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1} MLB's Top Attorneys Visit USC Law



>> USC Law students were given an inside look at sports law from two of the industry's most prominent lawyers at an event hosted by the Sports Law Society last week. David Cohen, director of legal affairs and risk management for Angels Baseball LP, and Sam Fernandez, senior vice president and general counsel for the Los Angeles Dodgers LLC, spoke about their careers and how students must create their own opportunities

for success.

[Read more about the event.](#)

2} A Firm-Nonprofit Partnership on Vet Suit



>> Attorneys from the ACLU of Southern California, Arnold & Porter and the Inner City Law Center discussed a suit they have filed on behalf of Los Angeles-area homeless veterans, illuminating for USC Law students the complexity of a case requiring the cooperation of a private firm and

nonprofit organizations.

The Oct. 24 event, "Partnering and Public Service: How Private Law and Public Interest Law Firms Work Together to Bring Change," helped kick off Pro Bono Week activities at USC Law. It was hosted by the Public Interest Law Foundation and the offices of Public Service and Career Services.

[Read more about the event.](#)

3} Breaking Into the Entertainment Industry



>> There is more than one road that leads to Hollywood. Alex Ankeles '96, vice president of production at Andrew Panay, told students at an Entertainment Law Society event that even though a law degree is not necessary to get into the entertainment business, it helps students cultivate confidence and legal aptitude.

"A law degree has not been essential to me, but it has helped. I can now read my own contracts," Ankeles said. "It gives you a syllogistic way of thinking that helps when making a script deal. I'm still glad I did it."

[Read more about Ankeles's talk.](#)

4} A Wide-Ranging Career in Art Law



>> Attorneys who practice art law work across a number of legal areas, from trust and estates to trade regulation and even student affairs, as the varied career of Thaddeus J. Stauber, a partner at Nixon Peabody who heads the firm's Art and Cultural Institutions team, made clear in his talk to law students.

Still, any art law attorney should love art.

"You've got to be interested in the subject matter that you're practicing law [around]," said Stauber, a contemporary art fan. He noted that any legal professional "will tell you the business of law is about learning the business. Whether it's art law or entertainment law or trade, or whatever it is, you find that you have to become an expert in the industry."

[Read more about Stauber's talk.](#)

5} Garrett Named Fellow of Prestigious Academy



>> Elizabeth Garrett, USC provost and USC Law professor, has been elected to the American Academy of Political and Social Science (AAPSS), a prestigious honor shared by only three other USC scholars, and will be inducted as a Harold Lasswell Fellow.

Garrett was chosen "in recognition of the contributions you have made to the progress of the social sciences and to communicating that understanding beyond your own discipline," said academy president Douglas S. Massey in a letter announcing

Garrett's election.

"Provost Garrett's scholarship addresses significant social problems in creative and meaningful ways," said USC President C. L. Max Nikias. "This prestigious honor is certainly well-deserved, and everyone at USC warmly salutes her stellar leadership in the areas of political and social science."

[Read more about Garrett's induction.](#)

6} On a Career in Government



>> USC Law students considering a career in government took advantage of the opportunity on Oct. 12 to hear from a man who wears the label "career politician" as a badge of honor. California State Treasurer Bill Lockyer, who served 25 years in the California Legislature and two terms as California Attorney General before being elected to his current office, spoke with students in Room 1 of the law school about his long and varied career in government. USC Law's Government Law Organization (GLO) sponsored the event.

"I was the first one in my family to go to college. My mom wanted me to be Perry Mason, and before she died she made me promise to go to law school," Lockyer said. "It was the '60s, so I didn't do any of that. That was part of my rebellion."

[Learn more of Lockyer's story.](#)

7} IP Law: An Inside Look at Potential Careers



>> As the world becomes increasingly dependent on technology, it's no surprise that law students lined up to learn about careers in intellectual property law. At the "Careers in IP Law" event, hosted Oct. 12 by the Los Angeles Intellectual Property Law Association and the USC IP & Technology Law Society, a panel of L.A. attorneys related their firsthand experience about how law and new media technology intersect. With careers in fields ranging from entertainment to patent law, panelists David Grossman, Carole Handler and Vision Winter represented the flexibility of intellectual property law. They gave advice on entering the job market, stressed the importance of networking, and urged students to find a career they are passionate about.

[Learn more about the IP law event.](#)

8} Alumni Volunteers Sought to Speak with Prospective Students



>> A big thanks to all alumni who have volunteered to chat by phone with a few prospective students!

If you would like to help the law school enroll its top-tier applicants, USC Law's Office of Admissions is looking for more alumni volunteers to take a few calls from some of the law school's most promising prospective students. You can help show these applicants that the Trojan network is for real and

have a hand in building the best incoming class yet!

If you are interested in participating, please call 213.740.2523 or e-mail Dean of Admissions Chloe Reid at creid@law.usc.edu or Director of Admissions David Kirschner at dkirschner@law.usc.edu.

For information on this year's 1L class, [click here](#).

9} Upcoming events: Alumni Mixers, L.A. Times' Steve Lopez

NOVEMBER 9 & 10: Bay Area USC Law Alumni Mixers

USC Law invites you to join your fellow USC Law alumni for Bay Area alumni receptions.

Palo Alto

Wed., Nov. 9, 2011

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The Old Pro

541 Ramona Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301

(650) 326-1446

Hosted by Rosi McCaskill '06, Marc Berman '08 and the USC Law Alumni Committee. Complimentary appetizers will be provided by the law school. The parking structure two doors to the west has two levels of free underground parking. More parking is available beneath the City Building one block to the south on Ramona St., between Hamilton and Forest. Please RSVP to alumni@law.usc.edu by November 8. Guests are welcome; please notify us how many will be coming.

San Francisco

Thu., Nov. 10, 2011

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The District

216 Townsend

San Francisco, CA 94107

(415) 896-2120

Hosted by the USC Law Alumni Committee and USC Law. Complimentary appetizers will be provided. Parking is available directly across the street in a secured, indoor lot. Please RSVP to alumni@law.usc.edu by November 8. Guests are welcome; please notify us how many will be coming. For more information on either event, please contact [Brooke Sanders](#), associate director of development & graduate relations, at 213.743.1833.

NOVEMBER 15: L.A. TIMES COLUMNIST STEVE LOPEZ

USC Law and the Saks Institute for Mental Health Law, Policy and Ethics are hosting a discussion with *Los Angeles Times* columnist Steve Lopez. The event, "My Journey With the Soloist: Psychotropic Drugs and the Challenges of Treatment," will be moderated by USC Law Prof. Elyn Saks on Tue., Nov. 15 from 12:15 to 1:30 in USC Law Room 3. For more information or to RSVP, please contact the Events Office at events@law.usc.edu or 213.740.3841.

NOVEMBER 18: TRUST AND ESTATE CONFERENCE

For over 35 years, USC Law's estate planning conference has provided California practitioners with high-quality continuing education, customized for trust, estate and probate planning professionals. Formerly known as the Probate and Trust Conference,

the conference has a proven track record of teaching practical and realistic solutions to typical problems professionals encounter in estate planning, trust administration, probate, trust and estate litigation, substantive law, client relationships and law practice economics. Speakers typically share "how to" techniques and forms used in their practices. Attendees are provided with practical syllabus materials in both print and CD formats, including an annually updated Trust and Estates Directory. Harvey Levin of TMZ will give what is sure to be an interesting and informative luncheon address. Other speakers include Professor Jack Barcal (USC Leventhal School of Accounting), Jeffrey A. Dennis-Strathmeyer, David Lane, Chang Hoon Chae (Hoffman, Sabban & Watenmaker), Terrence Franklin (Sacks, Glazier, Franklin & Lodise), Paul Gordon Hoffman (Hoffman, Sabban & Watenmaker), Shirley Kovar (Henderson Caverly Pum Charney), Adam Streisand (Loeb & Loeb) and Marshall Zolla.

[View a complete programming guide.](#)

DECEMBER 2: BAR ADMISSION CEREMONY

Join USC Law in welcoming fellow alumni to the California Bar. Grads are sworn in at a ceremony beginning at 5:30 p.m. at USC's Town & Gown. A reception follows at 6:30 p.m. The law school is also hosting a special "Welcome to USC Law Alumni" mixer from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at The Lab gastropub, located across from the USC campus at 3500 Figueroa Street. If you have any questions, please contact Brooke Sanders in Development and Graduate Relations at 213.743.1833 or bsanders@law.usc.edu.

DECEMBER 7: INSTITUTE FOR CORPORATE COUNSEL

USC Law's Office of Continuing Legal Education offers the Institute for Corporate Counsel, the premier Los Angeles conference for in-house and outside counsel and those who advise them. 2011 marks the 30th anniversary of the Institute!

Allowing colleagues to network, compare notes and keep abreast of key legal developments, the day-long Institute focuses on the intersection of law, business and politics. The Institute brings together approximately 200 professionals, including: in-house counsel, outside attorneys, corporate officers and directors, accountants, consultants, HR professionals, litigation support professionals, public relations professionals, and legal assistants. **Russell Goldsmith**, chairman and CEO of City National Bank, will provide the keynote address. Noted Constitutional law scholars **Erwin Chemerinsky** and **Eugene Volokh** will kick off the Institute with a preview of important issues before the U.S. Supreme Court affecting business operations. The closing session will feature general counsels **Stanton Dodge** (DISH Network) and **Daniel Garrie** (Focused Solution Recourse Delivery Group), providing their perspective on current legal challenges.

The 30th Anniversary Institute will provide meaningful opportunities to interact with in-house counsel, including a luncheon, networking refreshment break and hosted cocktail reception. CE units for lawyers and accountants will be available. You can [download the complete programming brochure](#) for the 30th Anniversary Institute for Corporate Counsel.

LEGAL MUSICIANS WANTED!

Do you sing or play an instrument? The Los Angeles Lawyers Philharmonic is looking for a few advanced singers and musicians who are lawyers, judges, legal assistants and law students. Proclaimed "L.A.'s Only Legal Orchestra and Chorus," the L.A. Lawyers Phil and Legal Voices have achieved international recognition. From Beethoven to Gershwin, the Lawyers Phil performs on a professional level at magnificent venues including Walt Disney Concert Hall and the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. They are auditioning ALL instruments and vocalists. They are especially looking for those playing harp, oboe, clarinet, French horn, percussion, violin, viola, cello and string bass, and for vocalists singing tenor and bass. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings. If you would like to try out,

please e-mail audition@LALawyersPhil.org. For more info on the L.A. Lawyers Phil, visit www.LALawyersPhil.org.

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