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1} Awards Season

>>Under a polished blue sky in April, the USC Law community gathered in the plaza outside the Musick Law Building to celebrate the achievements of students, faculty and staff. Amid music, a mountain of box lunches and most of the Class of 2010, Dean Robert K. Rasmussen and Student Bar

Association President Jameil Johnson '10 bestowed recognition on some of the law school's highest achievers.

[Read about the faculty and student winners.](#)

2} International Human Rights Clinic Launched

>>Students at the USC Gould School of Law will receive first-hand experience waging legal battles against human rights violators when its International Human Rights Clinic launches this academic year. Headed by newly recruited Clinical Assistant Prof. of Law Hannah Garry, the clinic will work with organizations committed to the global human rights movement. The clinic will partner with lawyers in Africa, representing asylum seekers and refugees on their claims. USC Law students will also work on cases before international tribunals.

[Read more about the clinic.](#)

3} Follow USC Law on Twitter!

>>Now you can keep up with the latest news and events by following USC Law on Twitter. Tweeting under the handle "**USCGouldLaw**", the law school frequently posts news items and updates on events and guest speakers. If you haven't signed up for Twitter, you can do so at [twitter.com](https://twitter.com/USCGouldLaw).

4} Networking Begins with Lunch

>>Before coming to USC Law, Ryan Wolfe '12 had heard much about the vaunted Trojan network of law school alumni. On Feb. 25, he experienced the network first-hand when he joined some 130 students and more than 100 alumni at the annual Mentor Lunch, held in USC's Town & Gown.

[Read more about this networking event.](#)

5} Oralists Compete on a National Stage

>>Every spring semester, USC Law heralds a new Hale Moot Court champion: a 2L who wins the final round of competition

over fellow USC Law students. Less well known are the intrepid 3Ls who represent the law school on the national stage in competition with other top law schools.

Earlier this month, Marlayne (Laney) Ingram '10 and Faustina Lee '10 returned from New York after being named Top Ten Oralists nationally at the 2010 Cardozo/BMI Entertainment and Communications Law Moot Court Competition. Hosted annually since 1984 by the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, the competition attracts students from top law schools and practitioners working in business and entertainment law.

[Read more about Ingram and Lee competing at the national level.](#)

6) International Intellectual Property Law Panel

>>Three experienced practitioners who work with intellectual property in international markets addressed USC Law students March 9. Charles S. Barquist, a partner in the Los Angeles office of Morrison & Foerster; Michael Chang, senior counsel for Warner Bros.; and Mariana Noli, an associate with The Eclipse Group; spoke about their career paths and offered advice to a group of about 60 USC Law J.D. and international students.

[Read more about the panel.](#)

7) Dual Champs in Verbal Duel

>>Before them, three of the nation's pre-eminent federal appeals judges sat ready to pounce at the tiniest misstep in their arguments. Behind them, hundreds of their peers, professors and family members looked on intently. It was enough pressure to make almost anyone buckle.

Yet, the finalists at the 2009-10 Hale Moot Court Honors Competition were so excellent that even the panel of federal judges couldn't pick just one winner.

[Find out who the co-champions are.](#)

8) Symposium Showcases New Research

>>Some of Southern California's brightest and most innovative scholars came together recently to share cutting-edge research funded by grants from USC Law's Southern California Innovation Project.

The Law and Innovation Symposium showcased research on the impact on innovation of employment law, finance and securities regulation, the structure of networks, contracts, and the performance and regulation of legal markets.

[Read about the symposium.](#)

9} The Case for Affordable Legal Aid

>>Prof. Gillian Hadfield recently published an op-ed in the *Washington Post*. [Read the op-ed.](#)

10} Prop. 8 and Marriage Equality

>>Amid the continuing legal battle over Proposition 8, the California voter-approved initiative banning same-sex marriage, nine legal scholars and gay marriage advocates met at USC Law recently to discuss marriage equality and debate how best to fight for it.

The *Southern California Review of Law and Social Justice* annual symposium "Proposition 8 and Marriage Equality," held on March 3, featured keynote speaker Shannon Price Minter, legal director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

Following Minter's address, two panel discussions, moderated by USC Law faculty, included panelists from USC, Lambda Legal, Love Honor Cherish, Loyola Law School and UCLA.

[Read more about the event.](#)

11} Artistic Freedom and Artists' Rights

>>Staci Riordan, chair of the Fashion Law Practice at Fox Rothschild LLP, was one of two speakers who offered USC

Law students insight into recent cases in the fashion and art worlds. The events were sponsored by the Art Law Society and the Intellectual Property and Technology Society.

Riordan provided the audience with the basics of intellectual property as it relates to fashion, and examined why the Design Piracy Prohibition Act has been introduced to Congress for a third time - legislation that would protect the overall design of a garment or other article of fashion.

In the other event, William Brutocao, speaking on his landmark case in which his client, muralist Kent Twitchell, settled his lawsuit against the U.S. government and 11 other defendants for painting over his mural in downtown Los Angeles, discussed the types of rights applicable to artists (proprietary, copyright, moral). An attorney with the Pasadena firm Sheldon Mak Rose & Anderson, Brutocao outlined the history of and reasons for the Federal Visual Artists Rights Act (VARA) and the California Artists Protection Act and how they were invoked to reach a settlement in 2008.

[Read more about the IP and art law events.](#)

12} Upcoming events: Real Estate Law and Business Forum, Alumni Mixer

APRIL 14: REAL ESTATE LAW AND BUSINESS FORUM

USC Law Continuing Legal Education (CLE) hosts its annual Real Estate Law and Business Forum at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. The popular conference will feature dozens of nationally regarded business and legal leaders who will provide information on opportunities in real estate markets. USC Law Prof. Edward McCaffery will be the keynote speaker. The Forum includes five networking events including a hosted reception, as well as a takeaway volume of syllabus materials. Members of co-sponsoring associates are eligible for a special registration discount. CLE units are available for lawyers, accountants and real estate professionals. [Take a peek at the program](#), or [register online](#).

APRIL 22: ALUMNI MIXER - CULVER CITY

Join your fellow USC Law alumni for a mixer at Rush Street in Culver City [9546 Washington Blvd, Culver City, CA 90232] beginning at 6:00 p.m. Complimentary appetizers will be provided and drink specials will be available. Free parking

is available in the structure across Culver Blvd. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Brooke Duebler, assistant director of Development & Graduate Relations, at alumni@law.usc.edu or 213.743.1833. Click here for [map](#).

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