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1} U.S. Attorney Speaks with Students



>> There is no set path in a government service career, and U.S. Attorney Andre Birotte, Jr.'s journey is no exception.

Birotte, U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California, gave USC Law students an inside look at working for the federal government, recounting his experiences as the first African-American U.S. Attorney and a former public defender. He shared personal stories and career advice at a lunchtime event sponsored by the Government Law Organization (GLO). An externship at the U.S. Attorney's office led Birotte to his first job as a deputy public defender. He then spent a brief period working at a large litigation firm before being appointed inspector general for the Los Angeles Police Department and Police Commission.

[Read more about Mr. Birotte's visit.](#)

2} Careers in Government Law



>> The timing was just right for the Government Law Organization's (GLO) most recent event. As the Dec. 1 deadline to submit applications for federal judicial internships neared, the "GLO Employer Panel" on Nov. 9 provided students with practical career advice and insight from three government professionals.

The panelists included The Hon. Patrick J. Walsh, magistrate judge of the United States District Court, Central District of California; Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian Klein; and USC Professor and former Deputy California Attorney General Arthur Auerbach. Each gave informative and thoughtful advice to students looking to pursue careers in government.

[Read more about the event.](#)

3} Epstein Installed as Holder of Rader Family Chair



>> USC Law installed Professor Lee Epstein as the inaugural holder of the Rader Family Trustee Chair in Law, formally welcoming the internationally recognized scholar of law and judicial politics to USC. Epstein, who holds appointments in USC Law and the USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, joined USC from Northwestern University School of Law this fall.

"Any way you measure it, Lee Epstein is a superstar," said USC Law Dean Robert K. Rasmussen. "You cannot think about the political economy of the judiciary without thinking about the contributions of Lee Epstein. She has revolutionized the field."

[Read more about Prof. Epstein's chair installation.](#)

4} Rader Family Chair Steeped in History



>> Stephen P. Rader '81 figures the idea of funding a chair for USC Law goes back as far as 60 years - to the year his parents met as undergraduates at UCLA. Rader spoke extemporaneously and lovingly about his late father, Stanley Rader '63, when he took the podium at Professor Lee Epstein's chair installation ceremony.

"Even though I was lucky enough to be able to endow this chair, it really goes back to my family and especially my father," said Rader.

[Learn more about the Rader family gift to USC Law.](#)

5} Race, Marriage and Class Discussed



>> Race, marriage and class were discussed and debated recently at a USC event featuring Ralph Richard Banks, author of the provocative new book, *Is Marriage for White People? How the African American Marriage Decline Affects Everyone*. Sponsored by the USC Center for Law, History and Culture, Banks, a law professor at Stanford University, was joined by USC Law Professors Kim Shayo Buchanan and Camille Gear Rich;

Melissa Murray of the University of California, Berkeley; and Douglas NeJaime of Loyola University. *Los Angeles Times* columnist Sandy Banks, the author's sister, moderated the discussion.

[Read about their discussion.](#)

6} International, Inter-professional Mix



>> Students from three of USC's most prestigious international programs mixed and mingled on Nov. 3 at the annual Student Networking Mixer, an evening event held at the University Club. Scores of students from USC Law's LL.M. program, the USC Marshall School's International Business Education and Research (IBEAR) International MBA program, and the USC Price School of Policy's Master of International Public Policy and Management (IPPAM) program participated in the event.

The purpose of the mixer was to encourage international students to network with domestic students and to reach out to potential colleagues from other USC schools.

[Read more about the event.](#)

7} International Alumni Welcome USC Law

>> Hundreds of alumni and prospective students greeted members of USC Law's Office of Graduate & International Programs (G&IP) at a series of information sessions and alumni dinners this fall. Between October 11 and November 18, G&IP staff visited Tokyo, Hong Kong, Seoul, Shanghai, Taipei and Frankfurt. Prospective students heard from alumni participating in Q&A panels as well as from USC Law staff.

The visits helped mark the 10th anniversary of USC Law's LL.M. for foreign lawyers program, and rekindled the Trojan spirit among the school's highly accomplished international alumni.

"The loyalty and camaraderie of our G&IP alumni are unparalleled," said Associate Dean Deborah Call, director of Graduate & International Programs. "Our worldwide alumni network is an incredible resource that we tap year-round in our recruitment of students."

8} Music Industry Power Lawyer Visits USC



>> The legal environment of the music industry is rapidly changing. Don Passman, an attorney at Gang Tyer Ramer & Brown who represents clients such as Kanye West, Green Day, Radiohead, Stevie Wonder and Pink, gave students an inside look at the legal implications of cloud computing, music streaming services and piracy. His visit was sponsored by the Entertainment Law Society (ELS).

Passman described how CD sales used to command astronomical revenues for record companies. However, with the onset of programs such as iTunes and Spotify, artists and record companies are not receiving the kinds of revenue streams they would otherwise deserve.

"We're in the awkward position where the old business model from the 1940s is no longer working, yet there's no new model to take its place," Passman said.

[Read more about Mr. Passman's visit.](#)

9} Newest World Court Judge Speaks at USC Law



>> From the time she was a law student at UC Berkeley, Joan Donoghue has been fascinated by international law and how courts across the globe approach and apply the rule of law.

Today, as the newest U.S. judge on the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague, Donoghue is charged with rendering some of the world's most difficult and interesting decisions.

[Read about Judge Donoghue's remarks.](#)

10} Upcoming events: D.C. Alumni Reception, Tax Institute

DECEMBER 7: INSTITUTE FOR CORPORATE COUNSEL

USC Law's Office of Continuing Legal Education offers the Institute for Corporate Counsel, the premier Los Angeles conference for in-house and outside counsel and those who advise them. 2011 marks the 30th anniversary of the Institute!

Allowing colleagues to network, compare notes and keep abreast of key legal developments, the daylong Institute focuses on the intersection of law, business and politics. The Institute brings together approximately 200 professionals, including: in-house counsel, outside attorneys, corporate officers and directors, accountants, consultants, HR professionals, litigation support professionals, public relations professionals, and legal assistants.

The 30th Anniversary Institute will provide meaningful opportunities to interact with in-house counsel, including a luncheon, networking refreshment break and hosted cocktail reception. CE units for lawyers and accountants will be available. You can [download the complete programming brochure](#).

JANUARY 5: WASHINGTON, D.C. REGIONAL RECEPTION

In connection with the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, USC Law cordially invites you and a guest to a Washington, D.C. Regional Reception for alumni, faculty and friends. The event will take place on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in the Park Tower Suite 8216. The hotel is located at 2660 Woodley Road NW, Washington, D.C. 20008. **Please RSVP by Dec. 22, 2011 to alumni@law.usc.edu or call Development and Graduate Relations at 213.743.1710.**

JANUARY 23-25: TAX INSTITUTE

USC Law's Office of Continuing Legal Education hosts the 2012 Tax Institute at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel. Over 50 speakers and 500 attendees will gather to address cutting-edge tax issues affecting corporations, privately held companies, partnerships and real estate, individuals, tax ethics and compliance, and estate planning. This three-day institute features popular morning updates on current developments, afternoon

breakout sessions, intimate evening workshops and two networking receptions. CE units for lawyers, accountants and financial planners, and legal specialization credit in Taxation Law and Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law, are available. An overview of the programming can be [found here](#).

JUNE 8: SAVE THE DATE: USC LAW GOLDEN YEARS REUNION

The Golden Years Reunion luncheon brings together all classes that graduated prior to 1962. Festivities will take place on campus and will be held from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30p.m. at Crocker Plaza in front of the law school. **If you are interested in reaching out to classmates, please contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at 213.743.1710 or reunion@law.usc.edu.**

JUNE 9: SAVE THE DATE: USC LAW REUNION

This summer's reunion brings together the classes of 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007. Festivities will take place at the beautiful Fairmont Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica. **If you are interested in serving on your reunion committee or would like information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at 213.743.1710 or reunion@law.usc.edu.**

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