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## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

These are exciting times around King Hall. In my nearly 20 years at UC Davis, I cannot recall another period in which the Law School was growing so quickly and in so many different ways. As I experience my first academic year as dean, I am more inspired than ever by what our faculty, students, staff, and alumni are achieving.

For those who have visited King Hall in recent months, some of our growth is obvious. As the King Hall Expansion and Renovation Project moves forward, the foundation of our building's new east wing has taken shape. Before the end of 2009, we expect the expansion phase of the project to be complete, significantly increasing the space available for teaching, study, group meetings, and staff, and adding a grand appellate courtroom and auditorium that will host real-world and mock court proceedings, lectures, and more. Meanwhile, fundraising is moving forward for the renovation phase, which will upgrade the existing King Hall structure to expand the Mabie Law Library, accommodate new technologies, and improve aesthetics and traffic flow.

Our fundraising efforts are also making great strides. Recently we have received significant commitments from friends and support from many alumni, faculty, and staff who are giving to make the renovation possible. We have seen the announcement of the Mabie Challenge, in which the Mabie Family Foundation has pledged to contribute up to \$500,000 to the renovation if we reach our goals for alumni, faculty, and student participation. Recently, the Kalmanovitz Foundation, with help from our distinguished alumnus Yeoryios C. Apallas '72, contributed more than \$1 million to name the new appellate courtroom, and plans are already underway to hold arguments there by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, California Supreme Court, and California Court of Appeal.

Academically, King Hall has never been stronger. Our faculty, many of whom joined us during the last decade, are widely regarded as some of the best legal scholars in the country. They publish cutting-edge scholarship prolifically, are frequent speakers at conferences and symposia around the country, and are often called upon by the local and national media to provide insight into the most pressing issues of our time. They are engaged in their communities, helping to solve complex legal problems, and passionately committed to our students, who continue to be among the most gifted and diverse of any law school.

In this issue of *Counselor*, you will find many examples of the wonderful things happening in the King Hall community: Professor Diane Amann's trip to Guantánamo Bay to observe the pretrial hearings of accused 9/11 detainees; alumnus Darrell Steinberg's appointment as leader of the California Senate; Professor Emeritus Cruz Reynoso's appointment to President-elect Obama's Justice and Civil Rights Agency Review Team; our students' victories in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on behalf of our Immigration Law Clinic's clients; fundraising successes such as the Verizon Foundation's support of our Family Protection Clinic; and so much more.

These are indeed exciting times at King Hall, and I invite you to be part of it all. As we continue to advance our efforts, we face challenges. In this era of diminishing state support, we must do all we can to enhance our financial aid and loan repayment assistance programs and increase resources for privately funded scholarships to help those who want to come here to reach their dreams. To achieve these goals, we desperately need the help of our alumni and all those who believe in our mission.

I hope you will enjoy this issue of *Counselor*, and look forward to sharing the Law School's challenges and successes with you in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Kevin R. Johnson  
Dean and Mabie-Apallas Professor of Public Interest Law and Chicana/o Studies

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*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination on April 4, 1968, had an immediate impact on UC Davis School of Law 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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## FOUNDING FACULTY HONORED AT OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION

Faculty members who helped found the UC Davis School of Law 40 years ago were honored at a special School of Law Open House and Founding Faculty Ceremony on October 10 in the King Hall Mabie Law Library Reading Room. The event, which



was part of both the UC Davis Centennial Celebration and the commemoration of King Hall's 40th anniversary, featured a welcome address by Dean Kevin R. Johnson, remarks by founding faculty member Professor Floyd Feeney, and the dedication of a plaque honoring the contributions of the founding faculty.

Dean Johnson made his first formal address in King Hall as dean. He touched on several milestones and achievements in the history of the Law School and thanked the founding faculty for their contributions.

"None of this would have happened were it not for the leadership, active engagement, and enthusiasm of our founding faculty," Johnson told the faculty, alumni, students, and staff in attendance.

Dean Johnson also quoted from the plaque, which will be placed to commemorate the original entrance to King Hall. The plaque lists all members of the founding faculty and states that "their efforts laid the foundation for the excellence and national recognition the school has attained." The Dean recognized the founding faculty in attendance and introduced Professor Feeney, who shared his recollections of the early days of King Hall.

Present for the celebration were founding faculty members Professor Feeney, Professor Dov M. Grunschlag, Professor Emeritus James Hogan (and his wife Janice), Professor Emeritus Ed Rabin (and his wife Jane), Professor Emeritus Mortimer D. Schwartz, and Professor Gerald Adler, as well as former Assistant to the Dean Thelma Kido. Also in attendance were Dan Dykstra, son of founding faculty Professor Dan Dykstra, his wife Mitty Dykstra, daughter of founding faculty member Professor John W. Whelan, and her mother Maryrose Whelan, wife of Professor Whelan.

## PROFESSOR AMANN TRAVELS TO GUANTÁNAMO BAY TO OBSERVE 9/11 DETAINEE HEARINGS

Professor Diane Marie Amann, an expert in law and terrorism, traveled to Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, in December to observe pretrial hearings in the case against five detainees charged in connection with the September 11, 2001 attacks on New York and Washington, D.C. Among the defendants were Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, alleged to have masterminded the attacks, and who is alleged to have been "water boarded" during interrogation at secret sites maintained by the CIA.

Issues litigated at the hearing included the admissibility at trial of confessions obtained under coercion, the competency of certain defendants to stand trial, and the adequacy of translation services provided to defendants.

Professor Amann observed the proceedings as a representative of the National Institute of Military Justice, a Washington, D.C.-based nongovernmental organization founded by former military lawyers. A member of NIMJ's Board of Advisors, Professor Amann was the

principal co-author of the organization's amicus brief in *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, the 2006 decision in which the U.S. Supreme Court invalidated the military commission's plan initially implemented by President George W. Bush. Later that year, Congress reinstated a version of the plan by passing the Military Commissions Act.

## UC DAVIS RANKED AMONG TOP PUBLIC-INTEREST LAW SCHOOLS

The UC Davis School of Law ranked 29th in a recent listing of "Best Law Schools for Public Interest Law" in the Fall 2008 issue of *preLaw* magazine. The list was topped by Northeastern University School of Law, with only Loyola School of Law in Los Angeles, Stanford Law School, and Whittier Law School ranking higher among California schools. The *preLaw* magazine story may be viewed online at <http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/cypress/prelaw-fall-08/#/28>.

## PROFESSOR BROWNSTEIN RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARLY SERVICE AWARD

Professor Alan Brownstein, the Bochever and Bird Endowed Chair for the Study and Teaching of Freedom and Equality, is a 2008 recipient of the Distinguished Scholarly Public Service Award from the UC Davis Academic Senate. Brownstein has been a member of the Law School faculty since 1981. Regarded as one of the nation's leading experts on law and religion, he has been a powerful voice of dissent to many of the nation's recent policies restricting civil liberties.

Professor Brownstein frequently testifies before government bodies and speaks to community groups. He is an active member and officer of the American Civil Liberties Union in Northern California and participates in a variety of interfaith coalitions.

"Thousands of California citizens have benefited immensely from his engaged scholarship," Dean Kevin R. Johnson said.



## COURTNEY LINN '90 HONORED BY US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Courtney Linn '90, an assistant United States Attorney, received the U.S. Department of Justice's John Marshall Award for excellence in legal performance at the department's Annual Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C. on October 28. The John Marshall Award is the highest honor the Attorney General awards for contributions by Department of Justice lawyers in specific subject areas.

Linn received the award for his work in the areas of money laundering and asset forfeiture. He is the chief architect of strategies the Department of Justice has employed to detect and prosecute financial crimes including terrorist financing and money laundering. He has authored numerous papers on money laundering and asset forfeiture that have appeared in government publications and legal journals in the U.S. and Great Britain.

## EDUARDO DIAZ '76 TO LEAD SMITHSONIAN LATINO CENTER

Eduardo Diaz '76 has been appointed as director of the Smithsonian Latino Center, which coordinates programs and exhibits on Latino culture that appear in numerous venues inside and outside the Smithsonian. Diaz, who grew up in El Paso, Texas, as well as San Bernardino, California, served for 10 years as the director of San Antonio's Office of Cultural Affairs. Since 2005 he has been executive director of the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the largest Latino center in the country.

## DAVID I. BROWN '74 APPOINTED AS SACRAMENTO SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

David I. Brown '74 has been appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to serve as a Sacramento County Superior Court judge. Brown is a founding partner at the Law Offices of Bailey & Brown, where he has worked since 1978. In addition to his litigation practice, he has been an arbitrator and mediator and for the last several years has also served as a judge pro Tem in Sacramento, Yolo, and El Dorado county superior courts.

## INAUGURAL FENWICK & WEST SYMPOSIUM DRAWS PRAISE

The first symposium in the new Technology, Entrepreneurship, Science, and the Law (TESLaw) series sponsored by Fenwick & West was held in King Hall on November 7, drawing an audience of about 120 attorneys, academic experts, students, and industry professionals and winning rave reviews from participants, many of whom commented on the outstanding quality of the presentations. "The Perfect Storm of Patent Reform?" symposium brought together an impressive set of industry leaders and legal experts to discuss vital issues related to patent reform, intellectual property rights, and how pending changes in the patent system will impact information technology, the life sciences, and the economy.

"UC Davis did an outstanding job of organizing and promoting what turned out to be a cutting-edge program on patent reform in the three branches of the federal government," said Jerry Selinger, of Patterson & Sheridan, LLP, and former director of the American Intellectual Property Law Association.

The symposium featured a keynote speech from Stratton Scalvos, former board chair, president, and CEO of Verisign. Panel discussions included:

- "Patent Reform in Congress: Evolution in the Innovation Framework," moderated by UC Davis School of Law Acting Professor Peter Lee, and featuring Mark Chandler, general counsel, Cisco; Jay Thomas, professor of Law, Georgetown University; Andrew Serafini, partner, Fenwick & West; and Doug Luftman, associate general counsel, intellectual property, Palm, Inc.

- "Patent Reform at the PTO: Streamlining of Substantive Change?" moderated by UC Davis School of Law Professor Keith Aoki, and featuring Colleen Chien, assistant professor of Law, Santa Clara University; Ron Katznelson, PhD, president, Bi-Level Technologies; Sanjay Prasad, head of Enterprise Software Licensing, Intellectual Ventures; and Jerry Selinger, Patterson & Sheridan, LLP.
- "Patent Reform in the Courts: Doctrinal Developments and Implications," moderated by Lynn Pasahow, partner, Fenwick & West, and featuring Mark Lemley, William H. Neukom Professor of Law, Stanford University; Robert Merges, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, professor of Law and Technology director, UC Berkeley Center for Law & Technology; and Chief Judge Paul R. Michel, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.
- A roundtable discussion moderated by Mark Lemley, William H. Neukom Professor of Law, Stanford University, and featuring Chip Lutton, chief patent counsel, Apple; Lynn Pasahow, partner, Fenwick & West; Jay Thomas, professor of law, Georgetown University; and Chief Judge Paul R. Michel.

The symposium was the first in what will be a five-year series at the Law School sponsored by Fenwick & West to provide practitioners, academics, and students in law, management, bioscience, high technology, and other related fields with the knowledge base required to successfully address the challenges inherent to the growing, ever-changing markets of the 21st century.



left to right: Stratton Scalvos; Marc Lemley, Stanford University; Chief Judge Paul R. Michel; Jay Thomas, Georgetown University

# NEWS & NOTES

## VERIZON AWARDS \$35,000 TO UC DAVIS FAMILY PROTECTION CLINIC

The UC Davis School of Law Family Protection and Legal Assistance Clinic has been awarded a grant of \$35,000 from the Verizon Foundation to support King Hall students as they represent victims of domestic violence who otherwise would not be able to afford an attorney.

Founded in 1999, the Woodland-based clinic has represented clients in an average of 79 cases per year, assisting victims of domestic violence and their children to obtain needed financial support and protective and custody orders, which allow families to go on with their lives without the threat of further abuse. The clinic is the only entity providing free legal representation to low-income victims of domestic violence and related problems in Yolo County, where 18.4 percent of the population live below the federal poverty level. In addition, the clinic offers invaluable hands-on experience for King Hall students, and partners with the Yolo County Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center to offer community education.

“We are very proud of the important work of the Family Protection and Legal Assistance Clinic, which has made a profound difference in the lives of many victims of domestic violence and taught students much about the practice of law for those most in need,” said Kevin R. Johnson, dean of the UC Davis School of Law. “Thank you to the Verizon Foundation for its generous support of the clinic.”

The Verizon Foundation is the philanthropic branch of New York-based Verizon Communications Inc., a leader in the broadband and wireless communications industry. Since 2000, the Verizon Foundation has invested more than \$400 million in the United States and around the world, with a primary focus on literacy, domestic violence prevention, and access to technology. Verizon supports the survivors of domestic violence through a myriad of programs, including Verizon Wireless’ Hopeline program. Through the program, no longer used phones are collected and

provided to nonprofit organizations that assist domestic violence survivors.

## PROFESSOR HING RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

Professor Bill Ong Hing has received two prestigious awards honoring his scholarship and activism.

In August, the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD) honored Professor Hing with the Donald Cressey Award, which recognizes outstanding academic contributions in the field of criminology, at a special reception and dinner at the Stanford Court Hotel in San Francisco, with Dean Kevin R. Johnson, among many others, in attendance. Previous winners of the Cressey Award include, among other luminaries, Professor Charles Ogletree (Harvard).

In December, Professor Hing was selected to receive the UC Davis Chancellor’s Achievement Award for Diversity and Community in the Academic Senate category. The award recognizes Professor Hing’s contributions to increasing diversity and inclusiveness within the UC Davis School of Law.

Dean Johnson nominated Professor Hing for the Diversity Award on the basis of his experience as the founder and director of the Immigrant Legal Resource Center—a nationally-renowned immigrant-rights group based in San Francisco—as well as his many positions on committees advising the federal government on immigration law and policy, his experience in appellate advocacy, and his contributions to the Law School as an instructor and head of the school’s clinical programs.

“Professor Hing, throughout his career, has pursued social justice by combining community work, litigation, and scholarship,” said Johnson. “He has an exemplary record of dedicated, important, high-profile service.”

## PROFESSOR DOREMUS PUBLISHES WATER WAR IN THE KLAMATH BASIN

Professor Holly Doremus has published her most recent book, *Water War in the Klamath Basin: Macho Law, Combat Biology, and Dirty Politics*, on Island Press.

The book, co-written with A. Dan

## RALPH NADER SPEAKS AT KING HALL

Attorney, author, consumer activist, and four-time presidential candidate Ralph Nader delivered a lecture entitled “Corporate Power, Law Firms, and Law Schools” at King Hall on November 24.



The two-hour lecture and question-and-answer session drew an audience that filled the Wilkins Moot Courtroom and spilled over into the adjacent hallway and Mabie Law Library lobby, where audio and video were made available.

Nader’s lecture touched on a wide

Tarlock, Distinguished Professor of Law at the Chicago-Kent College of Law, undertakes a comprehensive analysis of the historic federal Bureau of Reclamation decision, made after the 2001 drought, to shut down the headgates of the Upper Klamath Basin in southern Oregon to conserve water for endangered species. The episode was the first time in U.S. history that the headgates of a federal irrigation project had ever been closed in favor of conservation. The book examines the protests, vandalism, and apocalyptic rhetoric that greeted the decision, and offers lessons for the future of water management and conservation in the arid West.

Professor Doremus is one of the country’s leading scholars of biodiversity protection and the intersection of environmental law and natural science.

range of subjects related to what he termed “the broader responsibilities to the administration of justice” that attorneys hold and the ways in which law schools can prepare students for this role. He talked about the changes that have occurred since his days at Harvard Law School in the 1950s, including the increased diversity among law students and the arrival of courses in consumer law, civil rights, and poverty law. Nader suggested that while these changes have been positive, law schools are still not doing enough to illuminate the ways in which corporate power comes into conflict with the public interest.

Nader challenged the audience to resist the “creeping cynicism” often experienced by second- and third-year law students, and to pursue careers that recognize their potential to affect positive change. “You’re in the top one percent of people with a capacity to make a difference in this world,” said Nader. “Don’t trivialize your talent for higher pay.”

Nader’s King Hall lecture was made possible through support from the UC Davis School of Law and the UC Davis Law Students Association. The presentation was recorded and has been made available online through the UC Davis iTunes and You Tube web sites.

## JOSEPH FLORENDO '79 NAMED HAWAII JURIST OF THE YEAR

Joseph Florendo '79, a Hawaii Island District Court Judge, was honored as Hawaii Jurist of the Year by Chief Justice Ronald Moon on October 17 in a ceremony in the Supreme Court courtroom. Judge Florendo, a native of Honolulu who has spent 22 years on the District Court bench, “has earned a reputation of being hard-working, fair-minded, compassionate, and not only knowledgeable in the law, but a good student of the law,” said Chief Justice Moon. “His rulings are thoughtful, grounded in the law, and tempered with compassion.”

## LA RAZA LAW SCHOOL STUDENTS WIN NATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

The UC Davis School of Law La Raza Law Students Association was awarded the Student Service Award by the National Latino/a Law Student Association (NLLSA) at its annual convention held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on October 16-18. The award recognized the La Raza students’ continued public service to the Latino community, as well as their strong presence on the NLLSA board and activism on behalf of Latino law students around the country.

## PROFESSOR SHESTOWSKY AWARDED ABA GRANT

Professor Donna Shestowsky has been named as a 2008 recipient of an American Bar Association Litigation Research Fund grant. Established in 2007 to support original scholarly work that advances the understanding of civil litigation in the United States, the Litigation Research Fund makes awards of \$5,000-\$20,000 to legal academics, social scientists, and scholars from other disciplines.

Professor Shestowsky received an award of \$10,000 to support her longitudinal research on disputants’ preferences for court procedures.

Donna Shestowsky teaches Criminal Law, Negotiation Strategy, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and a seminar in Legal Psychology. She was the 2007 recipient of the Law School’s Distinguished Teaching Award.

## ALUMS, FACULTY RECONNECT AT 2008 REUNIONS

More than 150 UC Davis School of Law alumni and faculty came together for the 2008 Milestone Reunions held October 4 in the Buehler Alumni and Visitors Center across from King Hall. Members of the classes of 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, and 2003 enjoyed a Reunion Luncheon, student-guided tours of the King Hall building project, welcoming addresses from Dean Kevin R. Johnson and Alumni Association Board President Steve Boutin '72, and plenty of informal reminiscing.

“I thought the reunion events were a huge success,” remarked Johnson. “It was wonderful to reconnect with so many alums, to learn about the great things they’re achieving in their careers, and to share with them the latest news regarding the School of Law.”



Among those present were Myron “Doc” Miller, believed to be the oldest King Hall graduate, a two-alum couple, Debra Margolis '83 and Craig Labadie '81, whose daughter, Maila Labadie, is in her first year of study with the School of Law, and a group of alums now living and working in Alabama, including Laveada Battle '78, who advised the transition team of President-elect Barack Obama. Also attending was Duncan Crabtree-Ireland '98, who now lives in Los Angeles and works as deputy national executive director and general counsel for the Screen Actors Guild.

School of Law faculty present at the events included Professor Thomas Joo, Professor Lisa Ikemoto '87, Professor Emeritus Joel Dobris, Professor Holly Doremus, Professor Donna Shestowsky, Professor Emeritus Bruce Wolk, and Professor Emeritus Richard Wydick.

Dean Johnson said special thanks were due to the class organizers: Jeffrey Anne Tatum '78, Debra Margolis '83 and Jerry Hobrecht '83, Duncan Crabtree-Ireland '98, and Melanie Proctor '03 and Gage Dungy '03.

## PROFESSOR REYNOSO NAMED TO OBAMA TRANSITION TEAM

Professor Emeritus Cruz Reynoso was appointed to President-elect Barack Obama's Justice and Civil Rights Agency Review team. He helped to lead a review of key federal departments, agencies, commissions, and the White House to provide the Obama-Biden Transition Team with thorough information needed to make policy, budgetary, and personnel decisions prior to Obama's January 20, 2009 inauguration.



A member of the UC Davis School of Law faculty since 2001, Professor Reynoso is an internationally known civil rights leader, the first Latino to sit on the California Supreme Court, and a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. He has been awarded the UC Davis Medal, the university's highest honor, and the Law School has established the Cruz & Jeannene Reynoso Scholarship for Legal Access to help students with financial needs.

## JUDGE PATRICIA YIM COWETT '72 WINS AWARDS

The Honorable Patricia Yim Cowett '72 is the 2008 recipient of the Joan Dempsey Klein Award and the Lawyers Club of San Diego Belva Lockwood Award. Judge Cowett has been a trailblazer as an attorney and a judge. In April 2008, she celebrated her retirement after nearly three decades on the bench. Then-Governor Jerry Brown appointed Judge Cowett to the Municipal Court in 1979. In 1999, she was elevated to the Superior Court.

## KRISTINA PICKERING '77 ELECTED TO NEVADA SUPREME COURT

Kristina Pickering '77 was elected to a seat on the Nevada Supreme Court on November 4. Pickering, who grew up in Reno, graduated from Yale University and attended Georgetown University Law Center before earning her degree at King Hall. After law school, she returned to Reno to clerk for United States District Judge Bruce Thompson, then began legal practice in Reno before moving in 1992 to Las Vegas to found Morris Pickering & Peterson with her husband, Steve Morris.

## JANET GAARD '83 APPOINTED YOLO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has appointed Janet Gaard '83 to the Yolo County Superior Court. Gaard has served as chief assistant attorney general for the Division of Public Rights at the California Department of Justice since October 2007. She previously was special assistant attorney general and director of legislative affairs from 1999 to 2007 and deputy attorney general from 1984 to 1999. Gaard, who also served as a staff attorney for the Third District Court of Appeal from 1983 to 1984, fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Doris Shockley.

## IMMIGRATION LAW CLINIC STUDENTS PREVAIL IN NINTH CIRCUIT

In an impressive victory for the UC Davis School of Law Immigration Law Clinic, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit issued a published decision November 10, 2008 embracing arguments submitted by King Hall students.

On October 20, Professor Holly Cooper and student Carolyn Hsu '09 presented oral arguments before the Ninth Circuit representing a man with a colorable claim to U.S. citizenship detained by the Department of Homeland Security. Appearing on behalf of the King Hall Immigrant Detention Project—a collaboration of the Civil Rights Clinic, Immigration Law Clinic, and Prison Law Clinic—Hsu urged the Court of Appeals to overturn the District Court ruling finding no habeas jurisdiction existed for United States citizens to challenge the legality of their confinement in immigration custody. The Ninth Circuit found that jurisdiction existed for the habeas petition and remanded the habeas proceedings to the District Court.

Professor Cooper credited several students for their work on the case, including Hoa Hoang '08, Asha Jennings '09, Su Yon Yi '10, and Parisa Igadi-Maghsoodi '10, and had particular praise for Hsu and Jessica Zweng '09.

"Ms. Hsu and Ms. Zweng spent endless days and nights researching and preparing for the oral argument," said Professor Cooper. "Both are now experts in recent Supreme Court cases on 'enemy combatants' and the historical underpinnings of the Non-Detention Act."

King Hall students made arguments before the Ninth Circuit on three separate occasions in the fall of 2008 as part of their work with the Law School's clinical programs.



Prof. Cooper, Hsu, Zweng, Prof. White





**ANNE  
STAUSBOLL  
'84 NAMED  
FIRST  
FEMALE  
CalPERS  
CEO**

Anne Stausboll '84 has been named as the next chief executive officer of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), the nation's largest public pension fund. Stausboll will be the first female CEO in the system's 77-year history.

Stausboll joined CalPERS in 1994 and

spent six years in its legal office. She left to work as general counsel for then-state Treasurer Phil Angelides and became deputy treasurer in 2000, then rejoined CalPERS four years ago as its chief investment operating officer. Stausboll will oversee an organization that has 2,300 employees and a budget of more than \$332 million.

**KING HALL ALUMNI ON THE BENCH  
HOLD REUNION**

The UC Davis School of Law's Alumni on the Bench Association held its first-ever gathering at King Hall on October 24-25, drawing more than two dozen judges for panel discussions with Law School faculty, tours of university facilities, and a keynote speech from California State Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg, a 1984 UC Davis School of Law alumnus.

Created to serve as a resource for members of the King Hall community and to promote continued education for California judges, the Alumni on the Bench Association organized the inaugural event around panel discussions of complex issues facing sitting judges. The panels included:

- "State Bar Guidelines on Civility and Professionalism—the Judge's Role," an examination of new state guidelines featuring UC Davis School of Law Professor Emeritus Cruz Reynoso, a former California Supreme Court Justice; and the Honorable Loren McMaster, a Superior Court of Sacramento County Judge.

- "Scientific Evidence—the Judge as Gatekeeper," a discussion of how recent Supreme Court rulings impact the judge's role in overseeing expert testimony, moderated by the Honorable Dave Rosenberg, Superior Court of Yolo County; and featuring Professor Albert Lin of the UC Davis School of Law.
- "Marriage for Same-Sex Couples in California and Beyond," a discussion of the California Supreme Court's summer 2008 decision holding that denying same-sex couples the right to marry violates the California Constitution, with the Honorable Judy Hersher, Superior Court of Sacramento County; and featuring UC Davis School of Law Professors Floyd Feeney and Courtney Joslin.

Dean Johnson offered an address on the "State of the Law School," including private fundraising efforts and the King Hall Expansion and Renovation Project.

Senator Steinberg's keynote speech focused on the relationship between the judicial and legislative branches of government and included fond remembrances of his years at UC Davis.

"I will stand with you as a proud alumnus of King Hall, 1984," said Steinberg, praising the Law School's sense of community.

Reunion activities also included tours of the UC Davis Genome Center and the recently opened Robert Mondavi Institute for Food and Wine Science, as well as a reception and dinner. Attendees included the Honorable Gordon S. Baranco, Superior Court of Alameda County; the Honorable Mary Fingal Schulte, Superior Court of Orange County; the Honorable Dale L. Ikeda, Superior Court of Fresno County; the Honorable Joan K. Irion, Associate Justice, California Court of Appeal (Fourth Appellate District); the Honorable David Rosenberg, Superior Court of Yolo County; the Honorable Nancy Wieben Stock, Superior Court of Orange County; the Honorable Rebecca Wiseman, Associate Justice, California Courts of Appeal (Fifth Appellate District); and the Honorable Joseph Florendo, a Hawaii Island District Court Judge recently honored as Hawaii Jurist of the Year.



left to right: Honorable Ricardo Cordova '79, Honorable Robert C. Fracchia '79, Honorable Joseph P. Florendo, Jr. '79, Honorable Brad Nelson '79, Honorable John D. Kirihara '79, Darrell S. Steinberg '84  
Mondavi Institute for Food & Wine Science

# A NEW ERA

## NEW DEAN KEVIN JOHNSON STRIVES TO BUILD ON KING HALL SUCCESS, MAINTAIN ACCESSIBILITY



### **Kevin R. Johnson has never forgotten where he came from.**

“I owe my success and my career to the education I received at a public university,” said Johnson, the new dean of the UC Davis School of Law. “As a result, I feel especially strongly about the need for public universities to continue to offer top-quality legal education.”

Johnson grew up on welfare in Southern California’s San Gabriel Valley, yet gained entry to UC Berkeley and then Harvard Law School before going on to a career as a successful attorney; an internationally renowned scholar on issues of civil rights, race, and immigration; and the first Latino dean of a University of California professional school. He is passionately committed to maintaining and building upon the legacy of excellence established by outgoing Dean Rex R. Perschbacher, and to keeping the Law School accessible to all even in these times of budgetary crisis and rising fees.

Johnson takes over as dean with King Hall celebrating its 40th anniversary and the foundation for continued excellence well in place. It is recognized as one of the best law schools in the country, with an excellent, diverse, and dedicated faculty devoted to scholarship and teaching, a gifted student body that thrives in an atmosphere of multicultural community, an award-winning array of trial and appellate advocacy programs and clinics, and five student-run journals. An impressive set of initiatives, from the King Hall Expansion and Renovation Project to the creation of a new international law center, are already underway, promising to take the Law School to the next level of achievement.

Yet there are also challenges. Most significantly, California faces a budget crisis so severe that the governor has described it as “fiscal Armageddon,” and the Regents of the University of California have made it clear that state funding will be increasingly hard to come by. Student fees have risen astronomically and are now more than \$28,000 per year, threatening to undermine the accessibility and diversity that have always been hallmarks of King Hall.

### **Johnson is uniquely prepared to address these challenges.**

One of the nation’s most respected experts on civil rights, racial identity, and immigration issues, he has a keen understanding of the need for diversity in legal education and the legal profession. And, as one who understands firsthand the differences between public and private universities, he is committed to providing a public university legal education that is second to none.

Born in 1958, Johnson grew up in Southern California. He was often shuttled between the homes of his Anglo father who lived in a predominantly white beach city, and his Latino mother who lived in a less affluent Latino community inland. Though he didn’t begin to think seriously about race-related issues until college, these childhood experiences of the boundaries between ethnicities and social classes would later inform his scholarship and legal practice.

“I remember very distinctly crossing into Mexico to visit family and thinking how artificial the construct of a border was,” recalls Johnson, who has written extensively on the need to rethink immigration policies in works including *Opening the Floodgates: Why America Needs to Rethink Its Borders and Immigration Laws*

(NYU Press, 2007), *The “Huddled Masses” Myth: Immigration and Civil Rights* (Temple University Press, 2004), and *Mixed Race America and the Law: A Reader* (New York University Press, 2002).

A career in law was something he had considered fairly early in life, thanks to prodding from his maternal grandmother, and while at UC Berkeley (where he earned a degree in Economics in 1980), he began to seriously consider the possibility. After admission to Harvard Law School, he set out for Cambridge, Massachusetts, even though he had “never been east of Lake Tahoe.”

Johnson excelled as a student at Harvard, so much so that he was offered a coveted spot on the editorial staff of the *Harvard Law Review*, effectively guaranteeing an abundance of lucrative job offers upon graduation. (Indeed, although the history is sketchy, Johnson may well have been the first Latino ever on the *Law Review*.) Yet this success came at a significant price. The highly competitive atmosphere was particularly stressful for the few minority students, and as one of the few Latinos, as well as someone who came from a less privileged background than most other students, Johnson felt alienated.

“I grew up on welfare, and Harvard Law was a place where people would fly off to Jamaica for the weekend,” said Johnson. “It was a very large law school, where it was expected that you would never talk to your professors or desire to talk to your professors. It was only a community in the loosest sense of the word, and the experience was alienating on many different levels.”

In his book *How Did You Get to be a Mexican?* (1999), Johnson writes of one particularly bitter episode. As an editor of the *Law Review*, he had written frequently about civil rights, expressing opinions that often ran counter to the conservatism of other editors. In the satirical *Harvard Law Review*, other students wrote parodies of his work, many of them hurtful and tinged with racism.

### Johnson graduated from Harvard

in 1983 and returned to the west coast, clerking for Judge Stephen Reinhardt of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in Los Angeles, then joining the San Francisco office of Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe. There he worked securities fraud

and auditors’ liability cases and a full range of pro bono work, handling “everything from landlord-tenant disputes to lemon car litigation to immigration and asylum work.”

By the late 1980s, he had decided to try academia. “I wanted to try my hand at writing and teaching,” Johnson said. “I wanted to work in a public law school that was accessible to all the different communities in the state of California. I wanted to participate in something very different from my experience in legal education.”



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King Hall had everything he was looking for, and it helped that the school was in California, which appealed to his wife, Virginia, a native of La Puente in the San Gabriel Valley where Johnson grew up. (The couple married in 1987 and have three children, Teresa, Tomás, and Elena.) He joined the faculty in 1989, received tenure in 1992, was appointed associate dean in 1998, and was named the Mabie-Apallas Public Interest Law Chair in 2004. When Dean Perschbacher announced in May 2007 that he would not seek a third five-year term as dean, several faculty members suggested to Johnson that he apply for the job.

“I thought about it a lot before I decided to apply,” he said. “The application process is quite arduous, and there many sacrifices to be made if you become a dean. For me,

it meant less time for scholarship, less time for the kind of work I’d been doing in the government and nonprofit sectors, and less time with my family. But it seemed worth it to me to be able to build on the great work Dean Perschbacher had done in making this law school a scholarly powerhouse. The opportunity to build on that success was especially attractive.”

“Over the past 10 years we’ve hired, by many accounts, some of the best and brightest faculty in the United States,” Johnson continued. “We are working hard to increase our local, national, and international profile in many different ways. We’re creating an international law center. We’re negotiating with the California Law Review Commission to bring them into the UC Davis School of Law, and renovating our building to bring it into the twenty-first century.”

In addition to building on the Law School’s success, Johnson is committed to keeping the school accessible, even in the midst of California’s budget crisis. Fees have risen from about \$10,000 annually in 1998 to more than \$28,000 today, he noted, raising concerns that many will simply be unable to pay.

“I worry that people are going to see that price tag and think, ‘I can’t afford law school. I can’t afford the dream. I can’t afford to get a degree that is going to enable me to help myself and my community,’” he said. “We need to take affirmative steps so that we don’t scare good students away from law school.”

Efforts to increase the participation of underrepresented groups include the King Hall Outreach Program, an increase in the number of scholarships available, ramping up the school’s loan repayment program, redoubling efforts to obtain private support, and more. “We’re already doing these things, but we’ll need to do even more.”

### As King Hall stands on the verge of

an exciting new era, the new dean’s goals are clear: “I want to see King Hall recognized as among the best law schools in the United States, with a faculty, student body, and staff that are as good as any in the country,” said Johnson, “and I want to ensure that we remain accessible to all the diverse communities in California as well as the nation.” ■

# A FITTING MEMORIAL



## KALMANOVITZ FOUNDATION GIVES \$1 MILLION TO FUND APPELLATE COURTROOM

Polish immigrant Paul Kalmanovitz was a true believer in the American justice system—so much so that he once proposed funding a “Statue of Justice” to be built on Alcatraz Island in the San Francisco Bay to mirror the Statue of Liberty in New York. That project never materialized, but now, thanks to a \$1 million gift to the UC Davis School of Law, his belief in the American courts will be memorialized in the Paul and Lydia Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom at King Hall.

The Kalmanovitz Charitable Foundation made the gift in December in support of the King Hall Expansion and Renovation Project, a major capital improvement project designed to integrate a substantial addition to King Hall with a renovation of the existing structure. The foundation previously had given \$150,000 to name a seminar room in the expanded King Hall.

The story of Paul Kalmanovitz, who died in 1987, is a colorful one, and a tale that included many episodes in court, said Yeoryios C. Apallas '72, who as deputy attorney general with the California Department of Justice has represented the Kalmanovitz Foundation in challenges to the estate and who played a key role in facilitating the gifts to the Law School. With little money to invest when he arrived in the United States as a young man, Kalmanovitz made a fortune in real estate, nightclubs, and the beer business. Yet he also owed a substantial portion of his wealth—an estimated \$250 million at the time of his death—to his ability to use the courts to defend the rights of his companies and to ensure his ability to

pursue the business plan that made him successful, Apallas said.

“Mr. Paul,” Apallas said of Kalmanovitz, “was an incredibly talented businessman, but at the same time, a tough client when it came to litigation. He came to the United States in the 1920s, and through some very savvy investments and acquisitions was able to parlay a small nest egg into a multimillion dollar fortune.”

Born in Poland in 1905, Kalmanovitz went to Egypt following the end of World War I, then immigrated to the United States in 1926, jumping ship from a merchant marine vessel. He met his wife, Lydia, in New York City, and they wed and moved to California in 1935, purchasing a Los Angeles nightclub that would prove to be the first of many profitable acquisitions.

“He owned 26 nightclubs during the Second World War in the Los Angeles area, and he did very well with those,” said Bernie Orsi, who worked as Kalmanovitz’s assistant and now acts as a trustee for the Kalmanovitz Foundation. “A number of people who later became very famous performed in those clubs, including Nat King Cole, and from time to time he would talk about them,” Orsi recalled.

Using capital acquired from their clubs, the couple began buying breweries, including Pabst Brewing Company, 102 Brewing, Falstaff Brewing Company, Lucky Lager, Ballantine, Stroh’s, National Bohemian, Olympia, and Pearl.

“When he would acquire a brewery in the ‘60s and ‘70s, he followed a fairly standard model,” said Apallas. “He would cut out a lot of the overhead and a lot of the advertising, and pursue a minimalist approach to harvesting the values of the brand. Of course, when you do that, you step on a lot of toes, including those of advertising agencies, contractors for barley and malt, and so forth. There was litigation over that, but ultimately he either prevailed or settled to his advantage, so it is very appropriate and fitting that this new courtroom would be the legacy of Mr. Paul,” said Apallas.

“He was very involved in litigation, and he certainly saw the value of correcting problems in society and business in his everyday life with the use of the courts,” said Orsi.

Kalmanovitz was also a philanthropist who gave to many causes over the course of his lifetime, with a particular focus on hospitals and universities, Orsi said. Once, after viewing the movie *Patton*, Kalmanovitz sent a check for \$500,000 to the U.S. Treasury on the spur of the moment. “He had known about General Patton since his younger years, and he had seen the movie, and he was inspired to make a donation to West Point in his honor,” said Orsi.

After Lydia Kalmanovitz died in 1994, the Kalmanovitz Trust was established to continue the couple’s charity. Apallas has



twice successfully defended the trust from challenges, and also made sure that the foundation trustees were acquainted with the King Hall Expansion and Renovation Project. The Law School made a proposal for funding the new courtroom, which Apallas lobbied for with the trustees, and the Paul and Lydia Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom became a reality.

Plans are already underway to hold arguments there by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, California Supreme Court, and California Court of Appeal.

“The gift is a fulfillment of the legacy the Kalmanovitzes had with regard to using their considerable wealth for charitable purposes,” said Orsi. “The specific earmark of a courtroom is even more poignant because of the life he led and because of the involvement that he had with the legal system. He was very much involved in legal theories and legal work, and he enjoyed that. If he could have had a different career, in my opinion it would have been as a lawyer.”

“The very generous support of the Kalmanovitz Charitable Foundation will benefit the UC Davis School of Law students, faculty, staff, and alumni for generations to come,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. “We are extremely grateful to Paul and Lydia Kalmanovitz and excited to name the new appellate courtroom in their honor, and thankful to our dedicated alumnus Yeoryios Apallas for his central role in securing this exciting gift.” ■

# DARRELL STEINBERG '84 TAKES CHARGE OF CALIFORNIA SENATE

Some times, nice guys finish first. Take State Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, a member of the UC Davis School of Law class of 1984, who has managed to become one of California's most powerful, influential, and effective legislators while also winning recognition for honesty, integrity, and an amicable personal style that is unique in the rough-and-tumble world of California state politics.



Photo: Brian Baer/Sacramento Bee

Steinberg became the 46th president pro Tem of the California Senate on November 30, 2008, officially assuming leadership of the most powerful legislative body in the state after serving as unofficial leader since the previous February, when it became clear that he had rounded up the votes to succeed termed-out Senator Don Perata of Oakland. His ability to quietly and effectively build a consensus behind his candidacy was typical of Steinberg's political style, and has led to hopes that his leadership would bring a new spirit of cooperation to Sacramento.

Steinberg has long held a reputation as a humble, smart, and substantive public servant. After graduating from King Hall, he worked as an employee rights attorney with the California State Employees Association and as an administrative law judge and mediator, then served as a Sacramento city councilmember and state Assembly member before moving on to the Senate in 2006.

Steinberg's activism extends back to his days at King Hall, when he pressed university administrators to install a wheelchair lift in the Wilkins Moot Courtroom—and helped find funding for its installation. Throughout

his legislative career, Steinberg has been a leading voice on issues of mental health and environmental policy, most recently winning national recognition for his efforts in putting into place state land-use policies that support reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

Steinberg has been named Legislator of the Year by organizations including the California School Board Association, the California Federation of Teachers, and Californians for Disability Rights. He has received numerous awards including the Public Service Award from the California School Employees Association and the *California Journal's* Minnie Award, which recognized him for “conduct, an outlook, and demeanor that exemplifies the best kind of public service.”

His signature style—honesty, collegiality, and a clear focus on the public interest—remain a proud reflection of his King Hall roots. Returning to the Law School recently to deliver the keynote address at the inaugural King Hall Alumni on the Bench Reunion, Steinberg told the more than two dozen judges in attendance, “I will stand with you as a proud alumnus of King Hall, 1984.” ■

# MY SECOND CAREER

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## *How My King Hall Experience Both Inspired and Enabled My Public-Interest Law Career*

By Jennifer Krause Fisher '05



I entered King Hall in the fall of 2002 straight out of Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pennsylvania. My life experience up to that point had been fairly limited, growing up as I did in a small town of about 2,000 people, graduating with a high school class of 28, and moving on to college a mere 20 minutes from home. After earning a math degree and not wanting to be an actuary or teacher, I began my legal education with big dreams of becoming an entertainment lawyer in New York or Los Angeles.

I applied to UC Davis, in part because my older brother offered to have me live with him and his family in nearby Vacaville, and was accepted. I had never been to California, but soon travelled to Davis for the first time and immediately fell in love with the school and people. At the time, I still imagined graduating from King Hall and moving on to a high-profile career, big salary, and a luxury apartment far away from my tiny hometown. Little did I know that just 10 short months later, I would undertake an experience that would change my future.

At the end of my first year, not having any plans for the summer, I consulted with the Career Services staff and was encouraged to apply for an internship with the Yolo County Public Defender's Office. In all honesty, I didn't know much about public defenders, the kinds of cases they handled, or who they represented. Nonetheless, by some miracle, I secured the summer internship, and by the end of my first day on the job, I knew that my time with the Yolo County Public Defender's Office was going to be quite an experience.

The first thing that struck me was the way the office seemed to buzz with controlled chaos, an atmosphere that I found slightly intimidating and very much intriguing. Attorneys would breeze through the office on the way to some important hearing or storm around discussing with anyone who would listen the latest crises in their cases. There was always some poor chap who had been entrapped by an undercover officer posing as a prostitute, or a sweet little grandma who was tricked by a smooth-talking con man into unknowingly transporting drugs into prison. The "F-bomb" was dropped more times a day than I thought was humanly possible, and without apologies. It felt like an elite club of passionate, over-worked attorneys, and I was eager to be accepted.

The most important thing about the internship, however, was that it opened my eyes to the plight of the low-income community. I think I always had an awareness of poverty, but it wasn't until my time with the public defender's office that I became actively involved

with that community and patently aware of the particular problems low-income people face. Most of the clients I helped took the actions they did due to factors arising from the systemic poverty in which they were raised and lived. I recall numerous cases of shoplifters who needed food or supplies for their children.

All of these people were extremely grateful for the help they received. One case I remember in particular involved a teenage girl who had been charged with the felony of carrying a concealed dagger after finding an old knife by the Sacramento River while at a picnic with friends. I assisted in filing a suppression motion and drafting a lengthy brief, and after a hearing in front of the judge, the charge against her was dismissed. I still remember hugging the client and her mother outside the courtroom, and thinking that the way her gratitude and relief made me feel was probably one of the best feelings I would ever experience as an attorney.

My summer internship quickly flew by, but it seemed impossible to return to "normal" student life without some connection to the public defender's office. Fortunately, King Hall offered several options, and I signed on for another semester's commitment through the work-study program. When my work-study funding dried up, I found a way to extend my stay through the school's wonderful clinical programs. Before I knew it, my summer internship had metamorphosed into two years of misdemeanor court appearances, brief writing, and motion arguing, and suddenly I found myself walking through King Hall for the last time.



*I am eternally grateful that I won't have to base my career choice on my loan balance, thanks to the LRAP program.*

As I took the bar exam in the summer of 2005 and embarked upon my first job with a personal injury firm back in Erie, my experiences as a student faded into memory as I became immersed in interrogatories, depositions, and (my personal least favorite) reviewing medical records with a primary diagnosis of “whiplash.” It wasn’t too long before I was dreading work every day. After about a year and a half, the realization hit me one day out of the blue: I hated my job. Loved my co-workers, but hated the job. I admire those attorneys who are able to thrive in the personal injury business; I was just not one of them.

My second legal career commenced in November 2006 when I began my position with Northwestern Legal Services. NWLS is the legal aid service in Northwestern Pennsylvania, providing free legal services to eligible low-income clients in 10 counties. My practice focuses primarily on employment law and custody cases, along with outreach across our service area. My two-plus years at NWLS have just flown by. During my time here, I have re-discovered the depths of my commitment to the underrepresented community. I had almost forgotten how it feels when a client is so appreciative of your help that you get a big hug and a thank-you note in the mail. It’s very satisfying to realize that if I hadn’t helped the client, no one would have.

My very first case at NWLS was a Spanish-speaking woman who had been convicted of a summary retail theft back in 1985. It was the biggest cause of shame in her life, and her only criminal offense ever. Since then, she had established a stellar work record, working as a teacher’s aide and home health-care aide for more than 20 years. She had recently returned to Pennsylvania to care for her grown daughter who was pregnant with twins, and had applied for a job as

a home health aide, but was denied due to the more than 20-year-old conviction. After helping her attain federal and state clearances, I was able to plead her case to the owner of the health-care company, who agreed to hire her despite the conviction. I will never forget the gratitude in the client’s voice as she thanked me through her tears.

I could go on and on with the stories of grateful clients that make me feel like I have a purpose in life, and how important it is to me to use my law degree for something that matters to society (or at least to some people here in Erie), but you get the picture. Instead, I want to share how King Hall not only inspired me to work in public interest, but is also enabling my public interest career.

As rewarding as public interest work is for me, it’s no secret that legal aid jobs aren’t the most lucrative. When I told colleagues here in Erie about my career change, they looked at me like I had lost my mind. My school loans at that time were in economic hardship deferment, and as much as my husband and I tried to cut back on our spending, it was somewhat of a struggle to get by each month. I was contemplating a second job in order to try to cover our monthly bills.

And then, a semi-miracle. One February morning, not long after I started at NWLS, I opened up my gmail account and saw the latest edition of *King Hall Briefs*, the King Hall electronic newsletter, with a lead story on the expansion of the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP). As I began reading the article, I never imagined that I could benefit from the program. But the further I read, the faster my heart began beating. Would this program actually apply to me? I must have read the requirements about a dozen times before telling my entire office of weathered, 20- and 30-year veteran legal aid co-workers that I felt like I had just won the lottery. I had the best law school in history! Not only did I enjoy every minute of my time at King Hall, but now the school was going to help me continue in my public-interest career.

I can remember telling my husband and parents that night. I half-joked with my husband that we would no longer have to wait until we were 50 to have children. The receipt of LRAP funding has been one of the biggest blessings to come along for us so far. It will allow me to pursue a long-term career in the legal aid field if I choose to do so. I am eternally grateful that I won’t have to base my career choice on my loan balance, thanks to the LRAP program.

Sometimes, as I sit around my old, drafty house with my husband and Boston terrier, with our hand-me-down furniture and 10-year-old TV, I smile thinking about the notions I had of a high-paying entertainment law career. How different that would have been. But I wouldn’t change a thing, not even for the most glamorous job in the world. Although it’s still early in my lifetime of law practice, legal aid has turned out to be the best fit for me, thanks to the foundations and encouragement I received while at King Hall, and made possible by financial support from the LRAP program. 🌟

To find more information online about our Loan Repayment Assistance Plan, search “LRAP” at [www.law.ucdavis.edu](http://www.law.ucdavis.edu).

# BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

## KING HALL EXPANSION & RENOVATION PROJECT MOVES AHEAD

Much has changed since the first classes were held in UC Davis School of Law's King Hall 40 years ago. The size and scope of the Law School's programs and reputation, as well as the number of faculty and students, have grown dramatically in four decades.

What was once a fledgling institution with 20 faculty and 340 students has become one of the nation's finest law schools with 39 faculty and 575 students. New programs have been launched in intellectual property rights, bioethics, and international law, and new technologies have emerged that have revolutionized all aspects of legal education. Yet until very recently, King Hall itself remained almost as it was the day it was dedicated to the memory of slain civil rights leader

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on April 12, 1969.

Now, thanks to the King Hall Expansion and Renovation Project,

things are changing quickly. Construction of the new east wing, begun in summer 2008, is well underway, and expected to reach completion by December 2009, adding 18,000 assignable square feet and significantly increasing the available space. Once the expansion is completed, the previously existing King Hall structure will be renovated and upgraded to enhance accessibility and safety as well as appearance, expanding the Mabie Law Library and student areas within the building. Students will benefit from new reading rooms, group study rooms, new soft seating areas, and enhanced student organization spaces.

When the project is complete, the Law School will enjoy an aesthetically striking and functionally state-of-the-art facility that will accommodate the latest technology and teaching techniques and provide tremendous flexibility for the school as it continues to develop well into the future.

The first floor will see the greatest transformation. The expansion will enclose the courtyard, create circular movement, and add light throughout the building. After entering through the new hall's distinctive entryway, students and faculty will enjoy classrooms designed specifically to nurture interactive, cross-disciplinary, skills-based learning. The new Paul and Lydia Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom—named in honor of the Kalmanovitz Charitable Foundation's gift of \$1 million in support of the King Hall Expansion and Renovation Project—will host real-world and mock court proceedings, instruction, and lectures for the entire Law School community, and professional education for the bench and bar. Natural light and transparency are hallmarks of the new design, and the overall ambience will be one of brilliance and openness, reflecting the highest aspirations and strong public spirit of the school itself.

Over the course of the summer and into







the fall, construction crews worked to set the foundation for the new east wing with the contractor scheduling the most disruptive activity for late nights to minimize impact on students, staff, and faculty. Construction fencing and a pedestrian pathway were installed along Mrak Circle, and sections of the UC Davis Arboretum and arboretum footpath adjacent to the building were closed temporarily as utility lines were connected. The courtyard remains closed pending the completion of construction. It is expected that the construction will be complete and new wing will be occupied before the end of 2009.

Meanwhile, a building committee comprising faculty, staff, students, alumni, and campus participants is actively designing the King Hall renovation component of the project, which will begin work once the expansion is completed and funding is secured. Encouraged and spurred by a generous matching challenge offered by the William and Inez Mabie Family Foundation (please see page 17), Dean Kevin R. Johnson and the Law School's development and alumni relations teams continue to aggressively pursue private support to maximize the improvements possible in the renovation phase and realize the full potential of this once-in-a-generation opportunity to renew King Hall. 🏗️

# CONSTRUCTION IN PHOTOS



Egghead relocation; March 11, 2008



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King Hall alumni have been challenged: The William and Inez Mabie Family Foundation has pledged to contribute up to \$500,000 to the King Hall Expansion and Renovation Project, but only if UC Davis School of Law graduates, faculty, and students show their support.

The Mabie Foundation is the charitable legacy of William and Inez Mabie, whose Northern California ranching, farming, and real estate ventures enabled them to engage in substantial charitable giving. Following their deaths in 1994, their assets transferred to the Mabie Family Foundation, which continued their philanthropy, principally in the areas of education and medicine. The Mabie Foundation has been a generous supporter of the Law School, pledging more than \$2.5 million to name the Mabie Law Library, Mabie-Apallas Public Interest Chair, and William and Inez Mabie Foundation Scholarship.

The timing of the Mabie Challenge is critical. Although work on the expansion phase of the King Hall project is well underway, the Law School still has more than \$3 million to raise in order to fully fund renovation of the existing King Hall structure, which is scheduled to begin in early 2010. With 100 percent of King Hall faculty already supporting the building project, and close to 50 percent of current students contributing support, it is hoped that the Mabie Challenge will spur alumni participation and help secure full funding for the renovation so that its impact on King Hall can be maximized. The success of the Mabie Challenge will have a great impact on this effort.

"We are grateful to the Mabie Family Foundation for their support, and we encourage our alumni to take advantage of this once-in-a-generation opportunity offered by the Mabie Challenge," said Dean Kevin R. Johnson.

To help support the Mabie Challenge, the Law School has launched the Forever King Hall program, which allows supporters to associate themselves, a loved one, or someone they wish to honor by dedicating a paver, plaque, or bench in King Hall. Please see the sidebar on page 19 for more program information.

Donations to the building project, including reservations for an inscription, can be made directly at [www.law.ucdavis.edu/giving](http://www.law.ucdavis.edu/giving). All building project donations will help the Law School to meet the Mabie Challenge and achieve our fundraising goals.

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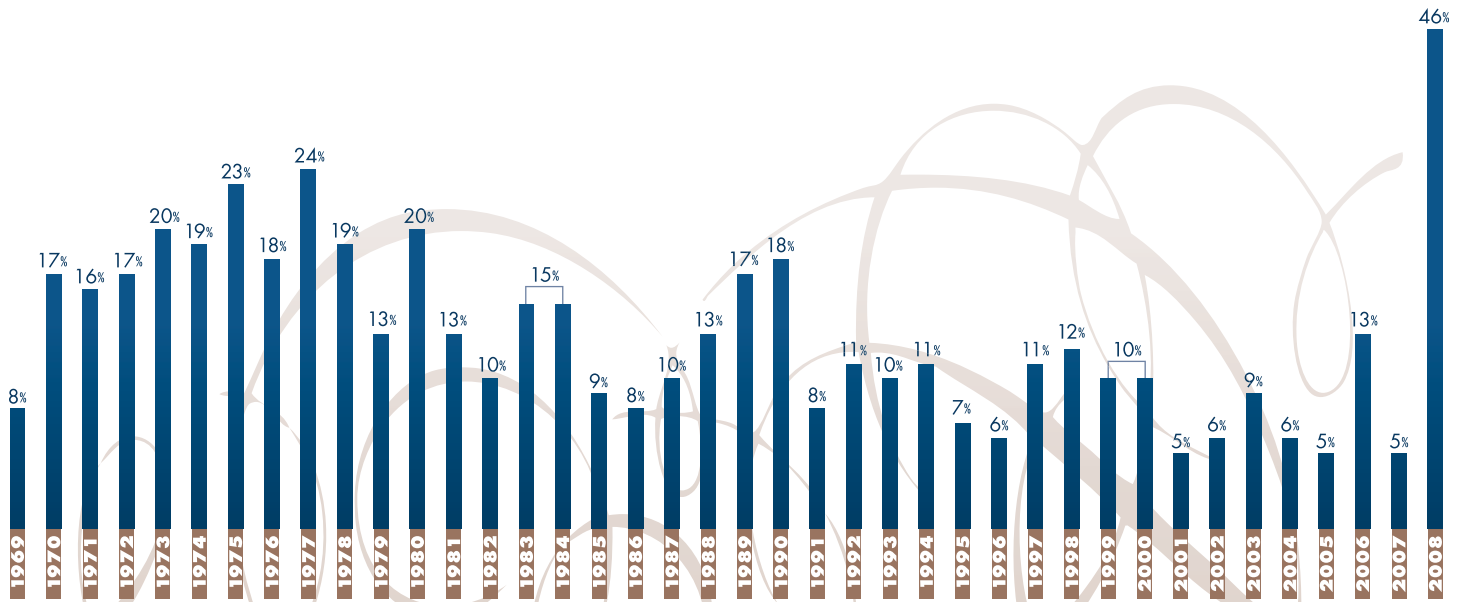
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Boutin '72 with Dr. King, 1967

Even more than most King Hall alumni, Steve Boutin '72 understands the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and what it means to the UC Davis School of Law.

Boutin, a founder and principal of the Sacramento business law firm Boutin Gibson Di Guisto Hodel Inc. as well the UC Davis School of Law's Alumni Board President, spent the day with Dr. King as a student during the 1960s, attended King Hall during the formative years of the Law School and has carried the lessons learned through a highly successful career as one of the capital region's most successful and respected business litigators.

Boutin met Dr. King when the civil rights leader was visiting Occidental College in Los Angeles in 1967, and Boutin, an undergraduate there, was assigned to escort him around campus. "I met him as he arrived, and spent the day with him," Boutin recalled. "I was sitting in the front row as he gave an impassioned speech, the likes of which most of us had never heard."

Like so many young people of the time, Boutin was profoundly affected by King's assassination, the Vietnam War, and other issues of the time, and felt the need to contribute to the building of a better society. He enrolled at the new Law School at UC Davis and found many kindred spirits. "It was a time of great ferment, and there was a lot of ferment at King Hall," he said. "There was a lot of interaction between the new faculty and the student body, who were primarily very idealistic. There was an incredible amount of passion for the causes of the time."

Born in Sacramento, Boutin worked after graduation for Downey, Brand, Seymour and Rohwer, appearing before the First and Third Appellate District Courts and the Supreme Court of California and representing clients including General Motors and then-Assembly Speaker Willie Brown. He became a partner in 1978, and in 1986 co-founded the firm that would become Boutin Gibson Di Guisto Hodel Inc., one of the capital region's most successful business litigation firms.

Boutin credits lessons taught by Professors James Hogan, Ed Rabin, John Poulos, Dick Wydick, and others as being critical to his success. "Those professors taught me indelible things, and there were many others," said Boutin. "I can draw direct lines between what I learned at King Hall and what I've been able to do in the community, and between having a King Hall education and my family's fiscal well-being. Those are two reasons I've felt it was important to support King Hall."

Boutin also gives out of concern about how rising fees may impact the Law School's accessibility. "I have this old fashioned but deeply held notion that we are a profession that serves society and makes it a better place," said Boutin. "With that in mind, we need to welcome all elements of society into the University of California, and as alumni, we need to do what we can to keep the Law School accessible to all."

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"UC Davis gave us a very solid grounding in the law that transferred to any legal subject matter and allowed us to pursue any specialty that we wanted to," said Diane Flanagan Zipperstein.

Now general counsel for Verizon Wireless, Steve Zipperstein has previously worked as deputy general counsel for GTE Corporation, as the Chief Assistant United States Attorney in Los Angeles, and in several positions with the Justice Department. He successfully prosecuted the first case of a failed savings and loan institution in the late 1980s, represented Attorney General Janet Reno in congressional hearings regarding the ill-fated siege at Waco, Texas, has testified before Congress on telecommunications issues, and over the course of the past five years has overseen transactions totaling more than \$50 billion.

"Every single day in my career," said Steve Zipperstein, "I've drawn on something I was taught at King Hall."

Diane Flanagan Zipperstein was hired shortly after graduation by First Interstate Bank, which had decided to do all its securities work in-house. She was asked to do an unusually wide range of work within the highly specialized field, and enjoyed it thoroughly, staying on until 1991, when her wide-ranging expertise won her a role as a consultant for the British bank Standard Chartered and other companies, an occupation that allowed her time to care for the couple's three children—Emily, Margot, and Hilary.

The Zippersteins, who now reside in Princeton, New Jersey, both credit the Law School as having been fundamental to their success and have given generously to support it.

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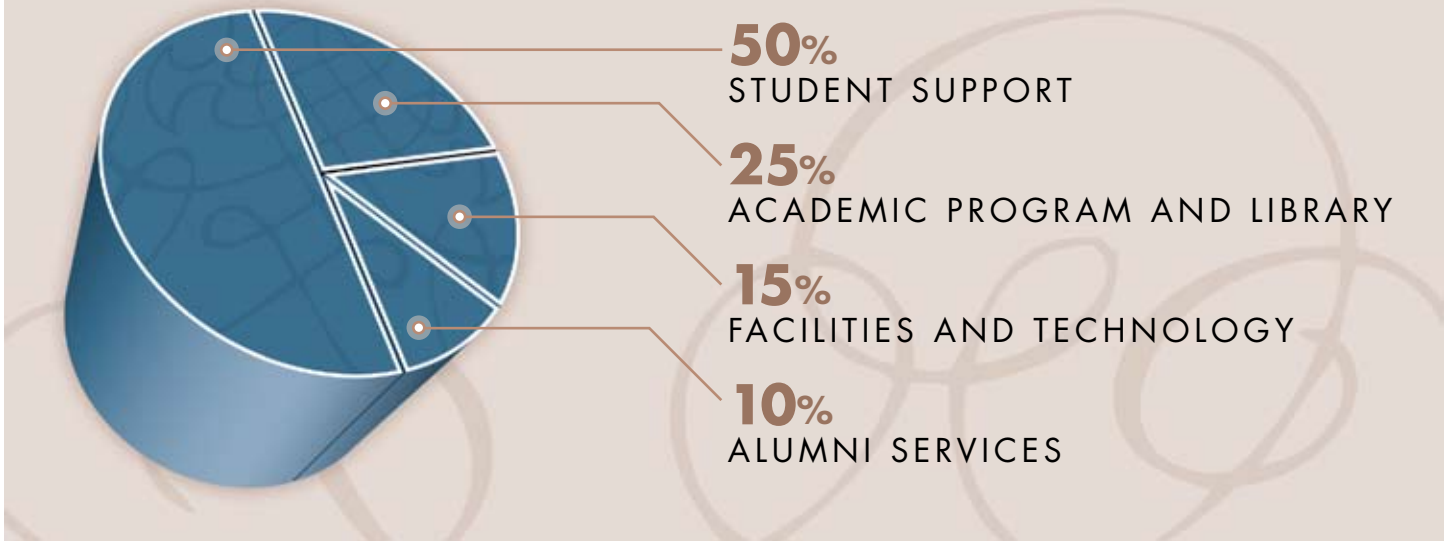
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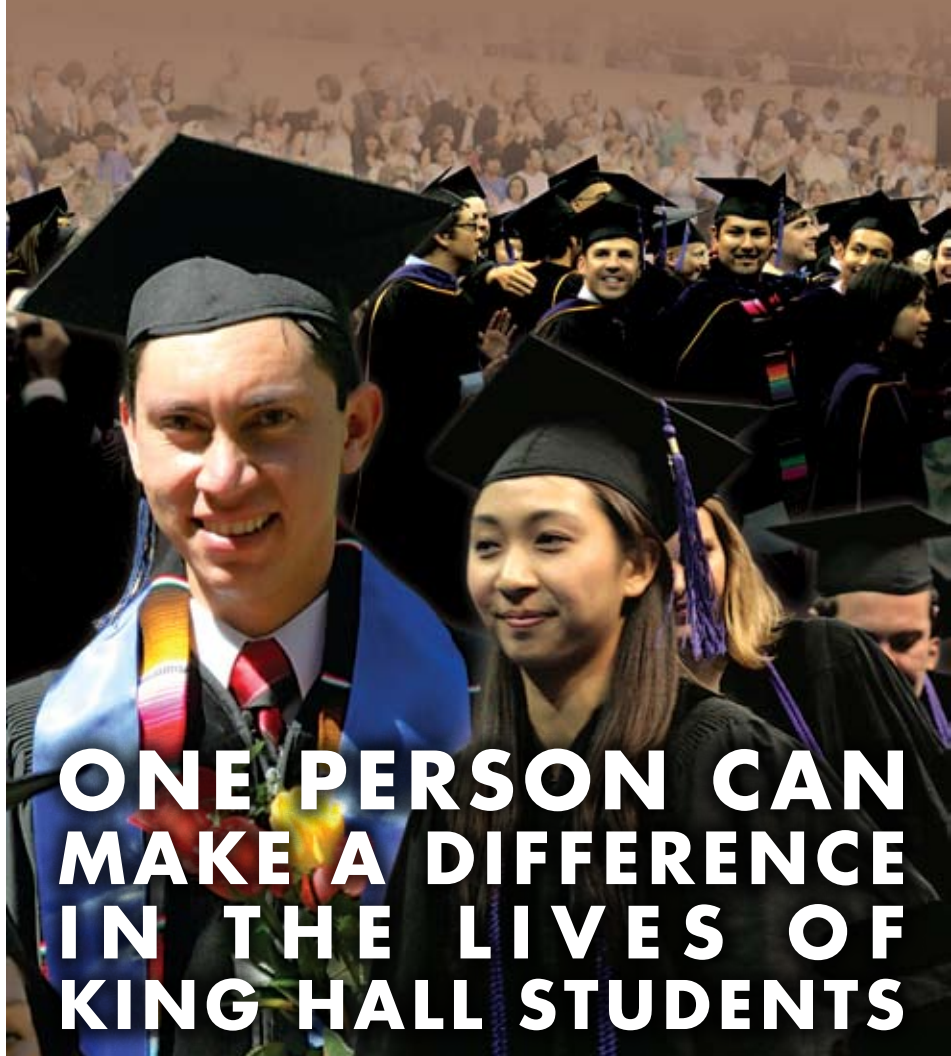
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## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 7, SATURDAY  
UC Davis Buehler Alumni Center

MAY 2, SATURDAY  
UC Davis Buehler Alumni Center

## ALUMNI & ADMITTED STUDENT RECEPTIONS

JANUARY 30, FRIDAY; 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.  
**Public Interest Mixer for Alumni & Students**  
*Bistro 33, 226 F Street; Davis, CA*

FEBRUARY 2 - 6  
**2009 Spring On-Campus Interview (OCI) Program**  
*Buehler Alumni Center*

FEBRUARY 24, TUESDAY  
**Alumni Reception**  
*Courtesy of Downey Brand  
621 Capitol Mall, 18th Floor  
Sacramento, CA*

MARCH  
**Los Angeles Alumni & Admitted Students Reception**

APRIL 22, WEDNESDAY  
**San Francisco Alumni & Admitted Students Reception**  
*Courtesy of Morrison & Foerster  
425 Market Street; San Francisco, CA*

SEPTEMBER 26, SATURDAY  
**2009 Alumni Reunions**  
*Buehler Alumni & Visitors Center*

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## CEREMONIES & EVENTS

JANUARY 25, SUNDAY  
**Dr. Ives Basketball Tournament**

FEBRUARY 4, WEDNESDAY  
**California International Law Center Inauguration**

FEBRUARY 19, THURSDAY  
**KHLF Auction**

MARCH 13, FRIDAY  
**Patiño Awards Banquet**

MARCH 19, THURSDAY  
**30th Annual Recognition & Distinguished Teaching Award Celebration**

APRIL 24, FRIDAY  
**2009 Public Service Graduation Ceremony**

APRIL 24, FRIDAY  
**Class of 2009 Celebration BBQ**

MAY 16, SATURDAY  
**Commencement Ceremony**

## LECTURES, SYMPOSIA & COMPETITIONS

JANUARY 26, MONDAY; 4:00 P.M.  
**Brigitte M. Bodenheimer Endowed Lecture on Family Law**  
**REVA SEGAL, Yale Law School**  
**Roe's Engendered Roots: The Women's Rights Claims**  
*Wilkins Moot Courtroom, Reception to follow*

FEBRUARY 20, FRIDAY  
**Environmental Law Society Symposium**  
**The Evolving Endangered Species Act: A 21st Century Perspective**

FEBRUARY 26, THURSDAY; 4:00 P.M.  
**Edward L. Barrett, Jr., Lectureship on Constitutional Law**  
**PAMELA S. KARLAN, Stanford Law School**  
**Constitutional Law as Trademark**  
*Wilkins Moot Courtroom, Reception to follow*

MARCH 6, FRIDAY  
**Law Review Symposium**  
**The Honorable John Paul Stevens**

MARCH 13, FRIDAY  
**Business Law Journal & International Law & Policy Symposium**  
**ADR in International & Domestic Business**

APRIL 10, FRIDAY  
**Journal of Juvenile Law & Policy Symposium**  
**Children and Immigration**

APRIL 18, SATURDAY  
**Irving L. Neumiller Memorial Moot Court Competition**

## STUDENT ORGANIZATION EVENT WEEKS

JANUARY 20 - 23, TUESDAY - FRIDAY  
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Week**

JANUARY 26 - 30, MONDAY - FRIDAY  
**National Lawyers Guild Week**

FEBRUARY 2 - 6, MONDAY - FRIDAY  
**Jewish Law Students Association Week**

FEBRUARY 9 - 13, MONDAY - FRIDAY  
**Arts/Entertainment & Sports Law Society Week**

FEBRUARY 23 - 27, MONDAY - FRIDAY  
**Law Students for Reproductive Justice Week**

MARCH 2 - 6, MONDAY - FRIDAY  
**MESALSA: Middle Eastern Culture Week**

MARCH 9 - 13, MONDAY - FRIDAY  
**Feminist Forum Week**

MARCH 30 - APRIL 3, MONDAY - FRIDAY  
**Cesar Chavez Week**

APRIL 13 - 17, MONDAY - FRIDAY  
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