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### **Announcements**



# Did You Clerk after Law School? Join the Alumni Clerkship Network

USC Gould is excited to announce the launch of a new resource, the Alumni Clerkship Network Database. If you clerked for a judge after law school, we are hoping you will continue the Trojan Network tradition by logging in and providing your contact information as well as valuable tips and application advice for the next generation of USC Gould law clerks. For each judge, the database provides information on: 1) Hiring Practices; 2) Interviewing; and 3) Work experience. In addition, many alums provide their contact information should students want to reach out in the spirit of the Trojan Network. So far, more than 80 alums have participated. To access the database, you can find it in the left-hand menu-bar of the myLaw Portal under "My Applications," or click here. For questions, please contact alumniclerkshipnetwork@law.usc.edu.

## **News Highlights**



**Prof. Stone Honored** 

Christopher D. Stone, the J. Thomas McCarthy Trustee Chair in Law, Emeritus received the 2014 Faculty Lifetime Achievement Award at USC's 33rd annual Academic Honors Convocation this week. Awarded to a very select number of retired faculty at the annual Academic Honors Convocation, the award "recognizes eminent careers and notable contributions to the university, the profession and the community."

Read more about the honor here.



#### Admitted Students Preview USC, Hear from Gould Alums

Admitted students were welcomed to campus recently for a sneak peak at law school life during Law Day 2014. Dean Robert K. Rasmussen moderated a conversation with Amy R. Forbes '84, co-partner in charge of the Los Angeles office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher; Suzanne Huntley Levy '01, interim assistant dean and dean of career services; and Prof. Edward Kleinbard. Another session,

### Calendar

**FEATURED EVENTS** 

MAY 16: GOULD COMMENCEMENT 2014

MAY 21: USC GOULD AND USC MARSHALL ORANGE COUNTY ALUMNI JOINT MIXER

JUNE 12 : USC GOULD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LUNCHTIME SPEAKER SERIES: FROM THE BAR, THE BENCH, AND BACK

JUNE 14: USC GOULD REUNION 2014

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**MYLAW PORTAL** 

moderated by Associate Dean and Chief Development Officer James Simon, featured alumni Nicole Gates '13, associate at Bryan Cave; Jonder Ho '11, associate at Morrison & Foerster; Jeremy Lawrence '09, associate at Munger, Tolles & Olson; and Erin Matzkin '02, a solo practitioner specializing in technology and new media.

Read more about the event here.



#### Why Innocent People Plead Guilty

After serving as a criminal defense attorney, federal prosecutor and now United States District judge, the Hon. Jed Rakoff knows what works - and what doesn't - in the criminal justice system. Rakoff, who sits on the Federal District Court in Manhattan, N.Y., spoke recently at USC Gould's Neiman Sieroty Lecture on "Why Innocent People Plead Guilty." The annual talk is named for Allen Neiman '56 and Alan Sieroty '56, who were former classmates and law partners.

Read more about the lecture here.



#### Law Students Advocate for Human Rights Legislation

Students with USC Gould's International Human Rights Clinic met with lawmakers in Washington, D.C., recently to advocate for legislation and executive action to address the widespread sexual violence and mass atrocities in Sudan and the Congo.

Read more about their experience here.



#### Gen. Petraeus Speaks on Lawyers and Leadership

Gen. David Petraeus spoke about the role of lawyers in the war zones of Iraq and Afghanistan, and related his method for effecting organizational change, during a talk at USC Gould March 26.

Read more about the talk here.



#### **Students File Supreme Court Briefs**

Students in the Intellectual Property and Technology Law Clinic filed two briefs with the United States Supreme Court this year in a push to protect small innovators from patent trolls.

Read about their undertakings here.



#### **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.



**NBC Nightly News**: Profs. Jody Armour and Michael Chasalow were interviewed by numerous media about the legal and business fallout of racist remarks made by Clippers' owner Donald Sterling. They were quoted in U.S. News and World Report, the Christian Science Monitor, the Daily News, Daily Journal, La Opinion, CBS Evening News, NBC Nightly News, Fox News, ABC News and several others.

Huffington Post: Daria Roithmayr published an op-ed arguing that the U.S. Supreme Court got it wrong in a recent affirmative action case because both plurality and dissent "focus on slights, snickers and silent judgments instead of racial disparities in school dropout rates, public school funding and wealth."

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**NEWSROOM** 

The Wall Street Journal: Edward Kleinbard was interviewed about eBay deciding to bring its foreign-held cash back to the U.S., incurring a \$3 billion tax bill.

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

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#### **MAY 16: GOULD COMMENCEMENT 2014**

Come congratulate graduating students at USC Gould's Commencement Ceremony from 3:00 - 7:30 PM at Founders Park.

# MAY 21: USC GOULD AND USC MARSHALL ORANGE COUNTY ALUMNI JOINT MIXER

Join USC Gould and USC Marshall alumni for a Joint Networking Mixer at Bluewater Grill from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. The Bluewater Grill is located in the District at Tustin, 2409 Park Avenue, Tustin, CA 92782. Appetizers for this event will be provided. For more information about this event or to register, please click here.

# JUNE 12 : USC GOULD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LUNCHTIME SPEAKER SERIES: FROM THE BAR, THE BENCH, AND BACK

Join fellow alumni and friends for lunch followed by a presentation by the Hon. Louis M. Meisinger. The interplay between corporate counsel, law firm advocate, and judicial officer has been rarely explored until now. Judge Meisinger will discuss successful practice and business development, career progression, philosophical differences between service firms and corporate industry, and the unique view from the bench. The event will take place from 11:45 AM - 1:30 PM in downtown Los Angeles. More information about this event will be available in the coming weeks.

#### **JUNE 14: USC GOULD REUNION 2014**

USC Gould welcomes back the classes of 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009 and their guests. We invite you to join fellow alumni from ten classes in celebration of a significant reunion milestone in your legal education. The celebration will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2014, at the JW Marriott Hotel at L.A. Live in Downtown Los Angeles. For details and RSVP information, please click here.

#### **OCTOBER 9: USC SUPREME COURT PREVIEW**

USC Gould will present the seventh annual "U.S. Supreme Court: A Preview," featuring distinguished panelists Neal Katyal, a partner at Hogan Lovells and former Acting U.S. Solicitor General; Miguel Estrada, a partner at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and former federal prosecutor and Assistant to the U.S. Solicitor General; and Rebecca Brown, USC Newton Professor of Constitutional Law. Adam Liptak, New York Times U.S. Supreme Court reporter, will moderate the discussion. Liptak holds a law degree from Yale. 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.

Questions?

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