

# an electronic newsletter for USC Gould alumni and friends

## **News Highlights**



#### **Andrew Guzman Named New Dean of USC Gould**

Andrew T. Guzman, professor and associate dean at University of California, Berkeley School of Law, has been named dean of the USC Gould School of Law, effective July 1, 2015. USC Interim Provost Michael Quick announced the appointment on behalf of USC President C. L. Max Nikias. "Andrew Guzman is a respected leader in his field, and possesses broad and profound knowledge of international law and global economics," said Nikias. "He has distinguished himself as a scholar whose expertise draws on an unparalleled perspective of complex legal issues. His exceptional experience will be a valuable resource for our students, and, under his leadership, the USC Gould School of Law will further advance excellence in legal education."



## \$5 million gift will educate next generation of lawyers

USC Gould School of Law is honored to receive a transformative gift of \$5 million to launch the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program which will prepare students in the emerging field of arbitration and mediation, a vitally important and growing area of law. The gift – the third largest in USC Gould's history - was made by Judge Judith O. Hollinger, a 1961 USC Gould graduate, and retired Los Angeles Superior Court and Beverly Hills Municipal Court judge. Known as the Judge Judith O. Hollinger Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, the program is one of the few of its kind in the nation.

### **Alumna Named Irmas Teaching Fellow**

A former USC Gould clinical student returned to the law school this fall in a prestigious position as a clinical teaching

## **Calendar**

**FEATURED EVENTS** 

FEBRUARY 25, 2015: ANNUAL MENTOR LUNCH

MARCH 4, 2015: 13TH ANNUAL LAW AND HUMANITIES DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

MARCH 6, 2015: HALE MOOT COURT FINAL ROUND COMPETITION

MARCH 12, 2015: CLE REAL ESTATE LAW AND BUSINESS FORUM

MARCH 24, 2015: CALIFORNIA COURT OF APPEAL VISIT

MARCH 24, 2015: CLE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INSTITUTE

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fellow. Jean (Lantz) Reisz '05 recently joined USC Gould as the Audrey Irmas Clinical Teaching Fellow, and will spend the next two years working with faculty and students in the Immigration Clinic and the Post-Conviction Justice Project. "I think that clinical teaching is the best of both worlds — it's my dream job," said Reisz, who has extensive experience in both the public and private sectors.



#### In Pursuit of Justice

The weight of the United States Attorney's Office doesn't sit lightly on the shoulders of Preet Bharara. As U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York — often hailed as the "Sovereign District of New York" for its reputation for independence — Bharara strives to uphold the legacy of the institution. "Our office was actually started in 1789; we are older than the Bill of Rights, we are older than the Department of Justice itself," Bharara said at a fall Conversations with the Dean event, hosted at the law school by Dean Robert K. Rasmussen. Responsible for enforcing federal laws, litigating both criminal and civil cases in a district that includes Wall Street, Bharara and his staff handle terrorism, public corruption, gang violence, organized crime, cybercrime, bankruptcy cases and more.



#### Rothman Scholar Finds his 'Perfect Fit' at USC

He was on spring break in Mexico when the news came in. A senior at the University of Arizona, Colton Cray was still making up his mind about where to go to law school in the fall. After being notified that he was selected as the winner of the Frank Rothman Scholarship — providing him with three years of full tuition and a priceless summer fellowship — Cray said the decision was simple. "I was absolutely excited and I immediately called my parents," Cray said. "I knew that going to USC Gould would be the best fit for me."

## **Faculty in the News**



## **ABA Journal**

Gillian Hadfield and her work were featured in two stories about legal services and licensing nonlawyers. New York Judge Jonathan Lippman credited Hadfield for his interest in using nonlawyers After hearing her speak at a Harvard Law School forum, Lippman invited Hadfield to New York to testify before his task force to Expand Access to Civil Legal Services. Of licensing nonlawyers, Hadfield said: "Suppose LegalZoom or Rocket Matter could hire LLLTs and have them answering phone calls, engaging in online chats - maybe even manning retail outlets - and giving assistance actually filling out the forms and navigating the procedures, all based on protocols developed by lawyers and by the company. That's the way you significantly reduce the gap. Then the LLLT can be hired at lower cost."

#### Newsweek

We Are Better Than This was named one of "Our Favorite Books of 2014" by the staff of Newsweek Magazine: "This

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masterpiece on how we tax ourselves, and how Congress spends our money, explains why the mostly lightly taxed modern country feels so heavily burdened while offering workable solutions."



#### **KPCCFM's "Airtalk"**

Edwin Smith was interviewed about President Obama's announcement re-establishing diplomatic ties with Cuba. "This is something that has been in the works for a very long time; there has been discussions about this far back. There is no rational reason for us to have this relationship with Cuba it's only political," he said.

## Calendar

#### **FEBRUARY 25, 2015: ANNUAL MENTOR LUNCH**

The Mentor Lunch will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. This event is the official introduction to the Trojan Network for first-year, transfer and visiting law students, who are eager to meet alumni over lunch at Town & Gown. If you would like to participate in this year's Mentor Lunch, please contact Pasha Hawthorne at 213-821-3560 or alumni@law.usc.edu.

## MARCH 4, 2015: 13TH ANNUAL LAW AND HUMANITIES DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

USC's Center for Law, History and Culture is hosting the 13th Annual Law and Humanities Distinguished Lecture featuring Margaret Jane Radin, a professor at University of Michigan. She will present the lecture, "From Baby-Selling to Boilerplate." The event will take place on March 4 at 4 p.m. in USC's Town and Gown and will be followed by a reception. MCLE credits will be offered.

## MARCH 6, 2015: HALE MOOT COURT FINAL ROUND COMPETITION

The 66th Annual Hale Moot Court Honors Final Round Competition will take place on Friday, March 6, 2015, at the USC Norris Theater from 2 - 3:30 PM with a reception immediately following in the same location. This year's distinguished panel of judges will be: The Honorable Duane Benton, United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, The Honorable Alex Kozinski, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and The Honorable Reena Raggi, United States Court of Appeal for the Second Circuit. The four finalists will be announced soon. For questions, please contact the USC Gould Events Office at 213.740.3841 or events@law.usc.edu.

## MARCH 12, 2015: CLE REAL ESTATE LAW AND BUSINESS FORUM

Hosted by the USC Gould School of Law, the Real Estate Law and Business Forum provides the latest information on industry trends and offers real-world strategies for dealing with major challenges. It also provides face-to-face interaction with local public officials and industry experts from across the country. This year's forum focuses on foreseeing the future of Los Angeles, and features a reception honoring the past, present and future deans of the USC Gould School of Law. For more information, call the USC Gould Continuing Legal Education Office at 213.821.3580.

### MARCH 24, 2015: CALIFORNIA COURT OF APPEAL VISIT

The California Court of Appeal will hear its calendar of cases here at USC on March 24, 2015, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. All 1L students are required to attend one of the three sessions held throughout the day. The event is open to all faculty, staff

and LLM students and is located in Room 3 of the Law Building.

## MARCH 24, 2015: CLE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INSTITUTE

Hosted by the USC Gould School of Law, the Intellectual Property Institute has forged a reputation for gathering national speakers to analyze sophisticated topics and provide practical takeaways to attendees. The conference will focus on copyright, patent and trademark law. Speakers include 10 federal judges, the general counsel of CBS Television and Warner Bros. Entertainment and the EVP of Fox Group Legal. For more information, call the USC Gould Continuing Legal Education Office at 213.821.3580.

## MARCH 30, 2015: SAKS INSTITUTE 2015 SPRING SYMPOSIUM

The Saks institute for Mental Health Law, Policy, and Ethics is presenting the 2015 Saks Institute Spring Symposium. The event, "Mental Health on Campus: From Admission to Graduation - Keys to Success for University, Community College and Veteran Students," will take place Monday, March 30, 2015 from 9:00 am- 5:00 pm in USC's Town & Gown Ballroom. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Christopher Schnieders at (213) 740-5714 or email: saksinstitute@law.usc.edu.

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