in the Sacramento City Attorney's Office. As a tribute, Hyman and Perry established the Richard Archibald Memorial Fund, which will support the King Hall Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) for graduates who pursue public service careers in government or nonprofit service.

"It seemed a fitting tribute to Rich and the important work he did for our class to come together to offer assistance to students who wish to follow the same career path Rich did, but who are saddled with a much greater financial burden than our class was," said Hyman.



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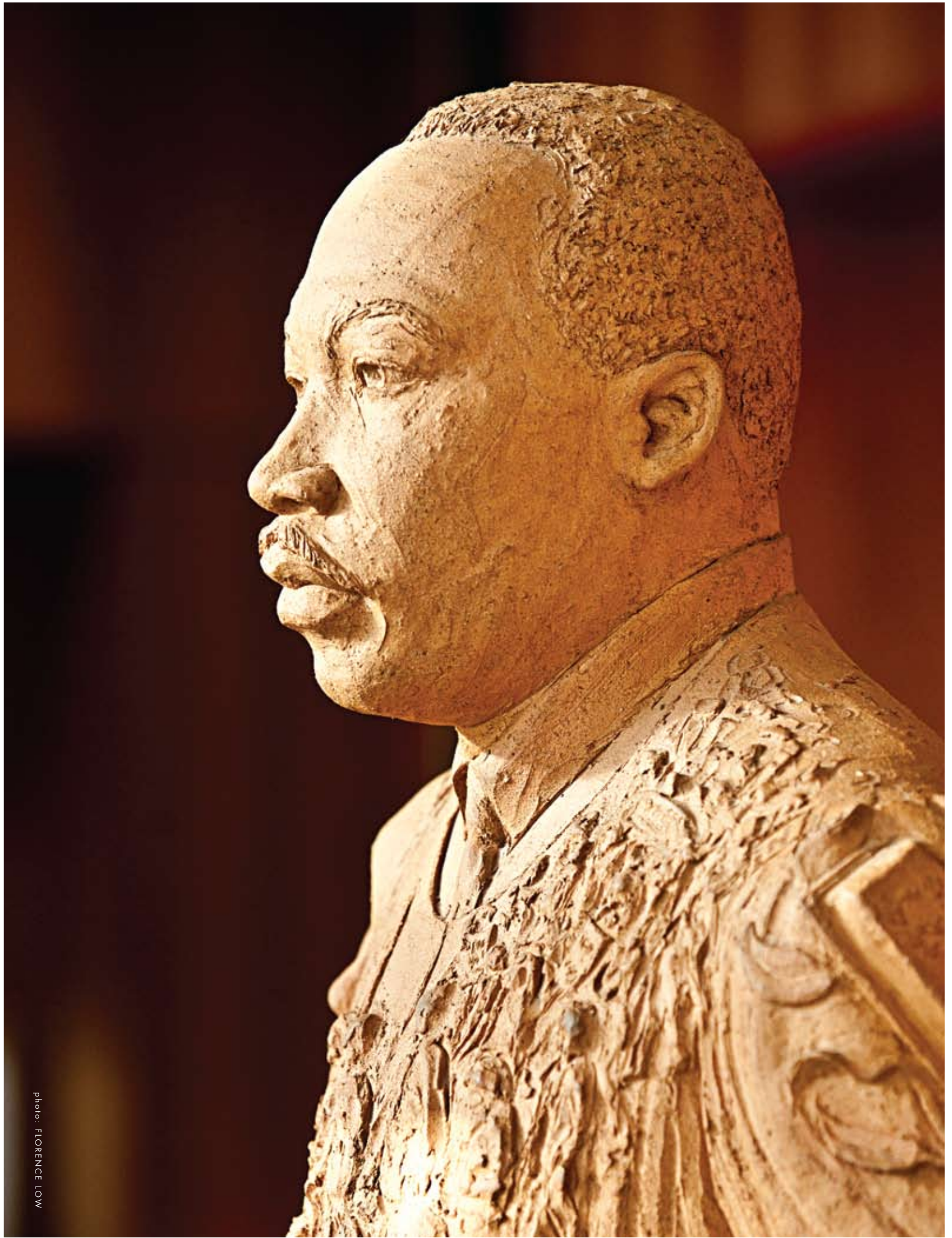


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