



News Highlights



Online Master's Degree Offered

USC Gould is launching a new online Master of Laws (LL.M.) program that will enable foreign attorneys and law graduates to learn about the United States legal system from anywhere in the world. USC is the first law school in the nation to offer the online degree with the option of earning a certificate in business law or entertainment law. Only one other top 20 law school offers a general Master of Laws degree online to attorneys overseas.

[Learn more about the new program.](#)



New Issue of *USC Law Magazine Online*

The Fall 2013/Winter 2014 issue of *USC Law Magazine* is available online at <http://lawmag.usc.edu/>. Web exclusives for this edition include video interviews with Prof. Scott Bice and L.A. County District Attorney Jackie Lacey '82, presentations of five innovative legal programs, and a tribute page to Prof. Chris Stone, who retired last summer.

If you have not received your print copy of the magazine, please send an e-mail to magazine@law.usc.edu.



In Service to Students and the Law

For her ability to inspire a student to make a "significant contribution to society," Clare Pastore, Professor of the Practice of Law at USC Gould School of Law, will be honored with the Elizabeth Hurlock Beckman Award at a ceremony in Atlanta this month. Two of Pastore's former students, Matthew Sirolly '05 and Melvin Yee '05, founded the Wage Justice Center in Los Angeles in 2007.

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

APALSA Launches Alumni Mentor Program

The Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) will launch an Alumni Mentor Program next semester. Alumni interested in sharing guidance and advice with the group, or who wish to make a contribution in support of APALSA, are encouraged to e-mail Nadine Tan '15 or Andy Guo '15 at apalsa@lawmail.usc.edu. Invitations to APALSA's annual alumni mixer in early February will be forthcoming.

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FEATURED EVENTS

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Government Attorneys Offer Career Advice

Government attorneys - including two USC Gould alumni - recently spoke with students about the nature of working in the public sector and what their offices look for in future employees at the "Government Employers Panel," presented by the Government Law Organization.

[Read more about this event.](#)



Breaking Into the Business

USC Gould students recently received a glimpse into the life of an entertainment lawyer at a recent event sponsored by the Entertainment Law Society. The event, "A Day in the Life of An Entertainment Attorney," featured five accomplished industry professionals: Nadine Youssef '99, Scott Edel '86, Tybalt Whitney '99, Alan Levine '71 and Noel Lohr '90.

[Read about what these veteran attorneys told the students.](#)



Anything But Traditional

Not everyone with a J.D. wants to practice law.

USC Gould students recently discovered ways they could use their law degree to serve their other interests at the "'Out of the Box': Alternative Careers in Law" event presented by the Women's Law Association and Career Services.

[Learn about alternative career paths taken by alumnae and others.](#)



An Insider's Take on Civil Legal Aid

The history of civil legal aid in America is one of pitched political battles fought in the most hallowed halls of U.S. government, according to Justice Earl Johnson, Jr. (Ret.), who recently delivered the annual 2013 Justice Lester W. Roth Lecture. Johnson served as the second director of the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity's Legal Services program, which was created as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty.

[Read about Justice Johnson's talk.](#)



USC Gould Previews Supreme Court Term

The U.S. Supreme Court's forthcoming term was the subject of USC Gould's sixth annual Supreme Court Preview, along with discussions of several important cases on the topics of marriage, voting and education that the court decided in its last term.

California Supreme Court Justice Goodwin Liu, former U.S. Solicitor General Gregory Garre and USC Gould Professor Rebecca Brown spoke on the panel, which was moderated by USC Provost Elizabeth Garrett.

[Read more about the event.](#)



Trojan Parents Get Inside Look at Supreme Court

Parents attending USC's Trojan Family Weekend filled a law school classroom to hear an engaging discussion of the U.S. Supreme Court with two professors who have served as clerks for the highest court in the land.

[Read about this behind-the-scenes look at SCOTUS.](#)



Conference Examines Behavior of Federal Judges

The University of Chicago hosted a conference highlighting *The Behavior of Federal Judges: A Theoretical and Empirical Study of Rational Choice* (Harvard, 2013), a book written by USC Provost Professor Lee Epstein, Judge Richard Posner and William Landes of the University of Chicago Law School.

The conference, "A Rational Choice Approach to Judging," offered an array of perspectives on judicial behavior - from infusing politics into the law to perceptions of judicial performance.

[Read more about the conference.](#)



Newly Elected California Bar President Honored

As the newly elected president of the State Bar of California, Luis J. Rodriguez was honored by USC Gould at a private reception in late September. Rodriguez, the first public defender and first Latino to hold the office, was sworn in as the 89th president of the 243,000-member organization at the State Bar's annual meeting in October.

[Read more about the event.](#)



Faculty in the News

Media outlets routinely seek USC Gould faculty for expert commentary. Following are a few highlights of recent faculty contributions to news stories and publications.

New York Times (Oct. 25): Prof. Gregory Keating was quoted about a legal settlement involving Toyota. "The verdict suggests that absent specific evidence of another cause, the default conclusion is that sudden acceleration is caused by a defect in the car for which Toyota is responsible," he said.

Washington Post (Oct. 25): Prof. Edward Kleinbard was quoted about an economist advocating for corporate tax reform. "With Marty, it's hard to pigeonhole him as having any ideology other than a stubborn attachment to common sense," he said.

[See the full list of "Faculty in the News" highlights.](#)

Calendar

NOVEMBER 14: USC GOULD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LUNCHTIME SPEAKER SERIES: ETHICS IN SOCIAL MEDIA

Join alumni and friends for a networking lunch followed by a presentation from Judge Patricia Collins. Judge Collins will discuss cloud computing and social networking in the context of a lawyer's ethical constraints. This event will take place at McCormick & Schmick's, 206 North Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210. \$25 per person; \$10 for Law Leadership Society Members. **USC Gould, a State Bar of California-approved MCLE provider, certifies that this activity qualifies for a minimum continuing legal education credit in the amount of 1 hour.** For more information or to register, please visit: <https://uscgouldlunchspeakerseries.eventbrite.com>.

NOVEMBER 14: TWELFTH ANNUAL LAW & HUMANITIES DISTINGUISHED LECTURE: "BEYOND NUREMBERG: THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE POST-APARTHEID TRANSITION IN SOUTH AFRICA"

The Center for Law, History and Culture is pleased to announce that Mahmood Mamdani, the Herbert Lehman Professor of Government at Columbia University, will present the Twelfth Annual Law & Humanities Distinguished Lecture. Prof. Mamdani is a leading scholar of African history and politics, human rights and the War on Terror. He has received numerous awards and recognitions, including being listed as one of the "Top 20 Public Intellectuals" by *Foreign Policy* (US) and *Prospect* (UK) magazine in 2008. **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 1 hour.**

The lecture will be held at 4:00 p.m. at USC's Town & Gown. A reception will follow at 5:30

p.m. For more information, please contact Mira Dalpe at 213.821.1239 or clhcserv@law.usc.edu. Reservations are strongly recommended.

NOVEMBER 22: TRUST AND ESTATE CONFERENCE

For almost 40 years, USC Gould's estate planning conference has provided California practitioners with high-quality continuing education, customized for trust, estate planning and probate professionals. With over 400 registrants, the conference allows professionals to learn from both the speakers and their professional colleagues in attendance. The conference is specially crafted for attorneys, trust officers, accountants, financial institution executives, underwriters, insurance advisors, wealth management professionals, paralegals, fiduciary officers and other professionals in the trust and estate planning field. CE units are available for lawyers, accountants, financial planners and fiduciaries. Legal specialization credits are available in Taxation Law and Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law. [View the complete programming guide.](#)

DECEMBER 3: INSTITUTE FOR CORPORATE COUNSEL

The Institute for Corporate Counsel is the premier Los Angeles conference for in-house and outside counsel and those who advise them. The institute brings together over 500 professionals annually, including in-house counsel, outside attorneys, corporate officers and directors, accountants, consultants, HR professionals, litigation support professionals, public relations professionals, and legal assistants.

The 2013 Institute will feature the big names, informative panels and real-world takeaways seen at past events. Former **Governor Pete Wilson** will be a featured speaker at the 2013 Institute. He will be joined by California State Assembly Speaker **John Perez** and L.A. City Attorney **Mike Feuer** in a session moderated by **Jim Newton**, editor-at-large of the *Los Angeles Times*, on the past, present and future of California. [See a preview of the 2013 Institute.](#)

DECEMBER 14: USC GOULD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOLIDAY PARTY

Celebrate this holiday season with USC Gould at the annual USC Gould School of Law Alumni Association Holiday Party. Join alumni, faculty and student leaders for an evening of camaraderie, cocktails and food at Mr. C of Beverly Hills from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. For more information about this event, including registration, please visit:

<http://www.law.usc.edu/holiday>. You may also contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at 213.821.3560 or alumni@law.usc.edu.

JANUARY 15, 16 & 21: USC GOULD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS ADR SERVICES HALF-DAY CLE EVENTS (DOWNTOWN L.A., ORANGE COUNTY, CENTURY CITY)

ADR Services will host half-day CLE events in three locations exclusively for USC alumni and supporters. These sessions will be held on January 15 at the downtown Los Angeles ADR Services office, January 16 at the Orange County ADR Services office, and January 21 at the Century City ADR Services office from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Each session will provide 1 hour of substance abuse, 2 hours of ethics and 1 hour of elimination of bias. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of ADR Services. Space is extremely limited and admission is complimentary. To register for this event or to learn more, including scheduled speakers and topics, please visit: <https://adrdowntownla.eventbrite.com> for downtown Los Angeles, <https://adrorangecounty.eventbrite.com> for Orange County or <https://adrcenturycity.eventbrite.com> for Century City.

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