



## News Highlights



### **Recent grads participate in bar admission ceremony**

USC Gould recently welcomed the return of 110 graduates of the class of 2013 to campus for the annual Bar Admission Ceremony. The new alumni were sworn into the state and federal bars by Justice Nora Manella '75 of the California Court of Appeals and George King '74, the Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

[Read more about the event.](#)

[Download the photos from the event.](#)



### **Juvenile Offender, Advised by PCJP and Represented by Irell & Manella, Resentenced**

The first-ever resentencing under the recently enacted California Fair Sentencing for Youth Act was secured for Edel Gonzalez, who was represented pro-bono by Irell & Manella and advised by USC Gould's Post-Conviction Justice Project (PCJP) and Human Rights Watch.

The new law, authored by Sen. Leland Yee (D-Calif.) and signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown last year, allows individuals sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for crimes committed as juveniles to petition the court for resentencing after serving 15 years. The legislation was co-sponsored by USC Gould's PCJP.

Gonzalez was represented by Irell and Manella. Christopher Cowan, a USC Gould and PCJP alum, brought the case to the firm as a pro bono project.

[Read more about the case.](#)



### **Scholarly Role Model: Tom Lyon honored with Provost's 2014 Mentoring Award**

Prof. Tom Lyon's ongoing guidance of students from across USC has earned him the 2014 Provost's Mentoring Award. Bestowed by Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs Elizabeth Garrett, the award recognizes the value of helping students and younger faculty succeed in their own research and professional development.

[Read more about the award.](#)

## Calendar

### **FEATURED EVENTS**

**JANUARY 15, 16, 21, & 22: USC GOULD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS ADR SERVICES EXCLUSIVE CLE EVENTS (DOWNTOWN LA, ORANGE COUNTY, CENTURY CITY, SAN FRANCISCO)**

**JANUARY 27-29: TAX INSTITUTE**

**JANUARY 31, 2014: 2014 ANNUAL PILF AUCTION**

**FEBRUARY 13: USC GOULD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LUNCHTIME SPEAKER SERIES (DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTY)**

**FEBRUARY 26: USC GOULD SCHOOL OF LAW MENTOR LUNCH**

**\*SAVE THE DATE\* JUNE 14: USC GOULD REUNION**

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### **APALSA Launches Alumni Mentor Program**

The Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) will launch an Alumni Mentor Program next semester. Alumni interested in sharing guidance and advice with the group, or who wish to make a contribution in support of APALSA, are encouraged to e-mail Nadine Tan '15 or Andy Guo '15 at [nadine.tan.2015@lawmail.usc.edu](mailto:nadine.tan.2015@lawmail.usc.edu).

The annual **APALSA Student & Alumni Mixer** will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Far Bar in Little Tokyo. Please, [click here](#) to learn more and register for the event today.



### **J.D. and LL.M. students connect and learn from each other's experiences**

USC Gould students came together for the annual J.D./LL.M. Partnership Program luncheon, sponsored by the International Law and Relations Organization (ILRO) and the Graduate & International Programs Office. To kick off the program, students assembled in a lecture hall to connect with the students with whom they were partnered.

For many J.D. students, the opportunity to connect with USC Gould's 170 international LL.M. students allows them to broaden their knowledge of the many legal systems in the world and share personal and cultural connections. Although the program will host several events over the course of the school year, the organizers encouraged students to stay connected on their own.

[Read more about the event.](#)



### **2013 Rothman Scholar Drawn to USC for Reputation, Collegiality**

There are a number of factors that drew Rowley Rice '16 to attend USC Gould: he wanted a small class size in order to work closely with faculty and avoid an "anonymous" experience in law school; he could pursue an interdisciplinary field of study; and he would make his parents and grandparents proud by becoming a fifth-generation Trojan.

But the 2013 Frank Rothman Scholarship recipient chose USC Gould for its reputation as a collegial environment in which to study law.

[Read more about Rice here.](#)

### **Gould Alumni Sought for Mock Interview Program**

USC Gould's Career Services Office cordially invites you to participate in our eleventh annual **Spring Alumni Mock Interview Program**.

As a valued member of the USC Gould community, we hope that you will share your interviewing advice and guidance with our students. If you are able to participate, please [signup online](#) by Friday, January 17th. Participating alumni will receive the names of their assigned students the week of January 20th.

Please feel free to contact Rachel Kronick Rothbart, 213 740-7397, or [rrothbart@law.usc.edu](mailto:rrothbart@law.usc.edu) if you have any questions.

### **USC Gould Alumni Association Holiday Party**

More than 250 people attended the annual USC Gould Alumni Association Holiday Party at Mr. C of Beverly Hills in December. This festive occasion brought together a host of alumni from many different classes, who donated 150 toys for the LAC+USC Medical

## **Links**

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Center children's ward. Photos of the occasion are available online for your enjoyment. Please visit <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/jg7buasle5y3yvn/vUCbvCOjSZ> to view.



### 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.

**ABC News** (Jan. 3, 2014): Niels Frenzen was interviewed about a ruling by the California Supreme Court that gave eligibility to an undocumented immigrant for admission to the State Bar. Although this landmark case admitted Sergio Garcia to the State Bar even though he lacks legal status, he can't be hired by a law firm because he is in the country illegally. He is however about to practice on his own and plans to hire associates with the law license he has been granted. "It's certainly is an important statement in this political debate that we're in the middle of right now regarding people who don't have legal status and recognizing that there are people like Sergio Garcia who are Americans in every sense of the word other than not having that piece of paper," he said. Frenzen was also interviewed on **KPCC** about the matter.

**Washington Post** (Dec. 27, 2013): Edward McCaffery was quoted about the American estate tax system and how it contributes to income inequality. "Covey's technique is one of a handful that together make the estate tax system essentially voluntary, rendering it ineffective as a brake on soaring economic inequality," he said.

**Los Angeles Times** (Dec. 23, 2013): David Cruz was quoted about legal arguments persuasive to judge's ruling on same-sex marriage cases. "Part of what we're seeing is that, culturally, the judiciary - both federal and state judges - are more receptive to the logical, principle-based arguments that same-sex couples have been seeking for the right to marry since the very beginning of the 1970s," he said.

See the full list of "Faculty in the News" highlights.

## Calendar

### January 15th, 16th, 21st & 22nd: USC Gould Alumni Association presents ADR Services Exclusive CLE Events (Downtown LA, Orange County, Century City, and San Francisco)

ADR Services will be hosting CLE events in four different locations exclusively for USC alumni and supporters. These sessions will be held on January 15th at the Downtown Los Angeles ADR Services office, January 16th at the Orange County ADR Services office and January 21st at the Century City ADR Services office from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm. In addition to these half day events, there will be a two hour event on January 22nd at the San Francisco Office from 8:30 - 11:00 am. Continental Breakfast will be provided courtesy of ADR Services. **Space is limited to 40 people per location and admission is complimentary.** To register for these events or to learn more, including scheduled speakers and topics, please visit:

<https://adr.downtownla.eventbrite.com/> for Downtown Los Angeles

<https://adr.orangecounty.eventbrite.com/> for Orange County

<https://adr.centurycity.eventbrite.com/> for Century City

<https://mclelastdash.eventbrite.com/> for San Francisco

If you have questions about these events, please contact Pasha Hawthorne, Associate Director of Alumni Relations at 213-821-3560 or [alumni@law.usc.edu](mailto:alumni@law.usc.edu).

### JANUARY 27-29: TAX INSTITUTE

Hosted by the USC Gould School of Law, the three-day Tax Institute features more than 60

speakers who will address cutting-edge tax issues affecting corporations, privately held companies, partnerships and real estate, individuals, tax ethics, enforcement and compliance, and estate planning. The event will be held at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel Los Angeles.

For more information, [review the complete programming guide](#). If you have any questions, please call the USC Gould Continuing Legal Education Office at 213.821.3580.

#### **JANUARY 31: 2014 ANNUAL PILF AUCTION**

The Public Interest Law Foundation, which works to provide students with opportunities to engage in public interest legal work across the country, is holding its annual auction at Beso Restaurant in Hollywood. **For more information or to purchase tickets, please [click here](#).**

If you are unable to attend the auction, but would like to support summer public interest grants, please go to [pilf.usc.edu](http://pilf.usc.edu).

#### **FEBRUARY 13: USC GOULD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LUNCHTIME SPEAKER SERIES (DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTY)**

Please save the date for this year's Gould Alumni Association Lunchtime Speaker Series. This event will take place in two locations simultaneously. The live presentation will be presented at Morrison and Foerster, 707 Wilshire Boulevard, 60th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90017-3543 and will be video conferenced at Snell & Wilmer LLP, 600 Anton Blvd., Suite 1400, Costa Mesa, California 92626-7689. This event will take place from 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The presentation will start at 12:30 pm. The cost to attend this event is \$25 per person. Online register and additional information will be available soon. If you would like to pre-register, please contact Pasha Hawthorne, Associate Director of Alumni Relations at 213-821-3560 or [alumni@law.usc.edu](mailto:alumni@law.usc.edu).

#### **FEBRUARY 26: USC GOULD SCHOOL OF LAW MENTOR LUNCH**

The Mentor Lunch will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, 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 [register](#) by January 31, 2014. If you have any questions, contact Pasha Hawthorne at 213-821-3560 or [alumni@law.usc.edu](mailto:alumni@law.usc.edu).

#### **\*SAVE THE DATE\* JUNE 14: USC GOULD REUNION**

This summer's reunion brings together the classes of 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009. The event will take place at JW Marriot at LA Live and begins with individual class receptions followed by an all-class reunion dinner. If you are interested in joining your class reunion committee, please contact Rakib Haque at 213.821.3569 or [reunion@law.usc.edu](mailto:reunion@law.usc.edu).

**Questions?**

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