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LEADER SPEAKS AT  
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Founding Dean  
Edward L. Barrett, Jr.



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King Hall Memory?



How and Why  
We Built a Majority-  
Minority Faculty



*This past academic year, UC Davis School of Law celebrated an important milestone: the admission of our 50th entering class. This year, we recognize another significant benchmark, as King Hall becomes home to the first “majority-minority” faculty of any top-tier American law school. Having long been recognized as one of the very best in the nation, the King Hall faculty is also setting new standards for diversity. Indeed, except for law schools affiliated with historically black institutions, or those in Puerto Rico, we are not aware of any other American law school with a majority-minority faculty.*

This diversity is part of the ongoing mission set in motion more than 50 years ago by our founding faculty and students, who dedicated the School of Law to the ideals of social justice and equality espoused by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., naming the law school building in his honor. Under the leadership of our founding Dean, the late Edward L. Barrett, Jr., they envisioned a public law school dedicated to public service and the highest standards of excellence, distinguished by its sense of community, diversity, and commitment to Dr. King’s dream of a more just society.

For more than 50 years, our faculty, students, alumni, and staff have reaffirmed these core values. Through their talents, hard work, and dedication, UC Davis School of Law has earned and maintained a reputation as one of the world’s great law schools. For the third straight year, UC Davis School of Law’s *U.S. News & World Report* ranking improved, as King Hall rose to 30, an improvement of six slots over the past two years.

None of this would be possible without the loyal and generous support of our King Hall community. During the 2015-16 fiscal year, the School of Law received an impressive \$1.7 million in private support, including more than \$700,000 for student scholarships. We have increased summer public service fellowships and post-graduate fellowships, added exciting new courses to the curriculum, bolstered our student support programs, launched our new Student Wellness Initiative, and much more.

Every day, in countless ways, we are working to achieve new levels of excellence. As you read the articles in this latest issue of our *Counselor* magazine, I hope you will feel proud of the progress we are making and the achievements of our faculty, students, and alumni. Thank you for believing in King Hall!

*Kevin Johnson*  
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Tani Cantil-Sakauye '84 addresses guests at the Celebrating King Hall 50th Anniversary event

## 'Celebrating King Hall' Event Honors School of Law's 50th Anniversary

Chief Justice of California Tani Cantil-Sakauye '84 was honored with the inaugural Distinguished Alumna Award, Professor Peter Lee received the Distinguished Teaching Award, and UC Davis School of Law was presented with a special resolution from the California Legislature at "Celebrating King Hall," a special 50th anniversary event held March 10, 2016 at the UC Davis ARC ballroom.



Professor Peter Lee and Dean Kevin Johnson

The informal banquet brought together about 250 King Hall faculty, alumni, students, staff, friends, and family to commemorate the golden anniversary of the founding of the School of Law, to recognize excellence in teaching, to honor scholarship donors and recipients, and to hear remarks from Dean Kevin R. Johnson, Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye, Professor Lee, Professor Joel Dobris, King Hall Alumni Board President Alberto Roldan '92, California Senator Lois Wolk, and student Roza Essaw '18.

Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye's remarks were a highlight of the event, as she spoke glowingly of her law school experience and her gratitude at receiving the Distinguished Alumna Award. "I stand here incredibly grateful for the

opportunity to have gone to this tremendous school," Cantil-Sakauye said. "I feel grateful to have watched it grow in stature, to have watched it grow in nobility, and to be a brethren and colleague of the alums of this school who carry the name so proudly."

"If it were not for the opportunity that King Hall gave me, I really don't know where I would have been in life," the Chief Justice said. "Davis is more than just a noble and reputed law school. It's a community, and it's a family. All around the state, I run into people from different classes of this law school who have the same warm feelings about what it means to have been here."

Also speaking was Professor Lee, who delivered remarks expressing his gratitude for being honored with the Distinguished Teaching Award. "I am particularly grateful to receive this award during our 50th anniversary," said Lee. "Half a century ago, visionaries created UC Davis School of Law, a different type of law school with an uncommon commitment to teaching and social justice. I'm so proud to be part of this great legacy, and so inspired by the richness and promise of this community as we enter our next 50 years."

The event also included remarks by California Senator Lois Wolk, wife of Professor Emeritus and former Dean Bruce Wolk. Senator Wolk presented a special resolution from the California Legislature congratulating UC Davis School of Law on its 50th anniversary and commending the school for its excellence and service to the legal community in California and beyond.

### CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS HIGHLIGHTS 2016 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Congressman John Lewis, an iconic leader of the 1960s Civil Rights movement, delivered a rousing address at the UC Davis School of Law 2016 Commencement Ceremony held May 14 at the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts.

"Today is your day," Congressman Lewis told the members of the King Hall Class of 2016. "Enjoy it. Tomorrow you must be prepared to roll up your sleeves because the world is waiting for smart, talented men and women to lead each one of us to a better place. You can do it, and you must do it!"

A total of 140 JD and 62 LLM students participated in the ceremony, which nearly filled to capacity the 1,800-seat Mondavi Center and drew coverage in the *Sacramento Bee* and KXTV in Sacramento. Also delivering remarks were UC Davis Interim Chancellor Ralph J. Hexter, Dean Kevin R. Johnson, Professor David Horton, and Greg Agron '16. The ceremony included the presentation of the Law School Medal for outstanding academic achievement to Amanda Whitney '16.

In his brief remarks, Dean Johnson welcomed the family and friends of the Class of 2016 and praised the graduating class. More than half completed the Law School's Public Service program, performing more than 15,000 total hours of service for those in need, he said. "A great strength of this nation is its dedication to equality, liberty, and justice built upon the rule of law," said Dean Johnson. "Today, we graduate a class devoted to those principles and to making them a reality."

Congressman Lewis, one of the "Big Six" leaders of the Civil Rights movement and an outspoken advocate for social justice throughout his long career, shared memories of marching and speaking alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and talked about the important role attorneys have played in working for social change.

"I gave a little blood on the Edmund Pettis Bridge," Lewis said of the march on Selma, Alabama in 1965, when he was beaten and arrested by police while protesting segregation. "I thought I was going to die. But somehow, some way, a group of lawyers wrote the Voting Rights Act. Congress passed it, and President Lyndon Johnson signed it into law."

"As young lawyers you have a moral obligation, a mission and a mandate to get in trouble," said Lewis. "When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you must stand up, speak up, and speak out. Use the law!"



## New Faculty Join King Hall



Irene Oritseweyinmi Joe

Aaron Tang

UC Davis School of Law welcomed two new additions to its faculty in the fall of 2016: Irene Oritseweyinmi Joe, most recently a Visiting Assistant Professor and Binder Teaching Fellow at UCLA School of Law, and Aaron Tang, previously an associate at Jones Day in Washington, D.C., and a former clerk for both Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor of the U.S. Supreme Court and Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Born in Sapele, Nigeria, Joe has a B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin and a J.D. from Stanford Law School, where she was president of the Black Law Students Association and Lead Article Editor of the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, as well as a recipient of the State Bar of California's Imelda Rosenthal Scholarship. After law school, she served as a fellow for the Equal Justice Initiative of Alabama, then clerked with Judge Napoleon Jones of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California. Joe went on to serve as Assistant Special Litigation Counsel at the Orleans Public Defenders in New Orleans and Assistant Training Director with the Louisiana Public Defender Board before accepting her fellowship at UCLA. Her interests as a legal scholar include the development of theoretical frameworks for reshaping under-resourced criminal justice institutions. Her article "Systematizing Public Defender Resources" appeared in the *Denver University Law Review*, and another, "Rethinking Misdemeanor Neglect" is forthcoming from the *UCLA Law Review*.

Tang earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science, summa cum laude, from Yale University and his J.D. from Stanford Law School. After clerking with the U.S. Supreme Court and Fourth Circuit, he joined Jones Day in 2014. As part of the firm's Issues & Appeals group, Tang's practice focused on appellate advocacy and critical motions. He has drafted petitions for certiorari and merits briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court in cases involving civil rights, criminal law, and family law. In addition, he has also worked as a middle school teacher and youth organizer in St. Louis, Missouri. His teaching and research focus on constitutional law, education law, and the intersections among civil litigation, the political process, and public policy. He has published articles in leading law journals including *Stanford Law Review*, *New York University Law Review*, *Virginia Law Review*, *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy*, *George Washington Law Review*, and *Marquette Law Review*.



Erika Budrovich '18

### KING HALL STUDENT ACCOMPANIES PROFESSOR BENNOUNE TO UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

King Hall student Erika Budrovich '18 accompanied Professor Karima Bennoune as she gave a presentation to the United Nations General Assembly on October 26, 2016.

Budrovich called the experience "an incredible opportunity to learn about current international human rights issues and meet with experts, lawyers, and activists who are passionate about human rights." She said she was "incredibly grateful to King Hall for this unique opportunity to experience international law firsthand."



Erika Budrovich '18 and Professor Karima Bennoune

Bennoune, acting in her capacity as United Nations Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, gave the first of what will be a series of annual reports to the General Assembly, speaking on her report regarding the intentional destruction of cultural heritage.

Bennoune's report examines the impact of the destruction of cultural heritage on a range of human rights, including the right to take part in cultural life. It also calls for effective national and international strategies for preventing such destruction, for holding accountable those alleged to have taken part, and for support and protection of defenders of cultural heritage.

Photos courtesy of Erika Budrovich

## Faculty Highlights



**María Blanco**, Executive Director of the University of California Undocumented Student Legal Services Center, was honored by

the Council of Mexican Federations (COFEM) with its highest award, the Golden Eagle. The award honors "her lifelong commitment to helping immigrant families to advance towards achieving the American Dream."



Professor **Gabriel "Jack" Chin** was appointed as the Edward L. Barrett Endowed Chair of Law at UC Davis School of Law. In addition, Professor

Chin was listed among the "Most-Cited Criminal Law and Procedure Faculty in the United States, 2010-2014" (*Law School Reports* blog, Brian Leiter).



Professor **Angela P. Harris** was listed among the top 10 "Most-Cited Critical Race Theory Law Faculty, 2010-2014" (*Law School Reports* blog, Brian Leiter).



Dean **Kevin R. Johnson** was elected to the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation (ABF), an honor that reflects

"extraordinary leadership in the profession, service to society, and

commitment to the ideals of the American Bar Association." Dean Johnson was also re-elected by the Board of Directors of Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC) to serve as the public service law organization's President, a position he has held since 2003.



Professor **Peter Lee** is the recipient of the 2016 Distinguished Teaching Award. In addition, an article by

Professor Lee, "Patent Law and the Two Cultures," was listed among the top 10 "Most-Cited Patent Law Articles 2010-2014" (*Written Description* blog, Ted Sichelman).



The UC Davis **Immigration Law Clinic** and its Co-director **Amagda Pérez** were honored

on the floor of the California State Assembly. King Hall alumnus and Assemblymember Luis Alejo '01 presented resolutions honoring the clinic and Pérez during a ceremony on March 31, 2016, in remembrance of labor leader and civil rights activist César Chávez.



Professor **Rex Perschbacher** was elected to the American Law Institute (ALI), the nation's most important non-

governmental organization of legal reform.



The Sacramento Chapter of La Raza Lawyers, California's foremost Latino lawyers association, has renamed itself in honor of Professor

**Cruz Reynoso**, who helped to found the organization during the 1970s.



An article by Professor **Brian Soucek**, "Aesthetic Judgment in Law," was selected for presentation at the 17th Annual Yale/Harvard Junior

Faculty Forum.



An article by Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs **Madhavi Sunder** titled "IP<sup>3</sup>" ranked as the "Most-Cited International Intellectual Property

Law Article" and among the top 20 "Most-Cited Intellectual Property Law Articles" published in the last decade (*Written Description* blog, Ted Sichelman).



Professor **Dennis Ventry** was appointed by the Internal Revenue Service to the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council (IRSAC), which

provides an organized public forum for IRS officials and representatives of the public to discuss key tax administration issues.



California Court of Appeal for the Third District Justices William J. Murray, Jr., M. Kathleen Butz '81, Ronald B. Robie, Louis Mauro '87, and Andrea Lynn Hoch

## California Third District Court of Appeal Returns to King Hall

The California Court of Appeal for the Third District returned to King Hall's Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom on October 26. The Court, which also held hearings in the Kalmanovitz Courtroom in September 2012, heard arguments in two cases.

"I want to thank the Third District for holding oral arguments at UC Davis School of Law," Dean Kevin R. Johnson said in his welcoming remarks. "We've been very lucky to host oral arguments of the California Supreme Court, Third District Court of Appeal, as well as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. I am particularly proud today that two of the three justices on the panel,

Justice Kathleen Butz and Justice Louis Mauro, are alums of the UC Davis School of Law, and the third, Justice William Murray, is a good friend and well-known around King Hall. He's been very generous with his time, with students and faculty, helping us with our educational mission."

During the arguments, an audience of students, faculty, and community members filled the Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom and many more watched on video screens around King Hall. Following the hearings, the justices participated in a question-and-answer session with students. Joining in the Q&A session were Justice Ronald B. Robie and Justice Andrea Lynn Hoch.

### MORTIMER D. SCHWARTZ, KING HALL'S FOUNDING LIBRARY DIRECTOR, DIES AT 94



Mortimer D. Schwartz, Founding Director of the Mabie Law Library and Professor of Law at King Hall, passed away on September 10, 2016. He was 94 years old.

As Law Library Director, Schwartz enjoyed the opportunity to help law students, legal scholars, attorneys and members of the public. A respected legal scholar, he co-authored or

co-edited many books on subjects including space law, legal ethics, children's rights, pollution law, environmental law, legal history, and law library administration. Schwartz received numerous awards for his work, including the prestigious Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, the highest award for service granted by the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL).

In 1965, Schwartz came to UC Davis to create the law library of the soon-to-be-opened School of Law. When he arrived, there were no books, no law school building, and no library staff. By the time he retired in 1991, the law library was one of the outstanding law libraries in the country.

Schwartz was born on September

3, 1922, to Samuel and Shirley Schwartz in New York City. He spent most of his early years in Connecticut. His undergraduate education was interrupted by World War II, during which he served in the U.S. Navy. After the war, he received his J.D. from Boston University (1949), where he also received a master's degree in law (1950). He then attended Columbia University, where he received his degree in library science (1951). He frequently expressed gratitude for the G.I. Bill of Rights, which made it financially possible for him to attend these institutions.

Schwartz is survived by his wife of almost 30 years, Giovanna Oettinger, and his son, Henry (Hank) Schwartz. His son Robert predeceased him.

## King Hall Rises Again in U.S. News & World Report Rankings

For the third straight year, UC Davis School of Law's standing in the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings improved as King Hall rose to 30th among the more than 200 American Bar Association-approved law schools rated. The rankings, which appear in the 2017 edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools," represent an additional confirmation of King Hall's high and rising status among the nation's best law schools.

King Hall's placement at 30 represents a rise of one slot over last year and a rise of six slots over the past two years. Although many factors have contributed to the School of Law's ascendance, one important component in the upsurge has been rising employment numbers among recent graduates. According to figures reported to the American Bar Association and published in the *U.S. News* rankings, 82.2 percent of Class

of 2014 graduates attained full-time legal employment within 10 months of graduation—a gain of 8.7 percent over the previous year.

King Hall also scored gains in the average LSAT score of its entering class as well as an improved acceptance rate—indications that despite a downswing in law school applications nationwide, UC Davis School of Law continues to draw robust interest from top students.

UC Davis School of Law also performed well in the *U.S. News* "Law School Diversity Index," placing at 21 in rankings based on the total proportion of minority J.D. students. Additionally, UC Davis School of Law ranked first in the *U.S. News* assessment of "Generosity of Financial Aid" at public law schools. For the second straight year, no public law school offered a higher median grant amount than King Hall.



### KING HALL SHINES IN PRINCETON REVIEW DIVERSITY RANKINGS

UC Davis School of Law has the fifth most diverse faculty and fifth best environment for minority students, according to rankings published in *Princeton Review's* annual feature, "The Best 173 Law Schools, 2016 Edition."

### KALMANOVITZ CHARITABLE FOUNDATION GIFT HIGHLIGHTS KING HALL'S OUTSTANDING FUNDRAISING YEAR

A gift of \$500,000 from the Kalmanovitz Charitable Foundation contributed to another highly successful fundraising year for UC Davis School of Law, which received more than \$1.7 million in private support during fiscal 2015-16.

The new gift of \$500,000, which will endow a scholarship at King Hall, is the latest in a series of generous contributions from the Kalmanovitz Charitable Foundation, which supported the King Hall Expansion and Renovation project with naming gifts to the Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom and Kalmanovitz Seminar Room. The Foundation's support came about largely through the efforts of Yeoryios C. Apallas '72, who facilitated the gifts.

The 2015-16 fiscal year also saw another generous gift from longtime supporters Mark Perry '80 and Melanie Peña, who gave more than \$160,000 to support the Dean's Discretionary Fund and the Family Protection and Legal Assistance Clinic. The School of Law also received new scholarship support from Norm Brand '75, Bob Kennis '77, Joe Ramirez '78, Beth Inadomi '85, James T. Lim '98, and Jose Castillo '06.

More than 1,100 total donors contributed to the School of Law during fiscal 2015-16, including 100 percent of King Hall faculty and Alumni Board members.

# King Hall Hosts Largest-Ever Reunion Celebration



UC Davis School of Law hosted its largest-ever reunion celebration on October 22, as about 300 members of nine classes returned to King Hall to reconnect with classmates and teachers, tour the expanded and renovated law school building, and hear presentations from Dean Kevin R. Johnson and King Hall Alumni Board President Alberto Roldan '92.

The 2016 Milestone Reunions brought together members of the classes of 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, and 2011. Participants met in the King Hall courtyard for an informal reception, building tours, and class photos. In the evening, the celebration continued with a dinner at the nearby UC Davis Conference Center. The program included a slide show presentation of images of students and faculty from years past, a showing of video footage from Congressman John Lewis's speech at the School of Law's 2016 Commencement Ceremony, as well as remarks from Dean Johnson and Alberto Roldan.

Dean Johnson welcomed the alumni and King Hall faculty in attendance, including Professors Lisa Ikemoto '87, Carlton Larson, Joel Dobris, Bruce Wolk, Dan Simmons '71, and Cruz Reynoso, and Immigration Law Clinic Co-director Amagda Pérez '91. He thanked the alumni volunteers who helped organize the event and briefly recapped recent developments at the School of Law, including the achievement of the only "majority minority" faculty of any top tier American law school, fundraising successes that have enabled the creation of new student scholarships, King Hall's rising status in the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings, and other news.

"King Hall continues to graduate leaders in the legal profession—attorneys, partners of international law firms, political leaders, government officials, judges, including the Chief Justice of California, and even Olympic athletes, such as Linda Somers '86, who is here tonight," Johnson said. "Our upward trajectory in the rankings reflects the Law School's accomplishments."

Alberto Roldan, who is Administrative Law Judge with the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, invited the alumni in attendance to take the reunion festivities as an opportunity to reconnect with the School of Law and join King Hall's "network of support."

"Think about coming back to the school and being part of the moot court competitions, finding students to mentor, reaching out to the associations you were a part of during your time in law school, and being part of their support network or being a resource as a professional," said Roldan.

# Alumni Highlights



**Wajahat Ali '07** has joined the staff of the Huffington Post as a Host/Contributor. Ali has enjoyed a successful career as a writer, authoring an acclaimed play, "Domestic Crusaders," and contributing essays and articles to wide variety of publications.



**Clint Bolick '82** has been appointed by Governor Doug Ducey to the Supreme Court of Arizona. Bolick, who specializes in constitutional law, had served as vice president for litigation at the Goldwater Institute since 2007.



Professor **Jay C. Carlisle '69** has retired from the faculty of the Pace University School of Law, where he has been teaching since 1978. He will continue to teach one course each fall semester for the next three years and will become Senior Counsel at the White Plains law firm of Collier, Halpern, Newberg & Nolletti.



**Jane Carney '76** was appointed to the California State University Board of Trustees. Carney was a partner at Roth, Carney and Knudsen LLP from 2008 to 2010 and at Carney and Delany LLP from 1994 to 2007.



Judge **Stacy Boulware Eurie '95**, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court for Sacramento County, has been honored as the Chief Probation Officers of California's 2015 Judicial Officer of the Year. The award recognizes her leadership in working for juvenile justice reform in Sacramento County. She was also appointed by Chief Justice of California Tani Cantil-Sakauye '84 to the California Judicial Council.



**Michael G. Idiart '75** was appointed by California Governor Jerry Brown to a seat on the Fresno Superior Court bench. Idiart had been an attorney in private practice in Fresno since 1983. He worked for the Fresno County District Attorney's Office from 1976 to 1982 as a chief deputy district attorney and as an assistant district attorney.



**Maggy Krell '03**, Deputy Attorney General with the California Attorney General's Office, was honored by the Anti-Defamation League with the Helene & Joseph Sherwood Prize for Combating Hate for her work as part of a four-agency team that investigated and prosecuted one of the first human trafficking cases in California also involving hate crime allegations.



**Layne Melzer '87** was appointed by California Governor Jerry Brown to a judgeship in the Orange County Superior Court. Melzer has been a partner at Rutan and Tucker LLP since 1994, where he has been an attorney since 1987.



**Christine Shen '97** and **Alexandra Sepulveda '04** were named by the *San Francisco Business Times* as being among the "Most Influential Women in Bay Area Business 2016." Shen is Senior Vice President and Regional General Counsel at Boston Properties. Sepulveda is Deputy General Counsel at Udemy Inc.



**Elisabeth Semel '75**, Clinical Professor of Law at UC Berkeley School of Law, has been awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Bard College, where she graduated with a degree in French in 1972.



**Darrell Steinberg '84**, former President pro Tem of the California Senate, was elected Mayor of Sacramento.



**Daniel Torres '02** was appointed by California Governor Jerry Brown as his Director of Immigrant Integration. Until 2015, Torres was chief of the Immigration Branch at the California Department of Social Services' Welfare to Work Division, and prior to that, he was Deputy Director of Programs and New Initiatives at California Rural Legal Assistance from 2010 to 2015.



**Monika Kalra Varma '00**, executive director of the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center, has been honored with the South Asian Bar Association's 2016 Public Interest Achievement Award.



**Christie (Skeels) Warren '79** has been named as the 2016-2017 Fulbright Schuman Distinguished Chair at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy, where she will teach and research joint US-EU strategies in post-conflict constitutional processes. Warren is a Professor of the Practice of International and Comparative Law and Director of the Center for Comparative Legal Studies and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding at William & Mary Law School.



**Steve Zipperstein '83**, Chief Legal Officer at BlackBerry Limited, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of Antioch University Santa Barbara.

## UC Davis School of Law Launches Capital Law Scholars Externship Program



UC Davis School of Law has introduced a new program that expands externship opportunities for King Hall students and aims to increase the number of graduates employed in government and policy work in California's capital. The UC Davis Capital Law Scholars Program offers students expanded opportunities to enroll in externships in Sacramento with government offices, the Legislature, and nonprofit agencies engaged in policy work.

"Watching legislation take shape first-hand in Sacramento is a priceless learning experience for law students," said California Senator Lois Wolk. "The UC Davis Capital Law Scholars Externship Program will provide those valuable opportunities."

"As a King Hall graduate, I can attest that the law school's proximity to Sacramento—the capital of California, the world's eighth largest economy—means unparalleled networking and learning opportunities in the public policy arena," said Assembly Member Luis Alejo '01. "I currently have an excellent King Hall student extern in my legislative office. I think it's outstanding that more students will gain direct experience in state government through the UC Davis Capital Law Scholars Externship Program."

As part of the Capital Law Scholars Program, King Hall students will have opportunities for placement with various California offices or state agencies, including the California Attorney General's Office of Legislative Affairs, the California Office of Legislative Counsel, the California State Senate or Assembly, California State Senate or Assembly Committees, the ACLU of California Center for Advocacy and Policy, and the California Fair Political Practices Commission.

The program, open to second- and third-year students, represents an expansion of the King Hall Externship Program, which allows students to earn academic credit for field placements in government or public interest law offices while being jointly supervised by a practicing attorney and a member of the King Hall faculty.

"One of the great advantages of choosing UC Davis School of Law has always been the opportunity to gain valuable, real-world experience in government and public policy work in nearby Sacramento," said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. "With the UC Davis Capital Law Scholars Externship Program, King Hall will expand those opportunities and strengthen our connection with California's capital."

### KING HALL OUTREACH PROGRAM HONORED BY AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

The King Hall Outreach Program (KHOP) was honored by the American Bar Association Council for Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Educational Pipeline with the 2016 Raymond Pace and Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander Award for Excellence in Pipeline Diversity. The award honors KHOP's success in working to foster diversity in the "educational pipeline" leading to law school admission.

"The University of California Davis School of Law's King Hall Outreach Program is an example of pipeline programming that optimizes the kind of efforts that the Pipeline Council hopes to continue to encourage and foster," Council Chair Kenneth G. Standard said in an ABA press release.

Established in 2001, KHOP is a unique program that helps first-generation and economically disadvantaged college students prepare for the law school admissions process. The program provides mentoring and pre-law advising during the school year and also takes eligible college juniors and seniors through summer sessions in which they learn writing, analytical, and logical reasoning skills, study techniques for taking the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), and explore career paths available to law school graduates.

## Professor Michael Dorf Delivers Barrett Lecture

Michael C. Dorf, the Robert S. Stevens Professor of Law at Cornell Law School, delivered the annual Edward L. Barrett, Jr. Lecture on Constitutional Law on November 3, 2016. Speaking to a packed Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom that included a large turnout of King Hall faculty, Dorf spoke on "The Presidential Election and Constitutional Change."

Established in 1986 to mark the retirement of Edward L. Barrett, Jr., founding Dean of UC Davis School of Law and a nationally renowned Constitutional Law and Criminal Procedure scholar, the Barrett lecture is an annual event that brings renowned legal scholars to King Hall for lectures on topical issues in constitutional law. This year's lecture was the first since the passing of Dean Barrett, who died in August at the age of 98, and included special recognition of his life and legacy.



Michael C. Dorf, Cornell Law School

Dorf began his remarks with a personal anecdote about Dean Barrett and how his casebook, *Constitutional Law: Cases and Materials*, had been useful to him as a young law professor who wanted to make sure his students would "get it."

In his lecture, Dorf said that "the outcome of the presidential election matters a great deal for constitutional law, but its main relevance may not run through judicial appointments." He talked about how social movements, landmark legislation, and other factors have influenced the course of constitutional law, and suggested that this would continue to be the case regardless of the election's outcome—though the election remained profoundly important.

"When I say that the importance of the presidential election for constitutional change does not run chiefly through judicial appointments, I do not mean to say that the election is unimportant," said Dorf. "Quite the opposite, in fact. It is partly because the non-judicial constitutional stakes in this election are so high that the judicial stakes look somewhat modest to me."

For more on Dean Edward L. Barrett, Jr. and his legacy at King Hall, please see our feature article on page 26.

### KING HALL SMALL AND MIDSIZE FIRM FAIR DRAWS OUTSTANDING TURNOUT

More than 30 Sacramento and Bay Area law firms and around 90 second- and third-year law students attended the Third Annual Small and Midsize Firm Fair at King Hall on October 27. The event is designed to encourage students to consider small and midsize firms as a potential career path and foster relationships between students, alumni, and their firms.

"The Small and Midsize Firm Fair has been a hit with students and employers," said Craig Compton, Assistant Dean of Career Services. "The event has grown to over 30 employers coming from the Bay Area and greater Sacramento region. Those attending the fair have been successful in securing law clerk positions during the school year, summer positions, and post-bar positions."

Laura Taylor '16, who attended the event as a student and returned to participate with her firm, Braun Blasing McLaughlin & Smith P.C., said the fair was "a very efficient use of time."

"When my firm gave me the task of locating a summer associate, I returned to the fair for the very same reasons that I attended as a student," said Taylor. "If it weren't for the firm fair, I would not have had an opportunity to meet so many students in such a short amount of time. I would definitely return again in the future as an employer."

"What an impressive group of folks," Lawrence W. Miles, Jr. '80 of Miles McLeod said of the students he met. "We are talking to some of them for a possible position. I know I'm going to be frustrated that I can't hire all of them, but I have their resumes and will circulate to other attorneys that may be looking for help."

## King Hall Community Mourns Professor Richard Wydick

Professor Emeritus Richard Wydick, an outstanding teacher and a nationally renowned expert on the subject of legal writing, died on May 11, 2016 following a prolonged illness. He will be remembered by generations of King Hall faculty, students, and alumni as a formidable scholar, exceptional educator, respected colleague, mentor, and friend. He was 78 years old.



Born in Pueblo, Colorado, Wydick attended Williams College, where he earned a degree in Political Science and Economics, graduating in 1959. He went on to Stanford Law School, where he was a member of the *Stanford Law Review* and Order of the Coif, and graduated in 1962.

He discovered his passion for teaching after he joined the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps and was assigned to teach in the Army's school for military lawyers at the University of Virginia. He went on to work as an associate at the San Francisco firm of Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison, where he specialized in antitrust and patent litigation, before embarking on a career in academia.

Professor Wydick joined the Law School faculty in 1971, and was a fixture at King Hall until his retirement in 2003, teaching Evidence, Antitrust Law, Professional Responsibility, and Advanced Legal Writing, as well as Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights, and Unfair Competition. He served as Acting Dean from 1978-1980 and received the School of Law's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1983.

As a sabbatical leave project in 1977-78, Wydick wrote an article on "Plain English for Lawyers" for the *California Law Review*. It became the journal's best-selling article in reprint form, and Wydick expanded it into a book published the next year by Carolina Academic Press. The acclaimed work has been widely used as a textbook and frequently cited as a positive influence on writing in the legal profession. Wydick, who has also authored books on ethics and evidence, has received honors including the Golden Pen Award from the Legal Writing Institute and a lifetime achievement award from Scribes, the American Society of Legal Writers.

Professor Wydick was diagnosed in 2003 with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, a progressive disease that causes scarring and stiffening of the lungs as well as shortness of breath. Though the illness limited his activities, he continued to serve on the board of directors at Scribes and on a panel of advisors for the Green Bag Almanac, which publishes writing of interest to lawyers and judges, including judge's opinions, news, and law review articles.

During retirement, Professor Wydick maintained his connection to UC Davis School of Law, attending events and lunching with faculty members as his health allowed. In 2008, he and his wife, Judy, made a planned gift to King Hall that will endow the Wydick Family Scholarship, and in subsequent years made annual gifts so that the scholarship awards would be immediately available.

According to Judy Wydick, it was Professor Wydick's wish that those who wish to memorialize him do so by giving to the Wydick Family Scholarship Fund. Interested parties may contact Karen Charney, Executive Director of Development, (530) 752-6209 or [klcharney@ucdavis.edu](mailto:klcharney@ucdavis.edu), or visit <https://give.ucdavis.edu/LFIS/123474>.

## FEATURED STORY

# HOW AND WHY WE BUILT A MAJORITY-MINORITY FACULTY

BY KEVIN R. JOHNSON

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*In the summer of 1989, the law school at the University of California at Davis added three new faculty members: two Latino men and an African-American woman. I was one of the Latinos, and I didn't know until I read it in the local paper that the new arrivals were the only people of color on a previously all-white faculty.*

*I wasn't surprised. At that time, the faculty at every top-tier American law school was overwhelmingly white and predominantly male. There was nothing unusual about the situation at my new campus, nor about the law school's apparent intention to diversify.*

*What has proven unusual is that we succeeded.*

Today, I am dean of the law school, and our faculty diversity is broad: gay and straight, White, Latino, African American, and Asian. On a faculty of 37 tenured and tenure-track scholars, we have Filipino, Iranian, Indian, and Algerian Americans, as well as Korean, Japanese, and Chinese Americans. With our most recent hires, we now have a faculty that is 47 percent female and 56 percent minority.

Unfortunately, that is still far from the norm at U.S. law schools. It appears that we are the only law school among the top 30 in *U.S. News & World Report's* rankings to have a majority-minority faculty. Indeed, except for law schools affiliated with historically black institutions or those in Puerto Rico, we are not aware of any other American law school with a majority-minority faculty. At a time when diversity is an elusive goal—from Harvard to Hollywood—it is worth noting how we got here.

In short: We got here one hire at a time, through sustained effort over many years. It's wasn't easy. As a public university in California, we are bound by Proposition 209, passed by the voters in 1996, that bars the consideration of race or gender in hiring decisions. We don't have quotas, and we have never had special positions reserved for minority or female professors, but we have always had diverse cohorts of applicants. Our commitment to diversity has reinforced itself

over time, as the hiring of top scholars of color has helped recruit other minority scholars and students. Here are some of the factors that helped us along the way.

### SUPPORT FROM THE HIGHER UPS

My experience as a law student crystallized my thinking about diversity in legal education. I had grown up in California where I got used to seeing people of all stripes. When I got to Harvard Law School, I found a very homogenous population of students, faculty, and community. The minority representation was very small, and the lack of socioeconomic diversity like nothing I had ever seen.

Years later when I took the job at Davis, the students were a little more diverse than most law schools, but the faculty was still nearly all white. However, I was pleased to find a strong interest in changing that. One of the things I'm most proud of now is that our faculty is actually more diverse than our students, which is unheard of for a law school.

Much credit goes to Rex Perschbacher, who strived during his 10-year tenure as dean to ensure the hiring of excellent scholars from a mix of backgrounds. Having a dean, as well as a chancellor and a provost, who convey to

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the faculty that hiring excellent and diverse faculty is a top priority has proven crucial to our hiring success.

The law school dean and associate dean at Davis traditionally have participated in meetings of the faculty appointments committee. They help to provide institutional memory, ensure a robust and diverse pool of candidates (and finalists), and guide successful searches.

**DIVERSE APPOINTMENT COMMITTEES**

Search committees comprised of women and faculty of color can help minimize the potential for implicit biases—a major impediment to diversity in hiring. Faculty members tend to replicate themselves, and diverse faculty members tend to replicate their own diversity. When candidates see a mixed group of people on the hiring committee, that tells them something fundamentally important about the character of a law school.

Not long ago, I put together a search committee and was surprised when someone pointed out that everyone on it was Asian American. I had only been seeking to appoint the best available people. Fortunately, all of our faculty have been attentive to the diversity of our applicants. If you don’t interview people from mixed backgrounds, you’re not going to hire them.

**DIVERSE SHORTLISTS**

It’s not easy to identify and interview a mixed pool of top candidates. Each year, relatively few faculty candidates of color can be found in the national pool. Data from the Association of American Law Schools about candidates who participated in its formal hiring market in 2015-16 show that women made up only 39 percent of the pool; blacks, 8 percent; Asian Americans, 7 percent; Latinos and Latinas, 5 percent; and Native Americans, 1 percent.

Law schools tend to rely on elite credentials in hiring professors. Some of those elite credentials—even if “race neutral”—are rarely found among many minority candidates. For example, law faculties often covet former Supreme Court clerks, but few minorities have the opportunity to serve in those positions. Only a handful of people of Mexican ancestry, for example, have ever served as Supreme Court clerks.

More generally, law schools must take care to avoid reliance upon elite, overly restrictive hiring criteria that artificially narrow the pool and disproportionately disqualify people of color.

To help identify promising scholars of color, we have networked with fellowship programs that develop such

scholars. In the last two years, three of our hires—an African-American woman, Asian-American man, and a Latina—had participated in a mentoring program for minority candidates at Duke Law School.

**RETENTION OF MINORITY FACULTY**

A fair and transparent tenure process is critical to recruiting all candidates, but especially important to minority scholars. Junior faculty of color have heard horror stories about law schools mistreating people during the tenure process, and may be worried something like that could happen to them. Having a structured, impartial, and relatively open tenure process helps recruit excellent entry-level candidates (who tend to be more diverse than midcareer and senior candidates).

To that end, we assign every junior hire a tenure committee—perhaps better called a “mentoring” committee. It’s made up of three faculty members who shepherd the candidate through the promotion process. The committee reports to the entire faculty each year on the candidate’s progress toward tenure, which usually helps us avoid unpleasant surprises. Candidates feel they have a say in the process and that it is fair and transparent.

Sensitivity to the concerns of minority faculty on hiring and promotion is critical. Failing to keep these scholars has a ripple effect that makes it difficult to recruit and retain other candidates of color.

Law schools also can show their commitment on this front by funding and sponsoring the conferences of minority scholars, such as the conference of Critical Latina/o Theory or the Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty (CAPALF, held this year at our law school).

**CLIMATE MATTERS**

The city of Davis, California is a welcoming place, but applicants are often aware that it is not as diverse as other parts of the state. As part of our recruiting process, we have answered questions about the location of the nearest Hindu temple, set up a meeting between an African-American alumni and an applicant who wanted to know what it’s really like for black people in the community, and answered numerous other questions from minority candidates about life here. Very often, the most important thing has been to let applicants know we take their concerns seriously.

The population of the United States will only grow more diverse. A positive, peaceful future for all of us requires that we as educators embrace that diversity, and make it a powerful weapon for good. 🌱

# TAKING the INITIATIVE

## King Hall Steps Up in Support of Student Health & Wellness



**UC Davis School of Law has a well-earned reputation for providing a supportive and collegial environment that stands in sharp contrast to the cut-throat competitiveness of many top law schools, but even King Hall students experience stress and anxiety as they face the many changes and challenges involved in becoming a lawyer.**

“Law school can be a pressure cooker, no matter where you go,” said Professor Jasmine Harris, whose scholarly interests include mental health and the law. “It’s a unique experience that challenges fundamentally what you believe and how you think.”

“It’s a high-pressure academic situation where you are competing against your fellow students, even if not outwardly, to get good grades and be on top of the ranking list,” said Dane Jones ’18. “It’s very different from what you experienced in your undergraduate studies, a different way of learning and a different way of thinking, and it can be overwhelming.”

“You’re surrounded by Type A personalities, and for most people, it’s the first time they’ve been on a forced curve,” said Stephanie Hay ’16. “For people who have always conflated their grades with their identity, it can be a shock to their self-esteem when they find they’re not in the top 10 percent—and 90 percent of the class isn’t going to be there. King Hall has a reputation for being a friendly and nice place, and it is. But that doesn’t mean it’s perfect for everyone. People need strong support networks, and some people need more than others.”

Beginning in the 2014-15 academic year, King Hall students, faculty, and administrators came together in an effort to increase awareness of wellness issues, destigmatize mental health concerns, and provide additional support to help ensure that students maintain their mental and physical well-being as they work to reach their potential as legal professionals. One result has been the launching of the Student Wellness Initiative, a set of programs designed to help students find a proper balance that enables them to succeed academically, personally, and professionally.

“Our goal is for students to be as successful as they can possibly be,” said Hollis Kulwin, Senior Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, who has spearheaded implementation of the initiative. “We want to provide them with the tools they need to do that, and one of those tools is wellness.”

Over the past year, the Wellness Initiative has included events ranging from presentations on how to manage stress and balance multiple responsibilities to discussions of mental health and substance abuse, as well as “Going to the Dogs” sessions that bring comfort dogs to the King Hall courtyard for stress-relieving interactions with students.

“We’re trying to provide a broad range of programming, because the topic is quite broad,” said Kulwin. “Some students are most interested in serious mental health

issues, while others are more interested in practical advice about ameliorating stress. We’ve done anti-sexual violence education, alcohol education, mental health screenings, mindfulness seminars, and many other things, and they have all attracted interest.”

Part of the impetus for change came from students, who began circulating group emails and meeting informally over concerns about anxiety, depression, and other issues, and ultimately organized the King Hall Wellness Committee.

“We felt like it would be great to have an outlet to talk

to our peers about these issues, but also to have a way to inform the administration that there are a lot of people being affected and that change within the School of Law could really make a difference,” said Jones. “We started meeting, and decided to become an official student organization.”

Launched during the Fall 2015 semester, the student Wellness Committee seeks to improve access to mental health resources, upgrade the King Hall Wellness Room, and destigmatize mental health issues within the King Hall community. In addition to Hay and Jones, initial members included Becky Vorpe ’16, Asya Sorokurs ’17, Sylvia Cunningham ’17, Roya Bagheri ’17, Rachael Hiatt ’17, and Emily Peterson ’18.

“We felt like there were a lot of students experiencing issues with anxiety, depression, substance abuse, and problems with maintaining relationships while coping with law school,” said Jones. “We also found feelings of isolation. Part of it is that in law school you feel like everyone you meet is a potential future co-worker, and you have to be on your best behavior, so it makes it harder for people to open up and ask for help.”

Hay said that one of the group’s primary concerns was that law students who felt unable to turn to their peers would find that the only professional help available on campus was the Student Health and Counseling Services at North Hall, which was not convenient for busy King Hall students and also limited in terms of the number of counseling sessions a student could receive. Hay and Hiatt approached Dean Kevin R. Johnson to express their concerns and to suggest an on-site psychologist/counselor.

“He was very receptive,” said Hay. “He said he had been thinking about doing something like that, and he thanked us for bringing the situation to his attention.”

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**- SENIOR ASSISTANT DEAN FOR - STUDENT AFFAIRS HOLLIS KULWIN**

years, and the students helped to trigger some crystallization of how we might address them with an initiative,” Dean Johnson said. “Historically, law schools have taken a ‘sink or swim’ approach to legal education, but today there is much more of an awareness of the quality of the student experience and the need to treat students with respect and dignity. I think that the various wellness initiatives we’re seeing at universities and law schools around the country reflect that changing terrain.”

Helping to drive the change in legal education is a growing awareness of substance abuse and mental health issues in the legal profession, Dean Johnson said. Alcoholism, which impacts about 10 percent of the adult population in the United States, is significantly more prevalent in the legal profession, affecting roughly one in five lawyers, and legal professionals also have a higher incidence of depression, anxiety, and other mental health issues. King Hall has had a number of separate programs addressing these issues, and the Wellness Initiative has focused and expanded the School of Law’s efforts, Dean Johnson said.

“For a number of years, we’ve had substance abuse panel discussions, and we’ve had a variety of efforts to provide stress reduction for students, including the devotion of a room in our expanded King Hall building to meditation and other related activities,” said Johnson. “The biggest addition to our program, and I credit the students for suggesting it, has been the decision to add to our staff a full-time counselor, someone who’s familiar with the particular stresses and strains that law students have and who has the skill set needed to address them.”

Kulwin has worked with the students to screen applicants for the psychologist position, and it is expected that a counselor will be onsite sometime during 2016-17. Kulwin

said that the psychologist will provide individual and group therapy as well as wellness programming. While the majority of the counselor’s time will be devoted to helping law students, some attention will also go to UC Davis Graduate School of

Management students, who will come to King Hall for services.

In addition to participating in the hiring of the onsite psychologist, students in the Wellness Committee have organized events including a panel discussion featuring Professor Jasmine Harris, who prior to joining the King Hall faculty in 2015 worked as a disability law practitioner and who has studied the intersection of mental health and the legal system. The following month, the committee hosted a “town hall” meeting that drew a much larger-than-expected turnout of students and faculty for a candid discussion of mental health issues.

Many students shared personal experiences with stress, depression, and other issues, Harris said.

“The town hall was an attempt to destigmatize mental health and mental disability in the law school environment so that students could show that they’re in this together, they’re not alone, and that more people than they expected are facing these kinds of challenges,” said Harris.

Faculty members including Professors Harris, John Hunt, Evelyn Lewis, and Lesley McAllister were in attendance. “We were there to show our support and to let them know that as faculty members, we want to work toward the changes of culture that we need in order to create an open dialogue about the challenges we face in our profession. Also, we want to come at this issue from an academic perspective of getting to appreciate mental health and disability as a civil rights issue,” said Harris.

In the Spring 2017 semester, Harris will teach King Hall’s first-ever course on Law and Mental Disability, which she

hopes will make clear to students the connections between mental health and civil rights, as well as the pervasive impact of mental health issues on the legal system as a whole.

A greater consciousness of health and wellness is already having an impact on the King Hall community. The King Hall Law Students Association has sponsored wellness-related activities including yoga and fitness classes at King Hall, and a staff group has offered fun runs and other activities under the auspices of the UC Davis WorkLife and Wellness program. King Hall professors also have led weekly meditation sessions open to students, staff, and faculty.

Maintaining mental health and wellness is also the focus of “Mindfulness and Professional Identity,” a course being taught by Professor Angela Harris, one of the nation’s foremost critical race theory, feminist legal theory, and civil rights scholars and the Boochever and Bird Chair for the Study and Teaching of Freedom and Equality. The course explores the impacts of stress as well as meditation, yoga, and other techniques for mindfulness and stress reduction. Harris said the mindfulness course is part of a “broadening of the law

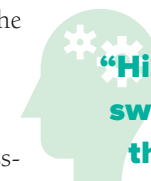
school curriculum” that has taken place in recent decades.

“We’ve seen critical race theory emerge, courses on law and economics, law and science, law and policy, and legal theory explode, and I think that larger vision of what law is all about is part of the reason we have this course today,” said Angela Harris.

Increased awareness of mental health and wellness creates the potential for change in the culture of legal education, Jasmine Harris said. Having the on-site psychologist as a resource is a big step, she said, and she hopes

that subsequent steps may include a re-examination of the role of alcohol in social events and an increased presence of mentors modeling the work-life balance for students.

“We need to get to where students have all the tools they need to manage their own wellness as they go through law school, and also give them an understanding of how mental health and wellness impact their lives and the work they will do as lawyers,” said Jasmine Harris. “I think we’re doing a good job of these things at King Hall, but I also think we’re going to be doing an even better job soon as a result of this initiative.”



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**- DEAN KEVIN R. JOHNSON -**



**“I think that, now more than ever, mental health needs to be destigmatized, not just in law school but in society at large. I am thrilled that King Hall has been responsive to student needs and is able to move in a direction that better addresses the health of its law students.”**

**- RACHAEL HIATT '17 -**



*King Hall Wellness Committee members Asya Sorokurs '17, Dane Jones '18 and Stephanie Hay '16 with Lend A Heart therapy dogs Maddie and Sully.*

# Ask the Alumni?

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE KING HALL MEMORY



"I met my wife Susan at King Hall, so that is highest on my list of many great things. We started dating at the end of my third year. She also graduated from King Hall, Class of 1993. Also, the friends I made.

It's a wonderful environment. If you're going to tough out something as difficult as law school for three years, it's important to have good friends for support. We used to potluck and watch Star Trek: The Next Generation on Saturdays to take a break from classes."

**The Honorable Alberto S. Roldan '92**, ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL, PRESIDENT, KING HALL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS



"My favorite memory is actually studying in the library. I know it may sound sick to students who are currently in the struggle, but being in law school was realizing this dream that I thought was impossible for most of my life. It was such a gift to be able to dedicate time to listening to such smart professors and learning the tools that I could use to effect change. During law school, my child was a regular visitor in the law library, and I think that was also incredible. It was a realization of and exposure to a better life for my kids."

**Jennifer Rodriguez '04**, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, YOUTH LAW CENTER



"On our first day of law school, the very first class at 8 o'clock in the morning was Real Property with Professor Ed Rabin. It was late August, at least 100 degrees. Professor Rabin deadpanned, 'Welcome to law school. I've asked the janitors to turn the heat up inside the classroom to simulate actual bar exam conditions.' And none of us who were lucky enough to take his civil procedure class will ever forget Professor Jim Hogan exhorting everyone to speak in a 'loud, booming voice.'"

**Steve Zipperstein '83**, CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER, BLACKBERRY LIMITED



"My favorite King Hall memory is probably performing as part of the 4-person group lAwBBA. (Yep, just like "ABBA" but with a dollop of law on the side.) We lip-synced and performed at Cardozorama and other law school-related events. I know one time we performed at the alumni center. We just had a blast; it was really fun. A close second would have to be helping my Jessup teammate (and good friend) Monique Ho (King Hall Class of 1999) get over her nerves as we waited to argue in the international rounds of the Jessup Competition (against the Czech Republic, as I recall) by singing 'One Moment in Time' by Whitney Houston at full volume. It worked."

**Duncan Crabtree-Ireland '98**, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AND GENERAL COUNSEL, SCREEN ACTORS GUILD-AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TELEVISION AND RADIO ARTISTS (SAG-AFTRA)



"What really sticks with me is the camaraderie between all the students and professors at King Hall. I remember how one of our classmates put all of his 1L outlines online for people to use—that just doesn't happen in other places! I also have a fond memory of the last day of third-year: all of the third-year students had mimosas before class, and Professor Lewis seemed to call on each one of us in her class."

**Kara Ueda '00**, PARTNER, BEST BEST & KRIEGER



"Trial practice with Professor Jim Hogan was probably one of my favorite King Hall memories. We had a great class, and I had a great experience. When I was doing an actual mock trial, my prior life and law school life came together. Something finally clicked, and it just felt right."

**Sister Simone Campbell '77**, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NETWORK, A ROMAN CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE LOBBY BASED IN WASHINGTON, D.C., ATTORNEY, POET, AUTHOR, AND LOBBYIST



"I attended a lecture on International Law by the late Homer Angelo in the fall of my third year in law school. At the end of the lecture, he offered to help arrange internships for any student who had an interest in a semester abroad. He arranged an interview for me with the legal advisor to the International Energy Agency. I spent my last semester in Paris and had the time of my life!"

**Daniel C. Girard '84**, FOUNDER AND MANAGING PARTNER, GIRARD GIBBS LLP IN SAN FRANCISCO



"Min Yasui came to speak my second or third year. Yasui was a principled, articulate, rousing civil rights activist. He was an attorney, and during World War II, he got himself arrested in Portland for breaking the wartime curfew for Japanese Americans. He did it as a test case. After I graduated, I was able to serve as a very, very junior member of Gordon Hirabayashi's legal team, who had also opposed the curfew and evacuation orders imposed on persons of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast. I also remember Professor Jean Love talking to us at orientation about how important it was to take care of ourselves and to continue to do physical activities to deal with the stress. I had never been particularly physically active before, but I took up running in law school. I have happy memories of runs through the Arboretum along Putah Creek. I enjoyed my interactions with my professors, especially Dan Fessler. And Dick Wydick fueled my focus on clear writing that eliminates legalese."

**Daniel J. Ichinaga '83**, PARTNER, ELLIS, LI & MCKINSTRY PLLC IN SEATTLE



"My favorite King Hall memory was attending the National Black Law Students Association convention in Atlanta, Georgia. King Hall sent a delegation, and I was fortunate enough to attend and be a part of the dialogue of other minority students who came together to support each other in the difficult task of pursuing a legal degree."

**Amal Abu-Rahma '97**, SENIOR COUNSEL, CALIFORNIA'S DEPARTMENT OF MANAGED HEALTH CARE, OFFICE OF PLAN LICENSING



"The vibe of our class, the feeling of camaraderie, and how engaged we all were in the politics of our school. The school was still relatively new, and the direction of the institution was still developing. Many students were involved in trying to shape the progressive identity of the law school, and I was one of them. I think our class was very special in no small part because in 1972 we were far more diverse, in terms of race, ethnicity, and gender, than classes at most other law schools. I felt a deep affinity for most of my classmates and still do."

**Professor Elisabeth Semel '75**, DIRECTOR, BERKELEY LAW DEATH PENALTY CLINIC

Memories are excerpted from Alumni of the Month online profiles. To read full profiles or memories from other alumni, visit [law.ucdavis.edu/alumni/profiles](http://law.ucdavis.edu/alumni/profiles)

# Upward Spiral

## RACHEL KREVANS' RISE IN PATENT LITIGATION

In the early 1980s, the fear was peaking. Hospitals in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and other cities were hit with a sudden wave of previously rare cancers and infections that seemed related in some new and mysterious way. There were dozens, then hundreds, then thousands of cases, baffling physicians and terrifying the public. The Centers for Disease Control coined the term “acquired immune deficiency syndrome” to describe the deadly epidemic, and medical researchers scrambled to understand what was happening.

In the San Francisco Bay Area, a team at a small start-up company called Chiron was working around the clock to isolate and understand the virus believed to cause AIDS. Led by Jay A. Levy, Paul Luciw, and Dino Dina, they worked with the live virus—something so dangerous that they were not allowed to do it on site at Chiron—as part of an effort to decode its genetic sequence and invent the first blood test that could screen AIDS patients.

“They were brilliant, they were brave, and they were pioneers, and working with them was a life-changing experience,” said Rachel Krevans ’84,

who met daily with the researchers as a young Morrison & Foerster attorney in the early 1990s and successfully defended Chiron’s family of patents associated with the HIV test they developed. “Sometimes I would go home after meeting with them, and I would think, ‘I’ve just spent the day with people who are saving lives and changing the world.’ How many jobs are there where you get to work with people like that, learn from them, and be inspired by them?”

Years later, Krevans still finds inspiration in litigating patent disputes. Now a partner at Morrison & Foerster, she enjoys a reputation as one of the nation’s leading Intellectual Property attorneys. She has triumphed in high-profile cases representing Bayer HealthCare, Yahoo!, EchoStar Communications, and many others, in one instance winning a jury verdict of more than \$1 billion. She has been named as a leader in her field in directories by Chambers Global, Chambers USA, Legal 500, and Best Lawyers, twice honored with California Lawyer of the Year (CLAY) awards in the IP category, selected by her peers for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in

America list every year since 2009, and named by Law360 as one of the “20 Most Influential Women in IP Law.”

Ironically, it’s a career path Krevans never envisioned. “I majored in backpacking,” she said of her time at Dartmouth College. “After graduation I went to Alaska to do a three-month trip through the Yukon, and I loved it so much I stayed for years. Eventually, I decided I wasn’t going to be a waitress all my life, and I thought, ‘I’ll go to law school,’ even though I wasn’t sure why.”

“I’m extremely lucky I wound up here,” she said during a recent visit to King Hall. “I didn’t really realize that until after graduation, when I got to know people who had gone to other schools, and I found they had really not liked it. They considered it a difficult, unpleasant experience, and their professors were inaccessible. Those things were not true of Davis.”

As a King Hall student, Krevans had a simple plan: find out who the best teachers were, and take their courses. “Whatever Floyd Feeney was teaching, I was taking,” she said. “I had Criminal Procedure with him, and I realized he could’ve taught the phone book and

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*- Rachel Krevans ’84*

it would’ve been interesting. I took Corporations with Dan Dykstra because I heard he was great, and he was.”

One of Krevans’s fondest memories of King Hall involves Visiting Professor Marjorie Shultz. “She was a great teacher, and someone who tried very hard to have good relationships with her students,” Krevans said. “At the end of the class, she gave a party for all of us. She got together all of this food, some of which she made herself, borrowed some tables, and set it all up in the old courtyard. When we finished our final exam, we went out and saw this huge spread. She wanted the course to end with a good memory.”

After graduation, Krevans clerked for the Honorable Robert Boochever of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, then joined Morrison & Foerster. She worked primarily as a tax attorney, then switched to litigation because she realized she loved the learning process involved in going to trial.

“I like things best when I’m learning about them for the first time,” she said, “so I liked being a trial lawyer, and I liked working with science and technology. I didn’t set out to work

in IP, but I was fortunate enough to have some great clients who wanted me on their team for patent cases, and gradually it just crowded other things off my docket.”

Krevans has played a significant role in a number of the biggest IP cases of the past decade. She successfully represented Bayer HealthCare in a high-profile case that became the vehicle used by the Federal Circuit to address the doctrine of inequitable conduct. In a case involving the glucose meters used by millions of diabetics around the world, Krevans and her team convinced the district court that a Bayer rival’s patent was unenforceable. After a U.S. Court of Appeal for the Ninth Circuit panel agreed, the Ninth Circuit agreed to hear the case en banc in order to consider the inequitable conduct standard. Bayer again prevailed, and the Court adopted a number of changes in the standard that Krevans and Bayer suggested.

“The Court was rethinking what the law should be,” Krevans said. “It’s an experience you seldom get as an attorney, where you get to contribute to that process, and I’m happy to say they adopted many of the changes we were recommending.”

Another notable case involved the successful defense of EchoStar Communications in the Eastern District of Texas, a place so plaintiff-friendly that Justice Antonin Scalia described it as a “renegade jurisdiction.” EchoStar’s victory landed Krevans on the cover of *American Lawyer* under the headline “Taming Texas.”

“That was thrilling, because it was the first time someone invalidated a patent in East Texas,” she said. “It’s also been very exciting to be involved in the Apple-Samsung cases, which are ongoing, so I can’t make specific comments about them.”

Krevans is also enthusiastic about

her involvement in ChIPs, a nonprofit that works for the advancement of women in law, technology, and regulatory policy. Initially founded as an informal association of seven women working for Silicon Valley engineering companies, ChIPs has grown over 10 years to include 1,200 members around the world and now sponsors networking opportunities, training sessions, and other activities to help women break into male-dominated tech industries. Krevans was brought on board through one of the founders and now helps to organize training sessions and coach participants.

“It’s an incredibly impressive organization in terms of what it does and who is involved,” said Krevans, a member of ChIPs Hall of Fame. “There are some amazing people who are willing to speak and donate their time to mentor young women lawyers and find opportunities for them, and it’s really, really necessary. It’s still a male-dominated profession, and a lot of work needs to be done to make it the meritocracy it needs to be.”

Krevans is also a supporter of UC Davis School of Law. Together with her brother-in-law, Will Brieger ’85, she established the Brieger-Krevans Scholarship at King Hall.

“Will and I know we got a great education, and we felt we should be giving back,” said Krevans. “We both live in the real world, and we know the School of Law doesn’t get the funding it needs from the state. We know it needs support from alumni, and we realized one way we could make a difference was by creating a scholarship designed to help recruit highly qualified students. When you recruit outstanding students, it’s good for the whole student body, for rankings, and for faculty recruitment. There’s a whole upward spiral of good things that happen.”



Rachel Krevans speaking with students during a recent lunchtime presentation to the King Hall IP Law Association



## Founding Father

### KING HALL MOURNS FOUNDING DEAN EDWARD L. BARRETT, JR.

In June of 1963, just after the University of California Board of Regents voted to create a new School of Law

at UC Davis, Edward L. Barrett, Jr. was called into the office of UC President Clark Kerr. Barrett, who had served on the committee that chose Davis as the site for the new law school, had no idea why he was summoned.

"Evidently, the committee met over the phone without my knowing it, and added my name to the list of recommended people for the deanship," Barrett recalled in a 1992 interview. "Well, the first I knew of this was Kerr called me into his office and asked me to serve as dean. I was kind of shocked by this. For reasons not clear to me even yet, I said 'yes.' That's how it all got started."

Barrett became the founding dean of UC Davis School of Law, and generations of King Hall students, faculty, and staff have benefited. A renowned constitutional law and criminal procedure scholar, Barrett established high standards of academic excellence and was instrumental in creating the strong sense of community and commitment to social justice that have defined King Hall for more than 50 years. He died on August 4, 2016, just shy of his 99th birthday.

"He was a genius in his way," said Professor Floyd Feeney, a member of the School of Law's founding faculty. "He had a fabulous feel for getting things done, and it was all based on personal relationships. As dean, his door was literally always open. You could walk right in."

"He was an encyclopedia of constitutional law, and perhaps the most distinguished member of our faculty," said Professor Joel Dobris, who joined King Hall in 1976 and taught full-time for more than 30 years. "As dean, he was open and fair-minded, and he didn't play favorites. He was smarter than just about everyone else, and he was always available as a wise counselor, sharing his wisdom and experience."

"Ed Barrett had a plan for the School of Law, and that plan involved a certain size student population and faculty that was ideal for maintaining morale," said Professor Edward Imwinkelried, who came to the School of Law in 1985 and recently retired from full-time teaching. "In a small school, you tend to have better student-faculty relations and better relations among students. Ed wanted a school that was

not only excellent, but collegial. His own leadership style was thoughtful and very measured, never bombastic. All of that contributed to what I think is one of the most important long-term assets of the school: the fondness the alums have for the institution."

Born in Wellington, Kansas in 1917, Barrett was raised in Utah and earned a bachelor's degree from Utah State University in 1938. He attended UC Berkeley School of Law and graduated first in his class in 1941. After law school, Barrett worked with the California Judicial Council before joining the U.S. Navy in 1942. He began his teaching career at UC Berkeley in 1946 and became a Professor of Law there in 1950. In 1957, he served for six months as special assistant to the Attorney General in Washington, D.C., where he assisted with the development of the Civil Rights Act of 1957. He was a Guggenheim Scholar in 1964. He published two books, one of which is the widely used *Constitutional Law: Cases and Materials*, as well as numerous articles in leading law reviews.

Professor Feeney has done research on Barrett's pre-King Hall career, and plans eventually to write about his role in the 1957 Act, among other activities. Barrett was clearly "a player" in Washington, Feeney said, and formed relationships with towering figures like Chief Justice of the United States Earl Warren and Herbert Brownell, Attorney General of the United States during the Eisenhower administration and Dean of the Harvard Law School, among many others.

Barrett's connection to UC Davis began in 1960, when he was appointed to the committee studying the need for a new law school in the UC system. He helped guide the decision to establish the new school at UC Davis and to make it smaller than the other UC law schools.

"The idea was that the law school would have about 500 students, so that you could have a small group experience, and that appealed to me," Barrett said in a 2009 interview. "That's what was planned, and it's gratifying to see that the Law School has stayed pretty close to that to this day."

When Barrett arrived in Davis in 1964, the university had only about 5,000 undergraduate students, and the town had around 10,000 residents. "You can't imagine how different it was," Barrett recalled. "Of course it was scary. I remember arriving in Davis and seeing our house for the first time. The next day I went down to the campus, and they told me 'we have two rooms for you in Sproul Hall.' I went over there,



and there was some furniture, but not much else."

Barrett set about the work of recruiting faculty, founding a law library, shepherding construction of the building, and attracting students. Among the first hired was Mortimer Schwartz, who had founded legal libraries at the University of Montana and University of Oklahoma; Professor Dan Dykstra, a former academic vice president at the University of Utah; and Thelma Kido, who as assistant to the dean and registrar was a central figure at the School of Law from its beginnings until her retirement in 1986. Rounding out the founding faculty were Gerald J. Adler, Homer G. Angelo, Frank B. Baldwin III, Brigitte M. Bodenheimer, Edgar Bodenheimer, Floyd Feeney, Dov M. Grunschlag, James Hogan, Edward H. Rabin, Paul N. Savoy, John W. Whelan, and Donald H. Wollett.

"I looked for good people," Barrett said. "Some other schools have tried to start by deciding what they wanted the curriculum to be and then trying to find faculty to teach each subject. I went the other way. I said, 'I want the best people I can get, and we'll figure out the teaching distribution later,' and that worked."

Barrett also played an important role in designing the law school building, which was dedicated as Martin Luther King, Jr. Hall on April 12, 1969 in a ceremony featuring Chief Justice Warren. According to legend, Barrett took pains to ensure that the building was designed so that it would be difficult to expand beyond its original capacity.

"He said as much, although I couldn't tell you where or when," said Feeney. "He structured the building so that you couldn't really add onto it, and that was because he really believed that a smaller size school was ideal."

During Barrett's tenure as dean, the School of Law was granted full accreditation by the American Bar Association (even before its first class had graduated) and membership in the Association of American Law Schools. Student enrollment grew from 78 in the first class to 182 in the

Class of 1971, and the traditions of collegiality, academic excellence, and dedication to public service were well in place.

Barrett's personal style also had a lasting influence. "He defined the role of the dean at King Hall," Imwinkelried said. "I've seen other institutions where there is a perception—or worse, a reality—that some faculty have special access to the dean, and that's very corrosive. I think it's a very important tradition here: deans who are accessible to everyone, and who will not allow even the perception of favoritism."

"Ed was the one who started our tenure committees," Feeney said, referencing the faculty who meet regularly with new hires to advise them in their quest for tenure. "That may seem like a small thing, but having such a transparent process makes a huge difference in the mindset of faculty."

Barrett stepped down as dean in 1974, although "he could have remained dean for as long as he wanted," Dobris said. Following his retirement from teaching in 1986, the School of Law established the Edward L. Barrett Endowed Chair of Law and the annual Edward L. Barrett, Jr., Lecture on Constitutional Law, in his honor.

Living in Medford, Oregon, Barrett remained a working legal scholar and active member of the King Hall community for many years. He last traveled to visit the School of Law in September 2010, when he attended the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony celebrating the completion of the King Hall building's new east wing. He is survived by his children, Douglas, Susan, and Kent, and by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Members of the King Hall community who wish to honor the memory of the late Dean Barrett may wish to support the Edward L. Barrett, Jr. Scholarship at King Hall. Gifts may be made online at <https://give.ucdavis.edu/LFIS/04655>, or you may contact Karen Charney, Executive Director of Development and Alumni Relations, at [klcharney@ucdavis.edu](mailto:klcharney@ucdavis.edu) or 530-752-6209. ■



Courtesy of Chris Engels

## Peace & Justice

### CHRIS ENGELS '04 AND THE COMMISSION FOR INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE IN SYRIA

Chris Engels '04 has seen it many times. He's worked with local lawyers, judges, and law enforcement to help restore the rule of law following bloody conflicts in Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Cambodia, and he knows the challenges involved in bringing war criminals to justice. Too often, evidence is lost to the fog of war, making it difficult or impossible to prosecute atrocities once peace is established.

Now, Engels is working to change that. As Deputy Director of Investigations for the Commission for International Justice and Accountability (CIJA), he is part of the groundbreaking nongovernmental organization's efforts to gather evidence of Syrian Civil War atrocities while the war is still in progress.

"Peace comes first, and then justice," said Engels. "It's important to first establish peace and put an end to the killings and atrocities. But I believe that soon after peace arrives in Syria, the world's attention will turn to justice, and when that happens, we will be in a much better position to provide that justice than has been the case in past conflicts."

It's the kind of work Engels has wanted to do ever since he interned as an undergraduate with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and saw the work international law attorneys were doing around the world. At King Hall, he was further inspired by courses with Professors Floyd Feeney, Diane Amann, and Larry Johnson, who went

on to become Assistant-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs at the United Nations. He also enjoyed a semester abroad at Leiden Law School in the Netherlands.

After passing the bar, he worked as a lawyer in the United States, then traveled to Bosnia, where he helped establish the Court of Bosnia-Herzegovina, the state's war crimes chamber. He also went to Kosovo to work with the United Nations Office of the Legal Advisor, and Afghanistan, where he participated in a U.S. State Department project to redevelop that country's criminal justice system. After earning a master's degree in International Development Studies from Brown University in 2009, he returned to Afghanistan to work with the Afghan Human Rights Commission, and spent time in Bosnia and Cambodia before joining CIJA two years ago.

CIJA is a private organization formed to gather evidence of atrocities in Syria, where the government of Bashar Assad has been linked to reports of torture and mass killings. The group has acquired more than 600,000 documents detailing the government's actions via a network of Syrian nationals who risked their lives to smuggle them out of the country.

"These guys are heroic," said Engels, who works directly with the Syrians. "They could leave the country whenever they wanted, but they choose to stay, at great personal risk, to collect evidence, most of it in the form of documents."

Engels leads a team that scours the documents for evidence of war crimes. "If you have evidence of command structures, of which units were in which place at what time, and you know that crimes were committed in that place and time, you can go quite far in linking individuals to crimes," he said. "So we put together a kind of pre-trial brief on individuals who appear to be responsible at the highest level for crimes in Syria."

"In past conflicts, we've seen where the investigation takes place much too late, after evidence has been destroyed, documents have been burned, and individuals are not reachable," said Engels. "By doing the investigation now, we should be able to fast track the justice process later on."

Recently, CIJA has also worked to gather evidence of atrocities committed by members of the so-called "Islamic State" against the Yazdi people in Iraq, including allegations of the systematic kidnapping of women and girls to establish a sex-slave market. In September, Engels testified about the matter before two congressional committees.

Ultimately, Engels hopes the work CIJA is doing will become a model for similar organizations around the world.

"Our hope is that this model takes hold, and we might see a future where there are five or ten CIJAs operating in different conflict environments around the world," said Engels. "That's where there is a possibility for a long-term significant impact." ■

## Justice Delayed HOW KING HALL FACULTY AND STUDENTS BROUGHT A 60-YEAR QUEST FOR U.S. CITIZENSHIP TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION

"I thought her case was a long shot," said Professor Rose Cuisson Villazor. "But I thought, 'We've got to do this.'"

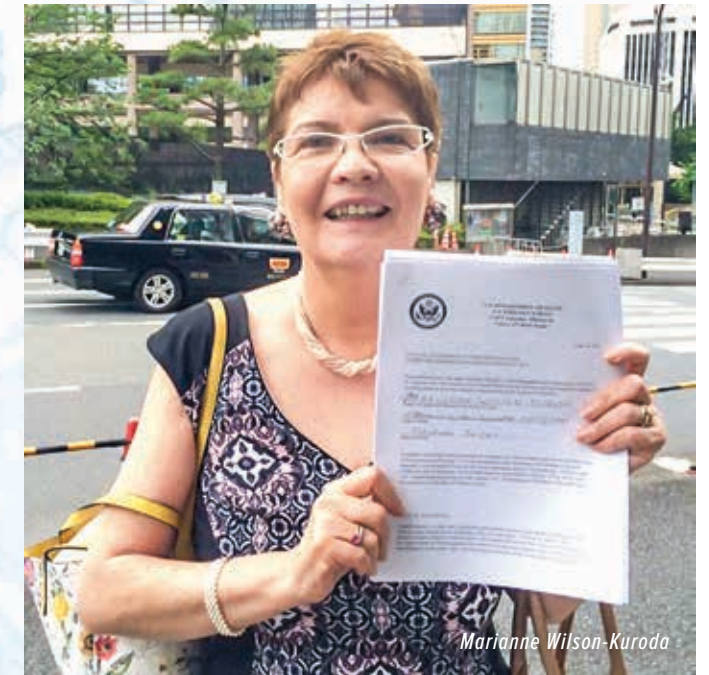
Beginning four years ago, Villazor spearheaded an effort by King Hall faculty and students that in July 2016 won U.S. citizenship for Marianne Wilson-Kuroda, whose previous claims were thwarted by World War II-era racial exclusion laws. The victory brought to conclusion a remarkable story that spanned more than six decades and included a kidnapping, a famous international child custody case, the legacy of anti-Asian immigration laws, and the largely untold story of the federal government's efforts to prevent marriages between whites and people of color.

"Her story shows us the ongoing legacy of racial restrictions to immigration and marriage, things we think of as being part of the past, but are with us still," said Villazor. "We have ongoing consequences of these racist practices, and a lot of people were affected. Her case may be just the tip of the iceberg."

The daughter of an American government employee father and Swedish-Japanese mother, Wilson-Kuroda was born out of wedlock in 1949 in U.S.-occupied Japan because federal and military regulations prevented her parents from marrying.

"It's really curious," said Villazor. "The authority to regulate marriage has historically been with the states, but as the U.S. military began to establish bases in different parts of the world, the federal government put in regulations stating that before military and civilian personnel could get married, they needed permission from a commanding officer, and permission was only granted if the bride was eligible to become a U.S. citizen. Up until 1952, most Asians, including Japanese, were racially ineligible for citizenship, and their ineligibility barred them from immigrating to the United States."

Wilson-Kuroda's father, James Vaughn, was denied official permission to marry her mother, Vivienne Wilson. They nevertheless married in a religious ceremony in 1948 and had a child, Marianne, the following year. The couple was subject to severe harassment from military police and others, and Vaughn decided to return to the U.S. and try to find a way for his common law wife and child to immigrate. An electrical engineer by trade, Vaughn worked at the Las Vegas Army Air



Marianne Wilson-Kuroda

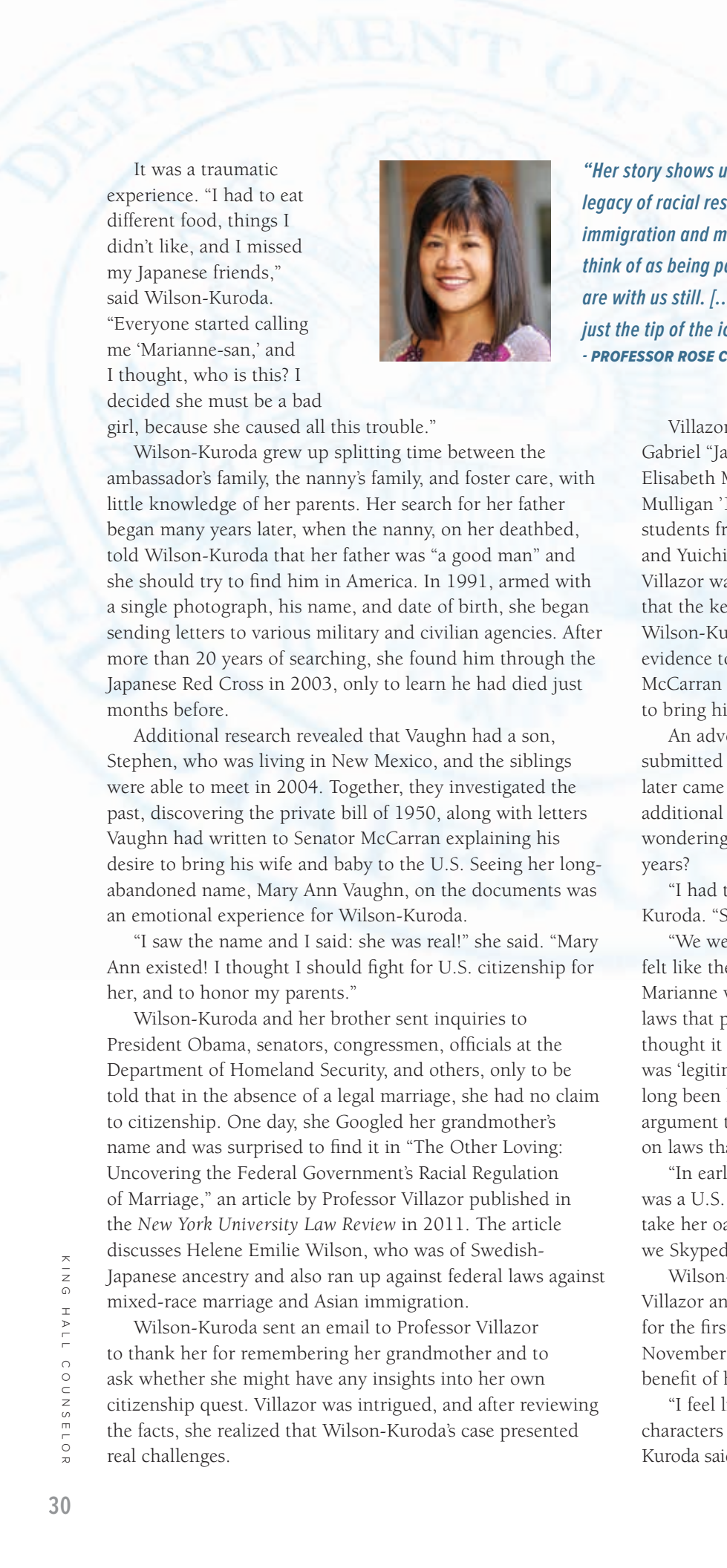
Force Base and petitioned various authorities for help. He succeeded in convincing Senator Patrick McCarran to sponsor private legislation to permit Wilson and her daughter to enter the U.S. The law passed Congress on August 5, 1950 but, unfortunately, that same day, Wilson died of tuberculosis.

"Think of this 23-year-old American man," said Wilson-Kuroda. "He went all the way to Congress to try to get his wife and baby into the United States, but it never came true, because she died, and I disappeared."

After the death of her mother, Wilson-Kuroda was abducted by her nanny, who destroyed her birth certificate and all records of her parents—save one photo of Vaughn. Wilson's father searched for the girl and finally located her in a poor section of Yokohama in 1955. The Swedish government attempted to negotiate a custody agreement between Wilson's family and the nanny, and when that failed, a lawsuit was filed that drew international attention: *Sweden v. Yamaguchi*. The case, still a required study for Japanese law students, became a staple of the tabloid press.

"All I remember is that the paparazzi was everywhere, from morning to night," Wilson-Kuroda. "It was horrible. I got an ulcer, headaches, because the journalists were all over me, following me to school, everywhere."

The Tokyo High Court awarded custody to the Swedish Ambassador to Japan, but following public protests, the Swedish government agreed to share custody with the nanny's family. The girl was forced to switch from the Japanese school she had been attending to a European school, and informed that her name had been changed from "Mary Ann" to "Marianne."



It was a traumatic experience. “I had to eat different food, things I didn’t like, and I missed my Japanese friends,” said Wilson-Kuroda. “Everyone started calling me ‘Marianne-san,’ and I thought, who is this? I decided she must be a bad girl, because she caused all this trouble.”



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**- PROFESSOR ROSE CUISON VILLAZOR**

“In general, if your parent is a U.S. citizen, and you’re born abroad, you are a U.S. citizen,” Villazor said. “But there are strict rules about how a U.S. citizen father can pass down citizenship to a child born out of wedlock.”

Villazor enlisted help from Professors Leticia Saucedo, Gabriel “Jack” Chin, and Courtney Joslin, Reference Librarian Elisabeth McKechnie, and students David Canela ’16, J.J. Mulligan ’15, Emily Wilson ’13, and Andrea Wu ’15. Two students from Columbia Law School Charles Alvarez (’13) and Yuichi Kawamoto (LLM ’15) also assisted while Professor Villazor was visiting there. Collectively, they soon realized that the key issue was whether Vaughn acknowledged Wilson-Kuroda as his child, and worked to pull together evidence to show that he had, including letters to Senator McCarran and his parents in which he expressed his desire to bring his wife and daughter to the U.S.

An advocacy letter, along with voluminous records, was submitted to the embassy in January 2016, and some months later came a request for further information, requiring additional weeks of research. Wilson-Kuroda found herself wondering: was it really worth the effort, after all of these years?

“I had to ask Rose: what are we fighting for?” said Wilson-Kuroda. “She said, ‘We are fighting for justice.’”

“We weren’t sure it would work,” said Villazor, “but we felt like there was a larger point that needed to be made. Marianne was only born out of wedlock because of unjust laws that prevented her parents from marrying. Plus, we thought it was wrong for her to even have to prove that she was ‘legitimated’ because so-called ‘illegitimacy’ statutes have long been held unconstitutional. We therefore made the argument that it was wrong for the U.S. Embassy to put force on laws that have long been discredited.”

“In early June, Marianne received a letter that said she was a U.S. citizen and she should come to the embassy and take her oath,” Villazor said. “She emailed me the news, and we Skyped, and she was so happy she was crying.”

Wilson-Kuroda feels extremely grateful to Professor Villazor and the UC Davis School of Law team. This year, for the first time in her life, she cast a ballot, voting in the November U.S. election. But for Wilson-Kuroda, the greatest benefit of her citizenship has been the closure it provides.

“I feel like I’ve been fighting for all these years with two characters inside me, Marianne and Mary Ann,” Wilson-Kuroda said. “Now, I’m OK. Justice was done, as Rose said.”

Additional research revealed that Vaughn had a son, Stephen, who was living in New Mexico, and the siblings were able to meet in 2004. Together, they investigated the past, discovering the private bill of 1950, along with letters Vaughn had written to Senator McCarran explaining his desire to bring his wife and baby to the U.S. Seeing her long-abandoned name, Mary Ann Vaughn, on the documents was an emotional experience for Wilson-Kuroda.

“I saw the name and I said: she was real!” she said. “Mary Ann existed! I thought I should fight for U.S. citizenship for her, and to honor my parents.”

Wilson-Kuroda and her brother sent inquiries to President Obama, senators, congressmen, officials at the Department of Homeland Security, and others, only to be told that in the absence of a legal marriage, she had no claim to citizenship. One day, she Googled her grandmother’s name and was surprised to find it in “The Other Loving: Uncovering the Federal Government’s Racial Regulation of Marriage,” an article by Professor Villazor published in the *New York University Law Review* in 2011. The article discusses Helene Emilie Wilson, who was of Swedish-Japanese ancestry and also ran up against federal laws against mixed-race marriage and Asian immigration.

Wilson-Kuroda sent an email to Professor Villazor to thank her for remembering her grandmother and to ask whether she might have any insights into her own citizenship quest. Villazor was intrigued, and after reviewing the facts, she realized that Wilson-Kuroda’s case presented real challenges.

ALUMNI PROFILE



Courtesy of Bijal Vakil

# Gratitude & Responsibility

## BIJAL VAKIL '96 BRINGS SILICON VALLEY EXPERTISE TO KING HALL AND BHUTAN

Written by Sue Jones

“Growing up, I never thought it was possible for me to be a lawyer,” says Bijal Vakil ’96. “I had a funny name. My family was from another country.

and acquisitions, data protection and privacy, patent litigation, and managing the liabilities that arise from new technologies and platforms. Vakil will teach the session on patent litigation. White & Case will host an on-site seminar for one afternoon and give students the opportunity to meet King Hall alumni who are leaders in Silicon Valley.

“I probably talk to King Hall alumni two to three times a week. I’m grateful for that,” says Vakil.

In fact, the word that Vakil uses repeatedly is “grateful.” Even when describing his job, he says he enjoys “solving complex intellectual property and technology issues for clients. I love learning about new technology, and I’m grateful to my clients for giving me the chance to do that.”

Vakil also points out that he was “lucky to go to law school at a time when the state legislature made higher learning a priority by funding UC. It’s sad to see that it’s not a priority anymore.”

After King Hall, Vakil started his law practice in Los Angeles. He moved to Silicon Valley to join a boutique law firm and eventually transitioned to McDermott Will and Emery, where he made partner in 2003. He credits “hard work and perseverance” for his success.

Vakil loves to travel internationally and to spend time with family and friends. He also enjoys working on home improvement projects. “Doing something tangible makes a contrast to intellectual property,” he explains.

A conversation with Vakil quickly circles back to gratitude, and the sense of responsibility engenders. He recalls how proud his parents were at his graduation, where Attorney General Janet Reno spoke. “Being a first generation immigrant, it was important for me to strive for as much success as possible in my legal career,” he explains. He adds that his efforts “only pale in comparison to the struggles they faced moving here from India.”

The education and community I found at King Hall gave me the support I needed to seek the career I wanted.”

Vakil is now a technology and intellectual property partner at White & Case and Executive Office Partner-in-Charge for the firm’s Silicon Valley office. He is proudest of his role in helping to build that office and give it a “community and longevity that will far outlast me.”

His Indian roots drew him to White & Case’s efforts toward opening Bhutan’s first law school, the Jigme Singye Wangchuck School of Law. Until now, the vast majority of Bhutan’s few lawyers have been trained in India. The firm’s goal, according to Vakil, is to “address how Bhutan prepares itself for being a player in the world economy without losing its individuality and spirit.” Vakil says he is proud to be “part of a firm that feels strongly about social responsibility and institutions of law and fairness.” He looks forward to teaching a survey course in Intellectual Property at the new school.

Vakil also stays deeply involved with King Hall. Currently serving on the Law School Alumni Association Board of Directors, Vakil is passionate about connecting King Hall graduates with jobs, particularly in Silicon Valley. He wants “to play an integral role in helping Associate Dean Madhavi Sunder with the school’s plans and objectives in Intellectual Property.”

Toward that end, he has partnered with Dean Sunder to create a spring 2017 class called Innovation Law. The course will immerse students in the legal issues innovation lawyers face, including establishing start-ups, technology mergers



# Satre Family Funds STUDENT DREAMS

Tanairi Alcaraz '18 had a clear idea of the kind of work she wanted to do during the summer following her first year at King Hall. The question was: how to pay for it?

"For me, the motivation for going to law school has always been very personal," said Alcaraz. As a first-generation college student and the daughter of immigrants, she is driven by a desire to return to, and serve, the Stockton community where she grew up. "That is still my community, and that's what it's always been about for me."

But Alcaraz knew that the nonprofits that serve migrant communities typically can't afford to pay summer interns. "I was talking to my parents about how they might have to loan me some money, so I was grateful and relieved to be able to get funding through the fellowship."

Thanks to the generous support of Phil Satre '75 and his family, Alcaraz and 10 other King Hall students were able to pursue public interest law internships during the summer of 2016 with funding from Satre Family Public Interest Fellowships.

Alcaraz worked with the Migrant Unit in the Stockton office of California Rural Legal Assistance, with duties that included preparing a motion for a high-profile sexual harassment suit brought by fieldworkers against a labor contractor—a long-running case that CRLA won while Alcaraz was working with them.

"It was a great reminder of how important this kind of work can be, and I feel privileged to have had this opportunity," said Alcaraz.

Eleven King Hall students received Satre Family Public Interest Fellowships in 2016, working with agencies ranging from the Harvard Food Law & Policy Clinic in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts to the Alameda County Public Defender's Office. The Satre family also created a scholarship for first-generation college students that has already directly benefitted five King Hall students, and also contributed generously to the King Hall Annual Fund, King Hall Scholarship Fund, and Law Students Association.

Holly Snead '17 is grateful for their support. Her internship with the Innocence Project of Florida "was

amazing, the best experience I've had in law school so far," she said. The fellowship enabled her to work in a capacity in which she reviewed case files and made recommendations as to which ones the Innocence Project should pursue, and wrote post-conviction motions, often requesting DNA testing that was not done at the time of the trial.

"I came to law school not really knowing what kind of work I wanted to do, except that I wanted something in public interest," Snead said. "After this summer, I really want to do post-conviction work. It's just phenomenal what they do at the Innocence Project, and there are so many cases out there where people need help."

"For students who want to do public interest law, one of the challenges is that the organizations you want to work with have limited resources, so they don't have the ability to hire like the law firms do," Snead said. "Having these fellowships is what gives us the opportunity to work with these nonprofits. The fellowships have a huge impact on the organizations, their clients, and the students. It definitely had an enormous impact on me."

Masao Taylor '17 was equally grateful for his fellowship, which made it possible for him to work with the Asian Law Caucus Immigrant Rights Program, visiting detention centers in Elk Grove and Yuba City, conducting naturalization clinics, and providing legal services for those who otherwise couldn't afford representation.

"The Satre fellowship made it possible for me to do this work," said Taylor, who plans to practice immigration law after graduation. "As a law student, you're already in debt. The organizations that do this kind of work are nonprofits, and they can't afford to pay their summer interns salaries. This fellowship is what made it possible for me to do the work that I am passionate about doing." 📌



Phil '75 and Jennifer Satre

## ALUMNI DONOR PROFILE

# Joe Ramirez '78 Funds Scholarship for First-Generation Students



Joe Ramirez '78 has a good reason for wanting to support first-generation law students at UC Davis School of Law. "That was me," he said. "The first time I ever met a lawyer was when I walked into King Hall."

Ramirez, who is now Vice President Licensing & Associate General Counsel at Adobe Systems, was himself a first-generation college student when he arrived at the School of Law, and he credits the educational opportunities he received for giving the foundation for his career success in Silicon Valley.

"This job is really optimal for me, because it allows me to exercise what I do best, which I think is dealing with

customers, coming up with creative solutions to their issues, and generating revenue," he said. "I think I've been very fortunate, and I think it's time for me to give back to my community and to the institutions that have had an impact on me. I loved King Hall when I went there, and it prepared me very well for the challenges I've faced."

Ramirez has given back to King Hall by contributing his time and expertise, recently volunteering to speak to students on lessons learned during his 30-plus years in Silicon Valley. Together with his wife, he created the Joseph & Mary Ann Ramirez Scholarship at UC Davis School of Law to provide financial support for first-generation students.

"My wife and I both have a strong commitment to education, because we believe that's the key to success," Ramirez said. "Right now, I am as excited about the opportunities in Silicon Valley as I have ever been. But if you want to be successful here, the key is education. We want to help provide that opportunity for students at King Hall." 📌

## ALUMNI DONOR PROFILE

# Chris Hughes '07: Supporting Student Organizations



Courtesy of Chris Hughes

King Hall alumni often say that participation in student organizations provided some of their most valuable learning experiences and fondest memories of law school. Many, including Chris Hughes '07, help ensure that the tradition continues by making gifts to the student organizations that made their King Hall years special.

As a law student, Hughes was a co-founder of the King Hall Negotiations Team (KHNT). Together with Micah Nilsson '07 and Professor Donna Shestowsky, he travelled to American Bar Association-sponsored negotiations competitions, an experience so rewarding that Hughes and Nilsson were determined to make sure similar opportunities

were available to subsequent generations of students. They took on the laborious process of registering the KHNT as a student group during their final months of law school and continued their involvement after graduation.

Now a partner at Nossaman LLP in Sacramento, Hughes has been a frequent volunteer, serving as a panelist for KHNT educational events, a guest speaker in Professor Shestowsky's Negotiations course, and a judge for the annual King Hall Negotiations Competition. He has also provided financial support for KHNT activities.

"As a student, I remember what it was like to get involved with an organization, only to discover a shortfall in the school's budget," said Hughes. "Years later, as an attorney, it is my pleasure to contribute time and money to helping students achieve their goals, especially now that I can choose to donate money directly to specific organizations at the school." 📌

# LIKE MIKE

## TINA THOMAS AND THE MICHAEL H. REMY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Tina Thomas &  
Michael H. Remy '70,  
1998

Most of the time, when an attorney decides to create a law school scholarship to honor a beloved mentor, the gift benefits students at the attorney's alma mater. That isn't the case with Tina Thomas, founder of the Thomas Law Group in Sacramento, and the Michael H. Remy Memorial Scholarship.

"It's all about Mike, and about trying to be like him," said Thomas, a graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law who established the scholarship at UC Davis School of Law to honor the late Mike Remy '70 and to support King Hall students who, like Remy, face special economic challenges in seeking legal education. "I think this is exactly what he would have done if he were in my shoes, and I think it's important to try to continue to live by the lessons he taught me."

Remy was teaching environmental law at Sacramento State while also practicing with a small firm when Thomas arrived in the state capital in 1979 as a new attorney. "I think it had reached the point where he couldn't continue to do both things without some help, so I started helping him out with cases while he was still teaching," said Thomas. "We continued to work together, and eventually we started Remy & Thomas, and that's what we did for more than 20 years until Mike passed away."

Remy, whose practice focused on environmental law and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), died of cancer in 2003, but his outstanding example still exerts a powerful influence on Thomas. "He was such an amazing

person," said Thomas. "He was brilliant, and very hard-working, but he was also a very kind and generous human being, and I've tried to weave his way of doing things into the way I practice law."

Remy was committed to pro bono work and very involved in the community, a legacy Thomas has worked hard to continue. She is active in numerous community organizations, including Sacramento Food Bank Services, the John Burton Foundation for Children without Homes, and Valley Vision, and uses her expertise as a land-use attorney to represent nonprofits such as Loaves & Fishes, Wind Youth Services, and St. John's Shelter. Like Remy, she has been active in the Democratic Party. Thomas has also tried to help

mentor young attorneys in the way Remy mentored her.

"I try to be like Mike," said Thomas, "but you can never really be like Mike. He was so patient, so willing to spend time with people and to mentor them. I think a lot of people benefited from Mike's example, and I know I did."

Thomas structured the Remy Scholarship to benefit students who, like Remy, "can really use some extra support." Remy had often mentioned how difficult it was for him to get through law school as a married student with a child, and how he had to work to support his family while at King Hall. The scholarship benefits students with economic need, especially those who face challenges such as parenting, a disability, or a family illness.

"I feel very honored, and I couldn't be more thankful for what Tina has done," said Mike Remy's daughter Camille Remy Obad '99, a compliance project manager with the California Energy Commission. She credits her father for encouraging her to come to King Hall.

"One of the things he said to me is that a law degree is valuable because it sharpens your ability to think critically and strategically, and I thought that if I'm going to be working in the policy field, that makes sense for me," she said. "He felt King Hall was unique in that it was an inclusive program that didn't set people up in the highly competitive mode that you find at most law schools. He thought their way of doing things produced better attorneys, and I would have to say that my experience with King Hall graduates has borne that out." ■

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## ALUMNI NEWS

### Coming to a City Near You: King Hall Alumni Receptions

You can reconnect with the UC Davis School of Law community without traveling to King Hall, thanks to the School of Law's expanding calendar of outreach events happening in cities all over California and beyond. King Hall's Alumni Relations office organized 16 get-togethers during 2016, helping to ensure that the bonds formed during law school remain strong long after King Hall graduates enter the workforce.

The 2016 calendar featured mixers, lunches, and receptions in cities including San Francisco, Sacramento, Palo Alto, Fresno, San Diego, Orange County, Los Angeles, Oakland, Santa Rosa, Riverside, Santa Barbara, and New York City. Highlights included mixers held at the Palo Alto office of White & Case, which were hosted by Bijal Vakil '96 and

included remarks from Dean Kevin R. Johnson and Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Madhavi Sunder. King Hall alumni events also included well-attended receptions for admitted students such as those hosted by Duncan Crabtree-Ireland '98 at the Screen Actors Guild offices in Los Angeles and Scott McNutt '82 at his firm in San Francisco.

King Hall alumni receptions are announced beforehand in King Hall Briefs, the School of Law's alumni email newsletter. To make sure you are on the mailing list, or to find out more about hosting or attending upcoming King Hall alumni receptions in your area, please contact Karen Charney, Executive Director of Development, at [klcharney@ucdavis.edu](mailto:klcharney@ucdavis.edu), or Nick Dolce, Director of Development, at [ndolce@ucdavis.edu](mailto:ndolce@ucdavis.edu). ■

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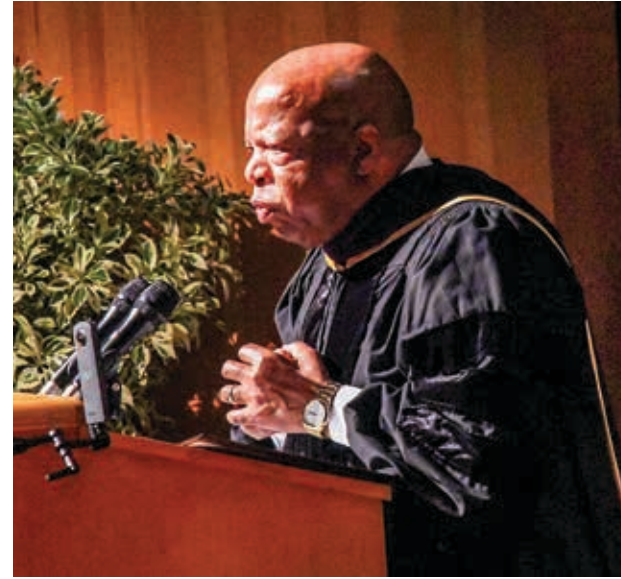


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**MARCH 30, THURSDAY**

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**APRIL 28, FRIDAY**

**Public Service Graduation**

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