



## USC LAW Alumni eNEWS

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### 1} John Molina '89 in Conversation with the Dean



>> John Molina '89, chief financial officer of Molina Healthcare, has followed one guiding principle throughout his career: "Do well by doing good."

The largest Latino-owned business in the country, Molina Healthcare oversees more than four million Medicaid beneficiaries in 16 states. Many speak limited English and have no more than a fourth-grade education.

"These are our nation's most financially vulnerable individuals and families," Molina told 120 USC Law students and friends during the Feb. 16 installment of the "Conversations

with the Dean" speaker series, hosted by Dean Robert K. Rasmussen.

[Read more about John Molina's visit to USC Law.](#)

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## 2} Students Shine at Moot Court Competition

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>> At the conclusion of arguments the judges described as "outstanding," "impressive" and "superb," Drew Anderson was declared the winner of the 2010-11 Hale Moot Court Honors Competition. Anderson and fellow second-year students Max Castro, Andrew Quinio and Anthony Chavez competed in the final round of competition before an audience of their peers, faculty, family and friends March 4 at the USC Eileen Norris

Cinema Theater.

"One of the things that binds us together as a profession is ... the ability to engage in rigorous, sustained, reasoned analysis, and there is nothing that puts to the test that essential ability more than a moot court round - especially a moot court final," said Dean Robert K. Rasmussen at the start of the contest.

[Read more about the Moot Court final and the judges' advice.](#)

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## 3} USC Law on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter

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>> Stay engaged with the law school by hearing from our alumni, students and faculty on USC Law's [YouTube page](#). Meet tomorrow's attorneys today in the "Student Profiles" section and learn about new programs in "About USC Law." Watch new videos on [the Legal Aid Alternative Breaks program](#), [suing the U.S. government](#), and the school's [Summer Fellows program](#).

You can also keep up with the law school by [following Dean Rasmussen on Twitter](#) or by [becoming a "fan"](#) of his Facebook page.

Follow USC Law's [official Twitter feed](#).

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## 4} PILF Auction Supports Summer Grants

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>> The USC Law community enjoyed a night of casino games and silent and live auctions at the 2011 Public Interest Law Foundation's (PILF) annual auction. The 21st annual event raised almost \$24,000 for summer grants for law students while entertaining approximately 400 guests. [Read more about the event.](#)

[Watch a video](#) featuring the appreciative students who benefit from PILF grants.

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## 5} Gould/Marshall Alliance Hosts Ron Shapiro

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>> The man of many professions, Mr. Ron Shapiro, shared his personal life lessons with business and law students last week in a talk sponsored by the Gould/Marshall Alliance. Shapiro, an esteemed sports agent and attorney, who is also a best-selling author, civic leader and expert negotiator, shared his unexpected life path and the importance of "a lot of hard work, drive and a little luck," in the success of any career.

Shapiro began cleaning bathrooms at Fenway Park in Boston and worked his way up to pressroom assistant while attending Harvard Law School. It was there that Shapiro got his first taste of doing business with athletes. Soon, Shapiro's resume included work at the White House, clients including Oprah Winfrey, Fortune 500 companies, government agencies and entertainment personalities, and a sports agency that represented more than a dozen players on the Baltimore Orioles baseball team.

[Read more about Shapiro's visit to the law school.](#)

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## 6} 3Ls Revive Gift Campaign

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>> As the class of 2011 prepares for graduation over the coming months, 3L Class President Amit Makker and Vice President Jon Paz are rallying their classmates to contribute to the 3L Class Gift campaign. Although they and their classmates face challenges in what is still a weakened job market, Makker and Paz are confident their class will band together and take part.

"Our class has a unique culture," said Paz. "We are all very united and positive about the school, and that will definitely play a big part in the success of this gift."

[Read more about the 3L Class Gift campaign.](#)

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## 7} Race, Crime and Rap Music

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>> Prof. Jody Armour was first introduced to the "mysteries of the law" when he was only eight years old and his father was sent to prison. Since then, he has dedicated his career to helping rectify issues of prejudice, race, crime and the law. The ongoing debate over racial discrimination in the law was the focus of Armour's talk at last month's "Spirit of the Law" session sponsored by the Office of Religious Life. The speaker series strives to reveal "how legal professionals find meaning and purpose in the law and use their degrees in innovative and creative ways."

Armour used his childhood experience, current studies and even passion for rap music to provide a mini-lecture on the complexities of race, politics and crime in the United States.

[Read more about Prof. Armour's talk.](#)

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## 8} Performance-Enhancing Drugs and the Law

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>> In his recent lunchtime lecture, "Doping, Enhancement and the Philosophy of Sports," sponsored by the Health Law Society, Professor Dr. Alex Mauron of the Institute for Biomedical Ethics revealed the complexities of a hot-button issue that involves business, medicine, ethics and the law. Mauron discussed the matter of performance enhancing drugs, referred to as "doping," in the scope of the sports industry and its "normative environment," including the arguments for and against its prevalence.

"The argument against doping cannot define precisely the border between what is doping and what is not doping," said Mauron, highlighting the flaws within the legal side of the issue. "The problem I think is that anti-doping policies have a hard time defining precisely the limit between what is acceptable and what is not."

[Read more about Dr. Mauron's talk.](#)

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## 9} Upcoming events: REGIONAL RECEPTIONS, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INSTITUTE

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### **MARCH 9, 16, 24: REGIONAL RECEPTIONS**

USC Law Dean Robert K. Rasmussen invites alumni to join him at a regional reception in

March. Dates and locations listed below. Please RSVP to [admissionsevent@law.usc.edu](mailto:admissionsevent@law.usc.edu).

**March 9-New York, NY**

Jones Day, 6:00pm to 8:00pm  
605 Third Avenue, Annex 707  
(between 39th and 40th Street)  
New York, NY 10158

**March 16-Washington, D.C.**

Bernstein Global Wealth Management, 6:00pm to 8:00pm  
800 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20006

**March 24-San Francisco, CA**

Allen Matkins, 6:00pm to 8:00pm  
Three Embarcadero Center, 12th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94111-4074

**MARCH 22: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INSTITUTE**

The Intellectual Property Institute has forged a reputation for gathering national speakers to analyze sophisticated topics and provide practical take-aways to attendees. Focusing on copyright, patent and trademark law, the Institute features morning plenary sessions, a luncheon keynote, afternoon tracked breakout sessions, and five networking opportunities, including a hosted cocktail reception. For a preview of the 2011 Institute programming, please [click here](#). For a copy of the 2011 Institute brochure, [click here](#).

The Institute will be held at the Beverly Hills Hotel, and speakers will include David Kappos, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, and Victoria A. Espinel, U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator.

**MARCH 24: APALSA SPEED NETWORKING EVENT**

The Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA) of USC Law is hosting a speed networking event at the law school on March 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Alumni are invited to meet students and speak about their practice areas and the practice of law in general. **Please RSVP** to [uscapalsa@gmail.com](mailto:uscapalsa@gmail.com) **no later than March 16**. A reception follows the event.

**APRIL 30 - MAY 1: LOS ANGELES TIMES FESTIVAL OF BOOKS**

This year marks the first time the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books will be held at USC. The Los Angeles Times Festival of Books is the largest and most prestigious book festival in the country, attracting more than 130,000 book lovers each year over the course of one weekend. At USC, the festival will feature 400 authors and some 300 exhibitor booths, a nonstop schedule of readings, book signings, Q&As, literary discussions and panels, writing workshops, storytelling, comedy and more.

This is an event that celebrates reading as a life-long activity with a variety of events exclusively for children. There will be live entertainment on eight stages, including a children's stage, a cooking stage, a poetry stage, a Los Angeles Times stage and two USC

stages. There is ample parking and a variety of dining options on campus. If you haven't visited the campus this past year, you will enjoy seeing the new Ronald Tutor Campus Center - which will hold several of the activities at the festival.

[Learn more about the Festival of Books.](#)

### **MAY 28 - JUNE 4: USC LAW SEADREAM CRUISE**

USC Law alumni and friends are invited to cruise the Mediterranean Sea on the 2011 SeaDream Cruise while helping to expand scholarship funds for outstanding law students. The charter of the 50-cabin SeaDream Yacht will tour the picturesque and historically significant cities and ports of Rome, Positano, Dubrovnik, Kotor, Corfu and Athens. For more information, please contact Richard Harvey at 213.740.9193 or [rh Harvey@law.usc.edu](mailto:rh Harvey@law.usc.edu).

### **JUNE 17: USC LAW GOLDEN YEARS REUNION**

The Golden Years Reunion luncheon brings together all classes that graduated prior to 1961. Festivities will take place on campus and will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Crocker Plaza in front of the law school. **The deadline to register for the event is June 3.** For more information, please contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at 213.740.1710 or [reunion@law.usc.edu](mailto:reunion@law.usc.edu).

### **JUNE 25: USC LAW REUNION**

This summer's reunion brings together the classes of 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2006. Festivities will take place at the beautiful Fairmont Hotel in Santa Monica and will begin with an all-class hosted reception followed by individual class dinners. **The deadline to register for the event at a rate of \$125 per person is June 10; beginning June 11, the price will be \$175 per person.** For more information, please contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at 213.740.1710 or [reunion@law.usc.edu](mailto:reunion@law.usc.edu).

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