

**USC Gould**  
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## News Highlights



### **Alumni Rise to the Law Firm Challenge**

Fifty firms and companies participated in the 2013 USC Law Firm Challenge, a philanthropic competition that called on 663 USC Gould alumni of those organizations to give back to the school. Seventeen firms reached 100 percent participation and 70 percent of all participating alumni made a gift to the law school, with contributions totaling nearly \$250,000.

See the final results and participation charts. [Read more about this year's Law Firm Challenge.](#)



### **Hooray for Hollywood!**

*The Hollywood Reporter* has ranked USC Gould first among law schools for entertainment. The seventh annual "Top 100 Power Lawyers" list, compiled by the venerable entertainment magazine, selected 16 USC Gould alumni to this roster, more than from any other law school. In addition, several other attorneys who serve on the board of USC Gould's Continuing Legal Education program were also named to the prestigious list.

[Read more about the ranking and the alumni who made the list.](#)

### **Alumni Association Seeks Board Members for 2013-14**

The USC Gould School of Law Alumni Association is actively looking for alumni interested in participating on the board for the 2013-14 year. The alumni board is an integral part of the USC Gould Alumni Association. It plans, develops and promotes programs that benefit alumni, students, the law school, USC and the surrounding community. If you are interested in participating on the board or would like more information, please contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at [alumni@law.usc.edu](mailto:alumni@law.usc.edu) or 213.821.3571.

### **Shareholders as Watchdogs**

A class action lawsuit brought by USC Gould Prof. Ehud Kamar and Prof. Sharon Hannes of Tel Aviv University against Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. has resulted in a settlement under which the company will begin reporting its executives'

## Calendar

### **FEATURED EVENTS**

**JULY 30: NEW YORK CITY  
ALUMNI-STUDENT MIXER**

**AUGUST 30: USC GOULD  
SCHOOL OF LAW HAWAII  
ALUMNI MIXER**

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compensation on an individual basis. The law professors, who are Teva shareholders, filed suit last November over the company's executive compensation disclosure practices. The settlement includes fees in the amount of \$1,100,000 for the plaintiffs' attorneys plus compensation for the plaintiffs in the amount of \$200,000.

[Read more about Kamar's class-action lawsuit](#), which was covered in [Bloomberg Businessweek](#).



### **USC Gould Students Win Parole for Terminally Ill Inmate**

After spending more than a decade fighting for the release of domestic abuse victim Glenda Virgil, who is suffering from terminal cancer, USC Gould's Post-Conviction Justice Project scored a victory late last month when Gov. Jerry Brown allowed Virgil parole. The 66-year-old Virgil, who was convicted of killing her abuser more than 25 years ago, had spent the past several months being transported by ambulance to daily chemotherapy treatments. She is confined to a wheelchair, and has trouble eating.

[Read more about the students' work to free Virgil.](#)



### **New Faculty Join USC Gould**

This fall, USC Gould welcomes two new assistant professors to its faculty roster: Emily Ryo and Sam Erman. Ryo most recently worked as a research fellow in the Stanford Law School Program in Law and Society, while Erman comes to USC Gould from the Smithsonian Institution.

[Learn more about Ryo and Erman.](#)



### **Criminal Law at the Crossroads**

The validity of eyewitness testimony increasingly is being called into question by key members of the criminal justice system. Faced with constant reminders of wrongful convictions, the legal system is examining its own limitations and how reforms can be implemented.

Given this decisive moment, Prof. Dan Simon convened a conference on June 7 to explore the strengths and weaknesses of the U.S. criminal justice system. The event drew an impressive gathering of legal scholars, practicing attorneys, federal, state and local prosecutors, and state supreme court justices. Simon, the Richard L. and Maria B. Crutcher Professor of Law and Professor of Psychology, last year published the book, *In Doubt: The Psychology of the Criminal Justice Process* (Harvard University Press).

[Read about the conference.](#)



### **Saks Institute Examines Criminalization of Mental Illness**

Rikers Island Correctional Facility. Los Angeles County jails. Texas State Penitentiary. Today they are considered the largest psychiatric facilities in the country.

"This is a national scandal and national tragedy," said Prof. Elyn Saks at a symposium on the criminalization of mental illness. "We need to find alternatives to this transinstitutionalization. People with mental disorders should get treatment, not punishment."

The two-day event, which was organized by the Saks Institute for Mental Health Law, Policy, and Ethics at USC Gould, brought together nearly a dozen scholars, government officials, professionals and a judge, all who are making significant contributions to decriminalizing mental illness.

[Read more about the symposium.](#)



### **Moving Forward, Looking Back**

On a day when graduates, family and friends looked ahead to what awaits the USC Gould School of Law Class of 2013, California Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye asked them to look back instead.

"The way we have achieved equal access to justice, as you know in your three years of study, is we look at history," Cantil-Sakauye said at the May 17 USC Gould Commencement ceremony. "It is through history that precedent is set, that stare decisis is honored."

Cantil-Sakauye spoke to 238 J.D. graduates and 173 foreign lawyers receiving master's degrees in law.

[Read more about this year's commencement ceremony.](#)



### **Getty Trust CEO on Art and Law**

At one of the last lunchtime events of the spring semester, students gathered to hear James Cuno, Ph.D., president and CEO of the J. Paul Getty Trust, discuss the links between diplomacy, art and law. Cuno oversees the Getty Center in Los Angeles, the Getty Villa in Malibu and the Getty Foundation, Conservation Institute and Research Institute. The event was sponsored by the Art Law Society.

[Read about Cuno's talk.](#)



### **Faculty Notes**

Alex Capron, University Professor and Scott H. Bice Chair in Healthcare Law, Policy and Ethics, has been appointed a scholar in residence in a new fellowship program launched by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Network for Public Health Law. Capron, a globally recognized expert in health policy and medical ethics, is one of six law professors chosen from across the country to work with local or state health agencies on public health law issues. [Read more about Capron's appointment.](#)

Gillian Hadfield, the Richard L. and Antoinette Schamoi Kirtland Professor of Law and Professor of Economics, recently testified before the State Bar of California on making justice more accessible by licensing independent paralegals. These special practitioners would perform a portion of the legal work that today requires a high-priced attorney. Hadfield estimated that California households face a minimum of 12.5 million legal issues every year, which translates to \$2.5 billion annually in lawyer fees. [Read more about Hadfield's testimony.](#)

Prof. Edward D. Kleinbard, former chief of staff for the U.S. Congress's Joint Committee on Taxation, spoke before a hearing of the House Ways and Means Committee on June 13. Kleinbard called for more transparency from multinational companies regarding where their income is earned and the tax rates they pay around the world. [Read his full testimony.](#)

Elyn Saks, the Orrin B. Evans Professor of Law, Psychology, and Psychiatry and the Behavioral Sciences, has been appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services to a three-year term on the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) National Advisory Council. [Read more about Saks' appointment.](#)

### **Faculty in the News**

Major national and international news outlets routinely seek USC Gould faculty for expert commentary on the most pressing stories

of the day. Following are a few highlights of recent faculty contributions to stories in the media.

**PBS (July 6, 2013):** PBS News highlighted Elyn Saks and her experiences with mental illness in the documentary called "A New State of Mind: Ending the Stigma of Mental Illness," narrated by Glenn Close. The film interviewed Saks about becoming a successful academic despite her schizophrenia. "There are a lot of misconceptions about those with schizophrenia - that we can't work, that we can't have relationships," she said. The documentary featured the law school and USC campus.

**The New York Times (June 27, 2013):** Lee Epstein's research about the recent Supreme Court rulings was highlighted. "We shouldn't lose sight of the court cementing its legacy as the most pro-business court in the modern era," Epstein said.

**The Wall Street Journal (June 26, 2013):** David Cruz was featured in a Q&A about the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on Proposition 8. "You have an excess of 30 states with some sort of same-sex marriage laws on the books, so we're very likely to see challenges to those laws in the months and years to come," Cruz said.

See more "Faculty in the News" highlights.

## Calendar

### **JULY 11: SAN FRANCISCO ALUMNI-STUDENT MIXER**

The USC Gould School of Law's offices of Career Services and Development and Graduate Relations invite you to join fellow alumni and students for a mixer. The event will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Farella Braun + Martel, 235 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94104. This mixer will provide the opportunity for alumni to connect and give students who are interviewing and working outside of Los Angeles the chance to meet USC Gould alumni in the Bay Area. We hope you can join us! Please register for the event at: [https://usclaw.us2.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_ePB0N6MGzWOKuXz](https://usclaw.us2.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_ePB0N6MGzWOKuXz). If you have questions, please contact Development and Graduate Relations at 213.821.3560 or [alumni@law.usc.edu](mailto:alumni@law.usc.edu).

### **JULY 30: NEW YORK CITY ALUMNI-STUDENT MIXER**

Join fellow alumni and students for a mixer, to be held from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at USC's New York Regional Office, 600 Madison Avenue, 21st Floor, New York, New York 10822-1615. Connect with NYC alumni and meet students working and interviewing in the area. If you would like to attend this event, please register by July 26, 2013 at: [https://usclaw.us2.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_ePB0N6MGzWOKuXz](https://usclaw.us2.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_ePB0N6MGzWOKuXz). If you have questions, please contact Development and Graduate Relations at 213.821.3560 or [alumni@law.usc.edu](mailto:alumni@law.usc.edu).

### **AUGUST 30: USC GOULD SCHOOL OF LAW HAWAII ALUMNI MIXER**

Join your fellow law school alumni for a mixer from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Watanabe Ing., 999 Bishop Street, 23rd Floor, Honolulu, HI 96813. Reconnect with classmates, network and meet new people. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at [alumni@law.usc.edu](mailto:alumni@law.usc.edu) or 213.821.3560.

### **\*SAVE THE DATE\* SEPTEMBER 7: USC GOULD SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL TAILGATE**

Celebrate the USC football season before the USC vs. Washington State game with USC Gould alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends. The tailgate will begin at 4:30 p.m. in Crocker Plaza. Admission for this event includes food, two beer tickets and unlimited non-alcoholic beverages! Registration for this event will be available in the coming weeks. If you would like additional information, please contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at [alumni@law.usc.edu](mailto:alumni@law.usc.edu) or 213.821.3560.

### **\*SAVE THE DATE\* SEPTEMBER 24: U.S. SUPREME COURT PREVIEW**

USC Gould will present the sixth annual "U.S. Supreme Court: A Preview," featuring distinguished panelists Gregory Garre, former U.S. Solicitor General and partner, Latham &

Watkins; Goodwin Liu, Associate Justice, California Supreme Court; and Rebecca Brown, USC Newton Professor of Constitutional Law. The moderator will be Elizabeth Garrett, USC provost and senior vice president for academic affairs and the Francis R. and John Duggan Professor of Law, Political Science and Public Policy. 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. To RSVP, please contact the Events Office at 213.740.3841 or [events@law.usc.edu](mailto:events@law.usc.edu).

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