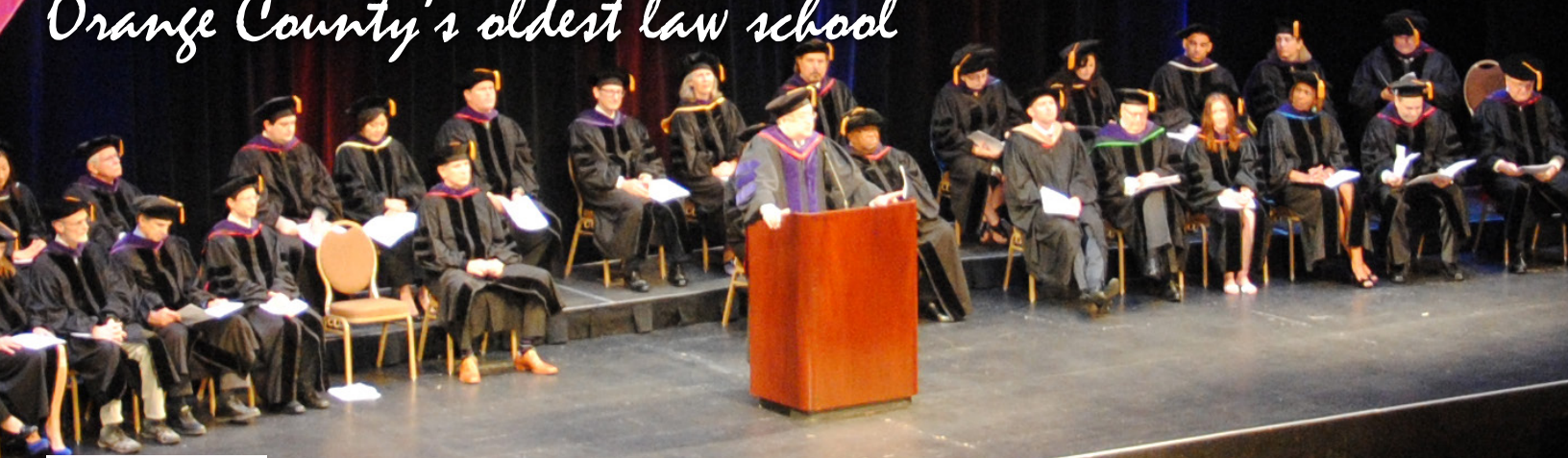




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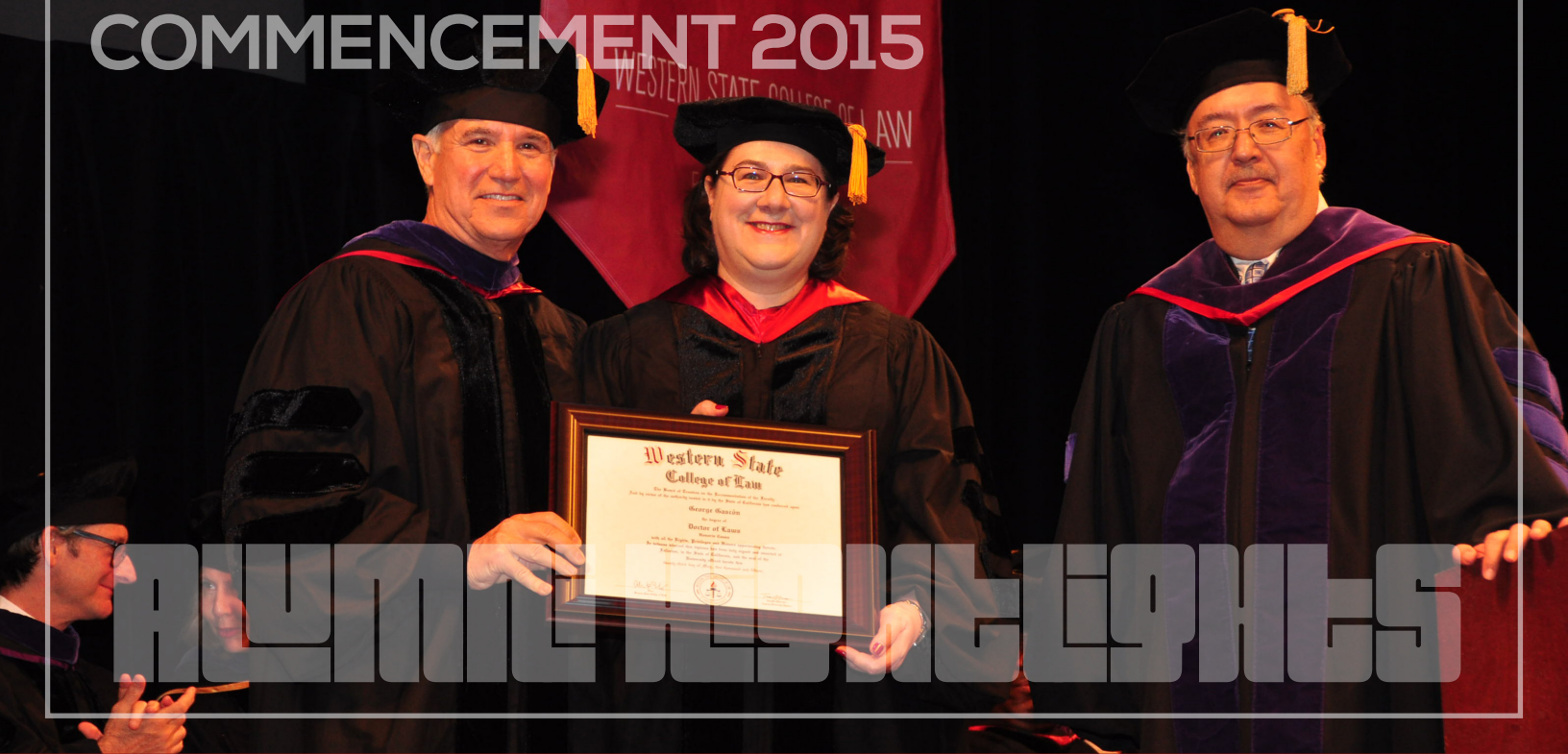


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Alumni Highlights is Western State's quarterly Alumni eNewsletter. Stay in-the-know about the happenings of the legal community, successes of your classmates and other alumni, and upcoming events just for you! Join our mailing list.

LUNCH WITH BETTY WHITE

2014 Hall of Fame Gala live auction winner, Laurel Peniche Gartman (Class of 1987), has lunch with Betty White.

Thank you Jeff Witjas (class of 1979) for making this happen.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Western State's premiere alumni event is just around the corner. On September 19th, the Hall of Fame Gala brings together hundreds of alums from classes going back five decades to renew acquaintances and to participate in raising scholarships for gifted law students and law students in need. The Gala will provide me with the opportunity to meet you, and to let you know what we at the College of Law have planned in the coming years.

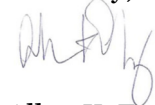
Of course we will be honoring our new Hall of Fame inductees – and it is my pleasure to announce them. The Honorable Becky Dugan has had a truly distinguished career, becoming the longest serving member on the Riverside County bench. Brian McCormack is a prominent civil litigator who has posted a number celebrated jury awards in cases of daunting complexity. Kim Valentine has, in her professional life, advocated for the elderly and the infirm with great success, and, as a community leader, created charitable projects for the homeless and dispossessed. In addition to honoring our three new inductees, we will honor our first Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, the Honorable Francisco Firmat, who presided over so many of your cases and taught so many of you trial practice, and who was himself inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1990.

Also on the horizon: I am very pleased to report that we have finalized our arrangements to take occupancy of our new campus, subject only to the acquiescence of the American Bar Association (our application for acquiescence is now in their hands). Our future home is located just a few blocks from where Western State's former Irvine campus of the Nineties was located. Our new facility is adjacent to Cal State Fullerton's Irvine satellite campus, and very close to Chapman's Brandeman University campus and the Irvine Spectrum. This is an attractive area for academic entities to establish new roots. As we design and build the interior of our new building it is an opportunity for us to strengthen the school and its ties to the legal community. The College of Law will become a center of law-related educational activity; we will expect you to meet with your bar associations at the school, attend your MCLE courses there, and look to Western State for your research needs.

We plan on making our move this coming January. In advance of the official opening of our new campus, we will provide the alumni community with ample opportunities to visit the new campus and bid farewell to our current building. If you've lost touch with us, this is a great opportunity to renew our connections.

It is clear that Western State, which has had its share of eventful times, can expect this year to wind up on an exceptionally exciting note. The new campus will have a huge impact on the school's brand and identity. The shape and character of the institution that Western State grows into over the coming years will emerge from a creative partnership among you, your colleagues, and the faculty and staff of our College of Law. I invite you to join me in shaping Western State's future.

Sincerely,

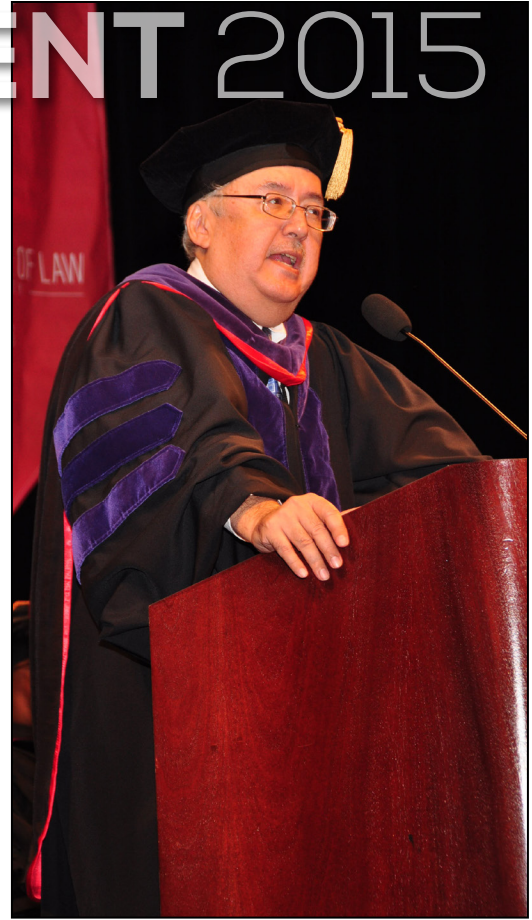
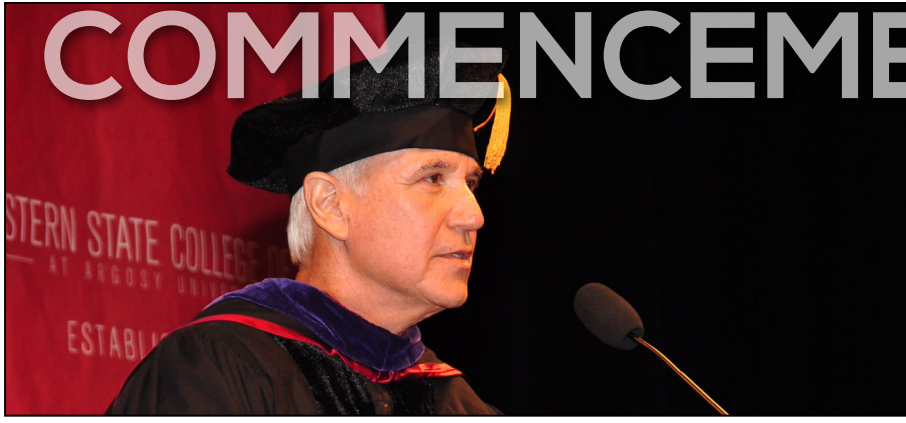


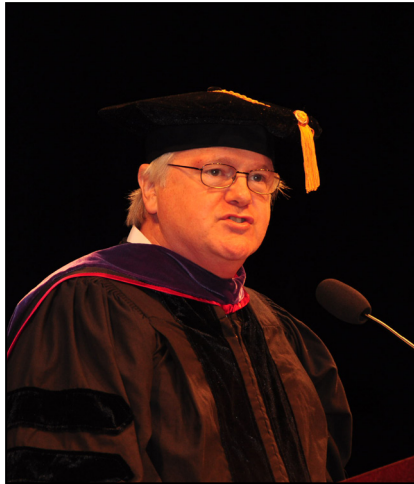
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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Re: Sponsorship

It is with great excitement we invite you to participate in a very special event. This year the Western State community will be honoring four exceptional alumni, three as new Hall of Fame Inductees:

The Honorable Becky Lynn Dugan | Class of 1979

Assistant Presiding Judge
Superior Court of Riverside County

Brian J. McCormack | Class of 1993

Kimberly A. Valentine | Class of 1997

... and our first recipient of the HALL OF FAME LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT award:

The Honorable Francisco Firmat | Class of 1976

The event will take place on Saturday, September 19th, 2015 at the luxurious Balboa Bay Resort in Newport Beach. Guests can anticipate a casino-style cocktail reception – two hours of gaming, prizes, and silent auction – followed by an exceptional dinner, awards ceremony, and live auction.

Building on continued success, 2015's event offers even more opportunities to partner with us in celebrating Western State alumni achievement. We invite you to learn more about sponsorship and the various benefits by reviewing the pages of this packet.

If you are interested in helping us make the 2015 Hall of Fame Gala even more memorable than last year's, please do not hesitate to call or email either of us. We thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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HALL OF FAME

Gala

The Honorable Francisco Firmat Lifetime Achievement Award



The Honorable Francisco Firmat graduated from Western State in 1976. Firmat was appointed to the Orange County Municipal Court in 1985 and to the Superior Court in 1990. His assignments have included the civil and complex litigation panels, and the family law panel which he supervised for five years. The programs that he initiated there, especially those addressing the needs of self-represented litigants and non-English speaking litigants, as well as mediated family proceedings, earned him wide recognition, not only within Orange County, but throughout the State. He was awarded OCBA's highest accolades, the Franklin West Award and the Harmon Scoville Award; he received the Bar Foundation Award for his role in creating Programa Shortstop, a widely admired juvenile diversion program. In addition, Judge Firmat has received Judge of the Year honors from the Orange County Women Lawyers, the Orange County Trial Lawyers Association, and many more. Perhaps most importantly, in recognition of his long-term commitment to improving access to justice, Judge Firmat received the 2008 Benjamin Aranda III Access to Justice Award cosponsored by the State Bar, Judicial Council and the California Judges Association. Judge Firmat taught Trial Practice at Western State for 18 years, and he still administers the oath to Western State's new admittees to the bar. He retired from the bench in 2013 and is now a neutral for ADR Services.

* The Honorable Francisco Firmat was inducted into the Western State Hall of Fame in 1990.

The Honorable Rebecca Dugan

Hall of Fame Inductee



The Honorable Rebecca Dugan graduated from Western State in 1979. She worked as a Deputy Public Defender for Riverside County prior to being named Commissioner of Riverside County Municipal Court and Commissioner of Riverside County Superior Court soon thereafter. She was elected Judge of the Riverside County Superior Court in 1998, and was named Presiding Judge of the Juvenil Court in 2005 and Supervising Judge of the Family Court in 2007. She is currently the Assistant Presiding Judge of the Riverside County Superior Court as well as Supervisor of the Criminal Panel. She teaches and lectures

widely; she is a frequent participant on juvenile, family law and criminal seminars and symposia. Judge Dugan is the longest serving judicial officer on the Riverside County bench; she was recently awarded the Judicial Council's Huffman Justice for Children and Families Award for her "decades of leadership...advancing justice for children, families and those with mental health issues."

Brian McCormack

Hall of Fame Inductee



Brian McCormack graduated from Western State in 1993 and has built a distinguished career as a top flight trial attorney. As a partner with the Santa Ana firm of Callahan & Blaine, McCormack has amassed well over \$1 billion dollars in jury verdicts and settlements for his clients. He was co-trial counsel in the Beckman Coulter vs. Flextronics case, the largest verdict in Orange County history, and has obtained significant verdicts and settlements in cases involving catastrophic personal injury, product liability and wrongful death. McCormack has been recognized as one of the Best Lawyers in America, one of the Top 50 Lawyers in Orange County, and has been named a Super Lawyer 12 consecutive years.

Kimberly Valentine

Hall of Fame Inductee



Kimberly Valentine graduated from Western State in 1997 and under the early tutelage of the trial savants at Horton, Barbaro & Reilly distinguished herself as a tenacious and compassionate tort lawyer. She was the Managing Attorney for the Los Angeles Office of Wilkes & McHugh, effectively litigating that firm's nursing home liability cases throughout Southern California. Now she is the principle at the Valentine Law Group where she exercises her passion for representing the powerless and where she has accumulated a string of six and seven figure verdicts in service to an at-need and vulnerable clientele. Valentine is

the founder of Operation Helping Hands which provides for the needs of the homeless, and co-founder of the educational organization Stop Elder Abuses; she also sits on the Advisory Committee of the Los Angeles Elder Abuse Forensic Center and on the Advisory Board of Together We Rise, which endeavors to improve the lives of foster children. She is an Associate member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. She sat on the Board of Governors of the Consumer Attorneys of California and on the Board of Directors of the Orange County Trial Lawyers which twice awarded her the OCTLA Top Gun Award for her achievements in stemming elder abuse.

Alumni Interview

Brad McGirr Mayor of Rancho Santa Margarita

Class of 1985



Of what success are you most proud?

In addition to being a good husband and father, my election to the office of Mayor of Rancho Santa Margarita. I love our city, and I'm very proud to have been given the opportunity to lead the city for the next year.

What does being Western State alum mean to you?

I'm very proud of my association with Western State. I was provided an opportunity to work full time while attending law school, and my professors were exemplary. I felt fully prepared to take the Bar Exam and to practice law immediately thereafter.

What do you like most about the practice of law?

I work in the medical malpractice arena and I love learning the medicine and defending health care providers. There is rarely a dull moment in a litigation practice.

What do you like least?

The long hours, the uncertain trial dates and the effect this has on one's personal life.

How has the practice of law changed from when you first started?

Oh, yes. When I started practicing in the late 80's, there were no cell phones, texting, faxes, etc. Legal research involved reading actual books! Although technological advancements were designed to make our lives easier, I've found the opposite is commonly true.

How do you view Western State's position in the legal community?

When I attended Western State, there was no competition among law schools in Orange County. With UCI and Chapman now in the fold, and considering current Bar passage statistics, Western State continues to prove itself to be a law school that provides an outstanding legal education while fully preparing its students to practice in the legal arena.

What do you see as the most important/pressing issue in the legal system?

Budget restrictions and a decrease in state funding.



What is your first memory of Western?

Sitting in the library for an introductory message from the Dean at which time he said to “look to your left, now look to your right. Two of you won’t be here after three years of law school.” He was right. Actually, both of those students were gone after the first year.

What are your favorite memories?

Study groups, intelligent and thoughtful professors, getting to know the judges that taught at Western State.

Have you always been a defense attorney? What drew you to that side?

Yes. I really enjoy defending health care providers and defending those cases where I’m convinced that the health care provider complied with the community standard of care.

Do you handle primarily medical issues and do you find those your most interesting cases?

Yes, my practice is comprised primarily of defending health care providers in malpractice cases and cases involving the California Medical Board or the Board of Chiropractic Examiners. I truly enjoy learning the medicine, as such, these are always interesting cases.

What compelled you to enter politics?

Although I’ve always been a bit of a political junkie, it was my appointment to the Rancho Santa Margarita Planning Commission that sparked an ambition to run for office. I threw my hat in the political arena when one of our council members retired, and I have thereafter been elected to the city council twice. I was selected by my peers to serve as Mayor throughout 2015, and I’ve enjoyed every minute of it.

How does your work at LaFollette inform your role at Rancho Santa Margarita?

A legal background is not necessarily essential for a career in public service; it certainly has provided me with a very big advantage. Public speaking, budget negotiations, dealings with the city attorney’s office, etc.; all of this comes more easily given my association with LaFollette, Johnson, De Haas, Fesler & Ames. We are proud to be the preeminent civil defense firm in the state of California, and my association with this firm over the past number of years has proven to be invaluable in both my legal and political careers.

Do you plan on making an attempt at statewide office?

I doubt it, but never say never.

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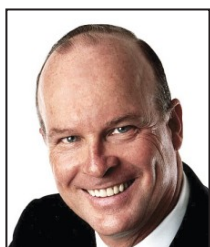
Western State has over 11,000 Alumni. Its members include judges, district attorneys, public defenders, city attorneys, corporate counsel, and private practitioners, along with individuals of every conceivable professional endeavor throughout the nation.



Jeffrey Adelson (Class of 1976) of Adelson, Testan, Brundo, Novell & Jimenez was a featured presenter at Risk Management Summit 2015, March 4-5 in New York City. Adelson is the firm's General Counsel, as well as Managing Partner of its Santa Ana Office and Managing Partner of the National Practice Group.



The Hollywood Reporter has named **David Fox** (Class of 1985) to its Power Lawyer 2015 list of Hollywood's Top 100 Lawyers. Fox, a partner at Myman Greenspan Fineman Fox Rosenberg & Light, represents a number of clients who had spectacular years, including 'Furious 7' director, James Wan; 'The Lego Movie' producer, Dan Lin; and 'Grey's Anatomy' producers Tony Phelan and Joan Rater.



Rock O. Kendall (Class of 1994) has released an instructional video "Rock Kendall's Road Test Tips," that has enjoyed more than 1.3 million views and has over 3,000 subscribers at YouTube where he has made it available free, worldwide.



Elizabeth Kolar (Class of 1993) of Kolar & Associates, has been named the recipient of the 2015 California Lawyer of the Year Award (The CLAY Award) in Franchise Law by California Lawyer Magazine.



Lucille Kring (Class of 1989) was named Mayor *Pro Tem* of the City of Anaheim by her colleagues on the City Council.



Pamela Liosi (Class of 1994) has joined the Traut Firm where she handles wrongful death and personal injury cases. She recently wound up her second term as President of Lex Romana – The Italian American Bar Association of Orange County.



Tram-Anh Nguyen (Class of 2009) has been named to the 2015-16 Board of Directors of the Orange County Asian American Bar Association. She is corporate counsel for loanDepot.com, the second largest independent mortgage lender in the US.



Maria Puente-Porras (Class of 1997) was recently named Commissioner of the Los Angeles Superior Court by the Superior Court judges. She is a family law and criminal defense practitioner and has formerly served as President of the Southeast Division Bar Association.



Jeff Witjas (Class of 1979), Senior Vice President of APA, has been presented with the 2015 Heller Award for Lifetime Achievement for Excellence as a Talent Agent by the Talent Managers Association. Witjas was inducted into Western State’s Hall of Fame in 2014.

Jeffrey Kane (Class of 1995) of Huntington Beach was recently co-counsel in *Christian v. McMahon’s RV* in which he won a \$1,118,900 verdict for his client in a breach of warranty action.

Barbara McDaniel (Class of 1993), formerly with the Los Angeles County Alternate Defender’s Office, has been named Commissioner of the Superior Court of Los Angeles at Inglewood, by the Superior Court Judges.



Patrick Longhi (Class of 1981) was among those recognized for his work on the recent Fulton County Law Week event by Committee Chair, Superior Court Judge Ural Glanville. Judge Glanville (l), presided over the “Future Leaders of America” scholarship presentation – for which Longhi (2nd r.) was subcommittee chair. The scholarships cover the winning students’ round-trip airfare, tuition, room and board and transportation in and around Washington, D.C. to attend the Washington Workshops Foundation Congressional Seminar studying national politics and government this summer.

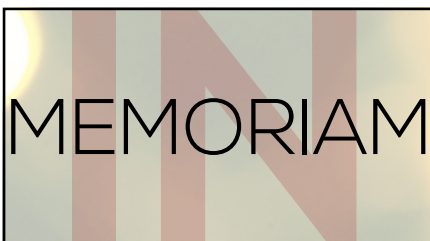
Kudos to you!

Please let us know about your accomplishments, in and out of the legal community. Your fellow alumni and classmates want to know.

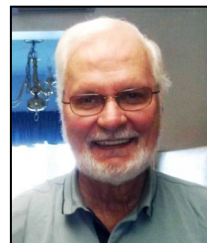
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The Western State Community is deeply saddened by the passing of three alumni.



Daniel Wayne Anderson
Class of 1977



Edward Borowiec
Class of 1978



Paul Stuart Patterson
Class of 1976

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015

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POST BAR/OPEN BAR - AUGUST 13
RALPH BRENNAN'S JAZZ KITCHEN
DOWNTOWN DISNEY, CA



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LAS VEGAS MIXER - SEPTEMBER 4
MAGGIANNOS - THE STRIP
LAS VEGAS, NV



2015 HALL OF FAME GALA - SEPTEMBER 19
BALBOA BAY RESORT
NEWPORT BEACH, CA



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BAY AREA MIXER - NOVEMBER 12
THE WATERFRONT
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HOLIDAY MIXER - DECEMBER 10
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RIVERSIDE, CA



STUDENT RECEIVES FIRST ANNUAL PILF PUBLIC INTEREST SCHOLARSHIP



Second year student, *Asya Ovsepyan*, received the first annual Public Interest law foundation (PILF) public interest scholarship, awarded on April 23. The \$2,000 stipend was the

result of the organization's April 26 fundraiser held on campus in the Moot Court Room. Students, faculty and alumni bid on auction items donated by the faculty and staff, as well as a few local businesses, which eventually netted \$2,000 for the stipend.

The purpose of the stipend is to provide funds to a student desiring to take on a summer internship in the area of public interest. Asya will be interning with the Orange County Public Defender's office during the summer of 2015.

On-campus Interviews

Many high caliber firms with Orange County offices participate in on-campus interviews at local law schools. Is yours one of them? Western State is taking our on-campus interview program to the next level. We would enjoy hosting your recruiting team on campus to meet with students who fit your firm's hiring criteria. Let us know how we can help you find top candidates to join your legal team.

For single job openings, jobs can be posted onto Symplicity with just a few clicks, or we can take the job order directly over the phone. All job posts are free and can run for up to 90 days. Questions? Contact Pam at pdavidson@wsulaw.edu or 714.459.1106. We look forward to helping you find your next great hire!

ERIC GREENSPAN SHARES SECRETS OF SUCCESS WITH ESLS



On Wednesday April 15, 2015, Western State College of Law's Entertainment and Sports Law Society, Business Law Association, Business Law Center and Career Services welcomed Top Entertainment Law Firm Partner Eric Greenspan, Esq. The program was entitled "Top 5 Negotiation Success Stories + 1 Epic Fail." Greenspan is a partner at Myman Greenspan Fineman Fox Rosenberg & Light, LLC. Greenspan has represented top headliners such as the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Jewel, Stone Temple Pilots, Tool and Slash.

Greenspan spoke passionately with students, alumni, and staff about his rise to the top. His stories entertained and inspired the audience by showing what it means to be not just a good lawyer—but a great lawyer. He said that students should prepare for success and his advice was, "Put yourself in a place where luck can find you and be ready to deliver when the time comes." Greenspan was engaging and authentic as he explained to students that he was in the middle of the biggest negotiation of his life. He closed the lecture and left students in awe as he dashed off to continue his next deal for the greatest jam band of all time –The Grateful Dead. Western State was so thankful to have Greenspan join us amidst his busy schedule and we welcome him to join us again.



POST BAR ALUMNI Mixer

AUGUST 13TH

RALPH BRENNAN'S JAZZ KITCHEN
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FACULTY NOTES



Professor Cheyanna Jaffke recently returned from the U.S. Tax Court Judicial Conference at Duke University. Attendance at the conference is by invitation only, and Professor Jaffke was invited by the Chief Judge of the U.S. Tax Court, Michael Thornton. She had breakfast with Judge Eric G. Bruggink, Senior Judge on the United States Court of Federal Claims in Washington, DC, met and spoke with Justice Antonin Scalia, and had dinner with Judge Robert A. Wherry, Jr., Senior Judge of the U.S. Tax Court.

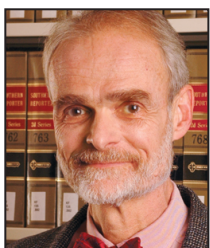


Professor Elizabeth N. Jones was invited to write for the New Mexico Law Review's special issue dedicated to the critically acclaimed television show, *Breaking Bad*. Her article, "The Good and (Breaking) Bad of Deceptive Police Practices," explores a potential association between *Breaking Bad's* depiction of investigative strategic police deception and the Department of Justice's recent finding of a "pattern or practice of excessive force" by the Albuquerque Police Department.

Professor Elizabeth Jones's article, "The Good and (Breaking) Bad of Deceptive Police Practices," has been highlighted in *The Wall Street Journal's Law Blog*. The post notes that the New Mexico Law Review has dedicated a special issue to the critically acclaimed television show *Breaking Bad*, mentions Western State College of Law, and states that Professor Jones' article "discusses the possible association between *Breaking Bad's* depiction of investigative strategic police deception and the Department of Justice's recent finding of a 'pattern or practice of excessive force' by some Albuquerque Police Department officers." The post includes a link to her article. Covered by lead writer Jacob Gershman, the Law Blog focuses on law and business, the business of law, looks at industry news and legal trends, and includes contributions from reporters and editors at *The Wall Street Journal* and *Dow Jones Newswires*.



Professor Philip L. Merkel served as judge for this year's Jerome I. Braun Prize in Western Legal History competition. The Braun Prize is awarded annually for the best unpublished manuscript on the history of the North American West. As judge, Professor Merkel read and evaluated manuscripts submitted by historians and legal scholars. The winning submission will be published in a future issue of *Western Legal History*, a publication of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society.



Professor Kevin Mohr participated in a panel at the State Bar of California Ethics Symposium in San Diego on April 25 that discussed the current project to revise the California Rules of Professional Conduct, which are the principal source of lawyer regulation in California. Professor Mohr serves as the Reporter for the current Rules Revision Commission that has been tasked with reviewing and revising the Rules. It is a position he also held with the previous Commission.



The Clinical Law Review has announced that **Professor Jennifer Koh** will join its Board of Editors in January 2016. *The Clinical Law Review* is a semi-annual peer-edited journal devoted to issues of lawyering theory and clinical legal education, and is jointly sponsored by the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), the Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA), and New York University School of Law. Members of the Board of Editors serve for a term of 6 years, and work with authors publishing in the *Clinical Law Review* to edit articles as well as serve as small group leaders in the journal’s annual writers’ workshop.

Professor Jennifer Koh presented at the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Clinical Conference on “The New Normal: Clinical Education at the Intersection of Immigration and Criminal Law,” on May 5. The concurrent session brought together clinical law professors with criminal and immigration law backgrounds to discuss how law school clinics are reflecting the merger of the criminal and immigration law fields. In her comments, Professor Koh discussed the Western State College of Law Immigration Clinic’s work involving noncitizens facing removal and detention due to prior convictions. She also described the Clinic’s collaboration with the juvenile division of the Orange County Public Defender’s Office, in which the Clinic provides immigration consultations to youth facing juvenile adjudications in Orange County.

The United States Supreme Court cited and quoted Professor Jennifer Koh in its majority opinion in *Mellouli v. Lynch*, an important case involving the immigration consequences of crime. In *Mellouli*, the Court held in a 7-2 opinion that a lawful permanent resident’s conviction for possession of drug paraphernalia under Kansas law (in this case, involving four unidentified pills contained in a sock) did not trigger deportation. The majority opinion, written by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, cited and quoted Professor Koh’s law review article, “The Whole Better Than the Sum: A Case for the Categorical Approach to Determining the Immigration Consequences of Crime,” 26 *Geo. Immigr. L. J.* 257 (2012) extensively to support the contention that the “categorical approach” – a methodology used by adjudicators to determine whether a conviction should trigger adverse immigration consequences – “is suited to the realities of the system.” (Slip op. at 7). Earlier this year, Professor Koh weighed in with her thoughts on the *Mellouli* case in an online symposium at crimmigration.com.



Professor Robert Molko’s article, “The Law of Unintended Consequences Strikes Again: Does Murder Have a Statute of Limitations Now? The Sky Will Fall Unless the Supreme Court Changes Its Interpretation of the Right of Confrontation,” just published in the *Drake Law Review*, argues that The Supreme Court’s latest interpretation of the Sixth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution will lead to the creation of a statute of limitations tied to the life of the autopsy pathologist, because it will not be possible to prove the cause of death in murders once the pathologist dies, or is otherwise legally unavailable. 63 *Drake L. Rev.* 527 (2015).

The article further argues that the Court will have to significantly change its interpretation in order to avoid this unintended consequence that would be contrary to the long-held common law.



Professor Eunice Park’s article on legal writing courses as a bridge between doctrine and skill has been published in *The Second Draft*, the official publication of The Legal Writing Institute. In the Spring 2015 issue, Professor Park discusses ways in which the substance and pedagogy of legal writing courses, in this era of legal education reform, merges the analytical and practical.

FACULTY NOTES



Adjunct Professor Neil Pedersen presented at the State Bar offices in Los Angeles on May 22 on the topic of Making Good Client Choices. He was asked to present as part of the California Young Lawyers Division Annual Practical Skills Training Symposium, a two-day training program for young lawyers. The presentation included a series of video clips and discussion focused on heading off practice problems by identifying potential client issues in the intake process.



Adjunct Professor William D. Shapiro, a '78 graduate of Western State, recently received the 2015 CAL-ABOTA Trial Lawyer of the Year Award, by many accounts the highest honor a California trial lawyer can receive. The California Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates awards it annually to the attorney who most exhibits excellence in advocacy, a distinguished career, and a reputation for civility, ethics, and fair play.



Professor Stacey Sobel's article, "When Windsor Isn't Enough: Why the Court Must Clarify Equal Protection Analysis for Sexual Orientation Classifications," has been published in the *Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy*. This article explores why the Supreme Court needs to provide guidance for courts hearing sexual orientation discrimination claims under the Federal Equal Protection Clause and the differing standards of review applied by courts in sexual orientation-related cases in the past. Professor Sobel's article concludes that sexual orientation classifications merit heightened scrutiny analysis which would provide fairness, predictability and protection for lesbian, gay and bisexual people.

Professor Sobel, recently spoke with Laira Martin at Lawyer & Statesmen, a special publication from The National Jurist. Laira is working on a piece that profiles several leaders in different aspects of the practice of law, and will be highlighting professor Sobel in their June 2015 issue about what it means to be a leader in the LGBT legal community along with some advice she has for young lawyers looking to break into this area of law.

Check out the faculty blog: <http://westernstatefacultyblog.wordpress.com>





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