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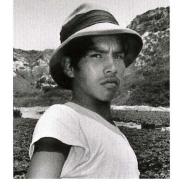
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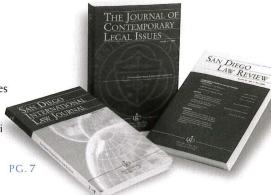
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Acting globally

If you look at the photo below, you will notice right away that I am not Caroline F. Tobias. My name is George Decker, and I am the new director of publications for the USD School of Law. I practiced law for about 10 years, after which my career path led to journalism, corporate communications, and now back to law school.

After almost five years as director of publications, Caroline moved to the Bay Area, where she is now director of publications and communications for Boalt Hall School of Law at UC Berkeley. We wish Caroline all the best, and I want to build upon the quality that she brought to the *Advocate*.

This issue illustrates how the USD School of Law and our alumni are making a positive impact across international boundaries.

The cover story shows how our Immigration Clinic helps immigrants—often poor and hindered by differences in language and culture—know and exercise their rights. At the same time, the Clinic gives our law students valuable experience interviewing, counseling and representing clients with immigration-related problems from Mexico and other countries, sometimes in cases against the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Also featured in this issue are profiles of two alumni who are making the world a better place. Developer Sam Marasco '78 is building the 1.4 million square foot International Gateway of the Americas, a \$220 million border revitalization project that will link San Diego and Tijuana. And David Vogt

LL.M. '98 founded and runs ArtWatch, a nonprofit organization that locates works of art stolen by the Nazis and returns them to their true owners and their heirs.

The Campus Briefs section includes stories about a unique program where our students hear and decide traffic citation appeals, as well as The USD School of Law's Center for Public Interest Law (CPIL) "Taking the Offensive" Summit, which featured a keynote address by Ralph Nader.

We invite your feedback on this issue, as well as on what you would like to see in future issues. Write to the USD School of Law or send e-mail to lawpub@sandiego.edu. Please also take the time to fill out and return the postcard inside this issue to keep your classmates posted on what's going on in your life. Thanks!



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DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

At the Crossroads

JCLI Conference at the USD School of Law

ntersectionality and Critical Race Feminism have provided fresh perspectives on the analysis of issues in many legal settings, including employment law, criminal law, family law, legal education and others. Political, economic and social changes and the more complex appreciation of the role of race, gender and class generated by these theories suggest a need for reconsideration of this research.

During a one-day conference in October hosted by the School of Law, outstanding legal scholars from across the country discussed the intersection of race and gender and how it affects theory and doctrine in law. The presentations included an exploration of the effect that race and gender have on property rights by Professor Laura

Padilla; a review of the impact that China's new capitalist economy is having on the Chinese women by Professor Anna Han; and a discussion of how Title VII currently fails to deal with identity discrimination by Professors Devon Carbado and Mitu Gulati. Other scholars commented on the interaction between intersectionality and jury practice, the power and limits that inter-

sectionality imposes on social science research as it relates to law, and the effect of intersectionality on law and emotion. Conference papers will be published in the next issue of the *Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues*. Professor Mary Jo Wiggins is the faculty general editor.



University of Iowa Professor Adrienne Wing discusses a point with the audience members during the *Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues* conference held in October. Prof. Wing is joined by Prof. Laura Padilla of the California Western School of Law and by Prof. Anna Han of Santa Clara University School of Law.

Ugandan Speaker Delights Law School Audience

Minister of Ethics and Integrity Discusses Her Role in Uganda

A

mixture of faculty, staff, students and guests listened attentively in January as the Minister of Ethics and Integrity, the Hon. Miria Matembe, discussed the

current political situation in the African country of Uganda. Her presentation at the School of Law was made possible through the newly formed USD Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice.

Minister Matembe discussed in great detail the role of women in the Ugandan government and the strides that women have made in the last

decade in representation and influence in their government. She spoke on the formation of the current Ugandan government, the challenges faced by a developing African country,

and current relations between Uganda and the United States.

According to Minister Matembe, illiteracy and poverty are some of the most pressing issues in Uganda, particularly for women. Her role as Minister of Ethics and Integrity allows her to increase Ugandan women's visibility and participation in government and politics.



School of Law Hosts Competition

rom Thursday, October 12 to Saturday, October 14, 2000 the USD School of Law hosted the 12th Annual Criminal Procedure Tournament. A total of 25 teams participated from the following schools, with some schools sending two teams: the University of Alabama Law School; Benjamin Cardozo Law School; Brooklyn Law School; University of Cincinnati Law School; Fordham University Law School; Hastings College of the Law; Howard University Law School; University of La Verne Law School; Pepperdine University; University of Richmond; San Fernando Valley College of Law; Seton Hall; Stetson University; Southern Methodist University; South Texas; Thomas Cooley; Valparaiso; and Whittier Law School.

Fordham University took first plce in the competition with the University of Cincinnati taking second place. Hastings College of the Law sent two teams and finished third and fourth, respectively.

According to Moot Court president Brian Fogarty '01, "the San Diego legal community gave us tremendous support" by serving as brief graders and justices for the oral arguments that took place at the San Diego Superior Court.



USD School of Law students (left to right) Lara Clinton '01, Kaelyn Romey '01 and Brian Fogarty '01 pose with winning students from Fordham University.

Semi-final and final rounds took place in the USD Warren Hall Grace Courtroom.

Justices serving during the semi-final rounds included Prof. Michael Devitt, the Hon. Norbert Ehrenfreund, alumnus Lucinda Jacobs '99, and Prof. Maimon Schwarzschild.

The Hon. Ming William Chin of the California Supreme Court, the Hon. Rudi M. Brewster of the U.S District Court for the Southern District of California, and the Hon. Richard D. Huffman from the California Court of Appeal served as final round judges.

Receptions were held each night of the competition including festivities in the Gaslamp district of downtown San Diego as well as in USD's faculty dining room.

A New Course

Students Learn How Technology Affects the Practice of Law

his spring a new class was taught at the USD School of Law. Born from an collaboration between law professor Terry Player and two other law professors at the University of New Mexico and the City University of New York, the new Computer Applications in the Law course taught law students how to meet the challenges of using major computer technology in the legal profession.

As an all-encompassing technology course, students were exposed to broad concepts about technology and the law and also learned specific exercises

in understanding the building blocks of the digital world. Topics included: Lawyers in the Digital Age; Designing and Constructing a Web Site; Security on the Internet; Designing the Law Office Digital Infrastructure and Imagining the Future.

Students were guided through these course sections and learned how to negotiate through the nuances of Internet protocol and privacy policies as well as being introduced to the fundamentals of e-commerce and electronic filing.

According to Professor Player, who was the instructor of this first class,

"our plan was to have several classes occur simultaneously at all three locations while conected by video-conferencing technology."

She said the focus is "trying to get students to think about how technology affects the practice of law and how lawyers understand and work with technology as a tool."

The course is a three-credit, four-tier, pass-fail class with an initial maximum enrollment of six students. Students interested in future sections of this course should be familiar with the Windows platform and have an e-mail account.

Putting Knowledge to Work

Law Students Work in City Program

ou know the scenario—you pull up to a parking meter and think that you've got just enough time to run in and drop something off. However, it almost never works out that way and when you get back to the car, there's that yellow slip on your windshield.

Today, there is a program within the City of San Diego that helps address parking citation appeals, whether a ticket was issued by the Port District or downtown parking enforcement officer.

The Administrative Hearing Program was created in 1993 after the state of California decided to de-criminalize parking citations and allow citizens to appeal their tickets in a process that wouldn't take up time in local traffic courtrooms.

The City of San Diego approached two faculty of The University of San Diego's School of Law in late 1992, and together they created a program that allows citizens to appeal their citations. Citizens, known to the program as respondents, can appeal their citations in person or by mail and have an opportunity to explain and prove, if possible, why they shouldn't have to pay their parking fines.

"It's really a unique opportunity to educate people about the vehicle code," says second-year law student and hearing officer, Priscilla Villanueva '02. "Also a person that comes in has

a higher chance of dismissal than if they mailed in their appeal. A live case gives us the opportunity to get more insight and ask more questions. From a law student's perspective, it allows me to work on my written and oral legal skills too."

"It's a phenomenal experience," says hearing officer and third-year law student Karla Bell '01. "I'd say that it builds your confidence. That's the most important thing about the program for me."

According to Susan Quinn '77, USD Law School faculty member and administrative director of the Legal Clinic, the Administrative Hearing Program was one of the first programs in the state to be "up and running" in 1993 when the new changes in the vehicle code went into effect.

"The legislature changed the law and required all municipalities to have a hearing program, but did not give any guidance about what the program should look like," Quinn said. "The City approached us and asked us to help design a program that met constitutional due process requirements. Our program has become a model for other cities."

Alan Alvord '87, current director of the program, said that although two members of USD's School of Law initially created the program, the program now operates on a yearly contract basis with the City of San Diego and is completely self-supporting. Alvord said that participants are glad to learn that the hearing officers are not city employees but neutral figures associated with the School of Law.

"Our goal is...a fair process for people to be heard. Everyone is treated with respect when they come through the door," Alvord said.

Hearing officer and former director, Lee Russell '87, said she feels it's a credit to the City of San Diego that they "went out to get a neutral contractor" for this program. She explained that a person who receives a parking citation has two options to appeal the citation. They can request a hearing, in person and appear with their evidence at the hearing, or they can request a hearing by mail and submit all the necessary proof to the Administrative Hearing Program.

Russell went on to note that appointments are

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made on a half-hour basis to accommodate most schedules and that a "respondent" has the ultimate burden of proof at the hearing and must prove his/her case to the hearing officer. She said that respondents are allowed to bring in witnesses, evidence, photographs and other pertinent information that would assist the officer in making a clear judgment.

"Each case lives or dies on its evidence. If a person is able to prove, for example, that there was a lack of notice about a particular parking rule, such as a time restriction, that would be a basis for dismissing the citation."

Alvord, who has directed the program since 1998, added that most decisions are made that day and that the rest are usually made within two weeks.

The opportunity to sit as a hearing officer and judge is an enjoyable one.

Recent graduate Noli Zosa '99, said that the opportunity to serve as a hearing officer has enhanced his lawyering skills. "It's been a great opportunity to polish my interviewing skills, interrogation and evaluation abilities," Zosa said. "We actually make the decisions...it's a great experience being a judge."

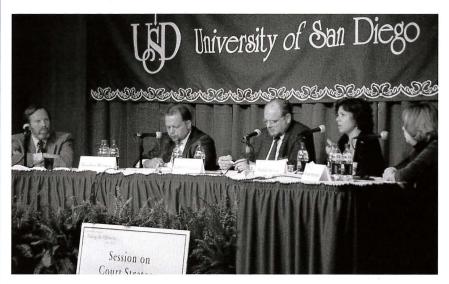
Russell said she feels that the Administrative Hearing Program provides a real public service when explaining the law to respondents. "A lot of people don't understand why they get a ticket, and we're able to explain the laws to them. They usually don't see it as unreasonable once it's been explained," she said.

The Administrative Hearing Program is located at 303 "A" Street, Suite 401. Hearings are available by appointment only, Tuesday through Thursdays, through the City of San Diego's Parking Management Division. Fighting for Rights

Public Interest Groups Gather on Campus

he University of San Diego School of Law's Center for Public Interest Law (CPIL) recently hosted an unprecedented gathering of public interest law advocates and developed plans for reform in national political campaigns, legislatures, government agencies and the campaign finance reform, special interest influence in government and diminished access to justice in the courts.

According to Prof. Fellmeth, the ultimate goal of the summit was to steer the national discussion toward issues that directly affect the well-being of the population at large.



CPIL executive director Bob Fellmeth, center, conducts a summit meeting on court strategy with, from left, Alan Morrison of Public Citizen Information Group, Theodore Shaw of NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Nadine Strossen of the American Civil Liberties Union and Patricia Sturdevant, formerly of the National Association of Consumer Advocates.

courts. Highlighting the summit was keynote speaker and former presidential candidate, Ralph Nader.

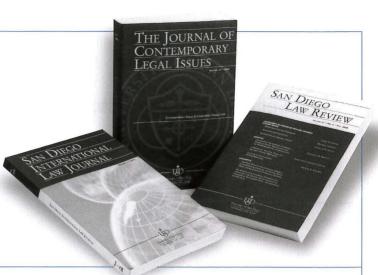
The "Taking the Offensive" summit, held March 23-24 on the USD campus, was not a typical academic conference, according to CPIL executive director Robert Fellmeth. Representatives of groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union, Common Cause and the U.S. Public Interest Research Group strategized on issues such as

The administrative director of the CPIL, Julie D'Angelo Fellmeth '76 '83 (J.D.), said the summit provided a rare opportunity to instigate action.

"The people at this summit see each other in the halls of Congress and courtrooms in Washington, D.C., and New York, but never get together in the same room. This was the first time some of the most prominent public interest leaders worked together to develop comprehensive, proactive strategy."

New Look for Academic Journals

uring the 2000-2001 academic year, the School of Law's Publications department embarked on a mission to redesign the look of the current academic journals. After working closely with a local designer, the San Diego Law Review, the Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues and the San Diego International Law Journal now have a look that is more consistent and contemporary.



17th Annual Nathanson Lecture

Lee Bollinger Speaks On Affirmative Action

ee C. Bollinger, president of the University of Michigan, was the 17th annual guest speaker for the Nathaniel L. Nathanson Memorial Lecture Series on March 27th. President Bollinger focused his address on the modern affirmative action debate and discussed the issues surrounding affirmative action policies in admitting students to universities today.



Turning Projects into Presentations

Foreign Students Produce Lecture Series

he USD School of Law
Discovery Series has become
a reality. Through the efforts
of the members of the Comparative
Law Forum—the law school's organization of foreign students—the Discovery
Series has successfully held two presentations for the law school community. Members of Comparative Law
Forum, which represent 23 countries,
have come together to create the
Discovery Series to showcase their
cultures and legal systems.

LL.M.C. student Appaswamy Vino Pajanor, the current president of the Comparative Law Forum and the first to make a presentation as part of the Discovery Series, said he felt the first presentation was a major success.

"We expected only 20 or so people to turn up. We ended up with probably 50 people in attendance and people had to stand during the presentation. We were very happy with the turnout," Vino said.

Vino made his presentation dressed in traditional Indian clothes and focused his talk on several areas of interest to the audience, including the geography, literacy, diversity, history, languages and the Indian caste system.

"I got the most questions about arranged marriages," he said. "They seemed to be very interested in that and the caste system."

The second presentation in the Series came in October. Three German students discussed the changes that have transpired in Germany since the wall was destroyed between East and West Berlin.

Judith Sasse, also a Comparative Law Forum member and LL.M.C. student, said that she and two other students worked on their presentation for a class and then turned their project into the second presentation in the Series.

"We tried to point out the historical importance and the issues today," Sasse said. "I think this is great. You get to know people from around the world — and you know everyone is proud of their country in some way."

The Discovery Series presents informative lectures throughout the academic year.

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Against All Odds

Alum Succeeds Despite Challenges

amela "Tami" Ridley '92 admits that living with a disability is a constant challenge and a barrier to many opportunities, but it hasn't kept her from building a unique career and enjoying a fulfilling life.

Ridley, 40, said her law career took several unexpected twists and turns before leading to her new enterprise that combines agriculture, land use and wine law.

"Because of my qualifications and grades, I got interviews at several firms," said Ridley, who became a paraplegic in 1983 as a result of a diving accident in Hawaii. "But as soon as they'd see me in the wheelchair, I knew they weren't going to hire me."

That is, with the exception of Patrick

Frega. "He hired me and truly treated me as an equal," said Ridley. "He confided that he had done his time in a wheelchair after he was injured in Vietnam."

Ridley says that
Frega—who is associated more with the judicial corruption scandal that rocked San Diego County in the mid-1990s than remembered for being voted Trial Lawyer of the Year by the plaintiffs' bar seven consecutive years—was an excellent mentor.

"He taught me the skills I needed to handle complex litigation," she recalled. "He also gave me the responsibility that would have taken me three or four years to get working as an associate at the large, prestigious firms I had wanted to work for. Less than a year out of law school, my opposing counsel included partners from those firms."

Not long after the scandal broke, however, Ridley left Frega's firm and moved to Santa Barbara, where she took a job as an advocate to promote independent living for persons with disabilities. She also taught legal ethics, and corporate and employment law for a paralegal program at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

At that time, Ridley also began focusing on a personal interest of hers—growing wine grapes. She also found a niche practice of law involving agricul-

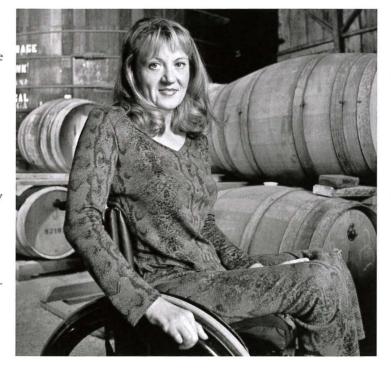
ture and wine. She later attended classes at the University of California, Davis, to learn more about wine laws and regulations, as well as other facets of the wine industry, including the marketing and distribution of wine.

Returning to the San Diego area in 1998, Ridley found her dream property—a nine-acre parcel overlooking the San Pasqual Valley near Escondido. The gentle sloping hillsides offer the perfect environment for growing grapes; however, until the deadly Pierce's disease affecting her neighbor's vineyards is under control, she is holding off on planting her own vineyard and is enjoying her panoramic views instead.

Ridley also keeps busy promoting the wine and agricultural industries of San Diego as a leader in several profes-

sional organizations. She would also like to write a book and develop a museum someday on the extensive but often forgotten wine history of San Diego County. But for now, she is concentrating her efforts on creating a wine tasting room and gourmet deli in a historical building (circa 1880) in downtown Escondido.

"That way I hope I can draw attention to the history of this area," said Ridley. "I think it would be interesting to a lot of people."



Chapter Kickoffs

Alumni Relations Sponsors Chapter Receptions

he San Francisco and Bay Area Alumni Chapter Kickoff Reception was held the evening of January 4 in downtown San Francisco. The premier event took place in conjunction with the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Conference held in San Francisco and more than 100 guests attended the USD School of Law gathering. Alumni, faculty and deans from other law schools attended the affair, held on the eighth floor in the Bank of San Francisco building. Current students on winter break in the San Francisco Bay Area were also invited and attended.

Dean Daniel Rodriguez introduced the leadership of the San Francisco alumni chapter with A. John Murphy '75 as president; Jackie Hamilton '96 as vice president; and Deborah Kane '96 as the treasurer and secretary.

A second alumni chapter "Kickoff" reception was held in Orange County on April 5. More than 90 alumni and guests attended the reception held at the Hyatt Newporter in Newport Beach. Dean Rodriguez introduced the new leadership of the Orange County chapter with Michelle Lents '94 as president and Vi Bui '95 as vice president. Past president of the Orange County Bar Association, Joel Miliband '77, was the guest speaker during the evening reception. Also in attendance were Orange County judges Hon. Frank Sasel '68, Hon. Andrew Banks '80 and Hon. Rick King '77.









Natasha Wills joins Tien Doan '88 during the Orange County Kickoff reception.

Long-time alumnus A. John Murphy '75 poses with two recent graduates, Jackie Hamilton '96 and Deborah Kane '96.

Carolyn Levy '00 and Virna Luque '00 smile at the Orange County reception.

Dean A.J. Spizzirri '93 joins Lorinda Harris '94 (center) and Julie Jardine '95 (left). he family was large, a single mother and her five children, ranging in ages from 10 years old to 19 years old. Three of the children were undocumented immigrants from Mexico, the mother a permanent resident; her two youngest children U.S. citizens. Tired of the constant fear that her children would be deported, the mother came to the USD Immigration Clinic for help.

When second-year law student Elisabeth Chaves took the case, she thought it would be the opportunity she wanted—to see the law in action. That she got—along with some bracing life lessons. Chaves soon saw firsthand the hardship and abuse endured by immigrants and the frustrating inefficiency of government bureaucracy.

She also learned later of the abuse suffered by these children at the hands of their father, who wound up imprisoned for the rape and impregnation of his eldest daughter. Because of that, Chaves applied for a waiver for the children's removal from the country, under a section of the law governing abusive situations. But just to get the ball rolling, Chaves said, the family had to surrender to the INS.

Although surrendering the family was risky, Chaves says it wouldn't have been done if the staff at

Clinic Helps Immigrants in Trouble and Gives Law Students Hands-On Experience

STORY BY EILENE ZIMMERMAN

PHOTOS BY PABLO MASON

the clinic didn't believe they had a strong case. "That's the big gamble. We surrendered them in 1999, and it's been more than a year. We hope we'll have a final decision after we go to trial." That's when Chaves will get a chance to test out what she's learned, arguing the case in front of a judge.

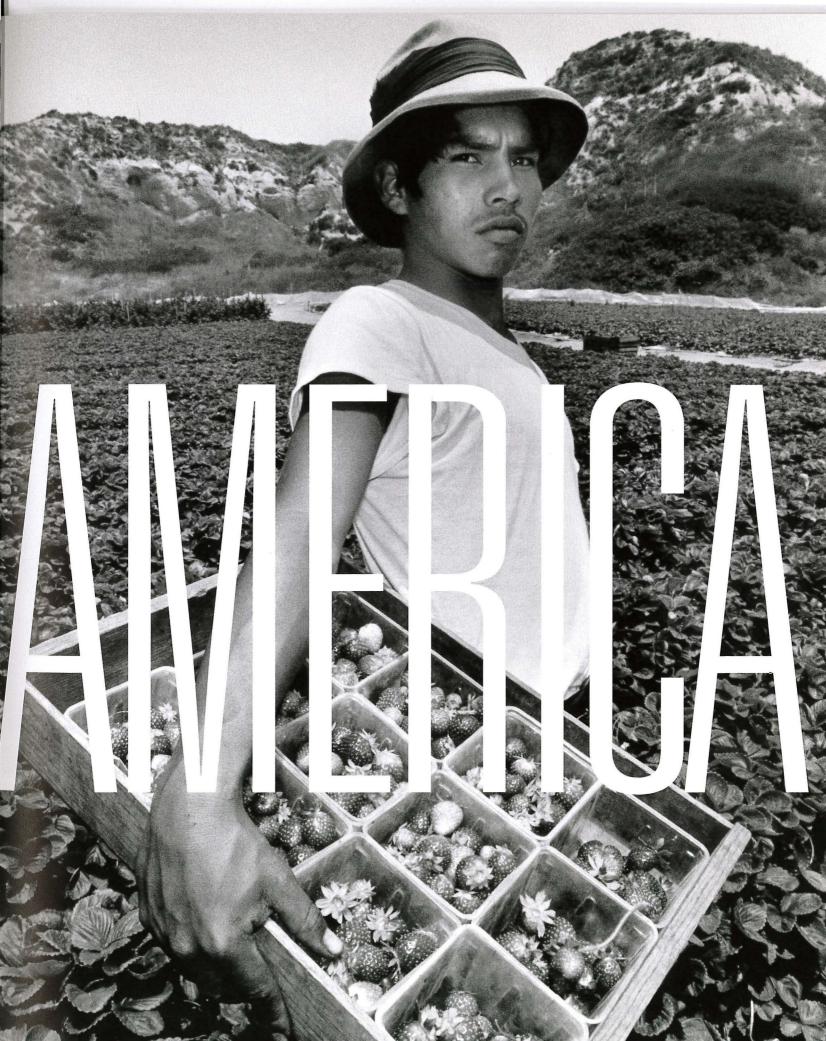
Chaves says she and the clinic's supervising attorney, Jan Joseph Bejar '83, wanted the trial for all three of the children to occur at once, but the INS was less than cooperative. "At first they only filed two of the children's cases to go before the judge and held off on one. Finally when they did the file for the third child, it was before a separate judge. We had the first trial for two of the children this past fall and now we're trying to get them joined but it's been really challenging," she says. "The INS isn't always that cooperative. Who knows if it's intentional or simply a lack of organization?"

Chaves is confident the case will stand up in court, but that doesn't mean she isn't nervous. "I attended a trial by one of my fellow students in the clinic, one with a different fact situation. The students had to interview the woman and prepare witnesses and the woman was breaking down on the stand so often they almost had to stop the hearing. So I know it's going to be pretty intense."

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM THE DIRECTOR

Although Chaves is apprehensive, she won't be alone. Riding shotgun will be Bejar, the adjunct professor at the law school who directs the immigration clinic. He says Chaves will gain experience in the courtroom that will be invaluable in preparing her for a career in law. "The truth of the matter is students get out of law school and they don't know how to do anything. You stick them in a courtroom and they don't know which end is up. But you sit them in the courtroom with a teacher who says 'object now,' or 'be quiet,' and when you cut that person loose, they stand a much better chance of doing well," he says.

Directing the immigration clinic isn't Bejar's only job. He's also an immigration attorney with a



IMMIGRATION CLINIC

"These are people who don't usually follow through in exercising their rights. They don't fight and don't challenge the government because they feel the government is always right.

busy private practice. His expertise is often tapped in tough immigration cases, some very high profile. He recently represented Jason Johnson, the U.S. Marine who smuggled his girlfriend, the Bahraini princess Meriam al Khalifa, into the U.S.

In private practice Bejar doesn't ordinarily handle cases for indigents and sometimes refers those cases to the USD clinic. Although working full time and managing the clinic makes for a long day, Bejar says he couldn't imagine not doing it. In fact, establishing the clinic at the law school was his idea.

"I graduated from the USD School of Law in 1983. Before I left, I wrote a proposal establishing an immigration clinic that would give legal assistance to the indigent. I have always felt the need to advocate for those that are least represented," says Bejar. About a year after he left school, his proposal became a reality.

Bejar feels empathy for immigrants because he is also one. Born and raised in Mexico City by parents from Mexico and New York, he came to San Diego to attend law school. "I have always identified with those from other countries. I can sympathize with them."

OVERCOMING DIFFERENCES IN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

The biggest challenge that faces Bejar and his students is working with people whose language and culture differ greatly from the American culture. Because it's an uphill battle for these people everyday, by the time they get to the USD clinic, says Bejar, they are often in an emotionally complex situation.

"These are people who don't usually follow through in exercising their rights. They don't fight and don't challenge the government because they feel the government is always right. Our job is to convince them that the government can't get away with some of this stuff—just because it's the government. We run into people in the government who are very abusive," he says.

Third-year law student Christina Lee describes Bejar as very dedicated and "very pro-his clients and anti-the system." Lee says although some of the clinic's clients are considered criminals in their home countries, she feels they have honest intentions. "Yet the INS throws them into custody immediately. I was surprised that our own country is like that towards immigrants when we are a country of immigrants. How can we possibly promote the image of ourselves as the land where dreams come true, when we don't act very kindly towards those wanting to immigrate?"

Lee says the second case she handled while at the clinic was for a Mexican-born man living in the

Our job is to convince them that the government can't get away with some of this stuff—just because it's the government. We run into people in the government who are very abusive."



Students in the USD School of Law's Immigration Clinic learn the ropes of immigration law and procedure from Jan Bejar, clinic director.

U.S. who petitioned years ago for his parents to become citizens. "We filled out the forms for him several years ago and whenever we contact the government to check on the status, they give us the runaround," Lee said. "We have had to keep repaying fees and resubmitting documentation. Finally we're filing a writ of mandamus. Basically it's an order to compel the government to respond to our requests. There's no reason his parents, who are in their seventies and eighties, can't come to spend the rest of their lives with their son."

FIGHTING AN UPHILL BATTLE

These kinds of stories are old news to Bejar. He says right now the law is extremely anti-immigrant, and the clinic wins fewer cases than it did five years ago. "I had one situation where a person was being deported for the rest of his life because he had smoked marijuana. This is not a serious crime, but he'd be separated from his family for the rest of his life," he says.

Bejar says by the time a client knocks on the clinic door, often there are no options left. Four years ago, students at the clinic helped a woman married to a US citizen obtain a green card. Says Bejar, "She was so desperate at the time she didn't tell us about her daughter. When the daughter was seven years old, the mother came back asking to correct her daughter's situation. She told us, 'I didn't think it was going to be possible,' and I said, 'The step dad is American so it won't be hard.' She just broke down crying in the office, she was so grateful."

This is what keeps Bejar and his students going: the victories.

Jesi Betancourt has been a paralegal and clinic coordinator for the USD School of Law legal clinics for three years. She says not one day is the same as the other in the Immigration Clinic and that every day is jam-packed. Possibly the most heart-wrenching cases she has assisted with are those involving people who are in the U.S. illegally, and after they've established a life here, don't have any of the benefits that go along with it.

"It's very sad because sometimes they simply can't adjust their status. It might not be possible because of the way they entered the country, or because they have no American relatives to petition for them," she said.

Even though she does not have to, Betancourt often accompanies students to court. After working with clients and learning their stories, she says she feels invested in their cases. Seeing the students in action, says Betancourt, gives her hope that USD is creating compassionate legal professionals.

John Little '75 celebrates Friday night's Law Alumni Weekend event with wife Deanna Little and Matt Tanner (center). Class of 1990 alums gather during Saturday night's dinner and smile for the camera. From left to right, Janet O'Neill, Kathy Nelson, Laurie Poole, Debbie Riley.





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Beverly Dresden and Richard Schwabe '83 seemed pleased with their winnings during Friday night's celebration on the Berkeley Boat.





Members of the Law Review class of '75 pose together 25 years later during Law Alumni Weekend. Front row (left to right) Yesmin Saide, Jacklyn Becker Horton, Steven Hunsicker, Jack Hodges. Back row (left to right) A. John Murphy, Steven Tanner, James Krause.

Class of 1975 alums "Buzz" Kinnaird, Gary Powell and James Palecek (left to right) "talk shop" during Saturday night's festivities.

Rick Gullette '85 catches up with



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Alum Steven Tanner '75 shoots his way out of the sand trap.

Alums John Little '75 and Ray Mercado '75 pose with Prof. Frank Partnoy during a round of golf during Law Alumni Weekend.



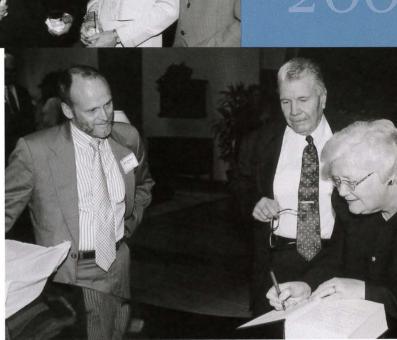


Alums from different class years smiled for the cameras. From left to right, Bob Helstowski '78, Mitchell Golub' 83, Steven Denton '75 and Bill Naumann' 80.

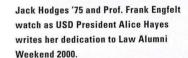
Enjoying the Saturday night gathering are (left to right) Cathy Birks, Roger Birks '80, Susan Blanchard and Bob Blanchard '80.







Jill Drain and Chris Lindberg '95 join Elizabeth LeBrecht and Brian LeBrecht '95 for Saturday night's dinner reception.





Prof. John Ronchette laughs with alums Yesmin Saide '75, Steve Hunsicker '75 and Steve Tanner '75. Christine Tanner and husband Steven Tanner '75 reminisce over photos with Prof. Mike Kelly.

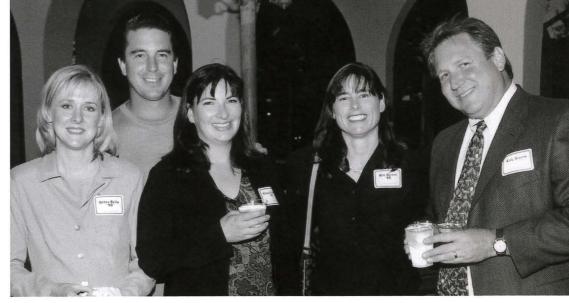
Class of 1985 alums Rick Gullette and Beth Golub smile for the camera. Annette Goldstein and husband Jonathan Goldstein '75 visit with Prof. Bert Lazerow during Law Alumni Weekend.







Saturday night's event created plenty of smiles. From left to right, Debra Reilly '90, Michael Reilly, Victoria Moss '90, Kim Byrens '90 and Rick Byrens.



Professor Grant Morris tries his hand at the craps table during Friday night's festivities aboard the Berkeley Boat.



Greg Olson '95 and Storm Anderson '95 catch up during Law Alumni Weekend.



Sam Marasco's Vision Joins Mexico and San Diego

Briggs Building Briggs Week Nations

Parents often tell their kids that attending a good school will open doors in their professional lives.

When Sam Marasco's father gave him this advice, he had no idea how right he would turn out to be. If Marasco hadn't attended the University of San Diego School of Law, he may never have become a commercial real estate developer, starting LandGrant Development, and introduced the 1.4-million-square-foot International Gateway of the Americas, a border revitalization project that just celebrated its groundbreaking.

While attending law school, Marasco drafted a plan for a series of celebrations that would enhance philanthropic giving to USD and submitted his proposal to a faculty member. Soon after, he was invited to the University president's office where he was introduced to Ernie Hahn, well-known developer of Horton Plaza, University Towne Center and Fashion Valley.

"Looking back, I think my ideas were pretty silly, but they

showed that I had initiative, and people were sufficiently impressed with that," Marasco said from his Carmel Valley office.

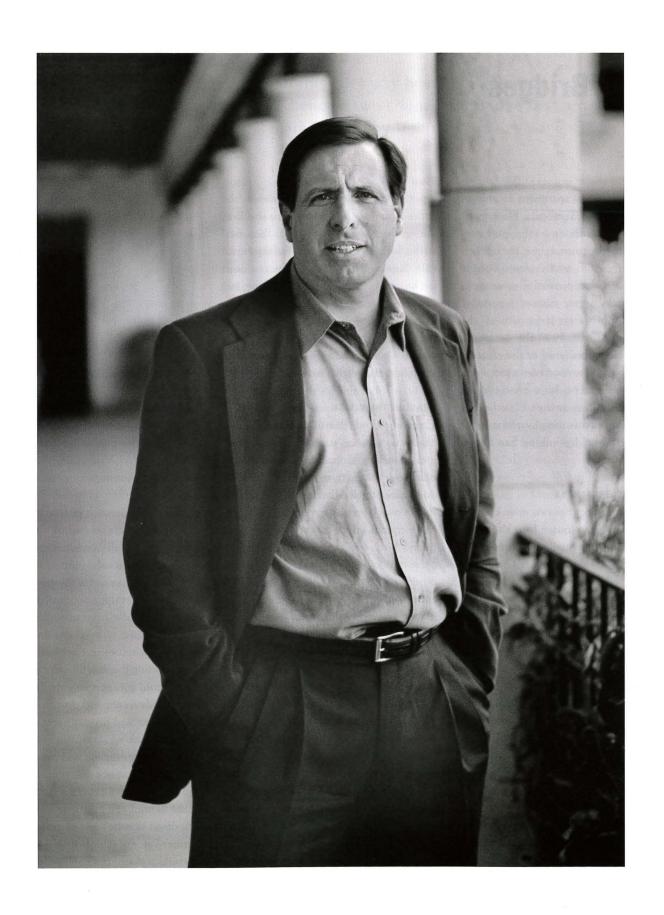
After graduating from USD School of Law in 1978, Marasco went to work for the Ernest W. Hahn Development Corporation, which was later sold and renamed TrizecHahn. He stayed on board under the new management for a few years, but later decided to leave and start his own company. "It became more institutional and less entrepreneurial there," Marasco recalled. "As an individual, you had less and less of an impact."

Venturing out on his own, Marasco has been striving to make a greater impact with each of his new projects. Hanging on the walls of LandGrant, which Marasco founded in 1986, are photos of commercial developments and redevelopment projects his company is either currently working on or has completed. Among those completed are the 115,000-square foot San Diego

Mercado at Crosby Street, the Borders Books shopping center in the Gaslamp

STORY BY JENNIFER COBURN

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Building Bridges

District and several apartment complexes in San Diego and Temecula. He says he especially likes working on shopping centers because "the town square, the marketplace, the mercado, whatever you want to call it...it's an expression of who we are as a culture and what we value as important," he says. Of his latest large project, the International Gateway of the Americas, he says, "The importance of the creation of this goes way beyond commercial real estate development. It's a civic project that benefits two countries...It's the first project that reflects the globalization of the marketplace" by linking San Diego and Tijuana.

BORDERING GREATNESS

The border project has two main components. A 655,000-square foot shopping center will include retailers such as Levi's, Nautica, Nike, Old Navy, Liz Claiborne, the Gap and Tommy Hilfiger. Marasco also has proposed an arched pedestrian bridge that will reach 150-feet at its peak. He describes the structure as a symbol of the two cities that would eventually be a widely recognized symbol, like the Gateway Arch in St. Louis or the Space Needle in Seattle. A city redevelopment official told the San Diego Union-Tribune that the bridge would be an "Eiffel Tower or Liberty West sort of thing...to illustrate that this is a front door to our two countries as opposed to a back door."

Marasco says the key to success as a developer is the ability to "see opportunities that are not readily seen by others and marshal skills and acumen with capital, to create something that is needed." He also

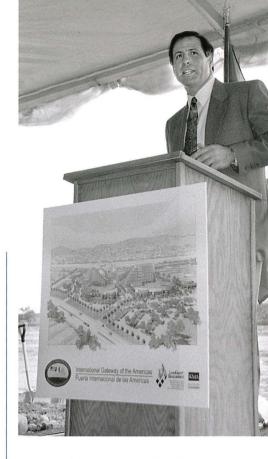
says that a good developer has to enjoy the process almost as much as he or she likes seeing the completed project. "You deal with a lot of setbacks and what my friend calls 'limbo losses' which means you don't get where you're going the first time, but you can still see the end goal and find a new way to get the job done," he said, leaning back in his chair. "You have to stay the course—but still be able to accommodate the modifications that need to be made."

SHARING THE VISION

Creativity and flexibility seem to be Marasco's greatest strengths. He feels it's important for stakeholders to have a vision of a project's impact, so he makes sure they do—quite literally. Last spring, in an effort to win over Mexican government officials, Marasco took guests on a scissor lift to give them a bird's eye view of the project. His presentation began at the U.S. side of the border, rose 20 feet on the scissor lift, then continued in Mexico, essentially replicating the experience binational shoppers will have once the project is complete.

Marasco says this theatrical presentation allowed Mexican officials to "see what it is we're doing...and allow the Mexican federal government to embrace the project." It seemed to work. The shopping center is scheduled to open in time for this year's holiday season.

The International Gateway of the Americas also needed Marasco's creativity in financing to the tune of \$220 million. In addition to securing a \$30 million line of credit, extended by the Virginia-based J.E. Roberts Companies, Marasco also incorporated a tax increment financing strategy



he learned from Ernie Hahn. Essentially, Marasco advanced the City of San Diego \$20 million for public improvements and then the city must repay Marasco one year after it sees economic benefits from his border project.

This bold approach puts Marasco's reputation and assets on the line if the project should fail. "I felt confident enough that we could advance the funding and ask the city to reimburse us for the cost of public improvements once the project became successful and started generating taxes," Marasco said. "It is an unusual approach...what we're essentially doing is jump starting the development of the area. These public improvements should have been made years ago, but for lack of a master plan and private capital, the city deferred making improvements to make the area more efficient and friendly."

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

USD School of Law professor C. Hugh Friedman says he's not surprised that his former student is doing so well in commercial real estate development. He remembers Marasco as being "full of ideas "The importance of the creation of this goes way beyond commercial real estate development. It's a civic project that benefits two countries...It's the first project that reflects the globalization of the marketplace" by linking San Diego and Tijuana."

and energy." Marasco describes Friedman as his favorite professor with whom he studied partnerships, business planning and other areas of law. "I have no trouble recalling Sam Marasco even though it's been several decades since he graduated...he was a student who seemed to take a real joy in what he was learning and was always thinking about how to apply it constructively," said Friedman.

Marasco prides himself on his lasting relationships with people and his ability to stick with long-term projects. (Once completed, the International Gateway of the Americas will have taken Marasco nearly eight years.) "It seems like most people I never really lose contact with," he says. "They never really disappear. Time is a true test of character and quality, and I value that."

He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Anne, who is also a USD alumna, for 25 years. The couple lives in Olivenhain with their three children, Katherine Anne, 18, Megan Eileen, 15 and Sam IV, 12. Katherine Anne is a student at USD. "Our family activities can be as mundane as weekly dinners, or we might go on family snorkeling or ski trips" she said. Other than spending time with his family, Marasco says he likes to kick back with a few good buddies, listen to music or go to the beach.

One of these friends is a USD School of Law alumnus, Russ Rasmussen, who is now an attorney with Rasmussen & Styers. Like Professor Friedman, Rasmussen is not surprised that Marasco has been so successful. "Even in law school, Sam was much more dedicated to success than most of us. He was working while the rest of us were out playing," he said. But that

doesn't mean that Sam Marasco is all work and no play, Rasmussen adds.

No one seems particularly surprised by Marasco's success as a developer. "I am not surprised that Sam does well at anything he puts his mind to, quite frankly," said Tom Leanse, a classmate of Marasco's who is now an attorney in Los Angeles. "He has the perspective to achieve anything he wants to. Whenever Sam does something, he does it right. There is no doubt that he is a hard worker, but he also has the unique characteristic of being able to focus on the ultimate goal, devise a strategy, and is incredibly astute at identifying a multitude of factors that one has to consider in achieving a goal like real estate development."

The cornerstone to Marasco's commercial real estate development career was

created on the campus of the USD School of Law. Therefore, he remains dedicated to the school by serving on several of its committees including the Dean's Counsel and the U.S.-Mexico Legal Institute. Marasco also belongs to the Young Presidents Organization, a professional group of CEOs and company presidents.

When Sam Marasco's father told him that the people he associated with in law school would be lifelong contacts, he couldn't possibly have known how accurate that advice would be. Sam Marasco's colleagues knew that he would be successful at whatever venture he pursued. But were it not for a meeting with Ernie Hahn in the USD president's office, San Diego might never see the opening of its new front door to Mexico.



Sam Marasco is joined by his son Sam IV, wife Anne, and daughters Katherine Anne and Megan Eileen.



STORY BY KATE CALLEN
PHOTOS BY PABLO MASON

or David Vogt, a law degree has always been a license to right wrongs. Before he entered the USD School of Law in 1997 to pursue an LL.M. in international law, the California attorney represented clients who were targets of civil rights abuses or financial improprieties.

But a graduate paper on the history of pillage, a Getty Trust internship and a summer study institute in Italy put Vogt on a very different career path. Today, he works for people whose family art collections were confiscated by the Nazis during World War II. His nonprofit organization, ArtWatch, is part of a global campaign to locate hundreds of thousands of Holocaust-era looted valuables and repatriate them from the museums and individuals now in possession. Further down the road, he plans to establish an institute that will focus on the intricacies of international cultural property law.

"This crept up on me slowly," Vogt said recently. "While interning for the Getty, I had access to the Research Institute's archives, where I read declassified World War II-era documents relating to the art market. From those documents, I developed databases, which I then used to research the provenance of looted paintings. After that, I began formulating legal strategies to redress these 60-year-old injustices.

LAWYER BECOMES Art SLEUTH

"The whole area involves so many issues—art history and art law, international law, import-export restrictions, statutes of limitation, choice of laws. It's an extremely complex and relatively new field. When I realized the impact of what I was doing, I decided the best approach would be through the credibility of a nonprofit organization."

A Tortuous Path Repatriation of looted art has lured Vogt into an emotional minefield. Museums are not eager to hand over priceless paintings without compensation. The children of Holocaust victims often feel torn by the prospect of resurrecting past horrors for a shot at future gain. Because Vogt cannot divulge the names of his clients or the paintings he is tracking, reporters covering his work have had to take a wait-and-see attitude.

And, because ArtWatch has not yet imposed contingency fees on those clients, Vogt's personal finances are in a constant state of flux. "I still have a few loyal litigation clients from before, and I have a reasonably large line of credit that I use liberally," he said. "This is not an area for the meek. You have to believe in what you're doing."

But then, meekness has never been one of Vogt's traits. From his beachcombing childhood days on the island of Coronado, through his stint as a comedy improv producer in Los Angeles and his travels through French Polynesia, Vogt has sought adventure at work and at play.

An alumnus of San Diego State University, where he earned dual bachelor's degrees in Spanish and Portuguese, Vogt briefly considered entering a Ph.D. program but instead enrolled in Whittier Law School, graduating in 1986 with his J.D. and no definite plans. For the next decade, he was a Santa Monica sole practitioner handling a variety of business and international cases but always managed to make time for two of his favorite pastimes, golf and travel.

One of Vogt's favorite cases involved a Mexican newlywed couple on their 1993 wedding trip to Los Angeles. "They walked into

a jewelry store at the same moment it was being raided in a drug bust," he recalled. "They were arrested, and they spent their honeymoon in jail." Vogt represented the couple in a civil rights suit against the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, and after a two-week trial, a jury awarded them \$225,000 in damages and legal fees.

An Article Leads to a Career Over the Fourth of July weekend in 1997, while Vogt was visiting friends in San Diego, he applied to the USD School of Law's LL.M. program, hoping for admission the following January. "A week and a half later, I was asked to enter in the fall," he recalled, "so I settled all the cases I could, farmed out the ones I couldn't, and moved to San Diego."

During his second semester, Vogt was intrigued to learn that two paintings by Austrian expressionist painter Egon Schiele, on loan to the New York Museum of Modern Art, were identified as Nazi-looted art and claimed by families of previous owners. The legal status of one of these paintings has still not been decided.

"The whole furor got me thinking about the underlying legal issues," he said, "and I decided to take a bold leap forward." Under the direction of law professor Charles Wiggins, Vogt wrote an article about the history of pillage. He later spent the summer of 1998 in Florence studying international art law at USD's Institute on International and Comparative Law.

Upon his return to California, Vogt landed an internship with the legal department at the J. Paul Getty Trust, where he pored over documents dating from 1933 to 1945 that helped track the provenance of thousands of paintings.

"The Germans were very good record-keepers," he recalled. "They would confiscate huge collections from families and galleries, and they would make detailed accounts of whom the paintings were taken from and where they went."

Vogt used Nazi records to develop databases for sleuthing Nazi looting crimes. In 1998, he was invited to attend the Washington

A Change of Venue

Conference on Holocaust-Era Assets, and he began developing contacts in the global repatriation network. He found that museum curators will furnish information about works with uncertain provenance, but they rarely take an active role in seeking out potential claimants. And foreign governments often refuse to open their archives. "The Belgian government has been very supportive," he said, "and the Dutch and the Germans have been supportive as well, but I've found the French to be hampered by their privacy laws and procedure."

Vogt launched ArtWatch in early 2000 as a nonprofit organization. "Compensation in these cases is a very delicate issue," he said. "We're currently involved in several claims, and the people we're representing are not required to pay us a compulsory fee. We look for grants and gifts to cover operating expenses."

Keith Rouse, a Pasadena attorney who represents ArtWatch, said, "It is ArtWatch's position that the museums and collectors that have obtained the stolen works should pay the research costs and all fees that ArtWatch incurs in facilitating a settlement. That burden shouldn't be inflicted on the innocent family members or institutions from whom the art pieces were stolen."

"Requiring even good faith purchasers of ill-gotten artwork to cover these costs will be a disincentive against putting true owners through the trauma of protracted litigation to try and prevent the return of looted works," said Rouse.

One example of ArtWatch's efforts involves a painting by a 17th-century Dutch artist that Vogt located in a major U.S. museum. That painting had been looted by the Nazis

from a family chateau in Belgium. ArtWatch represents the family heirs who are now living in the United States, and is currently involved in sensitive negotiations to either repatriate the work to its true owners or have the museum pay the surviving family members fair compensation.

Vogt anticipates a public announcement will be made in the next few months after the matter has been finally settled. He declined to name the painter or the painting, or to identify the museum so as not to jeopardize ongoing efforts to mediate a final settlement.

According to Vogt's estimate, roughly 30,000 to 50,000 looted paintings worth billions of dollars are still in the hands of museums and private collectors. He is pessimistic about recovering works that are in private hands—many private collectors now refuse to loan artworks rather than risk a claim—but museums have become more cooperative.

"Museums are public institutions, and they know the public wants these issues addressed. People are saying, 'We don't want stolen paintings on display in our museums.' The international consensus now is that these issues will be addressed, that the ethical outcry for resolution is much stronger than any legal statute-of-limitation defense."

That outcry has prompted Vogt to ponder a more global approach to protecting the art, architecture and archeology of every nation. "The more I understand the work that ArtWatch is doing, the more I realize that it falls under the larger umbrella of cultural property. Eventually, I'd like to see ArtWatch become part of an institute for cultural property that would be interdisciplinary, involving universities, law schools and museums working together to address questions concerning cultural property protection."



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class action

Class Action is an update on the personal and professional news of your classmates and other alumni. Please submit information and photographs to the *Advocate*, USD School of Law, Publications Department, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110-2492. You may also e-mail your news to: lawalum@is.acusd.edu.

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william E. BROWN is still active in his solo practice in labor law, focusing on the management side. He is also actively brushing up on his language skills in French and Russian. He travels to France several times a year.

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ROBERT (ROBB) ROYSE teaches conflict prevention and resolution techniques, and serves as a mediator and arbitrator.

MICHAEL THORSNES is a partner in the San Diego law firm of Thorsnes, Bartolotta & McGuire. He is also a trustee of the University of San Diego and has received the 1998 Distinguished Alumni Award for the School of Law and the 1999 Author E. Hughes Career Achievement Award in Law. On October 21, 2000, he received the Dan Broderick Award, which is awarded to attorneys who not only are highly successful in their

careers but also who enjoy reputations for holding to the highest ethical standards.

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NED MANSOUR left his position as president of Mattel at the end of March 2000. He plans "to spend more time with his family, travel, serve on boards and participate in charitable activities."

KENT WILSON recently moved to new law offices in San Diego and opened a branch office in Imperial Beach last summer. His website is www.shonufflawyer.com.

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WILLIAM FENTON SINK is a lawyer in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he has worked on more than 150 jury trials. He and wife Andrea Roosevelt have a daughter, Sloan Anakalia. '75

ROBERT HANNA recently joined the San Diego office of Best Best & Krieger specializing in property, trust and general business litigation. Robert is an adjunct professor at the School of Law and also has served on the faculty of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

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PHIL AURBACH writes that he is focusing more of his practice on mediation and arbitration. He has arbitrated more than 70 disputes for the American Arbitration Association and the Eighth Judicial District Court—acting as a mediator in over 50 mediation proceedings. Prior to his mediation and arbitration training, he tried numerous jury and bench trials; lectured for the Nevada State Bar; and published articles on evictions, mortgage and trust deed foreclosures, repossession of personal property, and the effective use of a trial notebook in personal injury and contract cases. Some of the articles he has written include, "How to Fire

Employees Without Making Them Cry," and "How to Grab a Debtor by the Assets and Not Let Go."

RICHARD M. KING was appointed to the Orange Superior Court by Governor Gray Davis on December 28, 2000. He has served as deputy and assistant district attorney in Orange County since 1981. He was assigned to the homicide unit after three years in the office and served there until 1999, the last 10 years as supervisor. He has tried approximately 115 criminal cases, including more than 30 murder trials.

ROBERT MANN reports that he has become a father after the birth of his first child, William Andrew Mann, on August 5, 2000. He also reports that after practicing tax, corporate and health law for many years, he has decided to retire from practicing law and focus entirely on financial consulting.

office in Mission Viejo to complement his Poway office. He and his wife Stephanie have two sons Steven, 10, and Derek, 14, who are nationally recognized springboard and platform divers.

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DEBRA KOEHLER works in the area of judicial branch education, designing course curricula and conducting training sessions for judges and court staff.

ROBERT TRENTACOSTA has been appointed to the San Diego Superior Court bench by Governor Gray Davis. He replaces the retired Hon. Gerald Barry. Mr. Trentacosta is a partner in the local firm of Boudreau & Trentacosta, which specializes in personal injury and wrongful death litigation.

ALAN WIENER returned to law school and completed a Master's of Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University in August 2000. He now limits his practice to serving as a mediator and dispute resolution consultant.

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SANFORD JOSSEN writes that in March of 2000, he was appointed to the judicial bench by the Los Angeles Superior Court as an "as needed" referee. He currently serves in the juvenile delinquency and dependency court and works also as an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association. He says that he continues to practice tort law as well as run marathons, including the New York City marathon last November and the Honolulu marathon in December, which was his 18th marathon to complete.

JACK O'KEEFE has accepted the position of general counsel for a division of Prudential Asia. He will be working in Hong Kong.

SALLY JO PENSO works as a deputy district attorney in the juvenile division for San Diego County. She also is busy raising three girls.

craig ramseyer and his wife, Wendi Santino, proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Camryn Ann Ramseyer, born on September 10, 2000. He currently works at the San Diego firm of Ramseyer & Kuhlman.

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MICHAEL BUSH is a judge in the Bakersfield Municipal Court and has a 2-year-old son, Stephen, with his wife, Yvone Ortiz-Bush.

EDWARD HUNTINGTON was appointed to the San Diego Superior Court in 1995 and served as president of the San Diego County Bar Association in 1988.

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DARITY WESLEY has taken a position as president and chief operations officer with a new start-up in Phoenix, Arizona called "Eternal Presence" after 16 years at Dataquick in San Diego. Her commute to Arizona "takes as much time as commuting from east county to La Jolla."

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KEITH KLEIN retired from the Air Force in June 1999 and became an associate with McKinney & Stringer in Oklahoma City. He practices environmental law and business litigation in the environmental and energy practice group. His children, Courtney, 13, and Craig, 9, are active tennis players.

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MARK S. LESTER has been with Haight, Brown & Bovesteel for 16 years. He is currently the managing partner of the firm's Riverside office which he established as the firm's civil trial practice. He lives in Lake Arrowhead with his wife, Ruth, and their two daughters, eight-year-old Katy and six-year-old Morgan.

VICKI RUBIN-HOWTON writes that her firm celebrated its one-year anniversary on November 1, 2000. She says her firm specializes in workers' compensation defense and other labor and employment matters. Vicki mentions that she and her husband, David, have been married 13 years and have a five-year-old daughter, Leah Beth. She says she keeps in close contact with fellow class of '85 alums LESA CHRISTENSON and JACKIE GLASS.

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ANN O'DONNELL FARIAS moved with her family to Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania in November 2000. She anticipates taking the July 2001 bar exam in Pennsylvania so that she can practice in her home state.

JANE LIEBERMAN reports that she is "getting my M.B.A. in Hawaii and paddling outrigger canoes with a local team."

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MATTHEW L. BARTHOLOMEW has a sole practice in Pasadena. His wife, Annette, and he have a one-year old son, Matthew, and they had a baby girl in March.

CATHY (GOGGIN) WESELOH is a self-employed business consultant and has spent the past two years rebuilding a home.

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THEODORE DIKMEN recently started his own firm in San Diego with **J. SCOTT '87** focusing in plaintiff's civil litigation.

RICHARD FIELDS was appointed a superior court judge for Riverside County in April, the first African American judge in the county's 107-year history.

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MARK WAYNE DUNDEE is a senior partner with Buck Consultants and received a federal appointment to the U.S. Department of Treasury, Bureau of Debt/U.S. Savings Bond division. Mark is also the author of several treatises on retirement benefits and serves on the governing boards of the L.A. County museums, Pepperdine University, Catholic Healthcare West and Glendale College.

CHERYL GAWRON writes that she took the bar exam for the first time, ten years after graduating from the School of Law, and passed. She now works at the Krafchick Law Firm in Seattle. She specializes in helping those with severe fibromyaligia and chronic pain syndrome obtain their disability benefits. She remembers law school as the "best time of my life." She wishes to thank all of those who supported her two daughters, Alex and Cassie, and her with "love, prayers or financial help after [Tim's] death." Cassie is the "spitting image" of her father. She would love to hear from you at Cheryl@krafchick.com.

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BRENDAN BRANDT writes that he has been promoted to partner at the Riverside law firm of Varner, Saleson & Dobler. Brendan practices in the business, employment and general civil litigation arena. He also mentions his November 1999 election as

Trustee for the Upland Unified School District. Brendan and his wife, Patti, have three children, seven-year-old Conor, four-year-old Kyle, and one-year-old, Amanda.

KIM (SMITH) KUBIK and KEITH KUBIK '89 welcomed their third child, Haley Nicole, February 26, joining brothers Mitchell, 7, and Kyle, 4.

JIM MATHISON and and wife, Theresa, celebrated the birth of their third child, Emma Jane on July 18, 2000. She joins eight-year-old brother, Max, and four-year-old brother, Zachary.

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JAMES CORBIN was married in April 1999 to Jay Dunham and works in the Superior Court Division of the San Diego County Attorney's Office.

GREGORY KOONCE has joined the Sacramento law firm of McKinley & Smith, and focuses on litigation and business law.

MICHAEL J. LEVY has moved to the public sector after nine years of litigation and appeals. He recently accepted a position practicing environmental law for the State Water Resources Control Board in Sacramento, Calif. He is having a great time working on some cutting edge water quality issues. Elisa and he have relocated to their college hometown of Davis and are enjoying California's Central Valley.

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DAVID M. HIRSCH has started his own criminal defense practice, specializing in juvenile and white-collar crime.

MARTY KOVELSKY is in his third year of continuing his solo practice in Long Beach, Calif. He recently celebrated his sixth anniversary with his wife, Myriem, and enjoys running into old classmates.

EDWARD ROGAN is an associate at Lillick & Charles in San Francisco.

ELIZABETH RYNER is a corporate and securities lawyer who recently joined the ranks of partner at the San Diego office of Pillsbury Madison & Sutro.

JULIA WHALEN is a fund development supervisor at the world headquarters of Rotary International.

KIMBERLY WIND works in construction defect and land-use law at Fiore, Racohs & Powers in Orange County, Calif.

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ERIK R. BASIL has been named a partner at Guralnick & Gilliland in San Diego. His first-born son, Joseph Kazuo Basil, was born on November 6, 2000. Also, he was elected president of the San Diego Chapter of the Community Associations Institute, a non-profit educational organization.

JAMES J. MARIO is a real estate tax consultant at Ernst & Young in San Diego.

AMY L. (JACKSON) OLSON married this past summer. She greatly appreciates how wonderful married life is after working on divorce cases for seven years at her practice in San Diego. She says, "Life keeps getting

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better and better."

WILLIAM T. DANIELS joined Vedder, Price, Kaufman & Kammholz in its Chicago office in November 2000. He also received an LL.M. in labor and employment law with a certificate in employee benefits law with honors from Georgetown University in 1999. Prior to joining Vedder Price, he was an employee benefits associate with Porter & Hedges in Houston.

JACK S. YEH was recently promoted to partner at the Los Angeles firm of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips. He handles complex commercial litigation matters for their litigation and employment business unit. He also writes that he was elected to the 2000-2001 Board of Governors for the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association. He said that he has served on their political appointments and trial advocacy skills workshop committees and that he will also be a member of the Board of Governors for the 2001-2002 terms.

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BARRY FRASER manages cable television and telecommunications legal issues for the City of San Diego and is an adjunct professor at California Western School of Law.

ADAM PHILIPP is an attorney at Christensen, O'Connor, Johnson & Kindness in Seattle.

CATHERINE (KIM) ROWLETT

gave birth to her son, Nicholas Tae Hyun Rowlett, near Halloween. He weighed 7 lbs 13 ounces. There were some complications, but now he is "absolutely adorable!"

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CHRISTINE A. (KEATING)
CHRISMAN is in her third year as associate counsel for the LA Dodgers. "Yes, my office is actually at Dodger Stadium."
She lives with her husband, Jim, and their two Airedale Terriers, Chief and Jake, in

Woodland Hills, Calif.

JAMES C. HARMAN and his wife, Evangelina, announce the birth of their first child, Daniel on December 13, 2000. He continues to enjoy working as a Deputy County Counsel in Orange County, Calif.

LISA MARGUERITE KENNY is in her second year of her own private practice in San Diego. In September 2000, she married William Dahill Carey, also an attorney in San Diego. They live in Point Loma and both enjoy sailing out of the San Diego Yacht Club.

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MARY BETH COBURN recently joined the San Diego office of Best Best & Krieger practicing general civil litigation with an emphasis in engineering and construction related claims.

curtis L. Harrington has recently been selected Chair of the Income/Other subcommittee of the Tax section of the California State Bar for 2000-2001. He also has been appointed Special Master by the California State Bar for assisting in the execution of search warrants under Penal Code §1524 on professionals who likely have client files protected by privilege.

JED NICHOLSON and Cynthia (Kovol) Nicholson welcomed their first child, Karen, June 17. The family lives in San Luis Obispo, where Cynthia is a property manager and Jed is a civil litigator with Sinshemier, Schiebelhut & Baggett.

DENA (SOMERS) ROUDYBUSH

gave birth to Mitchell Scott on August 6, 2000. She now works part-time for Culin, Sharp & Autry in Fairfax, Virginia. Her husband, Richard, Mitchell, and she live in Centreville.

THERESA (NILAND) STEEN and husband Michael welcomed their second child, Colin, in March. Theresa is a staff attorney at Blue Cross of Idaho.

MICHAEL VACCHI and AMBER SPATANO '00 were wed March 18 in Founders Chapel. Michael works for a San Diego law firm.

MARK WEINSTEIN completed a two-year federal clerkship with JUDGE THOMAS WHELAN '65. He now works for Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in Silicon Valley in their intellectual property litigation department.

NORMAN GREGORY YOUNG

teaches international business at Cal Poly Pomona. In summer 2000, he taught the China 2000 study abroad course in Hangzhou, China, lectured at Nuhan University School of Law, was a visiting research fellow of the Leuterpacht Research Center at Cambridge, and continued work as a participant and designate leader for the Asia-China Intellectual Property Right Enhancement Project for the State Department. Prof. Folsom and Prof. Pugh were his teachers and continue to be.

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clemens w. Pauly and his wife, Melanie, announce the birth of their twin sons, Alexander and Nicholas. He works as counsel in international law for Rodriguez Langstadt & Aguero in Coral Gables, Florida. An article of his on immigration law was recently published in the Miami Daily Business Review. He also expects his article on CISG to be published soon in the Journal of Law and Commerce.

kristine (o'KEEFE) vance and her husband were married April 10, 1999, and have a daughter, Alexia Kirsten, born January 31, 2001.

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MARGARET E. GABOR was recently appointed as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of California in the Border Crimes section.

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MARK C. LEE left his position in corporate securities at Heller Ehrman to work as an in-house counsel for Hohomine, a software company. He is the corporate counsel and director of strategic alliances.

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ast year was a breakthrough year for the Law Annual Fund. Alumni contributions from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000 increased by more than a third. Moreover, the number of alumni who participated in the Law Annual Fund increased to 17 percent—nearly a 50 percent increase over the prior year. Last fall we celebrated another successful Law Alumni Weekend and class reunion. The classes of 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990 and 1995 collectively raised a record \$330,000 in gifts and pledges.

This kind of annual support from alumni and friends helps in many ways. It enables us to provide more scholarships and low-interest Joans to deserving students, recruit and retain the country's best and brightest faculty, maintain and expand our library resources, and enhance the teaching and research environment. The list goes on. But ultimately, Law Annual Fund contributions help us continue our climb through the ranks of nationally recognized law schools.

The volunteer efforts of the alumni leadership help sharpen the focus of the school's fundraising efforts. Solveig Store Deuprey '78, last year's president of the Law Alumni Association, and David B. Norris '90, chair of the Law Alumni Development Committee, worked tirelessly, not only to increase the number of overall donors and dollars, but to successfully promote the Maudsley Fellows Giving Society, the School of Law's premiere giving club, consisting of members whose annual gifts total \$1,000 or more.

We extend our thanks to Solveig and David and to the entire Law Alumni Association and Board of Visitors for all their good work in 2000. We also thank the alumni and friends listed in the following pages for their annual support. Your generosity has helped make the University of San Diego School of Law an institution of excellence in legal education and scholarship. Thank you.



David Norris '90 (left) and Solveig Store
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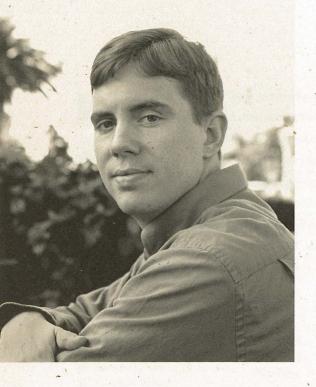
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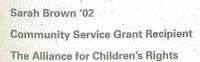
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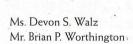
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