



Chief Justice of California Patricia Guerrero Delivers Commencement Address

University of San Diego (USD) School of Law celebrated the Class of 2024 at the 67th commencement on Saturday, May 18. Chief Justice of California Patricia Guerrero, the first Latina to serve as California's Chief Justice, delivered the commencement address.

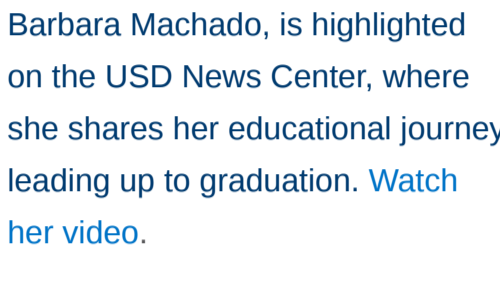
In her speech, Chief Justice Guerrero shared that she was a first-generation college and law school student. She has, at times, felt self-doubt, similar to what this year's graduates might have been feeling, and gave the the Class of 2024 sound advice on how to manage those emotions.

"What is important, however, is not to let your self-doubt consume you. The only thing that I have found to counteract self-doubt, and the only way to gain self-confidence, is to work hard and be well-prepared in everything that you do. You should also know that you already have a solid foundation for overcoming any feelings of self-doubt. And that is because of the knowledge, training, and preparation that you have already gained through your time here."

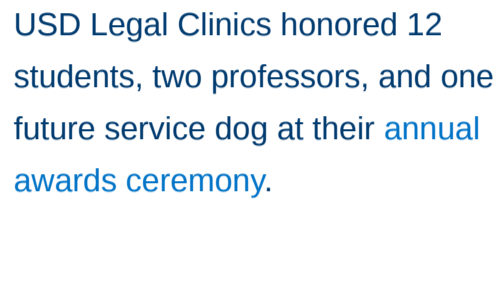
Chief Justice Guerrero also asked the graduates to reflect on the families, friends, classmates, colleagues, and faculty who supported them on their journeys. When the practice of law can be lonely and at times isolating, she encouraged them to nurture and strengthen those relationships. "Rely on those special people in your life who have grounded you and inspired you, and you will find the strength to get through the challenges that you will encounter as you embark on this next stage of your journey. The journey that you are embarking on is a special one."

She closed her address imploring the graduates to remember why they pursued their legal education and to use those memories as they continue towards a career in the law. "Keep alive the goals and values that motivated you to go to law school. Keep alive the dreams that have brought you and your families here today. I'm excited to see where your path will lead you and what your futures hold as you contribute in your own ways to the faith and trust in our judicial system that is so important to our democracy."

Celebrating the Class of 2024



Barbara Machado, is highlighted on the USD News Center, where she shares her educational journey leading up to graduation. [Watch her video.](#)



USD Legal Clinics honored 12 students, two professors, and one future service dog at their annual awards ceremony.

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If you practice Public Interest Law in a full-time law or law-related position with a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization for a minimum of one year, USD School of Law may be able to help you pay down your law school student debt through the Loan Repayment Assistance Program. With the generous support of USD Law's donors, we've set aside funds to help USD School of Law graduates—who are working in Public Interest—address student loan debt.

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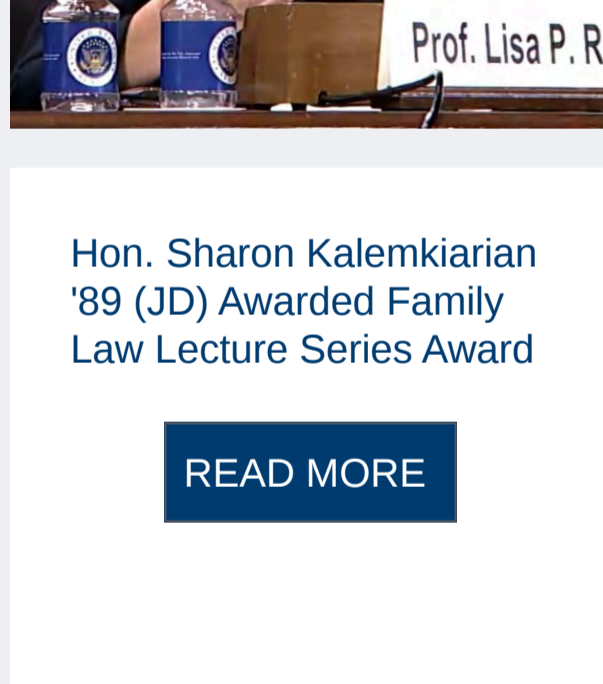
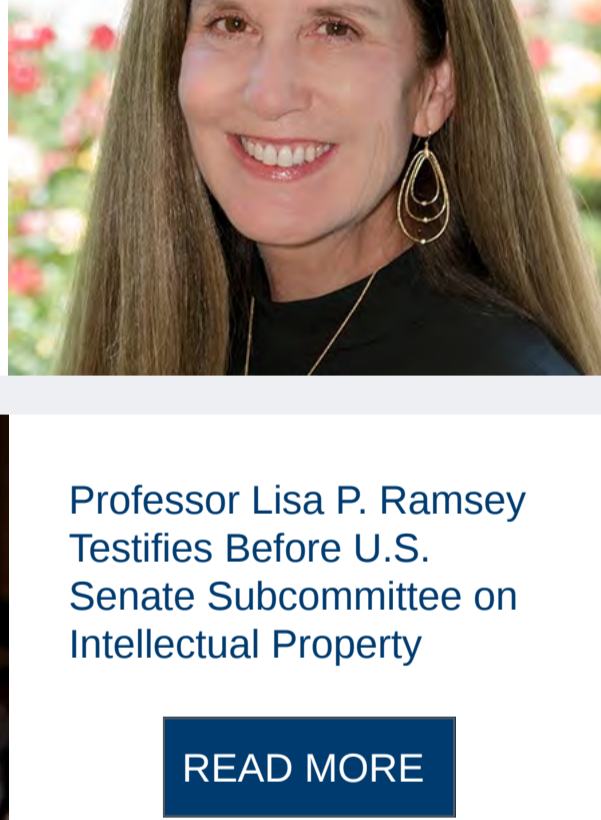


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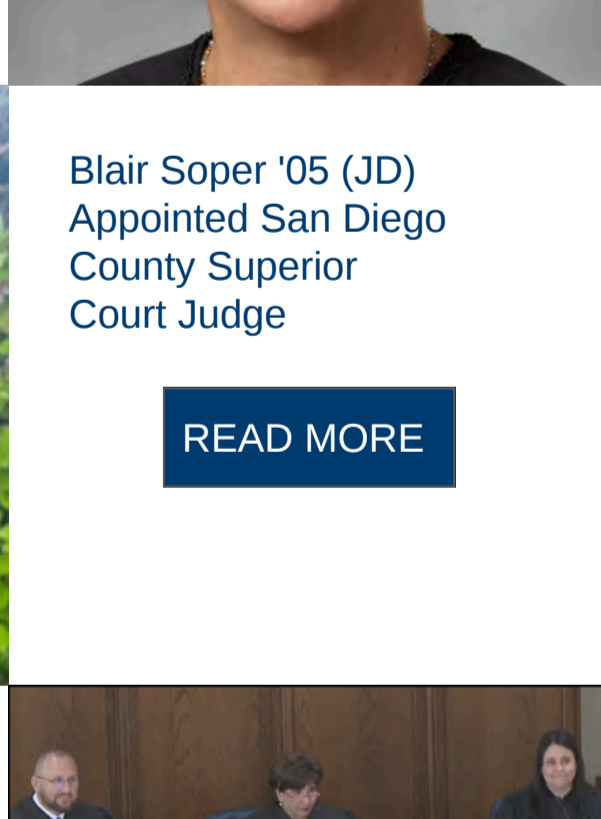


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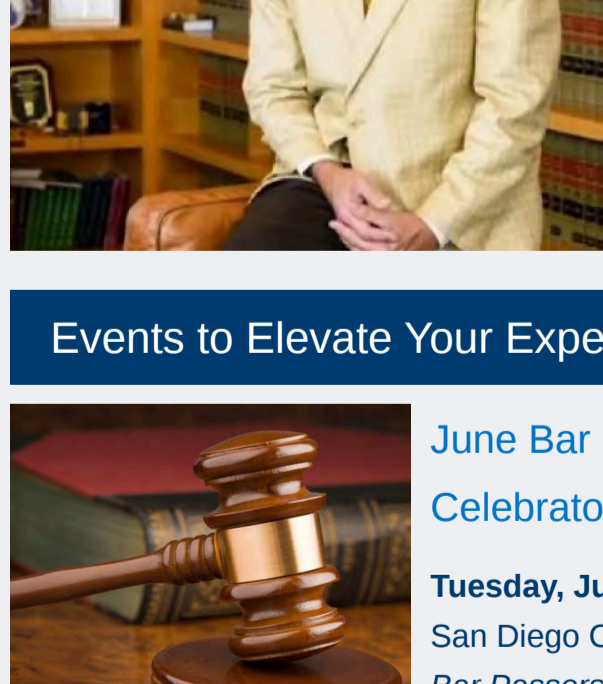
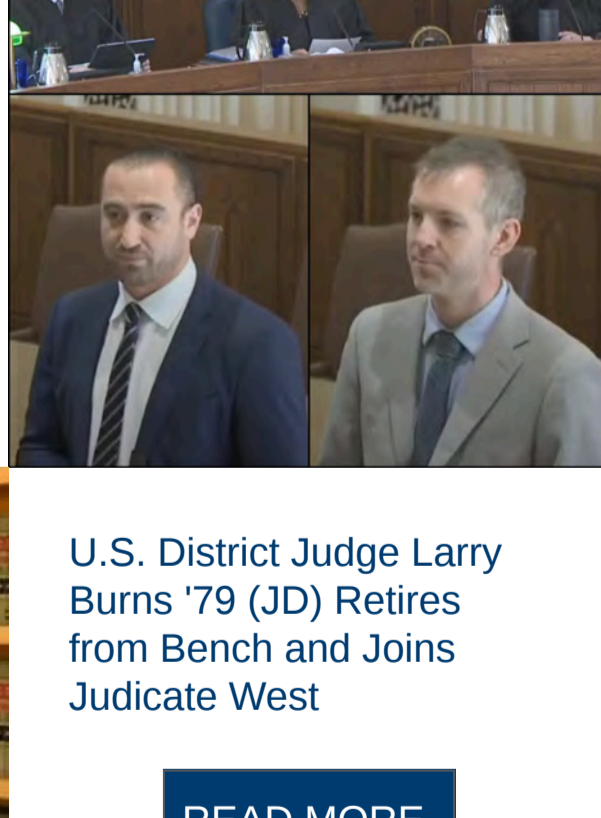


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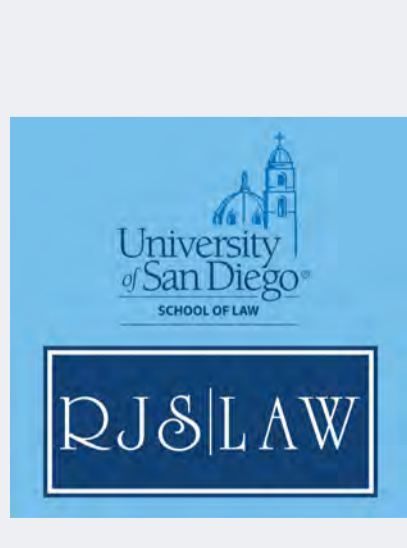
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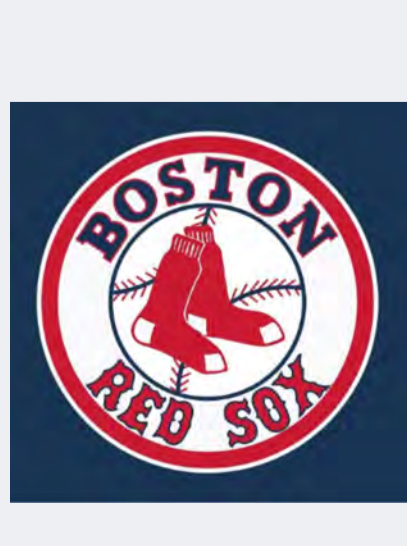


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Tuesday, June 4 | 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

San Diego Central Courthouse & Madam Bonnie's Bar Passers Hosted; Guests \$20

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