

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 July 2007–January 2008.

AUGUST

Retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor served as keynote speaker for the National Association of Women Judges' first-ever Southwest Regional Conference: "A Focus on Judicial Independence and Judicial Diversity." The conference featured academic and judicial experts addressing the relationship of judicial diversity and judicial independence, August 24-26, 2007.

SEPTEMBER

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia served as the inaugural Bruce S. Jenkins Jurist-In-Residence and team-taught Professor Michael D. Ramsey's separation of powers course, which explores the provisions of the U.S. Constitution that keep governmental power in check as understood by its framers and interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court, September 4-7, 2007.

"Maximizing the Benefits of the Annual Gift Tax Exclusion: How it Works and How it Doesn't," with guest speaker Nancy G. Henderson, a founding partner and the head of the estates and trusts group of Henderson & Caverly LLP, presented by Young Tax Lawyers of the California State Bar Taxation Section, September 18, 2007.


"Just War Theory & Terrorism," a group of internationally esteemed legal scholars and philosophers engaged in roundtable discussions concerning terrorism, military intervention, justifiable targets, and uniformed and non-uniformed combatants. Presented by USD's Institute for Law & Philosophy, September 28-29, 2007.

OCTOBER

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 1, 2007.

NOVEMBER

Climate Change Lecture Series: "Global Warming and the Courts: Should the Judicial Branch Weigh in on Global Warming?" Ken Alex, supervising deputy attorney general in the environment section of the California attorney general's office, discussed the California attorney general's efforts to address global warming through legal action, presented by the Energy Policy Initiatives Center (EPIC) and the USD School of Law Environmental Law Society (ELS), sponsored by Douglass & Liddell,


November 1, 2007. Watch this presentation online at www.law.sandiego.edu/webcasts. 

Law Alumni Weekend, included events such as the alumni golf tournament, distinguished alumni awards luncheon, Mock Trial Team's 20th anniversary celebration, all law alumni reception and reunions for classes of 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997 and 2002, November 2-4, 2007.

"Seminar on Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility: the Case of the United States," presented by the USD Trans-Border Institute with guest keynote speaker USD School of Law Herzog Research Professor Fred Zacharias. The program discussed the history and development of legal ethics in the United States and marked the final segment of the seminar series, November 5, 2007.


The Law and Social Justice Film Series: *An Unreasonable Man—Ralph Nader: How Do You Define a Legacy?* hosted by USD School of Law Professor Orly Lobel with guest speaker Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Public Interest Law (CPIL) at USD School of Law Bob Fellmeth, an original "Nader's Raider," November 6, 2007.

Climate Change Lecture Series, California Energy Commissioner John Geesman discussed the energy policy challenges California will face in implementing Assembly Bill 32 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, presented by the Energy Policy Initiatives Center (EPIC) and the USD School

of Law Environmental Law Society (ELS), sponsored by Douglass & Liddell, November 8, 2007. Watch this presentation online at www.law.sandiego.edu/webcasts. 

Bernard Siegan Memorial Conference on Economic Liberties, Property Rights and the Original Meaning of the Constitution, with guest keynote speaker University of Chicago Professor of Law Richard Epstein, November 16-17, 2007. Watch Richard

Epstein's address online at www.law.sandiego.edu/webcasts.

Bowes-Madison Distinguished Speaker Series: "The Constitution in Peace and War," which looked at the role of the U.S. Constitution regarding the Patriot Act and the Iraq War with guest speaker former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese, November 27, 2007. 

DECEMBER

Bar Swearing-In Breakfast, USD School of Law alumni who passed the 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, December 7, 2007.

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faculty colloquia

A listing of the faculty colloquia presented from July 2007–January 2008.

David McGowan, Adam Mossoff, Maimon Schwartzchild and Laurence P. Claus, professors of law, University of San Diego School of Law: "Supreme Court Roundup," September 7, 2007.

David Schkade, Jerome S. Katzin Endowed Chair and professor of management and strategy, University of California, San Diego: "How Judges Decide," September 13, 2007.

Darren Schreiber, professor of political science, University of California, San Diego: "Race and Norms: An fMRI Study," September 20, 2007.

Lawrence Friedman, Marion Rice Kirkwood Professor of Law, Stanford University School of Law: "Beyond the Grave: Toward a Social History of Wills and Trusts," October 5, 2007.

Mark Graber, professor of law and government, University of Maryland: "John

Brown, Abraham Lincoln, Dred Scott and the Problem of Constitutional Evil," October 12, 2007.

Alex Johnson, Jr., Perre Bowen Professor of Law, University of Virginia School of Law: "A Systematic Analysis of Affirmative Action Plans," October 19, 2007.

Lee Petherbridge, professor of law, Loyola School of Law: "The Federal Circuit and the Doctrine of Equivalents," November 9, 2007.

Adam Mossoff, visiting professor of law, University of San Diego School of Law: "Patents, Property and Property Theory," November 12, 2007.

Daniel Farber, Sho Sato Professor of Law, University of California, Berkeley: "Retained by the People: The 'Silent' Ninth Amendment and the Constitutional Rights Americans Don't Know They Have," November 30, 2007.