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USC Gould Hosts Bankruptcy Negotiation Competition

Attorneys specializing in bankruptcy, federal judges, and law students at the top of their game gathered for a full day of financial law competition at USC recently. Teams from 12 law schools in four Western states competed in the inaugural Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Negotiation Competition, sponsored by the American College of Bankruptcy and the USC Gould School of Law.

Read more about the competition, and learn how USC Gould fared.



USC Gould to Host Regional Receptions

The USC Gould School of Law Office of Admissions, in conjunction with the Office of Development & Graduate Relations, is pleased to announce our upcoming Alumni/Admitted Student Regional Receptions. We hope you will join us for a reception in your city. Your presence will give admitted students and their families the opportunity to learn more about the law school and its legendary Trojan Alumni Network. We believe this network is among the strongest selling points we have to offer. We look forward to seeing you and introducing you to the next generation of lawyers from USC!

The receptions will be held: Monday, March 18 in **Chicago, IL** Tuesday, March 19 in **New York, NY** Wednesday, March 20 in **Washington, D.C.** Thursday, April 4 in **San Francisco, CA**

For details regarding time and location, and to RSVP, visit http://weblaw.usc.edu/events/regional_alumni.cfm. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Admissions at 213.740.2523.

Alumni Ambassadors Sought

The Office of Admissions seeks Alumni Ambassadors who will speak with top admitted students about the benefits of attending USC Gould. Many of our admits are deluged with negative information regarding the legal profession, and we hope to offer some balance to the discussion. As an ambassador, you will serve as a point of contact for a small group of admitted students. Their questions might concern clinical programs, journals, the post-graduate job

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search, faculty, life on the West Coast, individual practice areas and other topics.

If you are interested in participating in this effort to bring the nation's very best students to USC Gould, please contact Amy Stevens, associate director of admissions, and she will provide you with a survey to complete. Amy may be reached at astevens@law.usc.edu.



Students Secure Clerkships

Dean Robert K. Rasmussen and the USC Gould Judicial Clerkship Committee congratulate the students from the Class of 2013 who have secured 2013-14 judicial clerkships: **Jennifer Bryant**, for the Hon. George H. King (C.D. Cal.); **Jennifer Chang**, for the Hon. Steven W. Taylor (Oklahoma Supreme Court); **David Ciarlo**, for the Hon. Ruggero J. Aldisert (3rd Cir.); **Jeffrey Gilbert**, for the Hon. Manuel Real (C.D. Cal.); **Katrina Dela Cruz**, for the Hon. Ronald S.W. Lew (C.D. Cal.); **Jamie Heine**, for the Hon. James V. Selna (C.D. Cal.); **Douglas Hewlett**, for the Hon. Patrick J. Walsh (C.D. Cal.) (2014-15); **Ashley Kaplan**, for the Hon. George H. King (C.D. Cal.); and **John Major**, for the Hon. Paul J. Watford (9th Cir.) and the Hon. Alex Kozinski (9th Cir.) (2014-15).



Alumni Sworn Into Bar

Recent USC Gould graduates took their final step toward entering the legal profession when they were sworn into the state and federal bars at a ceremony in Town and Gown in December. Several hundred family members, former professors and friends were on hand to celebrate with 106 of the newest members of the California Bar.

USC Gould had an 88 percent California bar passage rate; the overall California bar examination pass rate for first-time takers from ABA-accredited schools was 77 percent. Read more about the bar ceremony.



Inside the L.A. Video Game Industry

The Business Law Society kicked off the semester by uniting several disciplines involved in the video game industry: technology, law and media. The organization's evening event, "Inside the L.A. Video Game Industry," attracted a full classroom of J.D. and M.B.A. students. Industry experts spoke about multi-platform distribution structures, video game business models and copyright issues.

The panel included George Rose, former executive VP of Activision Blizzard; Brandy Carrillo, general counsel at Konami; Patrick Sweeny, partner at Reed Smith; Steve Goldstein, partner at Stubbs, Alderton & Markiles; and Roxanne Christ, partner at Latham & Watkins.

Read more about the event.



Irmas Fellow Charting a New Path

An interest in how cities and transportation infrastructure are planned brought KeAndra Dodds '12 to Los Angeles three years ago. Being selected the 2012-13 Irmas Fellow last June keeps her here to pursue her work in this area. The Irmas Fellowship is a one-year postgraduate fellowship honoring the late Sydney M. Irmas '55 and his wife, Audrey. It provides an annual salary of \$40,000 for a recent USC Gould graduate to work at a public interest agency of the graduate's choice; employment benefits are provided for by the agency.

Learn how Dodds is spending her year as the Irmas Fellow.



Alum Speaks on Careers in Foreign Service

Securing a job as a Foreign Service officer is no easy task. Just ask Ari Nathan '85. For every 10,000 applicants, a mere 300 are recruited to work in this field. Nathan, a current Foreign Service officer, recently spoke to law students about international legal career opportunities.

Read about Nathan's talk.



Former Washington Post Journalist Speaks on Mental Health System

As a journalist at the Washington Post, Pete Earley has uncovered political corruption, human rights issues and even gun trafficking. But when it came to navigating the circuitous mental health system after his son was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, Earley was at a loss. He spoke about his experience at the third annual Saks Institute for Mental Health Law, Policy, and Ethics Distinguished Speaker event at USC Gould.

Read about Earley's talk.

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FEBUARY 13: USC GOULD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LUNCHTIME SPEAKER SERIES - ESTATE & ASSET PROTECTION

Come enjoy lunch with alumni and friends, followed by a discussion with Gahram Kang '01 regarding Estate & Asset Protection. Learn the concepts distinguishing a will from a living trust, to a durable power of attorney versus an advance healthcare directive. This event will take place at the USC Orange County Center, 2300 Michelson Drive, Irvine, CA 92612 from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. The cost to attend this event is \$25 per person. For more information or to register online, please click here. If you would like to pre-register, please contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at 213.743.1725 or phawthorne@law.usc.edu.

MARCH 1: HALE MOOT COURT FINAL ROUND COMPETITION

Join students, faculty and fellow alumni for the final round of the 2012-13 Hale Moot Court Honors Program competition, to be held from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. in the Eileen Norris Cinema Theatre on the USC campus. Click here for more information.

MARCH 5: SMALL AND MID-SIZED LAW FIRM RECEPTION

The USC Gould Career Services Office cordially invites you to attend our 8th Annual Small & Mid-sized Law Firm Reception, held at USC's University Club from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. This event brings together attorneys practicing at small and mid-sized law firms in the greater Los Angeles area and current USC law students interested in learning more about practicing law at small and mid-sized law firms. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served and a host bar of beer and wine will be provided.

Please RSVP by Feb. 26 online: https://usclaw.us2.qualtrics.com/SE/? SID=SV_8cT5|qehjMcLGV7. If you have any questions, contact the Career Services Office at 213.740.7397 or careers@law.usc.edu.

MARCH 7: USC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The USC Women's Conference brings together more than 1,000 USC alumnae, parents, students, faculty, staff and friends for programs in professional development, women's health, personal wellness and financial strategies. Please join us for panel discussions, interactive workshops and facilitated networking activities to help you build personal and professional networks, learn new strategies for success and connect with USC! To register, visit: http://alumni.usc.edu/womensconference. For more information, call 213.740.5734 or e-mail womensconference@usc.edu.

MARCH 7: REAL ESTATE LAW AND BUSINESS FORUM

For the past 10 years, the USC Gould Real Estate Law and Business Forum has been the most highly attended law and business conference in the area. Programming is designed to appeal to professionals and business people across the real estate field. Speakers include nationally known business and legal leaders. The focus is on opportunities - for you and for your clients - and how to maximize potential in the current real estate market. View the complete programming guide.

MARCH 14: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INSTITUTE

The Intellectual Property Institute has forged a reputation for gathering national speakers to analyze sophisticated topics and provide practical takeaways to attendees. Focusing on copyright, patent and trademark law, the Institute features morning plenary sessions, a luncheon keynote address, afternoon tracked breakout sessions, and five networking opportunities, including a hosted cocktail reception at the end of the day. The Institute will be held at the Beverly Hills Hotel. View the complete programming guide.

MARCH 23: USC ALUMNI DAY OF SCERVICE & USC GOULD SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROJECT

The USC Alumni Day of SCervice is an opportunity for all alumni and friends to participate in local service volunteer projects organized by USC alumni clubs, representatives and other affiliated groups worldwide. This year, the USC Gould School of Law Alumni Association has partnered with LA Waterkeeper for a beach clean-up in Santa Monica. For more information or to sign up, please click here. You may also contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at 213.743.1725 or phawthorne@law.usc.edu.

MARCH 28: SIEROTY LECTURE FEATURING ALBIE SACHS

The USC Gould School of Law is proud to welcome legendary human rights activist Albert Louis Sachs, who will deliver the second annual Allen Neiman and Alan Sieroty Lecture in Civil Liberties. Born in South Africa to Lithuanian Jewish parents, Sachs used his law degree to defend clients against apartheid and other repressive state measures. Subject to solitary confinement and even an assassination attempt by the South African government, Sachs eventually returned to his country, where then-President Nelson Mandela appointed him to the newly created Constitutional Court. More information to follow.

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 4: JUDGES AND LAWYERS NIGHT PRESENTED BY THE USC LATINO LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Please mark your calendar for this event celebrating members of the Latino legal community and featuring keynote speaker L.A. County District Attorney Jackie Lacey '82. Join the festivities at 6:00 p.m. in USC's Town and Gown. For more information, please contact Lawrence Cisneros at Lawrence.cisneros.2014@lawmail.usc.edu.

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 18: ANNUAL USC BLSA BANQUET PRESENTED BY THE BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Please mark your calendar for an event celebrating members of the African-American legal community. Speakers will discuss why diversity is defined by more than skin color, specifically addressing the talents and strategies that brought them success in life. Join the festivities at 7:30 p.m. in the Vineyard Room of USC's Davidson Conference Center. For more information, please contact Autumn Anderson (autumn.anderson.2014@lawmail.usc.edu) or Kyle Joseph (kyle.joseph.2014@lawmail.usc.edu).

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 19: USC OUTLAW 2ND ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT DINNER

Please join us for this student-driven event, which aims to raise funds for an annual scholarship to benefit LGBT students and/or students working toward LGBT equality through the law. The event will take place at the Radisson Hotel Los Angeles Midtown at USC. Contact Elliot Rozenberg for more information at Elliot.rozenberg.2013@lawmail.usc.edu.

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 15: USC GOULD REUNION

Next summer's reunion brings together the classes of 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008. The event will take place at JW Marriot at LA Live and begins with individual class receptions followed by an all-class reunion dinner. If you are interested in joining your class reunion committee, please contact Rakib Haque at 213.821.3569 or reunion@law.usc.edu.

Ouestions?

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