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1} Elyn Saks Speaks at TEDGlobal



>> USC Law Professor Elyn Saks recently joined some of the world's greatest thinkers at the annual TEDGlobal Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, where she spoke about her lifelong battle with schizophrenia and acute psychosis.

Saks' talk was one of the first to be posted on the TEDGlobal homepage - an honor given to only a few speakers. As of late July, her talk has received more than 312,000 views.

"It was a privilege to share my story at the TEDGlobal conference," said Saks, winner of a 2009 MacArthur Foundation "Genius Grant" and author of *The Center Cannot Hold: My Journey Through Madness* (Hyperion, 2007). "The people who attended TED were interesting and resourceful. It was wonderful to speak to this group."

[Watch Elyn Saks' TED talk.](#)

2} Hollywood Reporter Ranks USC #2 for Entertainment Law

>> In its first-ever list of top entertainment law programs, *The Hollywood Reporter* ranked

the USC Gould School of Law second-best in the nation. The editors evaluated "course offerings, practical training and the esteemed alumni of the nation's more than 200 law schools" in compiling this list.

[See the full list.](#)

3} USC Law Magazine Debuts



>> Many of you have been asking about it, after it and for it. This month, the USC Gould School of Law released the first issue of the new *USC Law Magazine*. You can see a [page-flip PDF version](#) of the magazine online.

If you have not received your copy and would like to have one mailed to you, please send your name and mailing address to enews@law.usc.edu. We hope you enjoy the magazine and look forward to your comments and suggestions. A multimedia-enhanced online edition of *USC Law Magazine* is coming next winter.

4} Barrack Named New USC Trustee



>> Thomas J. Barrack Jr. '69, founder, chairman and CEO of Los Angeles-based Colony Capital LLC, one of the world's largest private equity real estate firms, was elected to the USC Board of Trustees on June 6.

Barrack founded Colony Capital in 1991. As chairman, he has invested approximately \$45 billion in assets worldwide and oversees a global organization located in 13 cities and 10 countries.

The son of Lebanese immigrants, Barrack is a Los Angeles native and a graduate of Loyola High School. While a student at USC, he played on the varsity rugby team. He received a bachelor's degree from USC in 1969 and later attended the USC Gould School of Law, where he served as an editor of the *Southern California Law Review*, and the University of San Diego, where he earned his J.D. in 1972.

"I am thrilled that Tom will be sharing his leadership and vision with USC," said USC Gould School of Law Dean Robert K. Rasmussen. "Tom through his distinguished career has shown how a rigorous legal education can provide a foundation for success across a variety of areas. Modern society needs those like Tom who have the ability to analyze new and seemingly chaotic situations and craft innovative solutions."

[Read the full announcement.](#)

5} Summer Law & English Program Begins

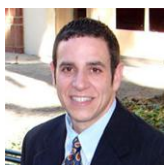
>> This month, Dean Robert K. Rasmussen welcomed 116 students from 26 countries to the USC Gould School of Law's Summer Law & English program. Now in its ninth year, the program offers intensive seminars on various topics of law as well as classes on conversational and written English. The program prepares students to better understand, and eventually even practice, American law.

"Our SLE program began with 20 students nine years ago," Dean Rasmussen told the students at a welcome luncheon. What makes the program increasingly popular, he said, was both the substance of the program and the many opportunities to network and build lasting bonds with others who are now a part of the Trojan Family.

"Take advantage of all the opportunities this program and Los Angeles offer," he said.
"Take advantage of each other and enjoy L.A."

[Learn more about the Summer Law & English Program.](#)

6} Scotten Joins Graduate & International Programs Office



>> Donald Scotten has joined USC Law's Office of Graduate and International Programs as associate academic director. He will also serve as adjunct assistant professor of law where he will continue to teach Introduction to the U.S. Legal System to students enrolled in the LL.M. for Foreign Lawyers program as well as Business Organizations and Mergers & Acquisitions to our J.D. and LL.M. students.

Scotten specializes in business law and business entity governance. He is Of Counsel for Akerman Senterfitt LLP, and he previously served as first vice president and senior counsel for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. Additionally, he is a contributing editor to the [Unincorporated Business Entities Law blog](#), and he is an article reviewer for the *Journal of Legal Studies Education*, which is published by the Academy of Legal Studies in Business.

Scotten received a B.A., *cum laude*, in economics and communications from the University of Pennsylvania in 1992. He received his J.D., Order of the Coif, from the College of William & Mary Law School in 1997. He currently is pursuing an executive LL.M. in Taxation from New York University.

7} Busy Summer for Law Students



>> Away from the nearest beach, USC Law students are spending their summer sharpening their legal skills and broadening their professional horizons throughout Los Angeles and the country. Click on the links below to learn what three enterprising law students are up to this summer.

[Lawrence Cisneros '14 is "Upward Bound"](#)

[Michael Santos '13 at the National Immigrant Justice Center in Chicago](#)

[Marlena McMurchie '14 Working with Public Counsel](#)

8} Save the Date: Alumni Association Speaker Series, Supreme Court Preview

SEPTEMBER 12: USC LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LUNCHTIME SPEAKER SERIES

Join fellow alumni for lunch followed by a discussion with Jeremy Tucker, senior brand strategist of Innovation Protocol. In his talk, "Branding Yourself and Branding Your Firm," Jeremy will explore high-level essentials of effective branding and illustrate the simple

thinking behind constructing clear and empowering brands that connect with tangible business results. This event will be held at McCormick & Schmick's in Beverly Hills from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. The cost of the event is \$25. Please mark your calendars. Registration will be available in the coming weeks.

OCTOBER 4: SUPREME COURT PREVIEW

USC Law 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 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 Law Events Office at 213.740.3841 or at events@law.usc.edu.

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. [Get a preview of this year's program](#). Please call the USC Law Continuing Legal Education office at 213.821.3580 with any questions.

NOVEMBER 9: TRUST AND ESTATE CONFERENCE

The 2012 conference will be held at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel. It is specially crafted for attorneys, trust officers, accountants, financial institution executives, underwriters, insurance advisors, wealth management professionals, paralegals, fiduciary officers and other professionals in the trust and estate planning field. [Learn more about the conference](#).

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