



## USC LAW eNEWS

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### 1} Remembering Charlie Whitebread

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>>The USC Law community mourns the loss of Prof. Charlie Whitebread, who died Sept. 16. The law school will hold a memorial called "Remembering Charlie: A Champagne Reception and Tribute to honor the late Charles Whitebread" on Nov. 13, 2008, from noon to 2:30 p.m. in Town & Gown on the USC University Park Campus. To RSVP for the memorial, please visit [USC Law's tribute site](#).

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## 2} USC Law Alumni on LinkedIn and Facebook

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>>Now you can connect with other USC Law graduates via the official USC Law Alumni Group on the professional networking site LinkedIn. [Join the group!](#)

Interested in staying connected to classmates through Facebook? Become a fan of [USC Law's official profile](#) and find a list of alumni groups for classes 1998-2008. If your class does not yet have a group and you are interested in creating one, please e-mail [Emily Page](#), assistant director of development and graduate relations.

And remember to join USC Law's exclusive online alumni network, [myLaw](#).

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## 3} Join the Young Alumni Committee

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>>Young alumni: do you want to stay informed, be connected and make a difference for your classmates and the entire USC Law community? Young Alumni Committee (YAC) Co-Chairs Nina Goldberg '05 and Chris Gordon '05, and all 50 members of the Young Alumni Committee, invite alumni from the past 10 graduating classes to join the 2008-09 Young Alumni Committee. For more information about the YAC, upcoming activities or volunteer opportunities, please visit: <http://law.usc.edu/youngalumni/>

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## 4} Supreme Court Preview

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>>Four Constitutional law experts discussed a handful of the most significant cases the U.S. Supreme Court will hear during the 2008-09 term at a USC Law event Oct. 1. Kenneth W. Starr, dean of Pepperdine Law School; Erwin Chemerinsky, dean of the University of California, Irvine, Law School; and USC Law Professors David B. Cruz and Rebecca Brown examined cases that involve issues ranging from voting rights to employment discrimination to business law.

The discussion, held in USC's Town and Gown, was moderated by Sydney M. Irmis Professor of Law Elizabeth Garrett, an expert on law and politics. It drew an audience of more than 200 faculty, students, staff, alumni and local attorneys, the last of whom each received one Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit for attending.

"What are the cases the court will hear this term?" Garrett said. "What are their implications for lower courts and other branches of government? What is the effect of personnel changes on the decisions of the court?"

For answers to these and other questions, [read on.](#)

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## 5} Transactional or Litigation?

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>>Two law firm co-workers who specialize in divergent areas of the law visited USC Law to discuss the question that faces every law student. Before an audience of more than 40 students, Warren Loui, a partner at Mayer Brown and an adjunct professor of Secured Transactions at USC Law, argued that a career in transactional or corporate law is most rewarding, while Mayer Brown Associate Melanie Natasha Henry made the case for litigation.

[Read about their debate.](#)

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## 6} Mesereau Speaks from the Heart

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>>High-profile attorney Thomas Mesereau, who defended celebrity clients Michael Jackson and Robert Blake in recent years, spoke to USC Law students on Sept. 24 about the type of service that isn't always in the public spotlight: public interest.

Mesereau told students that he has found public interest law to be the most fulfilling work in his career.

"This kind of work renews your spirits and gets into your soul," he said. "You can't put a price on a job that satisfies."

[Read more about Mesereau's visit.](#)

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## 7} Alumni Open to Questions

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>>Summer jobs were on the minds of first-year students who attended the Asian-Pacific American Law Students Association's "Ask an Alum" event Sept. 24. Three recent USC Law graduates were on hand to answer any questions from students about the process of applying to summer and full-time positions, and the experiences of being a summer intern or first-year associate.

Arnab Banerjee '07, an associate at Latham & Watkins in Los Angeles, Sarah Chang '08, who recently took the bar exam and will soon join a San Francisco firm, and Yem Mai '07, an associate

at DLA Piper in Palo Alto, participated in the talk.

[Read about their advice to students.](#)

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## 8} Experts Debate Same-Sex Marriage

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>>In November, voters will decide whether to approve Proposition 8, which would amend the California Constitution to ban same-sex marriage. On Sept. 16, more than 50 USC Law students crowded into a classroom for an hour-long debate between Doug NeJaime of UCLA Law School and Jennifer Roback Morse, formerly a professor of economics at Yale University and George Mason University. The event was sponsored by USC Law's chapter of the Federalist Society.

[Read about the debate.](#)

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## Upcoming events: Roth Lecture, PILF 20th Anniversary, Regional Receptions

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### **OCTOBER 27: ROTH LECTURE**

The Honorable Terry J. Hatter Jr., United States District Judge, will present the 2008 Justice Lester W. Roth Lecture at USC Law. The lecture will begin at 4 p.m. in Town and Gown on the University Park Campus, with a reception to follow. Judge Hatter will speak on "The Lack of Justice in the Juvenile Justice System." He presides over the Central District of California, the largest federal district court in the United States. He was appointed by President Jimmy Carter in 1979 as the first African-American to serve as chief judge of the Central District. For more information or to RSVP, send an e-mail to [rsvpevents@law.usc.edu](mailto:rsvpevents@law.usc.edu).

### **NOVEMBER 8: USC LAW ALUMNI TAILGATE PARTY**

Celebrate the USC football season before the Cal game with USC Law students, faculty, staff and fellow alumni on the steps of USC Law. Festivities begin at 2:00 p.m. and include free food, beverages, music and a dunk tank hosted by the Young Alumni Committee! For more information and to RSVP visit: <http://law.usc.edu/tailgates>.

### **NOVEMBER 11: PILF 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Join alumni, students, faculty and staff in honoring Barbara and Scott Bice for their continued support of PILF and to bid farewell to Dean Lisa Mead '89, co-founder of PILF. The event will be held at Pete's Cafe, 400 S Main St. in Los Angeles from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Drinks and appetizers will be served. For more information, to make a gift to PILF or to RSVP please visit: <http://pilf.usc.edu>.

### **NOVEMBER 13: BAY AREA REGIONAL RECEPTION IN PALO ALTO**

Dean Robert K. Rasmussen cordially invites alumni in the Bay Area to join him for a USC Law Regional Reception at the [Four Seasons Hotel](#) (2050 University Avenue; East Palo Alto; California, 94303) beginning at 6:30 p.m. Invitations will be mailed, but to RSVP today, please e-mail your name and that of your guest to [rsvp.events@law.usc.edu](mailto:rsvp.events@law.usc.edu).

**NOVEMBER 14: BAY AREA YOUNG ALUMNI BAR REVIEW**

The Young Alumni Committee invites graduates from classes 1998 through 2008 to meet Dean Robert K. Rasmussen at [Caruso's Bar](#) at the Westin St. Francis from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. This is the perfect opportunity to socialize with friends and reconnect with old classmates in a hip and happening location in the City by the Bay! Invitations will be mailed, but to RSVP today, please e-mail [rsvp.events@law.usc.edu](mailto:rsvp.events@law.usc.edu).

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**DECEMBER 1: BAR ADMISSION CEREMONY**

Save the date for the USC Law Bar Admission Ceremony for USC Law alumni at Town & Gown from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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**JANUARY 7, 2009: SAN DIEGO REGIONAL RECEPTION**

Save the date for an alumni reception to be held at the San Diego Marriot Hotel and Marina.

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**JUNE 12, 2009: GOLDEN YEARS LUNCHEON**

This reunion celebration is held for graduating classes from 1958 and earlier. It will be held in USC's Crocker Plaza beginning at 11:30 a.m.

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**JUNE 13, 2009: USC LAW REUNION**

Next summer's reunion brings together the classes of 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004.

If you are interested in serving on your reunion committee, please contact Pasha Hawthorne at 213.743.1761 or [phawthorne@law.usc.edu](mailto:phawthorne@law.usc.edu)

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**LINKS**

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>>myLAW: <http://mylaw.usc.edu>

>>ALUMNI WEB SITE: <http://law.usc.edu/alumni/>

>>GIVE BACK TO USC LAW: <http://law.usc.edu/alumni/giving.cfm>

>>CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION: <http://law.usc.edu/academics/cle.cfm>

>>ALUMNI CAREER SERVICES: <http://law.usc.edu/alumni/network/careers.cfm>

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