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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, initiated by John Major '13 and Jamie Heine '13 with the faculty clerkship committee. 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. To access the database, you can find it in the left-hand menu-bar of the myLaw Portal under "My Applications." So far, more than 80 alums have participated. If you have clerked, continue the Trojan Network tradition and provide your contact information as well as valuable tips and application advice for the next generation of USC Gould law clerks by filling out a 10 minute survey: [available here](#) For questions, please contact alumni clerkship network@law.usc.edu.

News Highlights



Big Win for PCJP

A 74-year-old woman, known as "Mother Mary" to family and friends, was released from prison March 24 after serving 32 years for crimes committed by her batterer. Mary Virginia Jones, represented by law students at USC's Post-Conviction Justice Project, appeared in Los Angeles Superior Court. Dozens of family and friends packed the courtroom, several screaming out cries of joy when the judge announced she would be released.

[Read more about the win.](#)



USC Gould in Top 10 in Alumni Salaries

USC Gould graduates are earning some of the highest salaries when compared with other law school graduates, based on a ranking recently released by Forbes. The median mid-career salary for USC Gould alumni is \$192,800, which ranks sixth in salaries of graduates from 97 law schools around the country and is the highest in Southern California, pointing to the strength of USC's alumni base in the Los Angeles area.

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FEATURED EVENTS

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MAY 16: GOULD COMMENCEMENT 2014

JUNE 14: USC GOULD REUNION 2014

MORE EVENTS

[Read the full story here.](#)



USC Gould Team Heads to National Transactional Meet Finals

For the second straight year, a team of three USC Gould students is on its way to the National Transactional Law Meet finals, a mock negotiation experience for students interested in pursuing a career in transactional law.

[Read more about the team here.](#)



Round of Praise at Moot Court Finals

Each of the four finalists in the 65th Annual Hale Moot Court Honors Competition gave a "fabulous" performance before judges, peers, faculty, and friends and family. So fabulous, in fact, that Ninth Circuit Court Judge Stephen R. Reinhardt said he regretted that 2Ls Janille Chambers-Corbett, Harper Gernet-Girard, Ashton Massey and Andy Tran couldn't all "be No. 1, because you all deserve it."

[Read more about the competition here.](#)



"Master Class" on Legal and Business Issues in TV Offers Skills, Expertise

USC Gould School of Law will host some of the entertainment industry's top practitioners for a two-day "master class" on legal and business issues. The seminar, for second- and third-year law students, is entitled "Television Transactions: Direct from the Experts" and is overseen by Jeffrey Schneider '91, executive vice president of business affairs and general counsel for Shine America and an adjunct professor at USC Gould.

[Read more about the upcoming seminar here.](#)



Campus Mental Health Highlighted

The nation's top mental health experts joined university officials and students from 50 campuses at a recent USC conference on supporting and helping college students with mental illness. Sponsored by the USC Saks Institute for Mental Health Law, Policy, and Ethics, more than 200 people attended the forum, "Many Voices, One Vision: Assisting College and University Students With Mental Illness to Make the Most of Their Academic Experience."

[Read more about the symposium here.](#)



USC Program on Religious Accommodation Launched

When Arizona recently considered a measure that would allow merchants to refuse service to gay and lesbian customers by citing religious beliefs, a national debate sparked over the proposed law. Was the bill simply protecting civil rights of business owners with deeply held religious views, or was it fueling blatant discrimination?

[Read about the program 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.

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CBS Evening News: CBS Evening News covered the legal case of Mary Virginia Jones, a 74-year-old woman imprisoned for 32 years and recently represented by the USC Gould School's Post-Conviction Justice Project. [Los Angeles Times](#) reported that Gould School law students Laura Donaldson and Mark Fahey overturned Jones' sentence for murder. In another [Los Angeles Times](#) story, project director Heidi Rummel of the Gould School noted, "it sounds like an extraordinary case, but there are many other women behind her and, of course, still in prison under similar circumstances." The story was also covered by another article by [Los Angeles Times](#), [CBS News](#), [Daily Mail](#), [Fox News](#), [Headlines and Global News](#), [United Press International](#), [KPCC-FM](#), [ABC News](#) Los Angeles affiliate KABC-TV, [NBC News](#) Los Angeles affiliate KNBC-TV in two stories (second link [here](#)), [CBS News](#) Los Angeles affiliate KCBS-TV, [CW News](#) Los Angeles affiliate KTLA-TV in two stories (second link [here](#)), [Fox News](#) Los Angeles affiliate KTTV-TV, [CBS News](#) Los Angeles affiliate KNX-AM and [LAist](#).

Los Angeles Times (March 17, 2014): Edward McCaffery was quoted about economic disincentives for low-income Americans to marry. He expressed that "the possibility of a tax penalty and other disincentives, such as benefits that also phase out as incomes go up, can make marriage seem like a bad short-term bet for very low-income Americans."

The Wall Street Journal (March 12, 2014): Edward Kleinbard was quoted about potential tax benefits motivating Chiquita to move its operations to Ireland: "It is greatly improbable that they have chosen Ireland as its domicile because of its superior banana growing climate," Kleinbard said.

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

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APRIL 7: ALLEN NEIMAN AND ALAN SIEROTY LECTURE IN CIVIL LIBERTIES

Featuring the Honorable Jed S. Rakoff, United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, the lecture will take place in Room 7 of the law school at 4:00 PM, followed by a reception at 5:00. Open to students, faculty, alumni and others in the legal community.

APRIL 10: ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LUNCHTIME SPEAKER SERIES: WHAT IS MARKETING? ADVERTISING? PROMOTION? SALES PROMOTION? THE NINE P'S OF MARKETING FEATURING LARRY STEVEN LONDRE

Please save the date for the next West Los Angeles Gould Alumni Association Lunchtime Speaker Series featuring Larry Steven Londre. This event will take place at McCormick & Schmick, 201 N. Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills, California, 90210 from 11:45 AM - 1:30 PM. The presentation will start at 12:30 PM. The cost to attend this event is \$25 per person and \$10 for Law Leadership Society Members. Online registration and additional information will be available soon. If you would like to pre-register, please contact Pasha Hawthorne at 213.821.3560 or alumni@law.usc.edu. For more information, click [here](#).

APRIL 16: ORANGE COUNTY ALUMNI RECEPTION AND LECTURE - WHY MISTAKES HAPPEN: PSYCHOLOGICAL INSIGHTS INTO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS

Dean Robert K. Rasmussen cordially invites you and a guest to attend an Orange County Alumni Reception and Lecture - Why Mistakes Happen: Psychological Insights Into the Criminal Justice Process featuring Dan Simon, Richard L. and Maria B. Crutcher Professor of Law and Psychology. This event will take place at the Pacific Club in Newport Beach. Reception will begin at 6:00 PM and the program will begin at 7:00 PM. The cost to attend this event is \$30 per person; complimentary for judges and USC Law Leadership Society Members. To register for this event, please click [here](#).

APRIL 18: USC OUTLAW 3rd ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT DINNER

Please join us for this student-driven event, which brings together faculty, students, staff, alumni and the Los Angeles legal community and aims to raise funds for an annual scholarship to benefit LGBT students and/or students working toward LGBT equality

through the law. Featured speakers this year will be Jennifer Pizer, National Director, Law and Policy Project, Lambda Legal; and Brendan Hamme, Loyola Law School Public Interest Fellow, ACLU of Southern California, who will speak on the rights of transgender public school students. The event will take place at the Radisson Hotel Los Angeles Midtown at USC. To buy tickets or make a donation, please visit law.usc.edu/outlaw. For more information, contact Harper Gernet-Girard at harper.gernet-girard.2015@lawmail.usc.edu.

APRIL 22: USC GOULD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BREAKFAST WITH FACULTY SERIES: THE US SUPREME COURT DOCKET: EXPLORATION AND DISCUSSION

Join alumni and friends for a networking breakfast followed by a presentation by Professor Rebecca Brown and Justice Margaret Grignon. Professor Brown and Justice Grignon will discuss some of the highlights of the current Supreme Court term. This event will take place from 8:00 - 9:30 AM in two locations simultaneously. The live presentation will be at the Reed Smith Downtown Office and the video conference presentation will be at the Reed Smith Century City Office. Thanks to Reed Smith's generous sponsorship, this event is complimentary to attend but registration is required. For more information or to register, please click [here](#).

MAY 16: GOULD COMMENCEMENT 2014

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

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](#).

Questions?

Send an e-mail to: enews@law.usc.edu

