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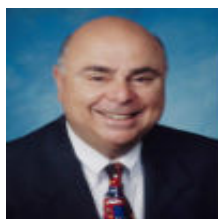
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News Highlights



Commencement 2015

Under auspicious blue skies, the Hon. André Birotte, Jr., U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California, offered praise, words of wisdom and hope to USC Gould School of Law's new graduates. Birotte addressed the 214 juris doctor recipients, along with 200 international graduate students receiving master of laws degrees or master of comparative law degrees. Today is an "exciting – even thrilling time to be a lawyer," Birotte said. To be successful, "you can not be complacent; you have to stay hungry; you have to stay engaged; you will have to be nimble and flexible; and you will have to work very hard."



Gould Alumnus Honored by USC

Dickran M. Tevrizian Jr. '62, JD '65 made history in 1986, when he became the first Armenian-American federal judge in U.S. history. On April 25, he was among seven Trojans honored at the 82nd annual USC Alumni Awards. Tevrizian received the Alumni Merit Award, which is "given to individuals whose remarkable accomplishments speak well for the range and quality of a USC education."



USC OUTLaw Endowment Celebrates Milestones

USC Gould students, alumni and supporters gathered at the Los Angeles Athletic Club for a fundraising event to support the USC Gould School of Law student group OUTLaw's endowed scholarship. Designed to benefit lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students and those working toward legal equality for LGBT individuals, the scholarship was envisioned by OUTLaw board members to help future generations of law students at USC. Since it launched in 2012, OUTLaw has raised \$129,311, which not only

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surpassed its \$100,000 goal, but funded two scholarships. More than 70 USC Gould students, faculty and staff, as well as several members of the Los Angeles legal community, attended the Fourth Annual USC OUTLaw Endowment reception.



PILF Recognizes Students, Alums for Pro Bono Work

USC Gould School of Law students were celebrated at the annual Pro Bono Luncheon, hosted by USC's Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF). Gould students logged more than 1,900 hours of pro bono legal work, volunteering at dozens of nonprofit organizations during the 2014-15 school year, said PILF president Zachary Lainer. "We are proud of the contributions Gould students make to our local and national communities," Lainer said. "This impact is not limited to their summer-work, but extends year-round. We believe their experiences now, will propel them to a lifetime of pro bono and public interest work and activities."



USC Honors Gould Professor

Professor Hannah Garry was recently honored with a USC Mellon Mentoring Award for her extraordinary dedication to her students and colleagues at USC Gould School of Law. The award, in the Faculty Mentoring Graduate Students category, honors individual faculty for helping to build a supportive academic environment at USC through faculty-to-student mentoring.



Judges Speak About 'Diversity on the Bench'

Three judges from the Los Angeles County Superior Court spoke with students at USC Gould School of Law about their unique paths to the bench as women of color, and discussed the importance of diversity among judicial officers. "If you're a woman, if you're a person of color, if you're LGBT, your background and your work will be evaluated more harshly, more differently, and you will have to try harder," said Judge Yolanda Orozco. "It is a sad reality, but it is."

Faculty in the News



Sacramento Bee

A story featured Elyn Saks and highlighted her experiences living with mental illness. Her work to eliminate the stigma and promote better, more compassionate care for people with mental illnesses was also featured. "Everything about my past says I shouldn't be here," she said. "The stigma against mental illness is so powerful."



Huffington Post

Dan Simon published the op-ed "Sobering Lessons From the Lone Juror in the Etan Patz Case." Simon said that in the absence of any physical evidence connecting Pedro Hernandez to the murder of 6-year-old Etan Patz, the case revolved entirely on the jury's assessment of unrecorded statements. "It seems likely that we will never know for sure

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whether Hernandez's confession was true," Simon wrote. "But based on the evidence presented in court, there is good reason to believe that the lone juror got it right." Simon stated that the Hernandez case "demonstrates the grip that misguided intuitions hold on public perception and it begs for their revision: on occasion, innocent people do indeed confess to crimes they did not commit, and they go on to provide richly detailed statements that corroborate their false admissions of guilt."



The National Law Journal

David Cruz was interviewed by numerous media after attending U.S. Supreme Court arguments on same-sex marriage. Justice Anthony Kennedy "spoke more about dignity and marriage as an institution that helps confer dignity and that helps people fulfill their lives," Cruz said. He was also interviewed by CNN, NBC, ABC7 Los Angeles, KCRW, KPCC and Agence France-Press.

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The USC Gould Post-Conviction Justice Project and Pacific Juvenile Defender Center will examine sentencing hearings for juvenile offenders under Penal Code 190.5 after Gutierrez and SB 9 Amendments to Penal Code 1170 (d)(2)

JULY 19: USC GOULD AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL

USC Gould alumni are joining the USC Alumni Club of Los Angeles for a dinner & wine reception and mixer, followed by a stunning performance by Cirque Musica to the music of the LA Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl. To RSVP, purchase your tickets [here](#), and email Erin McCann at ekmclendon@gmail.com to ensure that you are seated with other USC Gould alumni!

SEPTEMBER 22, 2015: HALF CENTURY TROJANS LUNCH

USC will host its annual luncheon at Town & Gown to celebrate all Trojan alumni who earned a bachelor's degree from any college or university at least 50 years ago.

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