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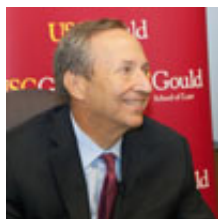
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News Highlights



Larry Summers Keynotes Gould Tax Conference

Larry Summers, the lauded economist, civil servant and academician, delivered the keynote address at a recent conference recognizing the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 16th Amendment and kept a lecture hall filled with students, faculty and alumni captivated for an hour of tax talk. The conference was organized by USC Gould's tax faculty and drew tax scholars from around the country.

Summers delivered five observations he finds "very important" as the federal government examines the future of our tax code. [Read about Summers' talk and the tax conference.](#)

[View Summers' full talk](#) at USC Gould's YouTube page.



Alum Honored by State Bar

After dedicating over 60 years to the legal profession, Sorrell Trope '49 was recently honored with the California State Bar's Lifetime Achievement Award. The accolade is the highest award a family law lawyer can receive and was given by the Family Law Executive Committee of the California State Bar.

Trope specializes in family law and founded his firm Trope and Trope LLP in 1949. A pioneer in the field, his work prompted the California State Bar to formally recognize family law as a specialized area of law. Today his firm is the largest California law firm to specialize in this field.

Trope received his B.A. and J.D. from the University of Southern California and remains loyal to his alma mater. He serves as an adjunct professor of law at USC Gould and is a member of the USC Gould School of Law's Board of Councilors.

[Read more about Trope and the award.](#)

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

Calendar

FEATURED EVENTS

MARCH 13: USC GOULD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LUNCHTIME SPEAKER SERIES & ORANGE COUNTY ALUMNI ROUNDTABLE

MARCH 28: NEIMAN-SIEROTY LECTURE FEATURING ALBERT LOUIS SACHS

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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.



Constitutional Interpretation and Originalism

Taking umbrage with the "Scalia brand of originalism," California Court of Appeal Justice Cole Blease spoke about the role of language in constitutional interpretation recently at USC Gould. Blease, associate justice of the Court of Appeal, third district, presented the lunchtime discussion as an installment in the Neiman-Sieroty Lecture Series, named for 1956 USC Gould classmates Allen Neiman and Alan Sieroty.

[Read more about Justice Blease's lecture.](#)



1911 Grad Sei Fujii Subject of New Short Film

USC law students recently organized a screening of a film that focuses on the efforts of one USC Gould alum to work for the civil rights of Japanese Americans in Los Angeles in the early 20th century. The film, "Lil Tokyo Reporter," illustrates the contributions of Sei Fujii, a 1911 graduate, to the Japanese American community. Unable to practice law because he wasn't a citizen, Fujii published a Japanese/English newspaper, The Kashi Mainichi (California Daily News), and teamed with classmate and civil rights attorney J. Marion Wright to serve his community.

[Read more about the film screening.](#)



Students Advance at National Transactional LawMeet

A team of three USC Gould students is on its way to the final round of competition for the National Transactional LawMeet, a mock negotiation experience for students interested in pursuing a career in transactional law. The students were one of two teams to win the Western Regional round held recently at UCLA Law School; 78 law school teams competed across the country for 12 spots at the finals.

The competition's goal is to provide students with a meaningful and engaging simulation of transactional practice. The annual competition has been gaining in popularity with law schools; this is the first year USC Gould has participated.

[Read more about the LawMeet.](#)



National Moot Court Team Reaches Semi-Finals

Quick thinking and intense preparation propelled Jackson Trugman '13 and Derek Kigongo '13 to the semi-finals of the George Washington University Religious Freedom National Moot Court competition. The duo placed in the top four out of over 30 law schools in the two-day national competition held earlier this month. Professors Rebecca Lonergan, Nori Stoltzenberg, and Elizabeth Carroll coached the students beforehand.

[Read more about the competition.](#)



Immigration Clinic Director Speaks About His Path

Prof. Niels Frenzen, director of the USC Law Immigration Clinic, spoke to students about his career path as an attorney specializing in immigration law at the most recent Spirit of the Law event. The lunchtime event was sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association, the Critical Legal Studies Association, USC's Office of Religious Life, and the Levan Institute for Humanities and Ethics.

Frenzen has taught at USC Gould since 2000. Previously, he served as directing attorney of the Immigrants' Rights Project at Public Counsel and supervising attorney at the Haitian Refugee Center.

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



Faculty News

How do judges come to their decisions? A new book by Lee Epstein, the Rader Family Trustee Chair in Law and USC Provost Professor of Law and Political Science, attempts to answer that question. The Behavior of Federal Judges, which Epstein co-authored with Judge Richard Posner and William Landes of University of Chicago, dispels the mystery of how judicial decisions are made in district courts, circuit courts and the U.S. Supreme Court. [Read more about Epstein's new book.](#)

Dan Simon formally accepted the Richard L. and Maria B. Crutcher Professorship in Law and Psychology at Town and Gown last month. A widely published scholar in the area of law and psychology, Simon described the unlikely journey to his current academic post. He is the author of In Doubt: The Psychology of the Criminal Justice Process (Harvard University Press, 2012). [Read about Simon's talk.](#)

Prof. Hannah Garry, director of the USC International Human Rights Clinic, has accepted a position as visiting legal adviser with the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague. She will work directly with ICC President Sang-Hyun Song and the judiciary on cases against alleged perpetrators of some of the world's most serious atrocities. [Read more about Garry's new post.](#)

Calendar

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 13: USC GOULD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LUNCHTIME SPEAKER SERIES - CALIFORNIA RECEIVERSHIPS

Come enjoy lunch with alumni and friends, followed by a presentation on California receiverships by Kyle Mathews '01 and Reed Mercado. This program will give background on the nuts and bolts of California receiverships as well as explore the intersection between receivership and one-action antideficiency laws. This event will take place at Morrison & Foerster, 555 West 5th Street, 34th floor, Los Angeles, CA, from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. The cost to attend is \$25 per person. For more information or to register online, [click here.](#)

MARCH 13: USC GOULD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ORANGE COUNTY ALUMNI ROUNDTABLE

The Orange County Alumni Roundtable, a part of the USC Gould School of Law Alumni Association, seeks to raise the profile of the Trojan lawyer network in Orange County. The Roundtable meets on the second Wednesday of each month. This month's networking lunch will take place at Paul Martin's American Bistro, 31 Fortune Drive, Irvine, California 92618. For more information or to sign up, [click here.](#) You may also contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at 213.821.3571 or phawthorne@law.usc.edu.

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 14: ALUMNI & STUDENT MIXER PRESENTED BY THE USC ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Join us for happy hour to meet, socialize and network with current students and fellow alumni. The event will take place at Far Bar, in Little Tokyo, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Appetizers will be provided. For more information or to RSVP, [click here](#). You may also contact Allison Cheung at Allison.cheung.2014@lawmail.usc.edu.

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

The USC Alumni Day of SService 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 213.821.3571 or phawthorne@law.usc.edu.

MARCH 28: NEIMAN-SIEROTY LECTURE FEATURING ALBERT LOUIS SACHS

The USC Gould School of Law and USC Visions & Voices are proud to welcome legendary human rights activist Justice Albert Louis Sachs, who will deliver the Allen Neiman & 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. The lecture, "The Soft Vengeance of a Freedom Fighter," begins at 4:00 p.m. and is followed by a reception. To RSVP, please go to <http://law.usc.edu/events/neimansierotylecture>. For more information, please contact the Gould Events Office at 213.740.3841.

APRIL 2: WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION FIRST ANNUAL ALUMNAE NETWORKING EVENT

The USC Women's Law Association presents its first annual Alumnae Networking Event. Please join USC Gould alumnae and current students for an evening of fun, hors d'oeuvres and cocktails and the opportunity to share experiences while strengthening the WLA network. The reception will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Lab Gastropub, 3500 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90089. WLA would like to thank our sponsor, Sidley Austin LLP, whose generous support has made this event possible. Please RSVP at <http://law.usc.edu/wla/>. If you have any questions, please contact Paige Smith at paige.smith.2015@lawmail.usc.edu.

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

Please join us for this event celebrating members of the Latino legal community and featuring keynote speaker, L.A. County District Attorney Jackie Lacey '82. The festivities begin 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.

APRIL 11: THIRD ANNUAL USC GOULD VS. UCLA LAW "L.A. SUPREME COURT" CHARITY BASKETBALL GAME

The students of USC Gould School of Law and UCLA Law School compete in our annual basketball game to raise money for the public interest organizations at both schools, including USC's Public Interest Law Foundation, Street Law, Legal Aid Alternative Breaks, and the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project. Students at both schools have raised more than \$2,000 for these organizations over the past two years, and we hope to surpass those totals this year. The event will take place at UCLA's Pauley Pavilion (301 Westwood Plaza Los Angeles, 90095) at 7:30 p.m. For more information, tickets or to make a contribution, please contact Rajeev Mittal at Rajeev.mittal.2013@lawmail.usc.edu.

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 at autumn.anderson.2014@lawmail.usc.edu or Kyle Joseph at kyle.joseph.2014@lawmail.usc.edu.

APRIL 19: USC OUTLAW 2ND ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT DINNER

Please join us for this student-driven event, which brings together students, faculty, staff, alumni and the Los Angeles legal community and aims to raise funds for an annual scholarship to benefit LGBT students and/or students working toward LGBT equality through the law. Featured speakers this year will be Dan Woods '77 and California Supreme Court Justice Carlos R. Moreno (Ret.). The event will take place at the Radisson Hotel Los Angeles Midtown at USC. To buy tickets or make a donation, please visit law.usc.edu/outlaw. For more information, contact Elliot Rozenberg at Elliot.rozenberg.2013@lawmail.usc.edu.

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 24: ORANGE COUNTY JUDGES' NIGHT RECEPTION

The Fifth Annual USC Orange County Judges' Night will celebrate USC Gould alumnus the Honorable John Woolley (Ret.) '62 and USC alumni in Orange County who have given back to the community through their service as judges. The event will take place at Big Canyon Country Club from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A formal invitation will be mailed in the coming weeks. If you would like more information about this event, please contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at 213.821.3571 or alumni@law.usc.edu.

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 7: CRIMINAL LAW AT THE CROSSROADS

The American criminal justice system is currently in the throes of an important transition. USC Gould will host a one-day conference, "Criminal Law at the Crossroads," at which leading figures from the judiciary, legal practice and academia will share insights on how to best harness this momentum toward meaningful reform. The conference is intended for defense attorneys, district attorneys, members of the judiciary, legal academics and law students.

Conference topics include the role of accuracy in the criminal justice process and its relationship to Due Process; the proper role of judicial gatekeeping; and assimilating empirical data into criminal justice policy. The Honorable Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, will give the keynote address. Breakfast and lunch will be served. More information to follow.

USC Gould School of Law, a State Bar of California-approved MCLE provider, certifies that this activity qualifies for minimum continuing legal education credit in the amount of 5.5 hours.

JUNE 15: REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 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. For more information or to register for this event, visit law.usc.edu/reunion.

Questions?

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