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News Highlights



Welcome to the Class of 2016

Dean Robert K. Rasmussen, the Honorable Jay Gandhi '97 and others recently welcomed an outstanding 1L class to USC Gould. The 176 students - culled from 4,337 applications - received words of advice and encouragement during orientation activities.

[Read more about the incoming class.](#)



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



International Graduate Students Arrive at USC Gould

At an orientation event hosted by USC Gould's Office of Graduate and International Programs (G&IP), Dean Rasmussen welcomed LL.M., M.C.L. and incoming exchange students to the USC Gould community. Drawing 170 students from 30 countries, the law school's international programs serve primarily foreign lawyers, many of whom are accomplished practitioners in their home countries. LL.M. students share most of their classes with the J.D. candidates, an arrangement that enriches the education of both.

[Read more about the international students.](#)

Calendar

FEATURED EVENTS

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SEPTEMBER 24: U.S. SUPREME COURT PREVIEW

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Teaching the U.S. Constitution to International Students

The Hon. Elizabeth Allen White of the Los Angeles Superior Court recently taught Constitutional Law to USC Gould's international LL.M. students. In a piece written for *Advocate*, she describes how seeing the U.S. Constitution from the perspective of foreign students has deepened her own understanding of this founding document. She was also surprised to learn just how novel many facets of our judicial system are to young lawyers from countries such as Nigeria, Australia and China.

[Read Allen White's article on teaching international students.](#)



Glenn Close Joins Saks Institute Board

Actress Glenn Close has joined the board of directors of USC's Saks Institute for Mental Health Law, Policy, and Ethics. Close, whose sister, Jessie, has bipolar disorder, is founder and chair of BringChange2Mind, a campaign to eradicate the stigma and discrimination surrounding mental illness.

[Learn more about Close's appointment.](#)



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.

TakePart (Aug. 30): Jody Armour was interviewed as part of a roundtable discussion of the 50th anniversary of the historic March on Washington.

ABC (Aug. 27): Edwin Smith was interviewed about the Assad regime and the United States' stance on Syria using chemical weapons. "Not even Nazi Germany, not even Stalin used chemical weapons. The use of chemical weapons like this will probably put them in a position with no way out," he said.

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

Calendar

SEPTEMBER 7: USC GOULD SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL TAILGATE

Come tailgate before the USC vs. Washington State game from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in front of the law school, 699 Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90089. Price is \$15 per alum. [Register online.](#)

SEPTEMBER 9: SAKS INSTITUTE LECTURE WITH FORMER U.S. REP. PATRICK KENNEDY

"University Students Living with Mental Illness: Changing the Conversation" is the topic of the 2013 Saks Institute for Mental Health Law, Policy, and Ethics Lecture with Patrick Kennedy. The former congressman, who has struggled with bipolar disorder and depression for decades, will join Prof. Elyn Saks, USC law student Evan Langinger and psychiatry resident Michelle Wu to discuss how they managed mental illness through their university years. Program begins at 12:15 p.m. in Room 7 of the law school. Lunch will be served. To RSVP, please contact Christopher Schnieders at 213.740.5714 or sakslecture@law.usc.edu.

SEPTEMBER 11: ORANGE COUNTY USC GOULD ALUMNI ROUNDTABLE NETWORKING LUNCH

Come meet and network with fellow Gould alumni from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Posch Restaurant, 18912 MacArthur Boulevard, Irvine, CA 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. [Register online](#) by Friday, September 6.

SEPTEMBER 12: LUNCHTIME SPEAKER SERIES

Learn about the recent changes in law governing the privacy of health information from 12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. at Morrison and Foerster, 707 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 6000, Los Angeles, CA 90017. This event qualifies for a minimum continuing legal education credit of

1 hour. Price is \$10 for Law Leadership Society Members and \$25 for alumni and guests. [Register online](#) by Tuesday, September 10.

SEPTEMBER 24: U.S. SUPREME COURT PREVIEW

USC Gould will present the sixth annual "U.S. Supreme Court: A Preview," beginning at 5:00 p.m. on the USC campus. The event features distinguished panelists Gregory Garre, former U.S. Solicitor General and partner, Latham & Watkins; Goodwin Liu, Associate Justice, California Supreme Court; and Rebecca Brown, USC Newton Professor of Constitutional Law. The moderator will be Elizabeth Garrett, USC provost and senior vice president for academic affairs and the Francis R. and John Duggan Professor of Law, Political Science and Public Policy. The panelists will discuss and debate the upcoming U.S. Supreme Court term.

The USC Gould School of Law, a State Bar of California-approved MCLE provider, certifies this activity qualifies for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit in the amount of two hours. RSVP at <http://uscgouldsupremecourt.eventbrite.com/>. If you have questions, please contact the Events Office at 213.740.3841 or events@law.usc.edu.

SEPTEMBER 25: RECEPTION CELEBRATING THE HONORABLE ALICEMARIE HUBER STOTLER

Dean Robert K. Rasmussen and the Alicemarie Huber Stotler Scholarship Fund Committee cordially invite you to a reception celebrating the Honorable Alicemarie Huber Stotler and the establishment of the Alicemarie Huber Stotler Scholarship Fund at the USC Gould School of Law. The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. at the Old Orange County Courthouse, 211 West Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, CA 92706. If you would like to register for this event, please visit <http://weblaw.usc.edu/stotler>.

SEPTEMBER 25: USC GOULD HALF CENTURY TROJANS REUNION 2013

Join us in celebrating alumni who graduated in 1962 or earlier from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Town and Gown, University Park Campus. This year, we are happy to present Experience USC Gould 2013. This event is complimentary for all attendees. [Register or get more information online](#).

SEPTEMBER 30: USC GOULD ALUMNI RECEPTION AND TALK - NEW YORK

Join fellow USC Gould School of Law alumni for a reception and talk on "Prospects for Business Tax Reform" featuring Prof. Ed Kleinbard at 6:30 p.m. at the Core Club, 66 East 55th Street, Manhattan, NY 10022. If you are interested in attending this event, please e-mail alumni@law.usc.edu with your name, class year, guest name and guest class year (if applicable).

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 early](#). If you have any questions, please call the USC Gould Continuing Legal Education office at 213.821.3580.

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, and 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.

Questions?

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