

academic year in review

school events

University of San Diego School of Law faculty and student groups host a variety of extracurricular events that enrich the intellectual life of the School of Law community. The following list includes highlights from 2008.

JANUARY

Alumni Reception in New York City, co-hosted by Dean Kevin Cole and Law Alumni Association Board Member Noel Vales '97, the event was held at Brasserie Ruhlmann on January 3.

Alumni Reception in Washington, D.C., co-hosted by Dean Kevin Cole and Law Alumni Association Board Member Jay Jurata '00, the event was held at the Fire View Room of the restaurant *Fifteen Squares* on January 8.

"Blame & Retribution: Their Justifications and Preconditions" hosted by the USD Institute for Law and Philosophy, the two-day event was held January 25 and 26.

"Between a Rock and A Hard Place: Quandaries and Conflicts" was an MCLE event co-hosted by USD and Community

Defenders, Inc. The seminar covered such topics as conflicts, duties and work product, January 26.

FEBRUARY

Battle of the Brains 2.0, organized by the law school's Diversity Committee, the trivia bowl contest pitted USD law students and staff against USD law professors. All funds raised from the event went to the USD Legal Clinics, February 1.

Dr. William Gang, a professor at St. John's University's Department of Government and Politics gave a speech titled, "The Decline of Constitutional War," at an event held by the USD chapter of the Federalist Society, February 12.


"The Tax Legislative Process," was presented by Michael J. Desmond, legislative counsel in the U.S. Treasury Department Office of Tax Policy. The event was sponsored by The San Diego Chapter of the Young Tax Lawyers of the California State Bar Taxation Section, which meets each month at the USD School of Law, February 19.

MARCH

The final round of the 2008 Paul A. McLennon, Sr. Honors Moot Court Competition was held at the Joan B. Kroc institute for Peace and Justice. Arguments were heard by Judges Richard R. Clifton and M. Margaret McKeown of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit as well as by Judge Thomas J.

Whelan of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California, March 3.

The 24th Lecture in the Nathaniel L. Nathanson Memorial Lecture Series

"Originalism: Lessons From Some Things That Go Without Saying" given by Robert Bennett, Nathaniel L. Nathanson Professor of Law and Former Dean of Northwestern University School of Law, March 11. Watch the presentation online at www.law.sandiego.edu/webcasts 

Alumni Reception in Orange County, sponsored by the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, the reception was held at Mastro's Steakhouse, March 26.

Riverside and San Bernardino Alumni Reception, sponsored by Office of Development and Alumni Relations, the reception was held at the Mission Inn, March 27.

Alumni Reception in Los Angeles, sponsored by Office of Development and Alumni Relations, the reception was held at the Huntley Hotel, March 29.

Third Annual LRAP Poker Tournament raised money for the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP), sponsored by the Student Bar Association, the Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) and the Office of Alumni Relations and Development, March 29.

APRIL

Alumni Reception in San Francisco, sponsored by the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, the reception was held at MOMO's, April 3.

"Employment Based Vesting in M&A Transactions," an MCLE lecture presented by Bill Morrow, partner, Cooley Goodward Kronish LLP, April 15.

San Diego Area Alumni Reception, sponsored by Office of Development and Alumni Relations, the reception was held at USD March 29.


"Justice in Mexico: Evaluating National and Local Initiatives," in conjunction with the USD Trans-Border Institute discussed recent advances and upcoming challenges affecting the Mexican criminal justice system, April 21.

"National Borders & Immigration," hosted by the USD Institute for Law and Philosophy, a two-day event with lectures given by David Abraham, University of Miami School of Law; Michael Blake, University of Washington, Department of Public Policy and Philosophy; Thomas Christiano, University of Arizona; Peter Schuck, Yale Law School/NYU Law School; Fernando Teson, Florida State University College of Law, April 25 and 26.

MAY

Fourth Annual USD School of Law – Procopio International Tax Institute Conference, the only conference dedicated to the latest developments in the dynamic field of U.S., Mexican, and Canadian international tax law, featured introductory and advanced courses, with simultaneous Spanish translation

and expert teaching panels in a state-of-the-art facility, May 1 and 2.

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Seminars on Law and Spirituality, hosted by the Center for Christian Spirituality and the USD School of Law. Topics ranged from value-based decision making to substance abuse. The MCLE event was held on May 2 and 9.

2008 School of Law Mass and Awards Ceremony, May 15.

2008 USD School of Law Commencement

address by Thomas P. O'Brien '93, United States Attorney for the Central District of California. Mr. O'Brien is a former Naval Officer and has accumulated over 2,000 flight hours as a radar intercept officer in the F-14 "tomcat" fighter aircraft, May 16.

JUNE

Bar Swearing In Ceremony, USD school of Law alumni who passed the February bar exam were invited to a special Bar Swearing-In Breakfast hosted by the Office of Development and Alumni Relations immediately prior to the bar swearing-in ceremony, June 5.

"Symposium on Work/Life Balance: Bridging the Gap and Facing the FACTS," was presented by the Lawyer's Club of San Diego and was sponsored in part by USD School of Law. The event featured a panel discussion on Intergeneration Balance Issues and attendees received MCLE credit, June 19.

JULY

New York City Alumni-Student Happy Hour at the Volstead was co-sponsored by the Office of Development and Alumni Relations and Noel Vales '97, Law Alumni Association Board Member, July 16.

AUGUST

USD Orange County Alumni Chapter's Pageant of the Masters Dinner and Performance, at Tivoli Terrace and Festival of the Arts, hosted by USD for all southern California alumni, August 8.

SEPTEMBER

USD in LA Interview Day, hosted by the office of Career Services at the Los Angeles Hilton Checkers Hotel, employers interviewed USD Law Students for intern and associate positions, September 12.

"Business Valuation Conference: Summit on Discount for Lack of Marketability," U.S. Tax Court Judge David Laro along with leading lawyers, appraisers, and academics in the business valuation profession debated and discussed the conflicting theories related to the lack of marketability discount. The event provided participants with both MCLE and CPE credits, September 18.

Private Wine Tasting and Networking Mixer for recent USD School of Law alumni was hosted by the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at Tango Wine Company, September 24.

"The Rationality of Rule Following," hosted by the Institute for Law and Philosophy. Panelists discussed the dilemma that materializes when

following broad, inflexible rules results in clearly erroneous outcomes. September 26 and 27.

Professor Stanley Fish, Davidson-Kahn Distinguished University Professor of Humanities and Law, discussed his new book, *Save the World on Your Own Time*, which questions the efforts of some faculty members in higher education to influence the political views of their students, October 1.

Law Alumni Weekend, included events such as the Distinguished Alumni Awards luncheon, picnic and tailgate, all law alumni reception and reunions for classes 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998 and 2003, October 3-5.

The Red Mass, traditionally celebrated on the first Monday in October, coinciding with the opening of the new session of the United States Supreme Court, co-sponsored by the Thomas More Society and USD School of Law, October 4.

George K. Yin, Edwin S. Cohen Distinguished Professor of Law and Taxation, University of Virginia School of Law, spoke about “Temporary-Effect Legislation, Political Accountability, and Fiscal Restraint” at an installment of USD’s Tax Law Speaker Series, October 17.

Third Annual Colloquium on Current Scholarship in Labor & Employment Law, is an event co-sponsored by USD School of Law, California Western School and Thomas Jefferson Law School; keynote speaker was Harry Arthurs, university professor, former dean of Osgoode Hall Law School (1972-77) and president of York University (1985-92). October 23-25.

Climate Change Lecture Series, Arjun Makhijani, president of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research in Takoma Park, Maryland, explored the policies and technologies that can help California meet its future energy needs while at the same time reducing its greenhouse gas emissions, October 30.

Professor C. Hugh Friedman was honored at an event celebrating his 50 years of teaching excellence. Keynote speaker the Honorable Ronald M. George, Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, gave a presentation on “Challenges Facing the Courts,” October 31.

DECEMBER

Alumni Reception in Seattle, sponsored by the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, the reception was held at Troiani, December 2.

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Victor Fleischer, associate professor and Thomas Mengler Faculty Scholar at University of Illinois College of Law spoke about “A Theory of Taxing Sovereign Wealth” at an installment of the Tax Law Speaker Series, December 4.

Miranda Fleischer, associate professor and Richard W. and Marie L. Corman Scholar at University of Illinois College of Law, concluded the 2008 Tax Law Speaker Series with “Charitable Justice,” December 5.

2008 Joan E. Bowes – James Madison Distinguished Speaker Series featured guest speaker John R. Bolton, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. Ambassador Bolton discussed current foreign policy issues and the challenges awaiting the next president, December 8.

San Diego City Attorney’s Office Ethics Training, facilitated by USD Law Professor David McGowan, the seminar focused on ethical topics of particular interest to city counsel, December 13.

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faculty colloquia

A listing of the faculty colloquia presented in 2008.

Yale Kamisar, distinguished professor, USD School of Law: “Can *Glucksberg* Survive *Lawrence*,” January 11.

Adam Kolber, associate professor, USD School of Law: “The Subjective Experience of Punishment,” January 24.

Mark Tushnet, William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law, Harvard Law School: “The Rights Revolution in the Twentieth Century,” February 1.

Lisa Ramsey, associate professor, USD School of Law: “Increasing First Amendment Scrutiny of Trademark Law,” February 8.

Ken Bamberger, assistant professor, University of California, Berkeley School of Law, Boalt Hall: “Catalyzing Privacy: Corporate Privacy Practices Under Fragmented Law,” February 11.

Ed Larson, professor and Hugh & Hazel Darling Chair in Law, Pepperdine Law School: “Clarence Darrow,” February 21.

Orly Lobel, associate professor, USD School of Law: “Legal Loyalties,” February 22.

David Law, associate professor, USD School of Law: “A Theory of Judicial Power and Judicial Review,” February 29.

Mat McCubbins, visiting professor, USD School of Law: “For Whom the TEL Tolls: Can State Tax and Expenditure Limits Effectively Reduce Spending,” March 7.

Cary Coglianese, associate dean and Edward B. Shils Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania School of Law: “Constructing the License to Operate,” March 14.

Tom Ginsburg, professor of law and political science, University of Illinois: “The Lifespan of Written Constitutions,” March 27.

Alan Schwartz, Sterling Professor, Yale Law School: “Market Damages and the Economic Waste Fallacy,” April 3.

Bennett Capers, associate professor, Hofstra Law School: “Policing, Race, and Place,” April 4.

Lesley McAllister, associate professor, USD School of Law: “The Problem of Slack Caps: Moving Toward Stringency in Emissions Trading,” April 11.

Naomi Mezey, professor, Georgetown University Law School: “Immaculate Feminism: Banished Fathers, Neo Maternalism, and Mom’s Rising,” April 17.

Alec Stone Sweet, Leitner Professor of International Law, Politics and International Studies, Yale Law School: “Proportionality Balancing and Global Constitutionalism,” April 18.

Cynthia Estlund, Catherine A. Rein Professor of Law, New York University School of Law: “From Employer Self-Regulation to Worker Representation in the New American Workplace,” April 24.

Ariela Gross, John B. and Alice R. Sharp Professor of Law and History, University of Southern California: “The Constitution of History and Memory,” April 28.

Brian Bix, Frederick W. Thomas Professor for the Interdisciplinary Study of Law and Language, University of Minnesota: “Consent in Contract Law,” September 5.

John Shahr Dillbary, assistant professor, University of Alabama: “The Role of Trademarks in Intra-brand Settings: An Economic Analysis,” September 12.

Shimon Shetreet, professor, Hebrew University and visiting professor, USD School of Law: “Reflections on the Recent and Earlier Projects of Drafting International Standards of Judicial Independence: The Innovative Concepts and the Effort to Attain Consensus in A Legal Culture of Diversity,” September 16.

Bob Nagel, Rothgerber Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Colorado School of Law: “William Rehnquist and the American Concept of Sovereignty,” September 19.

Renata Sinova, professor, Palacky University in Olomouc: “The Development of Czech Civil Law – from Socialism to Democracy,” September 25.

Amy Westbrook, professor and director of the NYC Program in International Finance and Law, University at Buffalo Law School: “Economic Sanctions and Securities Regulation: Pitfalls of the Global Market,” September 29.

Jesse Fried, professor, University of California, Berkeley School of Law, Boalt Hall: “Do VCs Misbehave? Some Evidence from Silicon Valley,” October 2.

Cally Jordon, professor, University of Melbourne: “The Legend Origins Revisited: The Case of Corporate Governance,” October 3.

Adam Kolber, associate professor, USD School of Law: “The Comparative Nature of Punishment,” October 6.

David Westbrook, Floyd H. & Hilda L. Hurst Faculty Scholar & Professor, University at Buffalo Law School: “Citizen and State to Working Together,” October 10.

George Yin, Edwin S. Cohen Distinguished Professor of Law & Taxation, University of Virginia School of Law: “Temporary-Effect Legislation, Political Accountability, and Fiscal Restraint,” October 17.

Kurt Lash, professor, Loyola Law School: “Originalism Center Colloquium,” November 7.

Scott Dodson, assistant professor, University of Arkansas School of Law: “Mandatory Rules,” November 14.

Adam Hirsch, William & Catherine VanDercreek Professor, Florida State University: “Text and Time: A Theory of Testamentary Obsolescence,” November 21.

Vibe Ulfbeck, professor, University of Copenhagen: “Goods in Transit – global or regional liability rules?” November 24.

Victor Fleischer, associate professor, University of Illinois College of Law: “Charitable Justice,” December 4.

Miranda Fleischer, associate professor, University of Illinois College of Law: “A Theory of Taxing Sovereign Wealth,” December 5.