



## News Highlights



### Remembering Thurgood Marshall

The USC Gould School of Law, USC School of Dramatic Arts, and USC Visions & Voices joined forces on Sept. 13 to present a screening of HBO's award-winning film, "Thurgood," about the life of Thurgood Marshall, the first African American justice of the Supreme Court. Before presenting the film, panelists Judge Dorothy W. Nelson, Provost Elizabeth Garrett and Prof. Rebecca Brown each spoke about her relationship with Marshall and his connection to USC Gould.

[Learn more about the event.](#)



### Call for Alumni Mentors

The USC Gould School of Law's Career Services Office (CSO) is looking for volunteers for its Alumni Mentor Program for second- and third-year law students. In the tradition of the law school's annual 1L Mentor Lunch, this volunteer opportunity will allow 2Ls and 3Ls to develop meaningful mentor relationships with USC Gould alumni working in a practice area and employer-setting in line with the students' career goals. The Alumni Mentor Program is part of a larger student program the CSO offers called the Intensive Career Management Program (ICMP). The ICMP provides students with the opportunity to work closely with a career counselor in the CSO in a more structured manner than the traditional career counseling model. The goal of the program is to motivate students to develop a more active job search strategy.

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**If you are interested in serving as an alumni mentor**, please complete [the online registration form](#). **The deadline to register is Monday, October 22, 2012.** Alumni will be notified in early November once they have been matched with a student. If you have questions about the program, please call 213.740.7397 or e-mail [careers@law.usc.edu](mailto:careers@law.usc.edu).

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### **USC Schwarzenegger Institute Officially Launched**

USC President C. L. Max Nikias and former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger hosted the official launching of the USC Schwarzenegger Institute for State and Global Policy on Sept. 24 with a daylong symposium that brought together prominent leaders in government and entertainment. The event drew nearly 1,000 attendees to the University Park Campus, along with approximately 30 national and international news media outlets.

USC Gould Prof. Nancy Staudt, who holds the Edward G. Lewis Chair in Law and Public Policy, serves as the institute's academic director.

Watch a video from the day's events and read more [here](#) and [here](#).

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### **An Adventure in Venture Capital**

In the volatile world of venture capital, it isn't just the financiers who take on risk. Lawyers also make a calculated gamble, given that about 75 percent of venture capital-backed companies fail.

"A lot of times [law firms] see startups before venture investors do, so we have to make the decision: Is this worth our time? Is it worth deploying resources, associate hours, and incurring costs?" said Nathaniel P. Gallon, a partner in Wilson Sonsini's Palo Alto, Calif., office.

Gallon was part of an expert panel, "California Venture Capital," hosted Sept. 21 by the USC Business Law Society.

[Read more about the event.](#)

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### **Gould Graduates Secure 17 Clerkships**

USC Gould School of Law graduates secured 17 federal and state judicial clerkships this year from around the country, including positions in the 3rd, 5th and 9th Circuits of the U.S. Courts of Appeal. The clerkships - considered a capstone experience following graduation - offer a unique and challenging post-graduate opportunity, said Prof. Hannah Garry, chair of USC Gould's Clerkship Committee.

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Learn more about the graduates and their clerkships.



### **Prof. Testifies at Hearings on Civil Legal Services**

Every year, thousands of people are denied access to justice for one simple reason - they can't afford to hire an attorney.

The widespread problem won't be solved by simply increasing funding for courts, lawyers and legal aid. Instead, the legal system's regulatory approach needs to dramatically shift with less-expensive alternatives to attorneys, including non-lawyers providing legal assistance, according to Prof. Gillian Hadfield, who testified on the matter Oct. 1 at the Chief Judge's Hearings on Civil Legal Services in New York.

Read about Prof. Hadfield's testimony.

## **Calendar**

### **OCTOBER 4: SUPREME COURT PREVIEW**

USC Gould will present the fifth annual "U.S. Supreme Court: A Preview," featuring distinguished panelists Paul Clement, former U.S. Solicitor General and partner, Bancroft PLLC; Walter Dellinger, former acting U.S. Solicitor General and chairman, O'Melveny & Myers; and Rebecca Brown, USC Newton Professor of Constitutional Law. Lee Epstein, Provost Professor and Rader Family Trustee Chair in Law and Political Science, will serve as moderator. The panelists will discuss and debate the upcoming U.S. Supreme Court Term. The event will be held at Town & Gown on the USC campus. 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. For more information, contact the USC Gould Events Office at 213.740.3841 or at [events@law.usc.edu](mailto:events@law.usc.edu).

### **OCTOBER 6: SIX TASTE TOUR IN DOWNTOWN L.A.**

The USC Law Alumni Association invites you and your guest for a "progressive meal" walking tour of downtown Los Angeles. Rather than eat an entire meal at a single location, enjoy individual courses that lead to a substantial and complete lunch, from start to finish at multiple restaurants. The tour guide will pick up guests outside of the S. Olive Street entrance of the Millennium Biltmore Hotel (across the street from Pershing Square) at 1:30 p.m. The address of the hotel is 506 S. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90014. Parking is available at Pershing Square for \$6.50. There is also an open-air lot at the corner of Olive Street and 5th Street for \$6. The cost to attend this culinary tour is \$45.00 per person. To register for this event, please visit <https://www.e-junkie.com/ecom/gb.php?c=cart&i=1136673&cl=81328&ejc=2>. If you don't have a PayPal account, simply click on "Checkout w/PayPal," then click "Don't have a PayPal Account?" to pay as a guest. For more information about this event, or if you have dietary restrictions, please contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at 213.743.1710 or [alumni@law.usc.edu](mailto:alumni@law.usc.edu).

#### **OCTOBER 16: SPEED NETWORKING EVENT**

USC Gould alumni are cordially invited to participate in a Speed Networking Event hosted by the law school's Career Services Office. It will be held from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the law school's Ackerman Courtroom (Room 107). The event will bring together attorneys working at small and mid-sized law firms as well as public interest and government organizations in the greater Los Angeles area. It will allow USC law students to practice networking while learning more about practicing law. The evening will begin with a series of six one-on-one conversations, each lasting eight minutes. Participants will be provided with helpful topics to help advance the flow of conversation. Students will move from table to table while lawyers remain at their assigned seats. The speed networking portion will be followed by a reception of light hors d'oeuvres and a host bar of beer and wine. Please RSVP by completing the [online registration form](#). If you have questions, contact the Career Services Office at 213.740.7397 or [careers@law.usc.edu](mailto:careers@law.usc.edu).

#### **OCTOBER 24: BETTER NETWORKING & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FOR ATTORNEYS**

The USC Law Alumni Association Lunchtime Speaker Series presents "Better Networking & Business Development for Attorneys...it's more than just business cards." Join us for a panel discussion with John Iino '87, managing partner, Reed Smith Los Angeles; Lisa Elkan, founder and director of Lisa PR; William Karns, partner, Cheung, Denove, Rowell & Bennette; and Kelly Pion, founder and CEO, The K Factor Enterprises: Marketing, PR, Branding. The panelists will offer practical advice on self-promotion, business development and networking. The discussion will be moderated by Jesse Fruman J.D./MBA '05. The event will be held at Paul Hastings in downtown Los Angeles from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. To register for this event, please visit [http://mylaw.usc.edu/events/alumni/better\\_networking](http://mylaw.usc.edu/events/alumni/better_networking).

#### **OCTOBER 27: INSTITUTE ON ENTERTAINMENT LAW AND BUSINESS**

The 2012 Institute on Entertainment Law and Business will be held at the USC University Park campus and will feature the big names, informative panels and real-world takeaways seen at past events. Jim Gianopulos, chairman and CEO of 20th Century Fox, will participate in a special luncheon keynote conversation with Bruce Ramer. [View the complete programming guide](#). Please call the USC Gould Continuing Legal Education office at 213.821.3580 with any questions.

#### **OCTOBER-NOVEMBER: OVERSEAS ALUMNI DINNERS**

The USC Gould School of Law Graduate & International Programs staff will be hosting various recruitment events overseas this fall ([see full schedule online](#)). During their travels, they will host various USC Gould alumni dinners. All LL.M. and J.D. alumni are welcome! If you are interested in attending one of the events, please RSVP via e-mail to [giprsvp@law.usc.edu](mailto:giprsvp@law.usc.edu).

#### **NOVEMBER 3: USC LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL TAILGATE - USC VS. OREGON**

Join alumni, faculty, students and friends for the annual alumni tailgate, which will take place outside the law school in Crocker Plaza three hours prior to game kick-off. To register for this event, please visit <http://law.usc.edu/tailgates>.

#### **NOVEMBER 9: 38th ANNUAL TRUST AND ESTATE CONFERENCE**

For almost 40 years, the USC Gould School of Law's estate planning conference has provided California practitioners with high-quality

continuing education, customized for trust, estate planning and probate professionals. This year's conference will be held at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles, and it will feature some of the best names in trust and estate. Judith Rubins (licensed marriage and family therapist and attorney) will provide the luncheon talk on what family dynamics should be considered in gift and estate planning. [View the complete programming guide.](#)

**SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 1: USC LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION INAUGURAL HOLIDAY PARTY AND TOY DRIVE**

The Inaugural Holiday Party and Toy Drive will take place on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. aboard the Entertainer yacht. The yacht will depart from 100 Aquarium Way, Dock 6A, Long Beach, CA 90802. Enjoy a festive private tour of Long Beach Harbor, brunch, unlimited champagne and non-alcoholic beverages. There will be a no-host bar available. Come and celebrate the launch of the USC Law Alumni Association. We kindly ask guests to bring a new, unwrapped toy for an underprivileged child to enjoy this holiday season. In appreciation, you will be given a raffle ticket for each toy you bring, and drawings will take place during the cruise. The cost of this event is \$30 per person. Online registration is not yet available, but if you would like to register, you may contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at 213.743.1710.

**SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 5: INSTITUTE FOR CORPORATE COUNSEL**

The Institute for Corporate Counsel is the premier Los Angeles conference for in-house and outside counsel and those who advise them. It brings together over 500 professionals annually, including in-house counsel, outside attorneys, corporate officers and directors, accountants, consultants, HR professionals, litigation support professionals, public relations professionals, and legal assistants. Planning for the 2012 institute is still underway, but one highlight will be a conversation with Gov. Gray Davis (ret.) and broadcast journalist and attorney Manny Medrano on the State of California. [Get a preview of this year's program.](#)

**SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 6: GLENFIDDICH SCOTCH TASTING**

USC Gould alumni, faculty and staff are invited to a free Glenfiddich Scotch tasting. Following a cocktail networking reception, guests can enjoy a tasting of the brand's 15-, 18- and 21-year Scotch. Space is limited so RSVP early to guarantee your seat! Invitation will follow. For more information about this event or to reserve your space, please contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at 213.743.1710 or [phawthorne@law.usc.edu](mailto:phawthorne@law.usc.edu).

**SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 7: BAR ADMISSION CEREMONY**

In anticipation of the California State Bar results, please save the date for the USC Gould Bar Admission Ceremony. This event will take place at 5:30 p.m. in Town & Gown on the USC campus. Judge Jean P. Rosenbluth '93 and Judge Richard Y. Lee '97 will be swearing in recent graduates who have passed the July 2012 bar exam. If you have any questions, please contact Rakib Haque in Development and Graduate Relations at 213.743.1833 or [rhaque@law.usc.edu](mailto:rhaque@law.usc.edu). A formal invitation will follow.

**Questions?**

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