



## USC LAW eNEWS

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### 1} Charlie Whitebread Remembered

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>> On Nov. 13, the USC Law community and family and friends of Prof. Charlie Whitebread gathered to pay tribute to the beloved professor, who died Sept. 16. More than 400 people crowded into Town & Gown to reminisce about Whitebread, listen to tributes from friends and colleagues, and watch excerpts from one of Whitebread's famous BAR/BRI lectures.

"It is a fitting tribute to Charlie that his memorial service was filled with love, laughter and fond memories," said USC Law Dean Robert K. Rasmussen. "Charlie's enthusiasm for his students and his ability to see the best in all of us made him not only a treasured member of the USC Law community, but a teacher beloved by students and scholars across the country."

[Read more about the memorial.](#)

[Visit USC Law's tribute site.](#)

[View excerpts from Whitebread's BAR/BRI lecture.](#)

[Contribute to the Charles H. Whitebread Scholarship Fund.](#)

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## 2} Alumni Speak About Environmental Law

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>> Three attorneys working in environmental law spoke to USC Law students about their careers on Nov. 18. John Holloway, of counsel at Best Best & Krieger, moderated the session that also included BB&K Partner Jill Willis, Nicole Hoeksma '05 of Sohagi Law Group and Fred Pfaeffle '89, principal deputy county counsel for Los Angeles County. Each attorney described the work they do and how they found jobs they enjoy.

[Read what the attorneys had to say.](#)

To learn about volunteer opportunities involving USC Law students, contact the Career Services Office at (213) 740-7397 or [careers@law.usc.edu](mailto:careers@law.usc.edu).

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## 3} PILF Celebrates 20th Anniversary

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>> USC Law's commitment to public service took center stage Nov. 11 during a downtown Los Angeles gathering that celebrated the 20th anniversary of USC's [Public Interest Law Foundation](#), honored Professor Scott Bice '68 and his wife, Barbara, for their tireless support of PILF, and bid farewell to Associate Dean Lisa Mead '89.

[Read about the anniversary celebration.](#)

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## 4} USC Law Bids Farewell to Lisa Mead

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>> After 15 years of service to USC Law, Office of Public Service Director and Associate Dean Lisa Mead '89 has left the law school. Prior to joining USC Law in 1993, Mead held positions as directing attorney and law fellow of the Homeless Assistance Project of Public Counsel, a Los Angeles public interest agency, and as state office program coordinator for the Texas Coalition for Juvenile Justice.

As a law student at USC, Mead co-founded the USC Public Interest Law Foundation and has since served as a member of the organization's board. She is a recipient of the USC Student Bar Association Faculty Appreciation Award, the USC Public Interest Law Foundation Outstanding

Graduate Award, and the USC Miller-Johnson Equal Justice Award.

"I am deeply honored to have had the opportunity to serve USC Law and its amazing students and to have been allowed to create the Office of Public Service," said Mead.

[Read more about Lisa Mead's farewell.](#)

[Read a tribute to Lisa Mead.](#)

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## 5} USC v. UCLA: Pro Bono Challenge

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>> Red Sox versus Yankees. East Coast versus West Coast. USC versus UCLA. Historic rivalries with a passionate following.

Hoping to build off their universities' long-time rivalry, the law schools at USC and UCLA have challenged each other to a contest off the playing field and into the Los Angeles community they share. The schools will compete for the highest percentage of pro bono hours during the 15-week spring semester.

USC alumni and faculty will participate by applying to be a student mentor or guide on the Challenge website. An alumni or faculty mentor will provide a service project, supervising the student's performance throughout the project. An alumni or faculty guide will support the student in a project provided by PILF or another student organization, either by meeting with the student in person or exchanging e-mails.

The Pro Bono Challenge will: promote pro bono work within the legal profession; strengthen the image of USC Law as a school committed to pro bono work; and encourage the entire USC community to engage and improve the surrounding community! Fight on! at <http://crosstownchallenge.usc.edu/>. If you would like to participate or have any questions, e-mail Aly Parker '09 at [alyson.parker.2009@lawmail.usc.edu](mailto:alyson.parker.2009@lawmail.usc.edu).

[Read more about the Challenge.](#)

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## 6} USC Law Alumni at Tailgate

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>> About 850 USC Law alumni, students, family and friends gathered for a tailgate at the law school Nov. 8. Before the USC Trojans took on the Cal Bears—going on to win 17-3—the law school family dined on tacos in Crocker Plaza. A number of USC Law student organizations hosted booths during the event and the Student Bar Association announced the launch of the [Cross-Town Pro Bono Challenge](#).

[View photos of the event.](#)

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## 7} Entrepreneur Emphasizes Lifelong Learning

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>> Sidney Harman, an entrepreneur who founded Harman International Industries—previously Harman Kardon—was deputy secretary of commerce during the Carter administration and served as president of a small college. He remains active in education and philanthropy.

On Oct. 30, he visited USC Law to share what he said is the greatest lesson for students to learn: "There is no better juice in life than the encouragement of, and continued practicing of, the mind."

[Read more about Harman's advice to future lawyers.](#)

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## 8} SUPPORT USC LAW THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

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>> As 2008 draws to a close, USC Law alumni continue to demonstrate their support and strong philanthropic tradition, making twice the number of gifts they did at this time last year. Alumni participation makes a big difference in the life of the school. Please consider making a gift to the USC Law Annual Fund before December 31. Your investment in your alma mater will help ensure that current and future students have the same types of outstanding educational opportunities you enjoyed as a student.

You can make a gift online at [law.usc.edu/give](http://law.usc.edu/give), or contact Development and Graduate Relations at (213) 743-1710.

USC Law appreciates your support!

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## 9} Upcoming events: Fondue Party, San Diego Reception, Reunion

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### DECEMBER 11: ORANGE COUNTY HOLIDAY FONDUE PARTY

Dip into the holiday spirit and get cheesy with alumni and friends over fondue! Join us at the Sports Club and Game Room in The Village at Irvine Spectrum from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Presented in collaboration with the Young Alumni Committee. For more information and to RSVP, visit [the Facebook page](#) (note: log-in to Facebook required. If you don't have a Facebook account, please e-mail [Emily Page](#) to RSVP).

### JANUARY 7, 2009: AALS SAN DIEGO REGIONAL RECEPTION

In association with the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, please join Dean Robert K. Rasmussen, fellow USC Law alumni, faculty and friends for a reception at the San Diego Marriot Hotel and Marina from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. More information will follow. To RSVP, please e-mail [events@law.usc.edu](mailto:events@law.usc.edu) with your name and that of your guest. You can also call USC Law Events at (213) 740-3841.

**{SAVE THE DATE}**

**JUNE 12, 2009: GOLDEN YEARS LUNCHEON**

This reunion celebration is held for graduating classes from 1958 and earlier. It will be held in USC's Crocker Plaza beginning at 11:30 a.m.

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**JUNE 13, 2009: USC LAW REUNION**

Next summer's reunion brings together the classes of 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004. If you would like to serve on your Reunion Committee, please contact Pasha Hawthorne at [phawthorne@law.usc.edu](mailto:phawthorne@law.usc.edu) or by phone at (213) 743-1761.

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**LINKS**

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>>myLAW: <http://mylaw.usc.edu>

>>ALUMNI WEB SITE: <http://law.usc.edu/alumni/>

>>GIVE BACK TO USC LAW: <http://law.usc.edu/alumni/giving.cfm>

>>CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION: <http://law.usc.edu/academics/cle.cfm>

>>ALUMNI CAREER SERVICES: <http://law.usc.edu/alumni/network/careers.cfm>

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