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1} Professor Elizabeth Garrett Named USC Provost



>> USC President C. L. Max Nikias has announced the appointment of USC law professor and interim provost Elizabeth Garrett to the post of provost and senior vice president for academic affairs.

As the second-ranking officer under the president, and the chief academic officer of the university, Garrett will oversee all USC's deans and vice provosts, as well as the CEO of the USC University Hospital

and USC Norris Cancer Hospital. Also under her purview will be the divisions of student affairs, libraries, research advancement, information technology services, student religious life, and admissions and planning.

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

2} Follow Dean Rasmussen on Facebook



>> USC Law Dean Robert K. Rasmussen has joined Facebook, further expanding USC Law's social media presence. Go to www.facebook.com/usclawdean and click on the "Like" button to follow law school activities, view photo slideshows and watch videos.

For alumni who also tweet, follow Dean Rasmussen on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/USCLawDean>. And you can follow USC Law's popular official Twitter feed at <http://twitter.com/USCGouldLaw>.

3} International Human Rights Clinic Launched



>> USC Law's International Human Rights Clinic is launching this spring semester with a team of law students who will work on prosecutions of genocide and crimes against humanity perpetrated in Rwanda and Cambodia.

Supervised by Professor Hannah Garry, students will partner with judges and their legal staff at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia to confront some of the world's most serious and widespread human rights violations. An opportunity to work on-site with the international tribunals along with overseas travel will be offered.

[Read more about the Human Rights Clinic.](#)

4} Board of Councilors Hosts Fall Judicial Clerkship Reception



>> USC Law's Board of Councilors' Clerkship Committee hosted its annual fall reception for first-year law students with a series of brief presentations from practicing attorneys who began their legal careers as law clerks.

Designed to expose 1Ls to the benefits of judicial clerkships and to encourage them to consider applying, the Oct. 5 event invited students to network with attorneys from the event's sponsoring firms - Gibson Dunn, Irell & Manella, Jones Day, Morrison & Foerster, Munger, Tolles & Olson, O'Melveny & Myers, Paul Hastings and Sidley Austin - many of whom began their careers as clerks.

"Firm representatives are here tonight because they see this event as an investment in you and your potential," explained master of ceremonies, Dave Walsh '85, a partner at Paul Hastings and chair of the BOC Clerkship Committee. "When you first come to law school, you probably don't know much about clerkships, but they are incredibly valuable."

[Read more about the event.](#)

5} Pro Bono Managers Discuss "Doing Good While Doing Well"



>> USC Law students heard about the benefits of pursuing pro bono opportunities from five pro bono managers who participated in a panel discussion, "Doing Good While Doing Well," on Oct. 26.

Sponsored by the Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) and the Career Services Office (CSO), the panel was held in conjunction with National Pro Bono Week, the American Bar Association's national celebration of the impact pro bono legal work has on low-income and vulnerable clients.

[Learn what the pro bono managers had to say.](#)

6} 2010-11 Rothman Scholar Named



>> When the stock market crashed and financial markets began crumbling nearly three years ago, USC Law's 2010 Rothman Scholar Jamie Heine wanted to know why the markets failed and what financial stability policies could be implemented to handle future crises.

As a senior at the University of California at Berkeley, Heine began

research on systemic financial risk and financial stability policies. She traveled to London, Washington, D.C., and Boston to interview top economists, scholars and governmental officials, including a former Federal Reserve Board member, for her thesis.

Heine decided to attend law school so she could understand the legal side of the financial market. She sought out schools with a strong emphasis in both law and economics.

[Learn more about the new Rothman Scholar.](#)

7} J.D., LL.M. Students Build Bonds



>> Their backgrounds and personal histories couldn't be more different, but an interest in the law and each other brought together nearly 180 J.D. and LL.M. USC Law students on a recent afternoon.

The occasion was the launch of the annual J.D./LL.M. Partnership Program, an International Law and Relations Organization (ILRO) endeavor that matches J.D. and international graduate law students to bring the classes closer together with the prospect of friendship, mentorship and some fun along the way.

"Most LL.M. students are experienced lawyers, so from a J.D.'s point of view, they can learn about international law and the general practice of law, while the LL.M.s can practice their English and learn about American culture," said Yumi Ahn, an '09 LL.M. grad and 2011 J.D. candidate who participated in the program the past two years and this year is a chair of the Partnership Program committee.

[Read more about the Partnership Program.](#)

8} CA Bar Foundation Awards Scholarships



>> Three USC Law students interested in pursuing careers in public service have been awarded scholarships totaling nearly \$20,000 by the California Bar Foundation's Public Interest Scholarship Program. Matthew Watts '11 and Ryan Wolfe '12 received their awards at the foundation's annual meeting in Los Angeles last week. Amy Wan '11 is spending her final year of law school on exchange at the London School of Economics and was unable to join her classmates.

"The awarding of scholarship money from outside sources is a winning situation for both

the student recipient and USC Law," said Liam Gillen, associate director of financial aid and student affairs.

[Read more about the scholarship program.](#)

9} Upcoming events: ROTH LECTURE, TRUST & ESTATE CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 9: ROTH LECTURE FEATURING HON. WILLIAM A. FLETCHER

The Hon. William A. Fletcher, who was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 1999, will present USC Law's 2010 Justice Lester W. Roth Lecture. "The Death Penalty: Where Are We Now?" will begin at 4:00 p.m. in Town and Gown on the USC campus, with a reception to follow.

RSVP or learn more at events@law.usc.edu.

NOVEMBER 11: ETHICS, MENTAL ILLNESS, AND MECHANICAL RESTRAINTS

As part of USC Law's Distinguished Lecture Series, the Saks Institute for Mental Health Law, Policy, and Ethics is hosting a panel, "Ethics, Mental Illness, and Mechanical Restraints." USC Law Prof. Elyn Saks, recipient of a 2009 MacArthur Foundation "genius grant" and author of a memoir chronicling her battle with schizophrenia, founded the Institute last year. The event will feature Paul Appelbaum, M.D., a nationally respected professor of psychiatry, medicine and law at Columbia University; Susan Stefan, J.D., a leading authority on mental health law and the Americans with Disabilities Act; and Kathi Stringer, an advocate for people with mental illness and someone who has experienced mechanical restraints herself.

The event will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the law school's faculty lounge, Room 433. Admission is free. For parking and other information, please call Gilien Silsby at 213.740.9690.

NOVEMBER 19: 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 and 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. Attendees are provided with practical syllabus materials in both print and CD formats, including an annually-updated Trust and Estates Directory. CE units for lawyers, accountants and financial planners, and legal specialization credits in Taxation Law and Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law, are available. [Learn more.](#)

DECEMBER 3: BAR ADMISSION CEREMONY

In anticipation of the July California State Bar results, please save the date for the Bar Admission Ceremony for USC Law graduates, which will be held at 6:00 p.m. in Town and Gown. A celebratory reception will immediately follow. For more information, please contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at 213.743.1725 or alumni@law.usc.edu.

DECEMBER 8: INSTITUTE FOR CORPORATE COUNSEL

The Institute for Corporate Counsel for more than three decades has been the premier Los Angeles conference at which corporate counsel professionals gather to compare notes, keep abreast of key legal developments and network with colleagues. Focusing on the intersection of law, business and politics, the Institute's sessions feature prominent speakers and timely panels. Featuring morning plenary sessions, keynote lunch speaker Austin Beutner (City of Los Angeles), tracked breakout sessions and several opportunities to interact with in house counselors, including a hosted cocktail reception, the annual Institute features a full day of learning and networking. CE units for lawyers and accountants are available. For a preview of the 2010 Institute program, [click here](#). For a copy of the complete programming brochure for the 2010 Institute, [click here](#). Read a story about the ICC [here](#).

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