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1} 1Ls Matched with Alumni at Mentor Lunch



>> USC Law alumni and current 1L students filled the cardinal and gold ballroom of Town and Gown to attend USC Law's notable networking opportunity, the annual Mentor Lunch. This year, the event saw a more than 25 percent increase in attendance; with 210 alumni and 188 students, this was the most highly attended mentor luncheon to date.

[Read more about Mentor Lunch.](#)

2} Making the Case for Art



>> On a day when the art world made headline news - Los Angeles' Getty Museum of Art unveiled a J.M.W. Turner painting it acquired for \$45 million - USC Law's Art Law Society held a panel discussion on the business forecast of art and the roles attorneys play in the art world. The nascent organization delivered a stellar lineup for an audience of law students and USC Law alumni set in one of USC's Fisher Museum galleries. Jessica Kantor, an associate in the Art Law Practice Group in Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, served as the panel's moderator. Offering a glimpse of their day-to-day activities, the three panelists illustrated the range of roles an attorney, gallery owner and museum general counsel play to an audience of 60.

[Read more about the Art Law event.](#)

3} A Decade of Law, History and Culture



>> Some of the nation's leading legal and humanities scholars met at USC recently to explore how law and memory deepen our understanding of the past as well as help us look to the future. The 10th anniversary Conference on Law and Memory, hosted by USC's Center for Law, History and Culture (CLHC), examined the role of law in human life. More than a dozen scholars, including Robert Gordon of Yale Law School, Annette Gordon-Reed of Harvard Law and Elaine Scarry of Harvard, analyzed law and memory in the context of war, slavery film, politics, property, child abuse and trauma.

[Read more about the 10th anniversary conference.](#)

4} Immigration Policy "Fundamentally Broken?"



>> High emotions. Disregard of facts. Changing demographics. Unclear laws. Inconsistent adjudication.

These are just some of the challenges facing anyone seeking to reform the nation's immigration policy, according to two panels of experts at the 2011 Southern California Review of Law and Social Justice Symposium, held March 9 at USC Law. Titled "Fundamentally Broken? The Past, Present, and Future of U.S. Immigration Policy," the event covered the most pressing problems of immigration

policy, as well as proposals for reform.

[Learn what the panelists said about immigration policy.](#)

5} An Inside Look at the FBI

>> Students were treated to an inside look at the FBI on March 7 with a talk by Steven Martinez, an assistant director in charge of the bureau's Los Angeles division. Martinez discussed everything from the unrest in Libya and the FBI's counterterrorism priorities to what the FBI looks for in job applicants.

Martinez has been with the FBI since 1987, when he started as a special agent. He was the FBI's first on-scene commander at Central Command in Doha, Qatar, and in Baghdad, Iraq, where he managed the FBI's counterterrorism and counterintelligence efforts during the launch of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

[Read more about Mr. Martinez's talk.](#)

6} Strong Showing at National Moot Court



>> The contemporary issue of "cyber bullying" and the extent of a school's authority over its students were the topics at one of the nation's top constitutional law moot court competitions, recently held in Nashville, Tenn. The USC Law team of Dana Vessey '11 and Megan Braziel '11 argued their way into the semi-finals before being bested by the eventual winner, the College of William and Mary Law School team.

"We had a great time," Vessey said. "It was a stressful couple of days, but we work together very well."

It was the first time USC Law students had competed in the National First Amendment Moot Court Competition, sponsored by the First Amendment Center and Vanderbilt University Law School.

[Read more about the competition.](#)

7} Framing Debate About the Framers



>> Does the Tea Party movement represent a return to the Constitution, or simply a discontent with the prevailing interpretation of it? Does a consideration of the framers' intentions lead to a more accurate reading of the document, or merely reveal the areas in which the Constitution is unclear?

On Mar. 7, USC Law Prof. Michael H. Shapiro debated these and other questions with [Roger Pilon](#), vice president for legal affairs for the Cato Institute and director of its Center for Constitutional Studies.

[Read about the debate.](#)

8} Students Show Support for Japan Quake Victims

>> USC Law students and alumni have participated in fundraising efforts to assist those affected by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. Some of these efforts include:

The Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA) helped publicize fundraisers that were sponsored by local Asian Pacific American bar associations to aid relief efforts in Japan. The first event, held on March 20 in Santa Monica, raised money for the Japan America Society of Southern California's 2011 Japan Relief Fund (<http://www.jas-socal.org/>). The second event was held on March 23 in Little Tokyo. Donations went directly to the City of Sendai through its sister city of Riverside, Calif. (<http://www.riversideca.gov/sendairelief/>).

USC Law LL.M. students hosted a Bar Review event on March 29. The students collected donations of more than \$650 from attendees that are being donated to the Japan America Society of Southern California.

LL.M. alumnus Daisuke Yuki '10 has been volunteering for an organization raising funds for Japan aid efforts (<http://pray4japan.org/index.html>).

9} Upcoming events: SPEED NETWORKING, REUNION

APRIL 12: APALSA SPEED NETWORKING EVENT

The Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA) of USC Law is hosting a speed networking event at the law school cafe on April 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Alumni are invited to meet students and speak about their practice areas and the practice of law in general. Please RSVP to uscapalsa@gmail.com by April 11. A reception follows the event.

APRIL 14: FIGHTING GENOCIDE AROUND THE GLOBE

Prof. Hannah Garry of USC Law's International Human Rights Clinic hosts *Washington Post* correspondent Rebecca Hamilton, author of "Fighting for Darfur," to discuss genocide in Darfur and the situation in Libya. They are joined by USC Shoah Foundation Institute Executive Director Stephen Smith. The event will be held in USC Law Room 7 from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Lunch will be served.

APRIL 22-23: MECHANICAL RESTRAINTS: LAW, ETHICS AND POLICY

USC Law and the Saks Institute for Mental Health Law, Policy and Ethics host a conference on policy and law governing the use of mechanical restraints in the treatment of the mentally ill. For RSVP and parking information, contact the USC Law Events Office at 213.740.3841 or events@law.usc.edu.

APRIL 30 - MAY 1: LOS ANGELES TIMES FESTIVAL OF BOOKS

This year marks the first time the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books will be held at USC. The Los Angeles Times Festival of Books is the largest and most prestigious book festival in the country, attracting more than 130,000 book lovers each year over the course of one weekend. At USC, the festival will feature 400 authors and some 300 exhibitor booths, a nonstop schedule of readings, book signings, Q&As, literary discussions and panels, writing workshops, storytelling, comedy and more.

This is an event that celebrates reading as a life-long activity with a variety of events exclusively for children. There will be live entertainment on eight stages, including a children's stage, a cooking stage, a poetry stage, a Los Angeles Times stage and two USC stages. There is ample parking and a variety of dining options on campus. If you haven't visited the campus this past year, you will enjoy seeing the new Ronald Tutor Campus Center - which will hold several of the activities at the festival.

[Learn more about the Festival of Books.](#)

MAY 28 - JUNE 4: USC LAW SEADREAM CRUISE

USC Law alumni and friends are invited to cruise the Mediterranean Sea on the 2011 SeaDream Cruise while helping to expand scholarship funds for outstanding law students. The charter of the 50-cabin SeaDream Yacht will tour the picturesque and historically significant cities and ports of Rome, Positano, Dubrovnik, Kotor, Corfu and Athens. For more information, please contact Richard Harvey at 213.740.9193 or rharvey@law.usc.edu.

JUNE 17: USC LAW GOLDEN YEARS REUNION

The Golden Years Reunion luncheon brings together all classes that graduated prior to 1961. Festivities will take place on campus and will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Crocker Plaza in front of the law school. **The deadline to register for the event is June 3.** For more information, please contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at 213.740.1710 or reunion@law.usc.edu.

JUNE 25: USC LAW REUNION

This summer's reunion brings together the classes of 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2006. Festivities will take place at the beautiful Fairmont Hotel in Santa Monica and will begin with an all-class hosted reception followed by individual

class dinners. **The deadline to register for the event at a rate of \$125 per person is June 10; beginning June 11, the price will be \$175 per person.** For more information, please contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at 213.740.1710 or reunion@law.usc.edu.

SAVE THE DATE - OCTOBER 3: SUPREME COURT PREVIEW

USC Law will present the fourth annual "U.S. Supreme Court: A Preview," featuring distinguished legal scholars Walter Dellinger, former U.S. Solicitor General and chairman, O'Melveny & Myers; Michael McConnell of Stanford Law; and Rebecca Brown of USC Law. USC Provost Elizabeth Garrett will serve as moderator. The panelists will discuss and debate the upcoming U.S. Supreme Court Term, which will begin that day.

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