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## **Announcements**



## Leo Strine Gives Roth Lecture, Nov. 5

This year's Justice Lester W. Roth Lecture will feature The Honorable Leo E. Strine, Jr., Chief Justice, Delaware Supreme Court. The lecture will be held on Nov. 5 at 4:00 pm in Room 7 in the Law School Building, with a reception immediately following. To RSVP, please visit gould.usc.edu/rothlecture.For more information contact the USC Gould Events Office at 213.740.3841 or at events@law.usc.edu.

## **News Highlights**



#### Guzman Installed as Dean of USC Gould

In an exuberant ceremony, Andrew Guzman was officially installed as the dean and Carl Mason Franklin Chair at USC Gould School of Law on Oct. 5. USC President C. L. Max Nikias led the honors, highlighting the dynamism of USC Gould and of Dean Guzman himself. "In assuming his duties at the Gould School of Law, Dean Guzman joins a school whose work is both pressing and paramount; both timely and timeless," Nikias said. Nikias also highlighted the school's consistently stellar bar passage and employment rates, as well as its ranking as a "Top 10 law school for networking" by Business Insider.

## **PCJP Students Triumph**

Just four weeks into the academic year, USC Gould's Post-Conviction Justice Project celebrated several significant victories. Students -- and a recent graduate -- successfully argued for a sentence reduction and parole grants for four

## **Calendar**

**FEATURED EVENTS** 

OCTOBER 28 - 29, 2015: RETHINKING RACE

OCTOBER 30, 2015: MENTAL ILLNESS IN FILM

NOVEMBER 5, 2015: ROTH LECTURE FEAT. THE HON. LEO E. STRINE, JR.

NOVEMBER 8, 2015: A SPECIAL SCREENING OF "WOMAN IN GOLD"

NOVEMBER 9, 2015: ANNUAL G&IP ALUMNI MIXER

NOVEMBER 10: USC GOULD AND USC MARSHALL NETWORKING MIXER IN ORANGE COUNTY

NOVEMBER 17: USC GOULD AND USC MARSHALL NETWORKING MIXER IN SANTA MONICA

NOVEMBER 20, 2015: TRUST AND ESTATE CONFERENCE



deserving clients, including a man who was sentenced to life without parole for felony murder at age 17 following a childhood of severe neglect and abuse. NOVEMBER 21: USC V.
OREGON GAME VIEWING
PARTY AT LEVI'S STADIUM
IN SANTA CLARA

DECEMBER 2, 2015: INSTITUTE FOR CORPORATE COUNSEL

**MORE EVENTS** 



## **Strong Clerkship Tradition**

At the annual Fall Judicial Clerkship Reception held recently, dozens of 1Ls gathered in USC's Town & Gown to hear why they should consider working as a judicial clerk after graduating from law school. On hand to persuade them were attorneys from 10 of Los Angeles' most prominent law firms, each a sponsor of the annual clerkship event. USC Gould grads consistently secure prominent federal clerkships including positions in the 3rd, 5th and 9th Circuits of the U.S. Courts of Appeals.















### **Never Too Late for Justice**

At a recent discussion, Nicholas Koumjian, international coprosecutor for the Cambodia Tribunal, answered questions posed by Professor Hannah Garry, who directs the USC Gould International Human Rights Clinic and has served as a Senior Legal Adviser to the Cambodia Tribunal. Garry queried Koumjian about his work in international human rights.

## **MYLAW PORTAL**



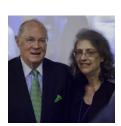
**ALUMNI** 

**CAREER SERVICES** 

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

GIVING BACK TO USC GOULD

**NEWSROOM** 



## **High Praise**

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy applauded Elyn Saks for her book "The Center Cannot Hold: My Journey Through Madness" after she delivered a recent talk on mental illness and the law at the 2015 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference in San Diego. After her presentation, Kennedy remarked to the crowd that he planned to read her book. "I was thrilled to meet Justice Kennedy, and I was touched that he was interested in my story," Saks said.



#### **Families First**

Sorrell Trope '49 did not hesitate when Betty Nordwind asked him to fund an annual fellowship for USC Gould students at the Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law, where she is executive director. Now in its 20th year, the Trope and Trope Fellowship, the only family law and public interest fellowship of its kind in the nation, immerses a Gould student each summer in family law and public interest at the Buhai Center.

## **Faculty in the News**

## **Los Angeles Review of Books**

Jody Armour was interviewed about his recent work, including a journal article, blog and documentary film. Armour discussed the use of the "n-word" in history and culture and what it says about the way we think about race.



"The n-word demands that the speaker have a certain social identity," Armour said. "And so now the question becomes: can you as a member of that group, the group that's been the butt of that word for 350 years, can you reappropriate it, invert it, and use it in your own way, either in an oppositional way or as a term of endearment?"



#### **KPCC-FM**

Lisa Klerman was interviewed on "Take Two" about the California Fair Pay Act. "The new law really strengthens the state's existing equal pay laws," Klerman said. "It eliminates some of the loopholes that were preventing effective enforcement under the old regime in place, like the same establishment provision, for example, where a woman who worked at a facility in Pomona could not compare her pay to that of a man who worked in Compton or Torrance, even if they worked for the same company."



### The Globe and Mail

Michael Chasalow was quoted about Toronto startup Flixel, which raised a \$2.2 million seed funding round with the help of an eight-minute documentary-style video about their company story. He said if the video helped Flixel's case with investors, it may have been because they're making a visual product and the video acts as "a way to humanize the people involved." "I don't know that I would say 'everybody should make a YouTube video and that's a way to get money," Chasalow said. "There's a lot of noise out there and I'd say that sometimes the conventional path is not the best way to get noticed by investors, but if I'm getting sent 10 or 15 videos, am I going to watch them all?"

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## OCTOBER 28 - 29, 2015: RETHINKING RACE

In collaboration with the USC Gould School of Law, the symposium Rethinking Race: USC Sociology's Centennial Celebration will focus on looking at race in a global perspective. The event is a celebration of the Sociology Department's 100 Year Anniversary and its continuing relationship with the Gould School. Welcome address by Camille Rich (USC, Associate Provost for Faculty and Student Initiatives in the Social Science and Professor of Law and Sociology). View the link to the program here: <a href="http://dornsife.usc.edu/conferences/rethinking-race/program/">http://dornsife.usc.edu/conferences/rethinking-race/program/</a>

## OCTOBER 30, 2015: MENTAL ILLNESS IN FILM

USC Gould's Saks Institute and USC's Media Institute for Social Change are holding a discussion on mental health and film on Friday, Oct. 30 at USC School of Cinematic Arts - SCA108. The event will feature a discussion about the documentary, "Walking Man," which takes an honest look at one family's journey with mental illness. Subjects Mark and Eric Norwine, and director Josh Salzberg will serve on a panel moderated by Elyn Saks of Gould's Saks Institute and Michael Taylor of USC Media Institute for Social Change. To RSVP, please email saksinstitute@law.usc.edu

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### **NOVEMBER 8, 2015: A SPECIAL SCREENING OF "WOMAN IN GOLD"**

After graduating from USC Gould, Randy Schoenberg '91 made a name for himself by litigating a landmark case to reclaim works of art stolen during the Holocaust. His story recently made its way to the silver screen with Ryan Reynolds portraying Schoenberg in "Woman in Gold." The film depicts Schoenberg's restitution case brought against the Austrian government, representing family friend Maria Altmann, played by Helen Mirren. He worked for years to reclaim paintings by renowned Viennese artist Gustav Klimt.

2:30 pm - Reception 3:00 pm - Film screening Q&A immediately following the film screening

Reservations required by October 30 - EVENT IS SOLD OUT, BUT ACCEPTING WAITLIST RESERVATIONS by phoning 213. 740.1744
Parking in PSA Parking: \$12.

## **NOVEMBER 9, 2015: ANNUAL G&IP ALUMNI MIXER**

The annual G&IP Alumni Mixer will be held on Nov. 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the University Club Scriptorium Room.

# NOVEMBER 10: USC GOULD AND USC MARSHALL NETWORKING MIXER IN ORANGE COUNTY

Join USC Gould and USC Marshall alumni at a mixer hosted by Black, Starr & Frost in their exquisite jewelry showroom on the water in Newport Beach. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, wine and champagne, and valet parking will be provided. The event will be held from 6:00-8:00 PM; 341 Bayside Drive, Newport Beach. To register, visit <a href="http://gould.usc.edu/go/blackstarrfrost/">http://gould.usc.edu/go/blackstarrfrost/</a>. For more information, contact Development & Graduate Relations at 213-821-3560.

# NOVEMBER 17: USC GOULD AND USC MARSHALL NETWORKING MIXER IN SANTA MONICA

The USC Gould Law Alumni Association and the USC Marshall Alumni Association of Los Angeles will host a mixer at Sonoma Wine Garden in Santa Monica. Join for an evening of networking and camaraderie; 6:00-9:00 PM, 395 Broadway, Unit 300. The event is free to attend, and appetizers will be hosted. Click here to register, or call Development & Graduate Relations at 213-821-3560 for more information.

## **NOVEMBER 20, 2015: TRUST AND ESTATE CONFERENCE**

USC Gould will present the 41st Annual Trust and Estate Conference on Friday, November 20, 2015, at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Downtown Los Angeles. The estate planning conference has provided California practitioners with high-quality continuing education, customized for trust, estate planning and probate professionals. For a preview of the programming, please click here.

# NOVEMBER 21: USC V. OREGON GAME VIEWING PARTY AT LEVI'S STADIUM IN SANTA CLARA

Join fellow Bay Area Trojans in cheering on the USC football team to victory over the Oregon Ducks! The event will begin with a tour of Levi's Stadium one hour before kick-off. During the game, enjoy food, drinks, and a great evening with Trojan alumni, family, and friends. This is a family-friendly event. For pricing and other information, or to register, visit <a href="http://gould.usc.edu/go/gameviewing/">http://gould.usc.edu/go/gameviewing/</a>. Contact the Office of Development & Graduate Relations at 213-821-3560 with questions.

## **DECEMBER 2, 2015: INSTITUTE FOR CORPORATE COUNSEL**

The day-long Institute focuses on the intersection of law, business and politics. The Institute provides a venue for our panelists and participants to better understand Los Angeles' evolving business environment, as well as best practices and changes in the law which can impact business operations. The Institute provides current information, legal guidelines, and practical advice which can be immediately put into practice in an in-house legal department or a law firm. The 2015 Institute will provide meaningful opportunities to interact with in-house counsel, including a luncheon, networking refreshment breaks and hosted cocktail reception. CE units for lawyers and accountants will be available.

Questions?

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