



News Highlights



Alumnus Recounts Recovery of Klimt Paintings

Famous paintings. A contested will. Sovereign immunity. Nazis.

These may sound like the ingredients of a best-selling spy novel, but as dozens of USC Gould students learned at a recent Conversations with the Dean event, they are just some of the elements of a lawsuit brought by E. Randol Schoenberg '91 against the Austrian government 15 years ago to reclaim Jewish property looted by the Nazi regime in the late 1930s.

[Read about Schoenberg's famous case recovering Klimt paintings.](#)



Former U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy Discusses Mental Illness

After decades of discrimination, stigma and silence, it is time to eliminate prejudice and put a face on mental illness, former U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy told a packed audience at USC Gould.

The event, "University Students Living with Mental Illness: Changing the Conversation," was sponsored by the Saks Institute for Mental Health Law, Policy, and Ethics, and drew nearly 200 students, professors and mental health advocates.

[Read more about the event,](#) or [watch the symposium online.](#)



Call for Alumni Mentors

The USC Gould Career Services Office (CSO) is looking for volunteers for its Alumni Mentor Program. This program provides second- and third-year law students with the opportunity to develop meaningful mentor relationships with USC Gould alumni working in practice areas and employer settings in line with the students' career goals. Students will learn from their mentors' career progression and experience while gaining valuable advice and guidance. Our goal is to draw on the strength of the Trojan network to help our students launch successful careers.

If you are interested in serving as an alumni mentor, please complete the [online registration form](#). **The deadline to register is Monday, October 21, 2013.** Alumni will be notified in early November once they have been matched with a student.

If you have any questions, please contact CSO Assistant Director

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FEATURED EVENTS

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OCTOBER 23: ROTH LECTURE WITH JUSTICE EARL JOHNSON, JR.

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Ron Han at 213.740.2186 or rhan@law.usc.edu. We hope you will consider participating in this important program.

Women's Law Association Launches Alumnae Group

The USC Women's Law Association (WLA) is thrilled to increase outreach to USC Gould alumnae this year. We are planning to invite more alumni to campus, and to host events specifically tailored to our alumnae. If you are interested in receiving notices about these opportunities, please contact WLA president Paige Smith '15 at wla@lawmail.usc.edu with your name and class year. All comments and suggestions for panel topics and events are welcome. Thank you!



Gov. Brown Signs Bill Co-sponsored by PCJP

In a decision that offers hope to thousands of juvenile offenders, Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill co-sponsored by the Post-Conviction Justice Project (PCJP) at the USC Gould School of Law that establishes a new parole process for inmates who were under 18 when they committed their crimes. The legislation paves the way for more than 6,000 California juveniles sentenced as adults to be released on parole after serving 15, 20 or 25 years in prison.

[Read more.](#)



High on Federalism

The Cato Institute's Ilya Shapiro, editor-in-chief of the Cato Supreme Court Review, recently visited USC Gould to discuss the battle between the federal government and the states on the issue of marijuana legalization. The event, "High on Federalism," was sponsored by the USC Gould Federalist Society.

[Read about the event.](#)



99.986% Accurate: Polygraphs and Criminal Law

The Federalist Society at USC Gould invited students to take part in a lecture presentation about polygraphs and how they relate to criminal law. Brian Morris, an APA-certified primary instructor of polygraph, discussed the impact of the device on criminal law proceedings.

"As future prosecutors and future defense attorneys, your ability to have a good working relationship with a polygraph examiner, someone who is certified and maintains good credentials, is going to be critical to the successful use of polygraph," Morris said.

[Read more about the event.](#)



1Ls Urged to Consider Clerkships

Dozens of 1Ls gathered in USC's Town & Gown last week to hear why they should consider working as a judicial clerk after graduating from law school. On hand to persuade them were attorneys from eight of Los Angeles' most prominent law firms, each a sponsor of the annual Fall Judicial Clerkship Reception.

"While many, many people have said that they wished that they had clerked, I've never met a clerk who said they wished they hadn't," said master of ceremonies Dave Walsh '85, a partner at Morrison & Foerster and a member of the law school's Board of Councilors' Clerkship Committee.

Sponsoring the event were Paul Hastings; Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP; Morrison & Foerster; Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher; Irell & Manella LLP; Sidley Austin LLP; Jones Day; and O'Melveny & Myers LLP.

[Learn what other USC Gould alumni had to say about clerking.](#)



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 (Sept. 21): Prof. Edward McCaffery was quoted about the benefits of shifting toward individual taxation rather than family-based taxation. The story noted that McCaffery is the author of *Taxing Women*, an analysis of gender bias.

Reuters (Sept. 20): Prof. Edward Kleinbard was quoted about corporate lobbying against tax reform. "U.S. firms have designed a good deal of their domestic lobbying on BEPS along the lines that BEPS is all about bashing American success," he said.

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

Calendar

OCTOBER 5: INSTITUTE ON ENTERTAINMENT LAW AND BUSINESS

Hosted by the USC Gould School of Law and the Beverly Hills Bar Association, the Institute on Entertainment Law and Business has been a Los Angeles tradition for over 50 years. Join dozens of well-known speakers and over 650 of your professional peers to address the latest challenges facing the industry.

The Institute will be held at the USC University Park campus and will feature the big names, informative panels and real-world takeaways seen at past Institutes. Kevin Tsujihara (CEO, Warner Bros. Entertainment) will be this year's luncheon keynote speaker in a special conversation with Bruce Ramer. For more information, review the complete programming guide. The last two Institutes sold out, so consider registering now. If you have any questions, please call the USC Gould Continuing Legal Education Office at 213.821.3580.

OCTOBER 9: ORANGE COUNTY USC GOULD ALUMNI ROUNDTABLE NETWORKING LUNCH

Come meet and network with fellow USC Gould alumni from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Posch Restaurant, 18912 MacArthur Boulevard, Irvine, Calif. 92612. The Roundtable provides networking and education opportunities and seeks to raise the profile of the Trojan lawyer network in Orange County. Price is \$22 per person. Please visit <https://uscgouldalumniroundtable.eventbrite.com> to register by Monday, October 7.

OCTOBER 11: USC GOULD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MIXER - SAN JOSE

USC Gould School of Law Alumni Association cordially invites you and a guest to attend a USC Gould alumni mixer in association with the State Bar of California Annual Meeting on Friday, October 11, 2013 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. This event will take place at the Fairmont San Jose, Hillsborough Room, 701 Market Street, San Jose, Calif. 95113. Kindly respond by Wednesday, October 9 to <https://uscgouldsanjosemixer.eventbrite.com/>. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduations at alumni@law.usc.edu or 213.821.3560.

OCTOBER 15: SPEED NETWORKING EVENT

USC Gould alumni are cordially invited to participate in a Speed Networking Event hosted by the law school's Career Services Office. It will be held from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the law school's Ackerman Courtroom (Room 107). The event will bring together attorneys working at small and mid-sized law firms, companies, public interest, and government organizations in the greater Los Angeles area. It will allow USC students to practice networking while learning more about practicing law. The evening will begin with a series of one-on-one conversations, each lasting eight minutes. Students will move from table to table while lawyers remain at their assigned seats. The speed networking portion will be followed by a reception of light hors d'oeuvres and a host bar of beer and wine. Please RSVP by completing the online registration form at https://usclaw.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_eEgDuLHJkDDL3ql. If you have questions, contact the Career Services Office at 213.740.7393 or careers@law.usc.edu.

OCTOBER 19: USC GOULD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT - OAK RESTORATION PROJECT WITH TREE PEOPLE

Join fellow USC Gould alumni and friends in association with Tree People for a day of camaraderie and community service. Lend a hand as Tree People and the Mountains Restoration Trust continue vital habitat restoration work to provide a home for the birds

and animals of Malibu. Volunteers have planted thousands of oak trees and native bunch grasses to restore habitat along Las Virgenes and Malibu Creek. Space is limited for this event, so sign up today at <https://oakrestorationproject.eventbrite.com/>.

OCTOBER 23: 2013 ROTH LECTURE WITH JUSTICE EARL JOHNSON, JR.

Join us for the 2013 Justice Lester W. Roth Lecture featuring Justice Earl Johnson, Jr. (Ret.) of the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District. The program begins at 4:00 p.m. at USC's Town & Gown and a reception immediately follows. Please RSVP by October 16 at <http://weblaw.usc.edu/rothlecture>. If you have questions, please contact the USC Gould Events Office at 213.740.3841.

SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 7: BREAKFAST WITH FACULTY FEATURING PROF. REBECCA BROWN

Join us for a networking breakfast with Prof. Rebecca Brown and fellow alumni at Reed Smith in Los Angeles. This breakfast will take place from 8:00 am - 9:30 am. If you would like more information about this event, please contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at 213.821.3560 or alumni@law.usc.edu.

SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 14: USC GOULD SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOLIDAY PARTY

Celebrate this holiday season with USC Gould at the annual USC Gould School of Law Alumni Association Holiday Party. Join fellow 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. More information about this event will follow in the coming weeks. For more information, please contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at 213.821.3560 or alumni@law.usc.edu.

Questions?

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