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## Celebrate Achievement

USD School of Law and the Law Alumni Association Board of Directors cordially invite you to the [2025 Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony and Luncheon](#) on:

**Thursday, November 13 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
**The Dana on Mission Bay**

This signature event recognizes and celebrates alumni achievement while supporting the critical need for excellence in legal education.

This year's Distinguished Alumni Award honorees are: **Erik J. Greupner '04 (JD)**, Chief Executive Officer, San Diego Padres; and **Hon. Sharon L. Kalemkiarian '89 (JD)**, Judge, San Diego Superior Court.

And, the Rising Star Recent Alumni Award honorees are: **Vivian Adame '17 (JD)**, Senior Associate, Wilson Turner Kosmo LLP; and **James Hurt '16 (JD)**, Associate, Sheppard Mullin.

[Register](#)

[Sponsorships](#)

## ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

**FROM EXPULSION TO FULBRIGHT:**

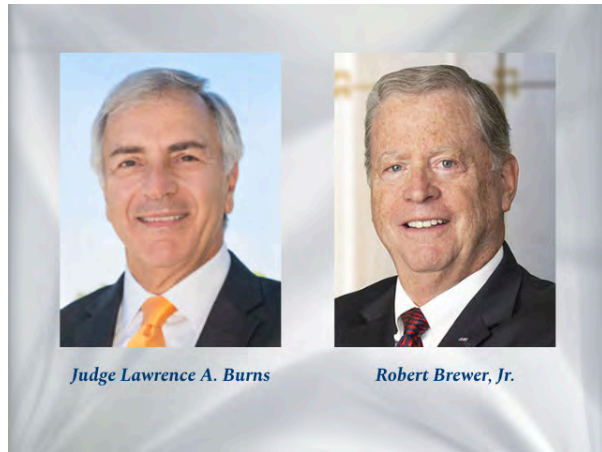


*EZEKIEL E. CORTEZ'S JOURNEY  
THROUGH LAW AND MENTORSHIP*

**From Expulsion to Fulbright: Ezekiel E. Cortez's '83 (JD) Journey Through  
Law and Mentorship**



**Sylwia Luttrell '08 (LLM) Appointed as Riverside County Superior Court  
Judge**



**The Honorable Larry Burns (Ret.) '79 (JD) and Robert Brewer, Jr. '75 (JD)  
Honored at The Federalist Society**

**OUR COMMUNITY IN THE NEWS**

**Students, Faculty and Staff: Don't Miss This Inspiring Event**  
*The University of San Diego Center for Cultural Development presents:*  
**THE 3RD ANNUAL ROY L. BROOKS  
DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES**



Featuring the keynote speaker, Warren Distinguished Professor **Roy L. Brooks, JD**, as he prepares to retire after 47 years of teaching.

*Wednesday, October 22  
4 - 6 p.m.: Lecture  
6 - 7 p.m.: Reception  
Manchester Hall Auditorium*

**FREE TO ATTEND  
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

**USD's Center for Cultural Development Presents the Roy L. Brooks  
Distinguished Lecture Series Featuring Its Namesake Keynote Speaker**



**USD's School of Law Establishes New Legal Clinic**



**Dean Robert Schapiro Receives 2025 Howard Wayne Award**



**Professor Jessica Heldman '04 (JD) Interviewed by CBS8 San Diego on Foster Youth Family Finding Bill**

**YOUR IMPACT, OUR SHARED FUTURE**



**Mark Your Calendar: October 21 is Torero Tuesday!**



2025 Law Firm Challenge  
Awards Reception  
Thursday, October 30, 2025  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. | La Jolla



## USD School of Law | 2025 Law Firm Challenge Awards Reception

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October

10-12

#### USD School of Law Class of 1975 50-Year Golden Toreros Reunion Weekend

Fri. - Sun., Oct. 10-12 | Various Times  
Humphreys, Warren Hall, La Gran Terraza

October

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#### 2020 5-Years Later | The First Reunion

Thur., Oct. 30 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Farmer & The Seahorse

November

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#### Careers in the Law

Wed., Nov. 5 | 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Hahn University Center, USD Campus

November

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**17th Annual Lesley K. McAllister Symposium on Climate & Energy Law**

Fri., Nov. 7 | 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Mother Rosalie Hill Hall, USD Campus

November

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**VICAM Annual Gala**

Sat., Nov. 8 | 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

La Gran Terraza, USD Campus

November

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**ABTL Orange County Dinner Featuring Dean Robert Schapiro & Professor  
Michael Ramsey**

Wed., Nov. 12 | 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Westin South Coast Plaza

December

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**Orange County Law Alumni Holiday Party in Newport Beach**

Wed., Dec. 3 | 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Private Newport Beach Residence

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**Save the Date!**

**The 2026 USD Law - Chamberlain International Tax Institute**

February 16 - 17, 2026 | Mérida, Mexico

Early Bird Registration Ends October 30

EVENTS

GIVING

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ALUMNI

UPDATE YOUR ALUMNI INFO



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