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Victory for Intellectual Property and Technology Law Clinic

The USC Gould School of Law's Intellectual Property and Technology Law Clinic achieved a historic copyright exemption recently when the Library of Congress determined that documentary filmmakers and multimedia e-book authors may obtain materials from DVD and online media for commentary in their works.

"Encryption and other forms of technological locks have become pervasive in the digital environment, and these locks have special legal protection under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act [DMCA]," said Prof. Jack Lerner, director of the clinic. "That's why today's exemption is so important - it preserves the ability for filmmakers and e-book authors to use films in criticism and commentary, as they have done for decades."

[Read more about the exemption.](#)



Doing Good While Doing Well

Four accomplished attorneys, including two USC Gould alumni, showed law students how to combine BigLaw firm work and pro bono public interest for a meaningful legal career. The law school's Public Interest Law Foundation and the Career Services Office hosted the event, featuring Cristin Zeisler, partner and director of pro bono services at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP; Lisa Mead '89, director of pro bono at Inner City Law Center; Devon Myers '05, associate at Scheper, Kim & Harris LLP; and Amos Hartston,

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chief counsel & director of legal services at Inner City Law Center.

[Read more about the event.](#)



Open Discussion of Private Equity

Four senior investment professionals led law and business students on a tour of the sometimes opaque world of private equity at a recent event sponsored by the USC Business Law Society. The panel discussion detailed key investment considerations and strategies for private equity funds and illuminated how leveraged buy-outs actually work.

[Read more about the discussion, and watch a video of the event.](#)



Healthcare Ruling Debated at Supreme Court Preview

The U.S. Supreme Court's much-anticipated healthcare ruling, upholding the requirement that all Americans secure insurance as a valid exercise of the taxing authority, was debated and analyzed at the fifth annual "U.S. Supreme Court: A Preview," featuring former U.S. Solicitor Generals Paul Clement and Walter Dellinger, and USC Gould School of Law Prof. Rebecca Brown. USC Provost Professor Lee Epstein served as moderator. The event also included discussions of key immigration and affirmative action cases on the Supreme Court's current docket.

[Watch the full event on video, or read more about the event.](#)



Reflections on the Death Penalty

Three events recently held at the law school examined the death penalty from the perspective of individuals intimately acquainted with the subject. Former death row inmate Juan Roberto Melendez spoke to USC Gould students about the 17 years, eight months and one day he spent on death row after being wrongfully convicted of first-degree murder and armed robbery.

[Read about Melendez's account of life on death row.](#)

Ninth Circuit Judge Arthur Alarcon '51 and Paula Mitchell, an adjunct professor at Loyola Law School, spoke about their research on the billions of dollars spent on California's death penalty system.

[Read about Judge Alarcon's research.](#)

Pulitzer-prize winning journalist and author, Ray Bonner, spoke about his book, "Anatomy of

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Injustice: A Murder Case Gone Wrong," the story of an innocent man condemned to death and his lawyer's efforts to save him.

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



Stanley Cup Stories

The USC Sports Law Society recently hosted its first event of the year, bringing to the law school a prominent legal figure from the National Hockey League.

Jeff Solomon, the Vice President of Hockey Operations and Legal Affairs for the L.A. Kings, talked to attendees about how he broke into the sports industry and eventually helped guide the Kings to win the 2012 Stanley Cup Championship.

"This last year has been the highlight of my career," Solomon said. "There's nothing like winning the Stanley Cup and holding it over your head on the ice. It's the one time I can say that reality was actually better than what I'd dreamed it would be."

[Read more about Solomon's talk.](#)



Student's New Website Answers Legal FAQs

As a 2L, Nikhil Jhunjhnuwala recognized that an essential service was missing from the legal system.

"I did a lot of public interest work and I realized that in the clinics people often came in with the exact same questions," Jhunjhnuwala said. "I wondered if there was an application or a program that could help them, but when I looked online I couldn't find anything."

Over winter break, he discussed the idea with some old friends and together they conceptualized an online business to "automate the process."

[Read about Jhunjhnuwala's new online business, myRight.](#)



Former CA Supreme Court Justice, Attorneys Urge Clerkships

Six weeks into their law school experience, scores of USC Gould 1Ls learned that it is not too early to think about doing a judicial clerkship after they graduate. That message -- along with a laundry list of reasons for pursuing these prestigious positions -- was delivered by a former California Supreme Court justice and several former clerks at the annual First-Year Law Student Clerkship Reception.

[Read more about the event.](#)



Post-Conviction Justice Project to Represent Youth Offenders

USC Gould's Post-Conviction Justice Project (PCJP) has announced that it is expanding its client base to include representation of juvenile offenders sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole.

The move comes as California addresses life-term sentences for 16- and 17-year-old youths. Gov. Jerry Brown recently signed the Fair Sentencing for Youth Act into law, creating a review process for juveniles sentenced to life without parole. They may now petition the court to be resentenced to a life term with the possibility of parole.

[Read more about the new cases undertaken by PCJP and its students.](#)

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NOVEMBER: OVERSEAS ALUMNI DINNERS

The USC Gould School of Law Graduate & International Programs staff is hosting various recruitment events in Asia this month ([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.

NOVEMBER 8: USC GOULD SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LUNCHTIME SPEAKER SERIES - WHAT SMALL AND MIDSIZE EMPLOYERS SHOULD KNOW

Join friends and fellow alumni for lunch followed by a presentation from a representative of the legal department of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Learn about some common problems, pitfalls and misconceptions employers can easily avoid. This presentation is designed for employers, attorneys who represent small and midsize employers and those who want to learn more about recent developments in employment law. The event will take place at McCormick & Schmick's in Beverly Hills from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. USC Gould, a State Bar of California approved MCLE provider, certifies that this activity qualifies for a minimum continuing legal education credit in the amount of 1 hour. To register for this event, please visit: <http://mylaw.usc.edu/events/alumni/eeoc/> or contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at 213.821.3571.

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.](#)

DECEMBER 1: USC GOULD SCHOOL OF 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 Gould School of Law Alumni Association with alumni and friends. 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. All gifts will benefit the Inner City Law Center. The cost of this event is \$30 per person. To register for this event or for more information, please visit: <http://law.usc.edu/celebrate> or contact Pasha Hawthorne in Development and Graduate Relations at 213.821.3571.

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. One highlight will be a conversation with Gov. Gray Davis (ret.) and broadcast journalist and attorney Manny Medrano on the State of California. [View the complete programming guide.](#)

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 12-, 18- and 21-year Scotch. **Space is limited so RSVP early to guarantee your seat!** For more information about this event or to reserve your space, please visit: <http://law.usc.edu/glenfiddich>.

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 213.821.3569 or rhaque@law.usc.edu. **A formal invitation will follow.**

SAVE THE DATE:* JUNE 15, 2013: USC GOULD REUNION

Next summer's reunion brings together the classes of 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008. The event will take place at JW Marriot at LA Live and begins with individual class receptions followed by an all-class reunion dinner. If you are interested in joining your class reunion committee, please contact Rakib Haque at 213.821.3569 or reunion@law.usc.edu.

Questions?

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