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1} Career Services Office Announces New Resources for Alumni

>>>In response to growing concerns about the state of the economy and its effects on the legal job market, USC Law's Career Services Office (CSO) has developed additional resources beyond its traditional offerings to provide alumni with the tools needed to confront the challenges of these unprecedented times.

- The alumni section of the CSO website has been extensively redesigned and updated to include more comprehensive resources. The website now provides alumni with a structured approach to the career management process. Detailed sections on networking opportunities, informational interviewing, job posting websites, volunteer opportunities and events have been added. Please visit the new alumni section of the CSO website at <http://law.usc.edu/career/graduates.cfm>.
- The CSO has recently launched a blog titled "The Rules of Engagement." The blog will include posts by legal experts (law firm partners, legal recruiters, government and public interest attorneys) providing commentary and advice for job seekers. One of the first blog posts examines the state of the Southern California legal market based on observations from experienced legal recruiters. The goal of the blog is to be a central source of important information and resources on the current legal job market, including links to relevant articles, useful resources and upcoming career-enhancing events. Check out the blog at <http://lawcareerblog.usc.edu/>.

2} Bringing Court to the Classroom

>> Uprooting judges, attorneys, clerks and bailiffs in the name of education, the California Court of Appeal held session at USC Law April 2.

Second district, division seven, Justices Dennis M. Perluss, Fred Woods, Laurie D. Zelon and Frank Jackson heard eight cases from their regular calendar in three sessions, which were filled with USC Law students. This is the Court of Appeal's fourth visit to the law school in as many years.

"It's always an honor for us to have a real, live session in our midst," Dean Robert K. Rasmussen said. "What this means to our students we could not replicate on our own."

[Read more about the Court's visit.](#)

3} USC Law Taps Top Tax Scholar

>>USC Law has recruited Edward D. Kleinbard, chief of staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation in Washington, D.C., to join the USC Law faculty this summer.

"Ed is one of the nation's top tax scholars and attorneys," said Dean Rasmussen. "He is a valued addition to the highly regarded corporate and tax program at USC Law."

As chief of staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation, Kleinbard oversees an office of nearly 70 lawyers, economists, accountants and administrative staff. The non-partisan Joint Committee assists Congress in every aspect of the tax legislative process, including the development and analysis of tax proposals for lawmakers, preparation of comprehensive hearing pamphlets and other papers on tax legislative topics, the drafting of tax bills, estimations of all revenue legislation considered by the Congress, and investigations of various aspects of the federal tax system.

[Read more about Edward Kleinbard's appointment.](#)

4} Grading Obama's First 100 Days

>> On April 21, a lunchtime discussion presented by the USC Gould School of Law and USC Marshall School of Business provided an audience of USC students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends with an opportunity to hear what Obama has accomplished so far. Three top law and business professors, including Kareem Crayton, a law and politics expert; Rebecca Brown, a constitutional law scholar; and John Matsusaka, who covers the economy and California politics for Marshall, discussed the measures Obama has taken to improve the economy, spoke about public perception of his presidency and speculated on his picks for judges, especially in the U.S. Circuit Courts.

[Read what they had to say about Obama's first 100 days in office.](#)

5} USC Law Celebrates Its Own

>> It's awards season in the academic world. On April 16, hundreds of USC Law students, faculty and staff gathered in the sunshine in Crocker Plaza to cheer for their own. The Student Bar Association named its professor, adjunct professor and staff member of the year, while Dean Rasmussen presented the law school awards to one professor and 12 graduating students.

Among the winners were Professor Thomas Griffith, who received the third annual William A. Rutter Distinguished Teaching Award. Among the courses Griffith teaches are Contracts, Criminal Law, and Corporate Taxation.

[Learn who the other award winners were.](#)

6} University Honors USC Law Alum and Faculty

>> USC trustee and past board chairman Stanley Gold '67 was awarded the university's highest honor, the Presidential Medallion, at the Academic Honors Convocation on April 14. In remarks prepared for the medal citation, USC President Steven B. Sample wrote that Gold "has played an instrumental role in the dramatic ascent of his alma mater into the top ranks of research universities. Under his guidance as a trustee since 1993 and as board chairman from 2002 to 2008, USC has greatly advanced in its goals of globalization, learner-centered education and meeting societal needs."

USC Law faculty were also honored. Prof. Marshall Cohen received a faculty lifetime achievement award, Prof. Ariela J. Gross received a Phi Kappa Phi faculty recognition award, and Edward J. McCaffery was recognized with the USC Associates Award for Creativity in Research and Scholarship. [Read more about the USC Honors Convocation.](#)

7} Students and Alumni Recognized for Pro Bono Work

>> During the school year, a number of USC Law students selflessly set aside time from classes, studying, student groups, jobs and social lives to give back. This year, to be exact, 25 students donated 35 or more hours of pro bono service during the 2008-09 year; 10 students donated 50 or more hours; and an exceptional five students and eight student groups donated 100 or more hours of public service.

Those students - along with their classmates who will receive grants and fellowships to support public interest work this summer - were recognized at the annual Pro Bono Awards Luncheon at Town and Gown April 14.

The event also featured PILF Student of the Year Aly Parker '09, PILF Public Interest Attorney of the Year Brandy Davis '01, and Paul Davis Memorial Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Mary Carter Andreus '88.

[Read more about the alumni and students who were honored.](#)

8} BLSA Finalists in National Moot Court

>>Two USC Law students, Anna Stubblefield '09 and Kaprisha Vallecillo '09, placed seventh at the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA) Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition held in late March.

The third-year students, who won the Western Region Competition, were one of 16 teams to earn a spot in the finals. They placed seventh in the

national contest, which concluded at the 41st Annual NBLSA Convention in Irvine, Calif., March 19 to 21.

[Read more about the competition and NBLSA.](#)

9} Students Arm Businesses with Legal Acumen

>> Four students from USC Law's Small Business Clinic presented the basic legal framework for local small business owners and budding entrepreneurs recently at an event organized by SCORE, a local division of the Small Business Administration. More than 150 people filled the ballroom of the downtown Los Angeles Athletic Club, eager to hear about the legal necessities for their businesses. Topics covered included: the differences between an LLC, a C-Corporation and an S-Corporation; operating as a sole proprietorship or a partnership; developing a Shareholders Agreement and protecting personal assets from business failures.

Professor Michael Chasalow, director of the Small Business Clinic, followed the presentations with a brief overview of what to look for in hiring an attorney for a business enterprise and fielded questions from the audience for nearly an hour. This was the second year in a row that the Small Business Clinic was asked to participate in SCORE's program to support small business growth in Southern California.

[Learn more about the Small Business Clinic.](#)

10} USC Law Reunion Registration Deadline!

>>USC Law reminds you to RSVP for your class reunion before June 8. After this date the price will increase from \$125 per person to \$175. For more information or to register [please visit the USC Law Reunion home page](#). If you have questions or would like to register by phone, contact Pasha Hawthorne at (213) 743-1761 or via e-mail at phawthorne@law.usc.edu.

11} Upcoming events: Reunion, Regional Alumni Happy Hours, Obama's First 100 Days

MAY 21: ALUMNI HAPPY HOUR - SAN DIEGO

Get together with graduates in San Diego for cocktails and great conversation at [Bentley's Steak & Chop House](#) [162 South Rancho Santa Fe Rd. Suite C-10 Encinitas, CA 92024 | (760) 632-9333] from 6:30-9:00 p.m. All USC Law alumni are welcome. This event is coordinated by Development and Graduate Relations, the Young Alumni Committee and alumni volunteers: Sabina Clorfeine '97, Sandra McDonough '97, Kara Oien '03, Pablo Palomino '02, Rory Wicks '78 and Brian Nese '04. Questions? Contact Emily Page at epage@law.usc.edu or (213) 743-1833.

MAY 21: USC IN D.C.: ONE HUNDRED DAYS - WASHINGTON, D.C.

Join USC Law alumni and other members of the USC alumni network for a panel discussion of the first 100 days of the Obama Administration and Congress at The Brookings Institution [1775 Massachusetts Avenue NW; Washington, D.C.]. The welcome reception begins at 5:30 pm. \$15 ticket includes hors d'oeuvres, wine, and beer. For more information visit: http://alumni.usc.edu/email_blasts/clubs/first1004_09.htm. Questions? Contact Francine Lis, director of annual giving, at flis@law.usc.edu or 213-743-1713.

MAY 28: ALUMNI HAPPY HOUR - BAY AREA

Mix and mingle with local alumni at [Blue Chalk](#) [630 Ramona St, Palo Alto, CA 94301 | (650) 326-1020] from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. All USC Law alumni are invited and appetizers will be provided. This event is coordinated by Development and Graduate Relations, the Young Alumni Committee and alumni volunteers: Yem Mai '07, Rosi Yoo '06, Lindsay Goines '05, Jarrod Huffman '05, Anna Chu '05 and Candice Lee '05. Questions? Contact Emily Page at epage@law.usc.edu or (213) 743-1833.

JUNE 4: ALUMNI HAPPY HOUR - PASADENA

Come for great food and conversation with fellow alumni at [Il Fornaio Restaurant](#) [24 W Union St; Pasadena, CA 91103 | (626) 683-9797] from 5:00-7:00 pm. Appetizers will be provided. All alumni are welcome. This event is coordinated by Development and Graduate Relations, the Young Alumni Committee and alumni volunteers: Todd Moore '97 and Reed Glycer '07. Questions? Contact Emily Page at epage@law.usc.edu or (213) 743-1833.

JUNE 12: GOLDEN YEARS REUNION

The Golden Years Reunion is held for graduating classes prior to 1959. It will be held in USC's Crocker Plaza beginning at 11:30 a.m. [Please visit the Golden Years Luncheon home page to register for this event](#). The deadline to register for this event is May 29, 2009. Should you have questions or would like to register by phone, contact Development and Graduate Relations at (213) 743-1710 or via e-mail at alumni@law.usc.edu.

JUNE 13: USC LAW REUNION

This summer's reunion brings together the classes of 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974,

1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004. Festivities will take place on campus at 6:00 p.m. The event will begin with an all-class reception, followed by individual class dinners. The cost of the Reunion is \$125.00 per person but increases to \$175.00 on June 8. [Please visit the USC Law Reunion home page to register for this event](#). If you have questions or would like to register by phone, contact Pasha Hawthorne at (213) 743-1761 or via e-mail at phawthorne@law.usc.edu.

JUNE 30: END OF FISCAL YEAR

Don't forget to make your annual gift to USC Law before June 30. To do so, visit: <http://law.usc.edu/give>. Thank you for your support!

LINKS

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>>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/career/graduates.cfm>

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