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# a message from the dean



As some of you may have noticed this winter, UC professional schools and, specifically, UC Davis School of Law were mentioned in several news articles. There is much concern about the financial position of UC professional schools due to the shift of state funding to student fees beginning in 2001. UC law schools have been placed in a position that they now need stable – and guaranteed – student fee increases of as much as seven percent annually to keep up with inflation and increases in staff salaries and benefits, and even more to invest in valuable new programs, initiatives, and financial aid.

I find myself in a catch-22, knowing the Law School must increase fees since a return to state and campus reinvestment is not in the near future, but knowing the hardship students face as fees of \$25,000 and rising create a barrier to those dreaming of a legal career. We must move forward on the road that has been paved for us; however, we are doing our part to reach out to those in need by increasing financial aid and expanding our loan repayment assistance program.

I am very proud of what we are able to do to support our alumni who continue to work in the public service sector and to encourage students to pursue this area as a career. Historically, 25 to 30 percent of our students pursue public service positions. We intend to encourage this level of public service commitment among future students. I hope you will take the time to read about our loan repayment assistance program in the article titled, "Access to Justice Crisis," in this issue of the *King Hall Counselor*.

We have much to celebrate in other areas, as well. We are moving forward with expanding and renovating King Hall and will have a celebratory ground breaking ceremony on September 29, 2007. Our building plans are nearly complete with construction planned for early 2008. Many of our alumni and friends have stepped forward and made leadership gifts for the building. I encourage each of you to do what you can to help us build a King Hall that is fitting of our exceptional program and talented alumni, students, faculty, and staff.

Five faculty have announced their retirements – Professors Wolk, West, Smith, Reynoso, and Grossman. I cannot express in words the gratitude I and our faculty, staff, and students feel toward each of these Professors. They have helped shape King Hall, and have given of themselves; many for decades. I am happy that they will still grace our halls and classrooms as Emeriti faculty.

In preparation for this transition, five new faculty will be joining our School this fall. Afra Afsharipour, Vikram Amar, Keith Aoki, Katherine Florey, and Courtney Joslin have a wide range of interests and scholarship ranging from intellectual property law, federal courts, and civil procedure to corporate transactions, civil rights, family law, and constitutional law. A brief description of each new faculty member is listed in the "News and Notes" section on page 5. Congratulations goes to the Faculty Appointments Committee for a 100 percent successful year, with five offers extended and five accepted!

I look forward to another successful year; a renewal, in part, of our commitment to excellence, leadership, and community with the beginning of the construction of a new King Hall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Rex Perschbacher". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Rex R. Perschbacher  
Dean

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*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination on April 4, 1968, had an immediate impact on UC Davis Law School students and faculty, who were actively involved in the legal, political, and social debates of the late sixties. When construction of the Law School building was completed in the fall of 1968, a committee of students and faculty began working to name the building for Dr. King. The building was officially dedicated after Dr. King on April 12, 1969. Today, King Hall stands as a tribute to Dr. King's efforts to achieve social and political justice by lawful and orderly means.*

*Photograph of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Corbis.*



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## UC DAVIS LAW SCHOOL EXPANDS LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

In order to continue its leadership in support of public interest and public service careers for its graduates, UC Davis School of Law announced it is greatly expanding its Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP).

In 1990, the School led the way by becoming the first public law school in California to establish a loan repayment assistance program. Today, UC Davis again blazes a trail by expanding its LRAP program to include public employment and by expanding the benefits available under the program.

In the 16 years since the LRAP program was founded, escalating fees at all UC law schools has forced more students to rely on student loans. High loan payments combined with low public sector and public service lawyer salaries make it nearly impossible for law graduates to pursue public service careers without some additional assistance. Loan repayment programs, like the one at UC Davis, grant law graduates money to help repay student loans while they hold public interest and public service jobs.

This year, the School moved to invest in the future of the state of California and greatly expanded and improved the LRAP program so more students will qualify for relief from the heavy debt burden that may prevent them from pursuing a career in public interest. This includes raising the cap on annual income by over 25 percent from \$40,000 to \$53,000, including all student loan debt for possible repayment, and increasing the percentage the School contributes. In addition, the School is one of the only law schools in the United States to offer

loan repayment for both graduate and undergraduate education debt.

The LRAP is critically important to public interest lawyers who find it financially difficult—often impossible—to work and stay working for public interest organizations. For more information about the LRAP, read “Access to Justice Crisis” on page 12.

## BLOGGING BY UC DAVIS LAW PROFESSORS

UC Davis law professors provide authoritative information and critical analysis on legal subjects through a number of Web logs. The number of Web logs, also known as blogs and sometimes as blawgs when law-related, written by law professors, law students, judges, and lawyers, has continued to grow over the past decade.

The well-known [Law Professor Blogs](#), a network of blogs maintained by law professors, has become a fast and effective medium of communication for legal scholars and lawyers. Professors of law and immigration law scholars, Jennifer Chacón, Bill Ong Hing, and Kevin R. Johnson, edit [ImmigrationProf Blog](#), a leading Web site on immigration law. This site was selected to the Library of Congress Historic Collection. The site attained the milestone of 100,000 “hits” in February, 2007.

Professor Anupam Chander, a scholar in cyberlaw and international law, co-edits [Law School Innovation](#), which was featured in a *Wall Street Journal* technology report on blogs to watch.

Professor Diane Marie Amann founded a new blog, [IntLawGrrls: voices on international law, policy, practice](#), by women academics in international law.

## UC DAVIS SCHOOL OF LAW BLOG LISTINGS

### ImmigrationProf Blog:

[lawprofessors.typepad.com/immigration](http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/immigration)

Professors Johnson, Chacón, and Hing are editors of this immigration blog that assists law professors in their scholarship and teaching. The site focuses on immigration and provides regularly updated permanent resources and links, and daily news and information of interest to law professors.

### Law School Innovation Blog:

[lsi.typepad.com/lsi](http://lsi.typepad.com/lsi)

The blog, co-edited by Professor Anupam Chander, was featured November 27, 2006, in a *Wall Street Journal* technology report on blogs to watch. The blog, launched in late October, is devoted to the topic of law-school innovators. Among the topics discussed thus far: innovative course offerings at law schools, the changes made to Harvard's first-year curriculum, and the relationship between law-school innovation and school rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*.

### Professor Anupam Chander

#### personal blog:

[chander.com](http://chander.com)

Globalization and digitization through the eyes of a California law professor.

### Professor Emeritus John Ayer

#### personal blog (under alias):

[underbelly-buce.blogspot.com](http://underbelly-buce.blogspot.com)

### Professor Holly Doremus is an occasional contributor to BioLaw:

[biolaw.blogspot.com](http://biolaw.blogspot.com)

A blog on law and the life sciences.

### IntLawGrrls: Voices on International Law, Policy, Practice:

[intlwgrrls.blogspot.com](http://intlwgrrls.blogspot.com)

Professor Diane Marie Amann is a founder of the new blog by women academics in international law. Bloggers are currently based in the U.S. and France and post under the pseudonym of a transnational foremother. Professor Amann is Grace O'Malley.

In addition, Professor Chander writes a personal blog, which provides commentary on globalization and digitization. Professor Holly Doremus, a specialist in environmental law, contributes to Biolaw, a blog on law and the life sciences. Professor Emeritus John Ayer provides commentary on a number of topics on his personal blog Underbelly.

## LEGAL WRITING SENDS LAW STUDENT TO GRAMMY AWARDS

Bimal Jaysen Rajkomar '07 was the winner of the Entertainment



Law Initiative (ELI) Writing Competition, and as a result, he attended the 49th Annual GRAMMY Awards held at

the Staples Center in Los Angeles on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2007. The competition was co-sponsored by the American Bar Association (ABA), and his winning paper will be published by The GRAMMY Foundation and the ABA Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries in concert with a major legal review journal.

Rajkomar's article, "Dealing With Casual Piracy: Limiting Distribution of Copyrighted Content With Digital Rights Management," was selected in a blind process by a national panel of legal experts that judged on clarity of expression, originality of thought, depth of analysis, relevance to industry, and essay requirements.

The legal challenge of controlling private sharing of digital music is addressed in the article. Rajkomar proposes a licensing scheme to implement digital rights management without interfering with the legitimate consumer interests. He points out that the music industry can offer

unrestricted music and still protect their intellectual property.

For his first-place win, Rajkomar was awarded \$5,000 and flown to Los Angeles to attend the GRAMMY Awards. In addition, he participated in the high-profile ELI luncheon held during GRAMMY Week, which was attended by more than 400 entertainment attorneys, law students, and key music industry professionals.

Commenting on Rajkomar's win, Professor Anupam Chander, a professor of law at UC Davis and a leading scholar in the law of globalization and digitization, said, "Having worked with Rajkomar in the past, I'm not surprised that he won the top prize in this glamorous national contest. His win also demonstrates, yet again, the intellectual caliber of King Hall students. It shows as well how much fun they have while in law school."

## NEGOTIATIONS TEAM MAKES IMPRESSIVE SHOWING AT NATIONALS



Hughes



Nilsson

Christopher Hughes '07 and Micah Nilsson '07 made an impressive showing at the American Bar Association's Law Student Negotiation Competition held on February 10-11, 2007, in Miami, Florida. The UC Davis team, which had quickly

advanced to the national competition after placing third in regionals, finished 13th nationally.

Of the 220 teams that competed in regional competitions throughout the nation, only 24 were chosen to compete in the national finals in this highly regarded legal competition. Professor

Donna Shestowsky, the team's coach, said that many of the other coaches commented on how amazing it was that UC Davis made it to nationals so quickly. "Our team did a terrific job," she said. "I saw all of their rounds. [They] really made a name for our School."

The ABA Negotiation Competition is a nationwide event sponsored by the American Bar Association's Law Student Division. The competition promotes greater interest among law students in legal negotiation and provides a means for them to practice and improve their negotiating skills. The competition simulates legal negotiations in which law students, acting as lawyers, negotiate a series of legal problems. The simulations consist of a common set of facts known by all the participants and confidential information known only to the participants representing a particular side. All of the simulations deal with the same general topic, but the negotiation situation varies with each round and level of the competition.

## GAVEL PASSES TO JUDGE ZURZOLO '82



The Honorable Vincent P. Zurzolo '82 began serving a four-year term as chief judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District

of California on January 2, 2007. Zurzolo was originally appointed to the bankruptcy bench in 1988, six years after graduating with a law degree from UC Davis.

A Passing of the Gavel ceremony, marking the change in chief bankruptcy judge, took place on January 23, 2007, at the U.S. Court of Appeals.

## REYNOSO RECEIVES CHANCELLOR'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Professor Cruz Reynoso was awarded a Chancellor's Achievement Award for Diversity and Community

at a special awards reception held February 1, 2007, at the Chancellor's Residence. The award was established to honor achievements that contribute in substantial ways to the development and well being of the diverse and evolving community of the campus.

Reynoso is the inaugural holder of the Law School's Boochever and Bird Chair for the Study and Teaching of Freedom and Equality. The chair recognizes outstanding scholarship and teaching, along with a commitment to preserving and expanding the understanding of "the virtues necessary of a great republic."

Reynoso was an associate justice on the California Supreme Court from 1982-87. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2000. He is recognized for his leadership in civil rights, immigration and refugee policy, government reform, the administration of justice, legal services for the indigent, and education.

Remarking on Reynoso's many achievements, Dean Rex Perschbacher called Reynoso a civil-rights icon. "His record of devotion to public service in the grand tradition of the University of California makes us proud," Perschbacher said. "Nothing less than a national treasure, he is richly deserving of the Chancellor's Achievement Award for Diversity and Community."

## IMMIGRATION CLINIC VICTORIES

The UC Davis Immigration Clinic had a series of successes during the Winter Quarter. The Clinic obtained relief for a number of clients, including an undocumented teenage mother who was abandoned by her own mother, and in a separate case, a young client who was born out of wedlock in the Philippines to a U.S.-born Marine. Then, in a particularly complex case, clinic students obtained relief for a father and his two sons under the United Nations Convention Against Torture (CAT) and overcame the one-year statutory bar to asylum for the father.

In the CAT case, Amagda Pérez, director of the clinic, said, "This is a tremendous victory for the Immigration Clinic because overcoming the statutory bar to asylum for not filing within one year of entering the United States is a very difficult bar to overcome and getting relief under CAT in a gang-violence case is almost unheard of."

Law students working on the case included Nina Sachdev '07, Tally Kingsnorth '07, Julia Mendoza '08, Sammar Miqbel '07, and Javier Barraza '07. After the hearing, the Immigration Judge congratulated the UC Davis students on the great job they did representing their clients and preparing such compelling arguments in a very challenging case.

In another case, law students Clarissa Guerrero '08, Ana Perez '07, and Heather Chicca '07 were successful in obtaining relief for a juvenile client. The undocumented teenage girl had become a ward of the court when her own mother abandoned her with the girl's new baby. Having no where to

go, the girl went to Yolo County Child Protective Services (CPS) for food and shelter for herself and her baby. The girl planned to seek emancipation from juvenile dependency court, but once emancipated, the undocumented juvenile would no longer be protected from potential-removal proceedings.

The Clinic students advised on legal requirements needed for a Special Immigrant Juvenile Visa, and the dependency order was extended beyond the girl's 18th birthday with the necessary legal language required for the visa. The girl received her green card in February and is now eligible to become a lawful permanent resident.

In January, Erin Hernandez '08 successfully won appeal for the son of a U.S. Marine who was born out of wedlock in the Philippines where his father was stationed. After the father was re-deployed outside of the Philippines, he lost contact with his son. The son came to the U.S. as a small child after his mother married a U.S. citizen, but as an adult, he was convicted of an assault crime against his sister's abusive ex-boyfriend and was subsequently convicted and ordered removed to the Philippines.

The Clinic gathered evidence to show that their client had acquired citizenship through his father. The judge, however, believed that his father had never legitimated his son, citing the stringent 1986 Legitimacy Act. On appeal, the Clinic argued successfully that the legitimacy law should not be applied retroactively to children who were legitimated prior to its enactment.

The Clinic was victorious and their client was released in January after nearly four years in immigration custody.



## REX HIME '72 RECEIVES CAL AGGIE ALUMNI AWARD

Rex Hime '72 received the 2007 Cal Aggie Alumni Association (CAAA) Jerry W. Fielder Memorial Award. The



award honors a UC Davis graduate in recognition of service to the CAAA, the UC Davis Foundation, and the university. He was honored at an awards ceremony on January 27, 2007, at Freeborn Hall.

For over 16 years Hime, a CAAA life member, has held an official volunteer position with the university. He held seats on both the UC Davis Foundation board and the CAAA board, and has served the alumni association as vice president and president. While chairing the CAAA Legislative Relations Committee, Hime laid the groundwork for the creation of AggieAdvocates, a volunteer organization that lobbies on behalf of UC Davis.

Currently, Hime is the president and chief executive officer of the California Business Properties Association, a position that has given him considerable expertise in California politics, which he has used to advantage for the university.

Each year, CAAA recognizes the professional accomplishments of six UC Davis graduates at their awards ceremony. The Jerry Fielder Memorial Award was established in 1973 to perpetuate the lifelong interests of one of the university's most esteemed and supportive alumni, Jerry W. Fielder '39 (1915-1972).

Other Law School recipients of the Jerry Fielder Memorial Award are Norm Weil '73, J.D. '76 (2005 recipient) and Tom Stallard '68, J.D. '75 with Meg Stallard '68 (2004 recipients).

## DENNIS MACHIDA '76 AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY KHLF PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

The King Hall Legal Foundation (KHLF) awarded the 2007 Alumni Public Service Award posthumously to Dennis Machida '76. Machida, who died in 2005, led the California Tahoe Conservancy since 1985. He helped establish the group in South Lake Tahoe as assistant secretary for legal affairs with the California Resources Agency.

As Executive Director for the Conservancy, he oversaw the acquisition of over 7,400 acres of sensitive land on the California side of Lake Tahoe to be placed in public trust and protected from development for future generations to enjoy. He was responsible for implementing nearly 600 projects, including numerous water quality, wildlife habitat, public access, and recreation projects. This included restoration of trout streams and wetlands and creation of walking trails with interpretive materials about the complex ecology of the area.

Machida also was instrumental in the establishment of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. The mission of the organization is to fund environmental preservation projects for 25 million acres in the Sierra Nevada stretching from the Oregon line to north of Bakersfield.



## FIVE NEW FACULTY WILL JOIN UC DAVIS LAW SCHOOL IN FALL 2007

**Afra Afsharipour** comes to UC Davis School of Law with extensive experience in complex corporate transactions. She will be teaching Antitrust Law and Mergers & Acquisitions next year. Afsharipour's scholarship will focus on corporate transactions in the global economy.

**Vikram Amar** is a legal scholar who writes, teaches, and consults in the public law fields, especially constitutional law, civil procedure, and remedies. He is a frequent commentator on local and national radio and TV, and has written dozens of op-ed pieces for newspapers and magazines. Amar previously taught at the UC Davis School of Law between 1993 and 1998.

**Keith Aoki** is a national intellectual property law expert, with a particular focus on trademark and copyright law, and cyberlaw. He also brings expertise in patent law to bear on important environmental research involving the world's food supply as affected by globalized property, plant breeders' rights, patents, and genetically-modified seed. Aoki's book on this topic, *Seed Wars*, will be released later this year. Aoki is also an accomplished civil rights scholar.

**Katherine Florey** brings expertise on federal courts, choice of law, and civil procedure. She is particularly interested in sovereign immunity, theories of jurisdiction, and the procedural rules applicable to Indian tribal courts.

**Courtney Joslin** will teach Employment Discrimination and Family Law. She comes to UC Davis Law with several years of experience in civil rights litigation. Joslin's scholarship will focus on employment discrimination, family law, and sexual orientation and the law.

# News & Notes

## YALE PROFESSOR PRESENTS BARRETT LECTURE



Legal scholar William N. Eskridge, Jr., spoke at the UC Davis School of Law on January 17, 2007. His lecture “Statutes, the Constitution, and the constitution: The Case of Pregnancy Discrimination” was part of the Edward L. Barrett, Jr., Lecture Series on Constitutional Law.

Eskridge, the John A. Garver Professor of Jurisprudence at Yale, has published widely on statutory interpretation and gay rights. In 1990, Eskridge became counsel to the first gay couple to sue for marriage rights after Denmark’s landmark registered partnership statute.

He has participated in gay marriage litigation in Ontario (as an expert witness), Vermont and Massachusetts

(as an amicus), and California (as a consultant to San Francisco). In his book, *The Case for Same-Sex Marriage* (Free Press, 1996), he lays out the constitutional arguments for and against same-sex marriage. In *Equality Practice: Civil Unions and the Future of Gay Rights* (Routledge, 2002), he tells the story of the Vermont litigation and the civil unions law that resulted in 2000.

Eskridge co-authored the leading casebook on sexuality issues in the law, *Sexuality, Gender, and the Law* (Foundation, now in its second edition). His monograph *Gaylaw: Challenging the Apartheid of the Closet* (Harvard 1999), has been foundational in the field and had the distinction of presenting arguments and data that both the majority and dissenting opinions credited in *Lawrence v. Texas* (2003), where the Court invalidated consensual sodomy laws as unconstitutional. His most recent book is *Gay Marriage: For Better or For Worse?*, with Darren Spedale. In 2008, Viking/Penguin will publish his monograph on the rise and fall of sodomy laws in America.

In addition, his casebook with Philip Frickey and Elizabeth Garrett, *Statutes and the Creation of Public Policy*, now in its third edition, helped re-establish legislation as an important academic field, and his monograph *Dynamic Statutory Interpretation* (Harvard 1994) has been an important theoretical work in the field. He has authored several dozen law review articles on statutory interpretation. In 2007, Yale Press will publish his monograph, co-authored with Stanford political scientist John Ferejohn, *Super-Statutes: The New American Constitutionalism*.

## DEAN PERSCHBACHER AND LAW SCHOOL DELEGATION VISIT CHINA

Dean Rex Perschbacher, Professor Daniel Simmons, and Executive Director of International Programs Beth Greenwood recently traveled to Beijing, China to set up faculty and student exchanges and to explore other cooperative program activities between the UC Davis School of Law and the School of Law at the China University of Political Science and Law.



During the December visit, Dean Perschbacher and Dean Xue Gang Ling signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to foster faculty and student exchanges between the law schools. In addition to the exchanges, Simmons, the graduate group chair for the LL.M. in International Commercial Law, and Greenwood discussed a faculty partnership and possible joint classes in International Commercial Law at the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing.



Perschbacher said, “China is a major economic and political force in today’s world. Our special relationship with the school of law in Beijing, a premier law school in China, will foster an understanding between the legal systems of our two countries. We are excited about the prospect of deepening our ties with this important Chinese legal institution and creating additional opportunities for our students and faculty members.”

## HILLMAN CONTRIBUTES TO ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS IN LIBERIA

Robert Hillman, Investor Advocacy Chair and Fair Business Practices



Distinguished Professor of Law at UC Davis, was praised by the executive director of the International

Senior Lawyers Project (ISLP) for his lead role in the review and negotiation of major concession agreements for the new government of Liberia. Hillman traveled to Liberia and met with President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf and various ministers. As a result, a revised contract between Liberia and the world’s largest steelmaker, Arcelor Mittal, was negotiated, which promises to pour more than \$1 billion in investment into the country. About 3,500 jobs will be created directly, and up to 20,000 indirectly, through the opening of new mines, railways, and ports needed to extract Liberia’s iron ore.

President Johnson-Sirleaf noted: “With this agreement, which is consistent with the principles that attract and sustain foreign investment in Liberia, it is clear to the international private sector that Liberia is open for business.”



## KING HALL WATER BOTTLE SIGHTING IN ECUADOR

When Alumni Board Member John Schick '72 traveled to Ecuador last summer, he took along his UC Davis School of Law water bottle. John and his wife, Kathy, are both avid birders and longtime Audubon members, and while in Kapawi, which borders Peru, they took advantage of bird watching opportunities, in search of exotic

species such as the Sapphire Quail-dove and the Plumbeous Antbird.

Trekking through the Amazon Jungle requires preparation, though, and in addition to the usual tools of the birding trade—binoculars, field book, birder’s life list, mosquito repellent—water is a necessity, especially when humidity can reach 90 percent.

Fortunately for the Schicks, the King Hall vivid-blue polycarbonate bottle with crisp-white markings, held a whopping 32 ounces of liquid. Not once did the Schick’s abandon their bird quest and turn back for the lodge because of heat exhaustion or dehydration.

Instead, they encountered 314 birds in 12 days as they traversed through forested mountains, past breathtaking waterfalls, and along crystalline streams.

John says Kapawi was a fabulous place to visit, and he and Kathy plan to return next year—with their King Hall water bottle, of course.

*John Schick practices criminal defense in Stockton, where he has practiced for the past 32 years. In addition to his practice, John has been an adjunct professor of law at Humphrey’s College of Law in Stockton. John met Kathy, his wife of 34 years, while he was a student at King Hall. She earned a PhD in entomology and has taught biology courses and works at the Essig Museum of Entomology in Berkeley.*

## LOGO SIGHTINGS



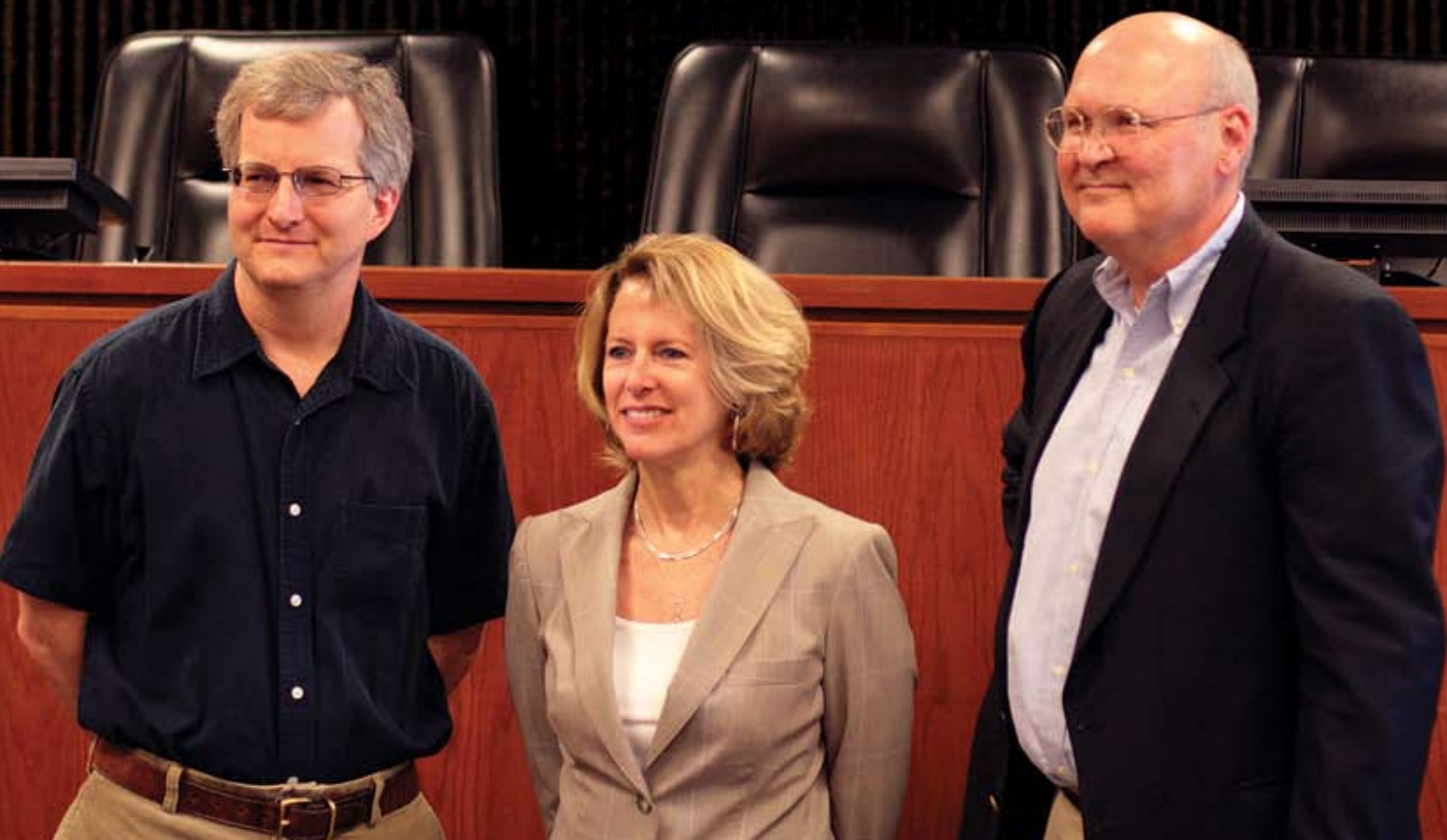
Do you carry a UC Davis School of Law water bottle? Do you show your school pride with a King Hall T-shirt or luggage tag? Have you squeezed the new stress ball?

Participate in the King Hall spirit. Display these items in your home or office, or take them with you on your trips around the globe. Then send us a photo of you with any item sporting the new UC Davis School of Law logo, and we will consider it for publication in the next *King Hall Counselor* section—Logo Sightings. Wacky and exotic locations welcome.

Don’t have these items? Contact [alumni@law.ucdavis.edu](mailto:alumni@law.ucdavis.edu).

# A COMMON BOND

Alumni Affinity Groups Building Community and Support





**L**aw students love to debate the rule of law. Even after long hours of studying and reading and studying even more, they head out beyond the walls of academia to meet and socialize—and talk about the law some more.

In the 60s, students met at professors' homes or they drove into Berkeley or San Francisco. In the 70s and 80s, it was The Paragon, Mr. B's, or Plainfield Station. Today, the G Street Pub or Sophia's Thai Kitchen are the popular choices.

So it's no surprise that alumni, despite powerhouse positions in U.S. federal and state courts, the CA state assembly, and partners in high-profile law firms, find time from their busy professional lives to meet with other UC Davis Law School alumni to share a common bond.

## INSOLVENT AGGIES

Robert Kidd '77, the force behind the creation of the Insolvent Aggies, the alumni bankruptcy group, says, "There's an emphasis on food and drink and yak and being proud of who we are."

The Insolvent Aggies was formed in 2001. Bankruptcy law is a challenging and ever-changing field, and lawyers tend to practice bankruptcy exclusively. Kidd, the head of Stein, Rudser, Cohen & Magid LLP's bankruptcy and insolvency group, says that he was always running into other bankruptcy attorneys and judges who turned out to be UC Davis alums. "UC Davis graduates a disproportionate share of the leading bankruptcy lawyers in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Nevada," he says. "And we all share something in common—bankruptcy and studying at King Hall."

Each year, the group meets for dinner at different locations in California. Past years, they've met in Los Angeles and San Francisco. This year, they move to Sacramento. "We're an amiable group. We like being together."

Although the Insolvent Aggies' purpose is to celebrate being bankruptcy lawyers and UC Davis alumni, the group's informal connection provides an opportunity to network, share experiences and perspectives, and talk about recent developments in the bankruptcy field. With close to 50 alumni, the group includes new graduates, seasoned professionals, and a federal bankruptcy court judge.

Members of the group were also instrumental in the start-up funding to establish the John D. Ayer Bankruptcy Chair. The lead donors were Scott H. McNutt '82, the founder and principal of McNutt & Litteneker, LLP, with over 20 years of experience in all aspects of insolvency practice, and Marc Beilinson, partner of Pachulski Stang Ziehl Young Jones & Weintraub. Ayer was Beilinson



Robert Kidd '77

and McNutt's bankruptcy professor at UC Davis and the first person to encourage them to look at devoting their practice to this specialty. "He has given me invaluable guidance throughout my career," McNutt says.

Kidd describes Ayer as a leading national thinker on bankruptcy and the patron saint of UC Davis bankruptcy lawyers.

Ayer's name can be found on the Insolvent Aggies' roster.

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## ALUMNI ON THE BENCH

The large number of alumni that serve on the bench led The Honorable Judge Hersher '84 to spearhead the formation of the Alumni on the Bench group.

The list of alumni who serve and have served on local, state, and federal courts is impressive, and includes prominent jurists such as Dean Pregerson '76 of the U.S. District Court and Jane Restani '73, the first woman Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of International Trade.

Hersher, who was appointed by Governor Gray Davis in 2000 to the Sacramento Superior Court, is currently assigned as one of four dedicated judges in the Superior Court's new Civil Trial Department. Previously, she handled criminal matters and civil writs, and served as a judge in Family Law, Civil Law and Motion, and the Criminal Domestic Violence Court. She also has 16 years of experience as a civil litigator and partner at one of Sacramento's largest law firms.

"A strong alumni connection with the Law School can only work to improve both the work of the judiciary, as well as benefit the students and the Law School," Hersher says. "And we, as judges, get the benefit of sharing our experiences with each other."

One of the goals of the Alumni on the Bench Group is to strengthen communication between the Law School and judges. "It is important for law schools to consider pressing issues of the day and to understand the challenges of the real world of justice. By improving dialogue between law schools and the judiciary, we can work to provide students with the best possible education."

Our judiciary alumni have always been generous with their time by participating in a variety of activities at the UC Davis School of Law. Judges teach classes and seminars and serve as mentors to students who may wish to pursue a career in the judiciary. They also participate in special programming, such as a recent forum titled, "Women on the Bench: Advice for Women Jurists."

This connection benefits both the work of the judiciary and the School. "Judges get to hear from among the best and the brightest about legal issues as they are perceived by young attorneys," Hersher says. "New perspectives are always welcome."

Initial planning ideas of the group include a reunion of jurists at a conference in the fall. Working in partnership with the Law School, the group will establish a Web page that identifies alumni on the bench and includes judicial profiles. The profiles will serve as a starting point to open a dialogue among alumni jurists.

Dean Rex Perschbacher is excited about the group. "Even though King Hall is a relatively young law school, it is not surprising that so many alumni serve on the bench, considering that community spirit has always been a hallmark of our School. As a public law school, with a responsibility to engage students in community problems, many graduates gravitate toward public service, including serving on the judiciary."

## IMMIGRATION LAW CLINIC ALUMNI COUNCIL

This year, the Immigration Law Clinic (ILC) celebrates its 25th anniversary. The Clinic, which opened its doors in the fall of 1981 under the direction of Professor James Smith, provides students with the skills to practice law and the opportunity to use the law to protect human rights.

John Gianola '90 worked in the clinic for two years. He says that the clinic provided him with his first real and significant experience advocating for those who could not afford to access justice. "Jim Smith was my first mentor and role model," Gianola says. "He instilled in me and many other law students a commitment to justice, strong work ethic, and professionalism in serving and advocating for immigrants, the poor, and other disadvantaged persons and families."



The Honorable Judge Hersher '84





John Gianola '90

Because the clinic had such a strong influence on Gianola's life and career, he wanted to give something back. Gianola is now the acting president of the newly formed ILC Alumni Council. "The role of the Council," he says, "is to support the ILC's efforts to better serve the immigrant community. My hope is that the Council will create new sources of funding to support the clinic, provide outreach and education on issues affecting immigrants, and be a source of networking to reunite alumni and give them a channel to give back to King Hall."

When Jim Smith first contacted a few ILC alumni about forming a council, everyone accepted the call to serve. "I think that's very revealing," Gianola says. "Although we are honored to be graduates of UC Davis School of Law, we have special affection for the ILC." He points out that the Council does not want to divert resources that would normally go to support King Hall, but rather offer an additional opportunity to alumni to support a program that has special meaning to them personally.

Gianola understands the importance of law students networking with alumni. He is the managing attorney of the Yolo County Office of Legal Services of Northern California, and many of his interns are from the Law School. "They

are eager for guidance and mentoring," he says, and he sees providing internship opportunities in the work environment as only one way alumni can have a positive impact on law students. He hopes that the Council's networking efforts will provide greater mentoring opportunities for UC Davis Law School students.

An ad hoc committee of the Council met in January 2007 and identified the following as likely goals:

- provide opportunities to network and learn from each other's experience on a regional, state, and national level;
- offer annual MCLE seminars on immigration-related topics featuring UC Davis Law and Clinic alumni as speakers;
- raise funds for scholarships to support students (many graduates of the Clinic can no longer practice public interest law due to the loan debt they face);
- recruit new students;
- provide mentoring, advice, employment support, and encouragement to recent graduates;
- reunite with classmates and Law School faculty that share common values and interests.

## SAVE THE DATE

September 14-15, 2007

UC Davis Immigration Law Clinic  
25th Anniversary and Reunion (1982-2007) &  
Retirement of James F. Smith, Clinic Founder  
*Celebrating a quarter century of providing  
legal services to the immigrant community  
& clinical training to law students*

**Friday, September 14th** (Evening)  
Award Ceremony & Banquet Dinner

**Saturday, September 15th** (Morn.-Afternoon)  
Immigration-Related Program & Luncheon  
MCLE Credits Available

*For more information, contact*

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Council, at [ILCalumni@ucdavis.edu](mailto:ILCalumni@ucdavis.edu)

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[dmatsumoto@ucdavis.edu](mailto:dmatsumoto@ucdavis.edu) or  
530.754.5335

The recently formed ILC Alumni Council is off to an ambitious start, and with the strong support of alumni and Law School staff, their proposed goals will soon become action items. Already in the works is a 25th anniversary celebration, scheduled for September 14-15, 2007. The Council plans to hold a banquet and awards ceremony in recognition of the clinic's contributions to immigration law and the immigrant community and to offer seminars with MCLE credits available.

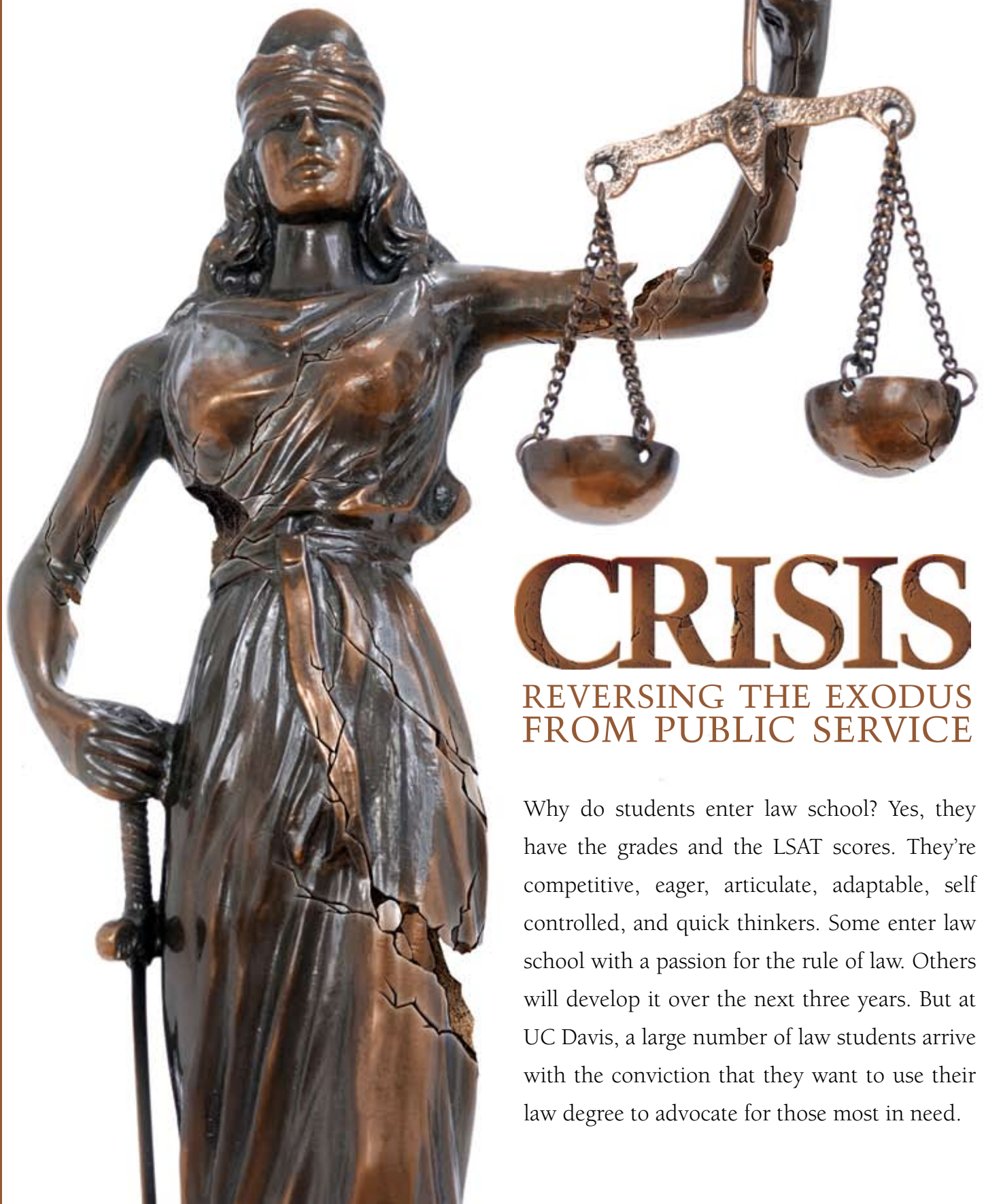
## THE GIFT OF TIME

There are numerous ways to connect to the UC Davis School of Law. Alumni that informally meet, talk, and socialize within interest groups, develop a strong alumni network around common interests. UC Davis Law alumni are also incredible role models with their vastly divergent careers and in their significant contributions to the public. They are a vital part of the resources and opportunities available to UC Davis Law students. ■

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If you are interested in one of the current alumni interest groups—Insolvent Aggies, Alumni on the Bench, ILC Alumni Council—or would like to form an interest group around a common affinity, contact Sally Schwettmann, associate director of alumni relations, at [530.754.5326](tel:530.754.5326) or [alumni@law.ucdavis.edu](mailto:alumni@law.ucdavis.edu)

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## CRISIS

### REVERSING THE EXODUS FROM PUBLIC SERVICE

Why do students enter law school? Yes, they have the grades and the LSAT scores. They're competitive, eager, articulate, adaptable, self controlled, and quick thinkers. Some enter law school with a passion for the rule of law. Others will develop it over the next three years. But at UC Davis, a large number of law students arrive with the conviction that they want to use their law degree to advocate for those most in need.



# JUSTICE

## LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE

Arthur Lipscomb '02 wanted to work for the American Civil Liberties Union. Luis Alejo '02, the son of farm workers in the Salinas Valley, wanted to solve problems and empower his own community. Emily Fisher '04 chose to work on social issues.

In short, they wanted to make a difference in their communities.

### DEBT VS. SALARY

So what happens to so many of those passionate law students between those first idyllic school years and graduation? Why is there, according to Equal Justice Works (EJW), an access-to-justice crisis in the state of California and in this country?

In the past six years, student fees at UC Davis School of Law have doubled from \$11,425 in 2001-2002 to \$24,537 in 2006-07. Since the School's inception 40 years ago, in-state fees have increased by approximately 10,000 percent. Add to those numbers the cost of living, and one can begin to understand the heavy burden students are facing.

While pursuing a career in public service law was feasible in the 60s, 70s, and even the 80s—with many of our notable alumni having done so—our younger alumni are now faced with enormous student debt that was unthinkable a decade ago.

The EJW reports in the 2006 publication *Financing the Future: Responses to the Rising Debt of Law Students* that 80 percent of law school graduates must now borrow to pay for their law degree. The average amount borrowed by law students in 2005 was close to \$80,000 at a private school and more than \$50,000 at a public school. And that's not including undergraduate debt.

Compare those numbers to the median entry-level salary for an attorney in a public-interest organization—\$40,000. Compare that \$40,000 number to the median starting salary of a large firm associate—\$135,000 and climbing.

Public service students and graduates have to weigh their financial options. After making a standard monthly payment on their law loan, they are left with only about \$1,500 monthly to pay for rent, groceries, and all other living and family expenses.

Emily Fisher, who accumulated \$70,000 in student debt, started at a legal aid clinic in 2004 at \$30,000 a year and now earns \$37,000. Her loan payments are \$750 per month.

With these numbers, it is easy to see why EJW reported that only 20 percent of more than 43 million eligible low-income Americans can obtain legal assistance when they need it. Young lawyers just can't afford to practice public service law any more.

Or can they?

### A LINE OF HOPE

In an effort to change this, law schools began establishing Loan Repayment Assistant Programs, or LRAPs, for graduates entering public service law. In 1990, UC Davis became the first public law school in California to establish a loan-repayment program. This year, UC Davis enhanced the program to offer greater financial assistance to its public service graduates.

LRAP programs, including the King Hall LRAP, provide financial relief to graduates who practice law in the lowest-paid public service jobs. During the first two years in the program, the relief constitutes an interest-free loan to offset student loan payments. If participants remain in the program for a third year or more, a portion of the LRAP loan is cancelled. After five years in the program, all money received from LRAP effectively becomes a grant and repayment is waived.

Emily Fisher, now a staff attorney in the Butte regional office of Legal Services of California, said the loan program was one of the reasons she chose to study at UC Davis.

Arthur Lipscomb, an advocate in the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy, a statewide office that helps protect the rights of people with developmental disability, said that the program helps, especially with his current income, debt, and the cost of living in the Bay Area.

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## EMILY FISHER '04

Staff Attorney  
Legal Services of Northern California  
(LSNC)

LSNC envisions a community in which everyone has enough to eat, a safe place to live, and health care is available to all. Since 1956, LSNC has provided quality legal services that empower the poor to identify and defeat the causes and effects of poverty. Priorities: support for families; enhancing economic stability; safety, stability, and health care; civil rights; and serving populations with special vulnerabilities.

*I love the opportunities I have at my job to offer both immediate relief to individuals and longer term advocacy for more equitable, economically inclusive communities.*

## ARTHUR LIPSCOMB '02

Clients' Rights Advocate (CRA)  
The Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy  
San Andreas Regional Center, San Jose

The Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA) is a statewide office run by Protection & Advocacy, Inc., through a contract with the California Department of Developmental Services. OCRA employs a Clients' Rights Advocate (CRA) at each regional center. The CRA is trained to help protect the rights of people with developmental disabilities.

*All of my life, I have been committed to advocating for the rights of traditionally underserved and disadvantaged communities, with a particular interest in the educational rights of children.*

## COMBINED CLASSES OF 2000-2006 PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT\*

Judicial Clerkships	60	7%
Government - Total	115	13%
Prosecution	43	5%
Public Defender	20	2%
Admin. Agencies / Other	47	5%
Military	5	1%
Public Interest / Legal Services	63	7%
<b>% in Public Service</b>		<b>27%</b>

\* at nine months post graduation for each class

# OUR LAW SCHOOL HAS BEEN IN THE LEAD IN CALIFORNIA IN ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO PURSUE PUBLIC INTEREST & PUBLIC SERVICE

- Dean Rex Perschbacher

Recent enhancements to the King Hall LRAP program include expanding the program in several ways. The qualifying salary cap was raised from \$40,000 to \$53,000, and eligible public service positions now include those in government agencies. In addition, UC Davis Law is one of a handful of schools that give aid to offset all student loan debt — undergraduate and law school. So far the Law School provides about \$50,000 in assistance to about a dozen graduates annually. Over the next few years the program is expected to triple in size.

## WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

“Our Law School has been in the lead in California in encouraging students to pursue careers in public interest and public service,” said Dean Rex Perschbacher, adding that the School offers a certificate program in public service law and operates four legal clinics.

The School's encouragement has paid off. According to the numbers provided by the National Association for Law Placement (NALP), our graduates go into public service law at a higher rate than most other law

schools in the state, even though our School is significantly smaller, with fewer financial resources to support those in public service law.

Information gathered from employment statistics between 2000 and 2006 by Career Services revealed that on average 27 percent of the Law School's graduates are employed in public service jobs. These numbers include judicial clerkships, government, and military jobs, in addition to public interest and legal services.

The UC Davis School of Law wants to help students pursue their dream jobs, and the LRAP is one way to do that. Dean Perschbacher said in a presentation before the UC Regents in January, “We will continue to advance our efforts to build a great law school, a truly public law school, a place of personal promise for all our students, one that welcomes everyone based on their intelligence and ability, and that carries out its mission of teaching, scholarship, and service to the community, the state, the nation, and the world.”

Commenting on the LRAP, Emily Fisher said, “It really reflects the values of the Law School.” ■





# PUBLIC INTEREST LAW IN CALIFORNIA LUIS ANGEL ALEJO '01

The following is an excerpt from the ABA *Student Lawyer* magazine. \*\*

## **Tell me about your background and your community.**

I was born and raised in Watsonville, Calif., a small rural agricultural community near the Salinas Valley. The main crop is strawberries, and there is a large migrant worker population that comes to work in the local fields.

My grandfather first came to the Salinas and Pajaro Valleys in the 1940s as a *bracero*. That Spanish term, which means hired hand, refers to the temporary guest workers from Mexico who worked in agriculture or as railroad laborers in the southwestern United States between 1942 and 1964.

My parents were farm workers for the first half of their lives. Eventually, they were able to move out of the fields because my dad served in the Army and could take advantage of the GI Bill. He took some vocational training classes and then did auto body work. My mom took a vocational program to become a nurse and moved out of the canneries.

My family and others opened their doors to Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta in 1969, when they brought the

United Farm Workers to Watsonville to improve the conditions of local farm workers. As a child, I remember attending all these different marches and demonstrations throughout California with my grandfather. I saw first hand how important it was to be involved in trying to improve not only our own lives, but also the lives of others.

## **You taught high school for a year. What motivated you to return to school and earn your law degree?**

During college, I ended up interning at a legal aid office in Oakland's Fruitvale District—a Latino community with immigrants from all over Central America and Mexico. There was only one attorney, one legal secretary, and they really relied on the assistance they got from students.

At that time, there was only one law student intern, and there were two or three of us who were undergraduates. We were able to do a lot of things that typically only law students would do, such as meeting with clients, site visits, photographing housing conditions, legal research, and writing letters to landlords.

As an intern, among other things, I helped in cases where slumlords

refused to return security deposits to immigrant families because they were undocumented and threatened to alert immigration officials if they complained. Simply by writing a demand letter, we would get that money returned to those families in a matter of a few days. For those families, that might be a whole month's worth of wages. It was during this period that I realized how one could use the law to solve problems and empower poor communities.

## **What advice do you have for law students who want to work in public interest?**

Doing this kind of work is the most rewarding work that you can ever imagine. I wake up every day looking forward to the work that I do. The big payoff at the end is being able to see that you solved a problem for a client and made their life better. . . . There is much more work to be done, and there is a tremendous need for more legal advocates to work in rural communities.

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Professor  
**Donna Shestowsky**  
Recipient of the

8<sup>th</sup>  
annual  
Distinguished  
Teaching Award



*Refined*  
by  
*Research*  
**The Psychology of  
Law and Teaching**

Donna Shestowsky became interested in the law as a young child, listening to her grandfather, who she was very close to, talk about his work as both a mayor and police officer of a small town. “His stories got me excited about the possibility of becoming a lawyer one day,” she says.

After earning a B.S. and M.S. in Psychology from Yale University, Shestowsky went on to study at Stanford University and was awarded both a J.D. and a Ph.D. in Psychology. She sees the law and psychology as inherently intertwined.





“On a very fundamental level, the primary function of law is to shape behavior,” she says. “How can we begin to effectively shape people’s behavior if we don’t know why people behave the way they do, or what works well to change their behavior? These are psychological questions, and ones that we can draw on empirical research to help us answer.”

Shestowsky, an acting professor of law and legal scholar with interests in alternative dispute resolution (ADR), juries, and legal psychology, joined the UC Davis School of Law faculty in 2004. She teaches criminal law and negotiation strategy, as well as newly developed coursework in ADR and legal psychology, in which she wrote the curriculum and created her own course reader to supplement the content covered.

ADR is a new and expanding field, driven by litigation costs and court overcrowding. Shestowsky says it is critical that students know about the laws and policies that affect how these procedures operate.

“A growing number of disputes are being settled out of court, whether it is through mediation, arbitration, or some other procedure. Statistically, practicing attorneys are much, much more likely to take a dispute to one of these procedures than they are to take it to trial,” she says. “It is also essential that they know how to plan effectively for these procedures, which, especially for mediation, involves skills that significantly differ from what a lawyer would rely on to prepare for trial.”

The combination of legal and psychology interests has also driven Shestowsky’s research, which is to examine basic assumptions underlying the structure of the legal system and to explore ways in which the judicial system might be

improved using the methodological and analytic tools of psychological theory and research.

Currently, she is collecting longitudinal data from actual disputants. She will compare the data on disputants’ decision-making processes and preferences regarding legal procedures both before they commit to an actual dispute resolution procedure, such as trial or mediation, and then after they’ve experienced a procedure to resolve the dispute.

“It’s exciting to collect data on real disputants, and examine dispute resolution from a psychological angle,” she says. “No one has done this kind of longitudinal study before, so I’m eager to see what we learn from the data.”

Shestowsky’s scholarship in the areas of both law and psychology has earned her the reputation of an up-and-coming leader in her field by her colleagues and peers. She has already published extensively, including articles in the *Nevada Law Review*; *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*; and *Law and Human Behavior* and chapters in *International Encyclopedia of Law and Society: American and Global Perspectives*; *The Negotiator’s Fieldbook: The Desk Reference for the Experienced Negotiator*; and *Frontiers of Social Psychology: Negotiations*.

In the short time Shestowsky has been with the Law School, she has provided exceptional service as a dedicated, accessible teacher, always working to improve her teaching methods. When the call went out for nominations for this year’s Distinguished Teaching Award, letters supporting her nomination poured into the committee from both prior and current students, testifying to her dedication to teaching, to her students, and to her scholarship.

“Professor Shestowsky...has played an integral role in my personal and academic growth. She brings not only intelligence but a passion for teaching into the classroom,” a student wrote.

“This is a time when a student can bond with a teacher, share ideas openly, and become inspired through the right combination of positive feedback and intellectual kindling. Professor Shestowsky is one of those teachers who talks to her students as if they were intellectual equals,” a recent graduate wrote.

Shestowsky continually works to refine her teaching methods. In addition to the desirable qualities of truly listening to her students, providing thoughtful and detailed feedback on course assignments, and supplementing classroom material with highly crafted visual aids, Shestowsky gathers her own empirical data through mid-semester student feedback so she can assess her effectiveness.

The result is a dynamic teaching environment, where students say her enthusiasm is contagious. After visiting Professor Shestowsky’s classroom, a colleague remarked, “The entire class was so energized and interesting that I had to fight the urge to participate myself!”

While it is obvious from student and colleague testimonials that Shestowsky is a gifted teacher and scholar, the positive feelings are mutual. She says that our Law School is truly a special place. “I’m very fortunate to work here. I have learned a great deal already from my fellow faculty members, both in terms of teaching and research. I have fantastic colleagues who are dynamic, kind, and excellent mentors. And the students are a real pleasure to teach – very intelligent, good people who are eager to make the world a better place. What a great place to be!” ■



# **The Lure of the River**

## **The Business of Trout**

**“Clients are friends I go fishing with.”**

**-Ron Clausen '71**

***They say Rock Creek is an angler’s dream. One of many tributaries to the Clark Fork River in western Montana, its glacial waters tumble out of the Anaconda-Pintlar Wilderness, flow past rocky bluffs and lush-green valleys, then narrow through the steep, forested canyons of the Sapphire Mountain Range, until joining the confluence of the larger river 20 miles east of Missoula.***





The water runs cold and clear, and the trout—rainbow, cutthroat, brown, and bull—are abundant. Boulders, log falls, sharp bends, and side channels provide pool character, while the fish feed on abundant hatches of salmonflies, golden stones, drakes, PMDs, caddis, and hoppers. Here, in “God’s backcountry,” as Ron Clausen calls it, both seasoned and novice anglers match wits with these wild and clever fish that wait for the insect hatch along the seams of the nearly continuous riffles.

### ***A Day on the Water***

Ron has a mountain retreat near Rock Creek, and every year since 2002, he and his wife, Kathy, have hosted fishing expeditions for his clients. These events are called Extravanzas, and that is exactly what they have become. Originally, only a few clients were invited, then 27, 30, 40. This year, over 65 clients will fly into the Missoula Airport for the experience of a lifetime.

A client who attended last year says, “For us city dwellers, who have never set foot in a boat, let alone handled a fly rod, Ron has provided vast opportunities to explore new vistas and, certainly, to tap into an aspect of our personalities we might not have known existed.”

Ron takes great care in organizing

these trips. Planning starts a year in advance. With the skill of a master facilitator, he provides a structure, a purpose, and a process so that each individual within this large, diverse group will come away renewed and energized, which in turn, benefits the synergistic relationship he values with his clients.

He deals with all the little details, one of which is to book the river guides and drift boats. Grizzly Hackle is the outfit of choice, and Ron spends countless hours handcrafting each group so that clients are matched with others who may personally and even professionally open doors to new ways of seeing the world. The boats, when launched, fan out across three or four rivers in the area, oared by Grizzly Hackle’s famed water readers.

A newcomer introduced to the sport of fly fishing on a previous Extravanza says, “I’ve seen fish rise, made countless bad casts and a couple of good ones, hooked a fish that had to be almost two-feet long, and enjoyed the rush of trying to land a mayfly in just the right place with just the right drift in an effort to fool one of those wily fish.” She now realizes that this is all part of Ron’s plan. “He envisioned me fly fishing before I could envision it myself.”

### ***Working with the River***

Ron’s law firm is the Clausen Law Group, based in Point Richmond, California. His business logo, a line drawing of three birds flying out of a

box, represents the three lawyers in his office and their desire to always come up with creative, even unusual, ways to craft good deals. The three birds also represent a trinity of sorts, in both a religious and nonreligious way. Ron says he lives by the Golden Rule. “We do unto our clients as we would have them do unto us,” he says. “We are very committed to supporting the people in our community.”

His practice focuses on corporate law, with an emphasis on emerging growth companies, venture capital financing, and mergers and acquisitions. He takes an entrepreneurial approach to the practice of law, always looking for creative solutions to maximize his clients’ business opportunities.

He is a deal maker in the world of high-stakes business. A client calls him a genuine, natural force of nature—“smart as a whip”—who has solved problems that seemed insolvable. “I met Ron, and he changed my life.”

Story after story testifies to this man’s keen business sense. CEOs of large, international companies, as well as family-owned boutique businesses have benefited from the “Clausen Way.”

He’s developed innovative strategies for acquisitions and buyouts that involve little up-front monies or huge taxable income called “The Popeye Plan.” He developed a key business strategy for a client, jotted down on a cocktail napkin, which resulted in a real estate deal that has appreciated in value more than five times without any down payment.

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Another client, previously a construction superintendent with very limited assets, now owns all the stock of three corporations that last year grossed over 10 million.

“Great deals for great people,” is Ron’s motto. And he truly enjoys making deals for his clients because he considers them friends—and they him.

“Ron doesn’t just make clients or business associations,” a client said. “He makes dear friends of just about everyone.”

So how does Ron manage to surround himself with grateful clients, wonderful friends, and a whirling dervish of positive feelings?

He releases 10 percent of his clients every year.

Ron says, if you’re a pain in the neck, demanding, decide not to pay, rude to his employees, or dishonest in any way, he’ll fire you. It doesn’t matter if you’re the head of a Fortune 500 company or even a relative. You’ll get a call from Ron.

And that’s not all. He cut his rates. In 2001, he was at a large law firm in a high-rise in the Bay Area collecting \$500 an hour and billing out well over a million dollars a year. He had too many demanding clients who were eating up his time. He knew that when a call came in from one of them, it would mean more money, more billable hours, but his life would be hell. Then 9/11 happened. “It was a watershed day,” he says. “The business world came to an abrupt halt and all the money changing stopped.” Business law firms raised fees on their struggling business clients to recoup losses. That was Ron’s epiphany.

He gave notice at the large law firm above the skyline in San Francisco. He sunk what money he had into a Rocky Mountain retreat in Montana and started his own law firm back in California with his remaining liquid assets. “It felt like I jumped off a cliff without a parachute,” he says.

## **Trout Rising**

Today, Ron’s office is on the second floor of his family-owned office building that overlooks Brickyard Cove in Point Richmond. He charges \$324 an hour—prepaid or \$425—if you want to be billed.

Most, if not all, gladly prepay. Ron’s never been happier. Neither have his clients.

“I don’t like billable paperwork,” he says. He likens this innovative business law practice to filling up at the gas station. “You prepay for your gas or services, drive around a bit, refill, drive some more, but you never drive on empty,” he says. “It’s a win-win situation.” Not burdened by enormous overhead, he now has the time to focus on what he truly enjoys—looking for solutions to complex problems for his many friends.

His revolutionary billing process allows him more time in Montana. He has an office in his log-crafted home that is nestled in the fir trees on the banks of Rock Creek. When not on the water fishing, he spends mornings on the deck with his wife, Kathy, listening to the osprey call overhead and the creek wind. As the sun rises, the hazy sky turns luminous in Montana, and the scent of water rises with the air.

Friends say Ron has a heart as big and wide as all of Montana.

Ron just wants to share a secret: listen to the river, and you will learn all you need to know from the trout. ■



# A VIEW FROM THE BORDER

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hile politicians continue to debate immigration issues—guest worker program, barrier wall, employer sanctions, military patrols, infrared scopes—six law students at UC Davis School of Law visited the Mariposa port of entry, at Nogales, Arizona, over Spring Break and observed for themselves life along the border.

Cassandra Lopez '08, Katie Ruhl '07, Sarah Farnsworth '07, Heather Chicca '07, Shay Fluharty '09, and Monique DeBrito '09 flew to Arizona on Saturday, March 17. On the second day, they walked a section of the international border and drove and hiked along a migrant trail.

They wrote in a blog entry, “A mile and a half into the trail, we came to an alcove in the side of a mountain where people set up a shrine. There was a crucifix and several rosary beads adorning pictures of families, notes to loved ones, candles, and prayer cards. We wondered why the shrine existed,” the students wrote. “Were these people who died on the trail?”

Over the next week, the law students talked to migrants, humanitarian volunteers, and the border patrol to better understand the plight of the Mexican and South American people who risk their lives to cross rugged mountains and remote deserts to reach the United States.

They visited a relief tent staffed by volunteers from Good Samaritans and No More Deaths and helped serve soup and water to migrants. They listened to stories about how migrants endured third-degree blisters on soles of feet, hypothermia from sub-freezing temperatures, severe dehydration, and injuries severe enough to require amputation.

They also met with a volunteer from Humane Borders, an organization that maintains over 80 water stations throughout the border region, which requires over 70 trips each week during the peak season to provide water to stations. In addition, Humane Borders volunteers distribute warning posters, “*No Vaya Ud. No Hay Suficiente Agua. No Vale la Pena*”—“Don’t make the trip. There’s not enough water. It’s not worth it.”

To gain a complete perspective, though, students went on a “ride-along” with a border patrol agent from the Tucson sector, which has eight stations that cover 262 miles of border. Students found the agent fairly candid about his opinions. They noted that he acknowledged the futility of the proposal to build a wall along the border—which is almost 2,000 miles long and traverses inhospitable terrain. “Overall, he seemed to think that most politicians haven’t the slightest idea about the realities of the U.S./Mexico border.”

On one of their final days, the law students visited the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, which was created to provide attorneys to immigrants in deportation proceedings. The students wrote, “Meeting these amazingly dedicated lawyers, all brilliant young women, gave us some hope and a lot of inspiration. We were grateful for their time, and our introduction to this dusty prison town. I have a feeling some of us will be back soon.”







Far back: Gabrielle Janssens '09  
 Back row (l-r): Nina Sachdev '07, Claire Reichstein '08, Sarah McBride '09, Neta Borshansky '09, Alison Plerge '09  
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# HALO

## TWO YEARS AFTER THE STORM

### A WEEK IN NEW ORLEANS

“It looked like a war zone,” they wrote. “Buildings leveled. Bricks, beams, and clapboard strewn across empty lots. Homes that still stood—some no more than sheetrock leaning against a pile of rubble—were spray painted, DO NOT BULLDOZE.”

Eleven UC Davis School of Law students, members of the School’s Humanitarian Aid Legal Organization (HALO), kept a daily blog during a Spring Break trip to the hardest hit and most economically vulnerable communities after Hurricane Katrina swept through New Orleans.

Each blog entry described the devastation that still haunts the city. “The streets were eerily quiet; almost no children were around, no pets, no police cars,” they wrote. “TVs, couches, dining room tables could be seen strewn around the inside of many homes, covered in dirt and mold, untouched in almost two years.”

HALO is a new student organization at UC Davis School of Law, and the trip was part of a national law student movement, organized by Student Hurricane Network, to help rebuild and serve legal and social justice organizations in the areas devastated by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.



“We feel there’s a major, lingering crisis,” said Ramaah Sadasivam ’09, co-founder of the student group. “It’s affected people’s homes and businesses and changed people’s lives.”

While in New Orleans, the group pitched in with hammers and electric drills to rebuild a local church, but their main purpose was to provide legal help.

Neta Borshansky ’09, also a co-founder of HALO, said that in the aftermath of the hurricanes, the Gulf Coast region experienced an exodus of lawyers, while crimes have only increased as social problems have been exacerbated.

Adequate and affordable housing for residents is still a major problem in New Orleans. Two years after the storm, many families are still living in FEMA trailers. In Jefferson Parish, an ordinance was recently passed requiring the removal of all private property residential temporary trailers. In many cases, people were living in trailers while still waiting to receive their insurance or government program money to rebuild their homes.

UC Davis Law students, working with Loyola Law School’s Hurricane Katrina Law Clinic, helped residents of Jefferson Parish by writing appeals to extend the deadline of their forced move.

In another part of the city, UC Davis students working with the New Orleans Legal Assistance Center (NOLAC), helped residents apply for federal assistance to rebuild their homes. Many properties in the city had been passed down through generations without changing the name on the title. Families, after losing everything, discovered they didn’t even have a clear title to their home, making them ineligible for federal aid. UC Davis Law students interviewed low-income homeowners and gathered family and property histories to document ownership.

**Nineteen months after the levees broke and destroyed parts of the city, people are still struggling to get back to a ‘normal’ life.**

Ramaah Sadasivam ’09

One student wrote about a woman who was determined to return to her land and rebuild the home her parents built for her and her 12 siblings. “Her commitment and loyalty to her family and to her community is astounding,” the student wrote. “She expressed to us that being detached from her plot of land is far more difficult than the fear, risk, and pain of returning and rebuilding.... To her, disaster is unpredictable and, therefore, she wants to return to the familiar rather than seek an artificial sense of security in a foreign place.”

Students also compiled data on the criminal justice system that will be analyzed by the Louisiana Capital Assistance Center, a non-profit capital trial organization committed to providing quality legal representation to people facing the death penalty in Louisiana. One student described the criminal justice system as appalling. It is not uncommon for those arrested to wait 45-60 days in jail before even being charged with a crime.

On returning to UC Davis, a student wrote, “Nineteen months after the levees broke and destroyed parts of the city, people are still struggling to get back to a ‘normal’ life.” She described non-functioning traffic lights still on street corners, twisted and uprooted from their cement bases. “Basic essentials—access to education/schools, health care, and food—are absent in many parts of the city. I found myself wondering, ‘How can this be?’ and ‘How can this be happening in America?’” ■

Visit the HALO blog to read more:  
<http://students.law.ucdavis.edu/halo>.



# A LEGACY OF LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP

## The Dr. Maximilian and Martha Koessler Law Library Legacy Fund

## AT UC DAVIS

A few years after Maximilian and Martha Koessler were married in 1936 in Vienna, Austria, German troops entered the country and Austria was incorporated into Germany. Maximilian was a practicing attorney in Vienna with over 20 years of experience. Martha, a native of the Netherlands, watched as her own country was occupied by Nazi forces. In 1940, the Koesslers left Vienna for the United States to escape the Nazi regime.

A true legal scholar, Maximilian attended school in New York, even though he already had a doctorate of law degree from Vienna University. He received both a bachelor of laws degree with honors and a masters degree in political science and international law, and he completed his course work and passed all examinations for his doctorate of philosophy in political science.

The Koesslers' world, like so many others during World War II, was dominated by international events. Martha worked for the United Nations and then for the Netherlands' Consulate. Maximilian was a trial attorney for the U.S. Army in the War Crimes Trials at Nuremberg.

Maximilian, who died in 1964, published extensively in leading law and political science journals. He was also a member of the editorial staff of the law book publishing company Bancroft-Whitney. Martha wanted to ensure his extensive publications and personal law library were donated to a law school where they would be valued, and in 1968 she contacted the UC Davis School of Law. The acquisition of these books became part of the foundation of the law library and were of importance from both a legal and historic perspective. Later, Maximilian's transcripts regarding the Nuremberg Trials were moved from the

library to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum at Martha's request.

After her generous donations, Martha did not forget UC Davis. In 1993, she sent a letter to Law Librarian and Professor of Law Mortimer Schwartz, who had traveled to San Carlos, California, 25 years earlier to view the Koessler collection. "I would like to make a legacy for your law students or library," she wrote. "Would you be interested?" Mortimer wrote back, "I like the idea."

That initial correspondence led to the establishment of the Dr. Maximilian and Martha Koessler Law Library Legacy Fund. Following Martha's death in 2003, her estate plans provided a bequest gift in Maximilian's memory to permanently endow the fund, which now provides perpetual annual support for programs and resources of the Mabie Law Library. [Ed. Note: The UC Davis School of Law Library was recently named the Mabie Law Library after the William and Inez Mabie Family Foundation made a major contribution to the King Hall Building Project.]

Martha chose a bequest as her way to support UC Davis, honor her husband's life-long interest in legal scholarship, and affirm her own interest in supporting legal education.

There are many ways to make gifts through one's estate plans that will meaningfully impact the Law School and its students well into the future. These gifts, like the Koesslers' bequest, can be directed toward a specific program, such as the Mabie Law Library, the building addition and renovation project, a journal, a clinic, or they may be used to fund scholarships or endowed chairs.

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The building project adds 19,000 square feet of new space to King Hall and renovates 25,000 square feet of existing space. The project will alleviate overcrowding, expand student study and meeting space, add faculty offices, add seminar and teaching spaces, consolidate the Mabie Law Library and add a reading room, and better integrate student and alumni services within King Hall. These new spaces will permit the Law School to continue enhancing its instructional, research, and public service programs.

The project budget exceeds \$30 million, with state and campus funds of \$22 million and a private fundraising goal of at least \$8 million. Thanks to the generosity of many individuals and foundations, we have raised over \$3 million so far. Additional private support will fund critical design alternates, technology upgrades, and additional renovation within King Hall ensuring we achieve the full potential of our once-in-a-generation opportunity of expanding and renewing King Hall.

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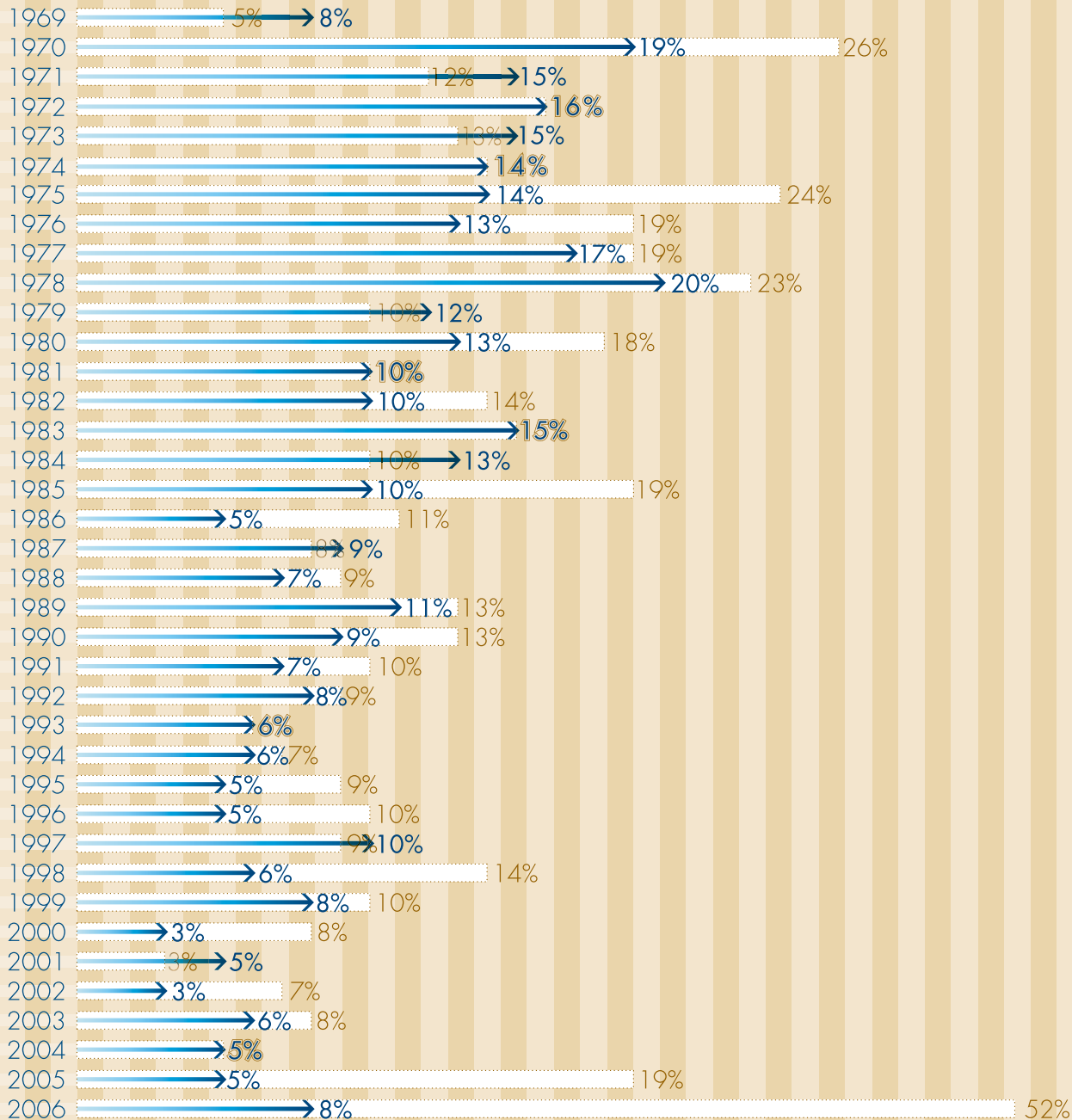
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**August 19, Sunday, 10:00 A.M.**  
UC Davis Buehler Alumni Center

**November, Saturday**  
Date and location to be determined

## Alumni Reunions/Receptions

**September 29, Saturday, Noon**  
*2007 Milestone Reunions*  
Classes of 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002

**Alumni Receptions to be Scheduled**  
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## Ceremonies and Events

**August 19, Sunday, 5:30 P.M.**  
*Class of 2010 – Welcome Picnic*  
King Hall, Courtyard and Arboretum

**September 14-15, Friday and Saturday**  
*Immigration Law Clinic 25th Anniversary, Reunion, MCLE Program, & Retirement of James F. Smith, Founder and Director of the Clinic*  
Friday, September 14th, evening:  
*Award Ceremony & Banquet Dinner*  
Saturday, September 15th, morning-afternoon:  
*Immigration-Related Program & Luncheon*

**September 15, Saturday, 5:00 P.M.**  
*Cruz Reynoso Lifetime Achievement Celebration*  
Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts

**September 28, Friday, 3:30 P.M.**  
*14th Annual Capitol Tour and Reception*

**September 29, Saturday, 10:00 A.M.**  
*King Hall Expansion & Renovation Ceremonial Groundbreaking*

**December 7, Friday, 6:00 P.M.**  
*5th Annual Swearing-In Ceremony*  
King Hall, Wilkins Moot Courtroom

## Endowed Lecture

**October 25, Thursday, 4:00 P.M.**  
*Brigitte M. Bodenheimer Lecture on the Family; Reception following*  
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