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Institutional Advancement

The Office of Institutional Advancement provides resources, programs and events to support the academic and professional aspirations of the members of the Western State community, and serves as a conduit for donor support, volunteerism and stewardship that are critical to the vibrancy and continued growth of the College of Law.

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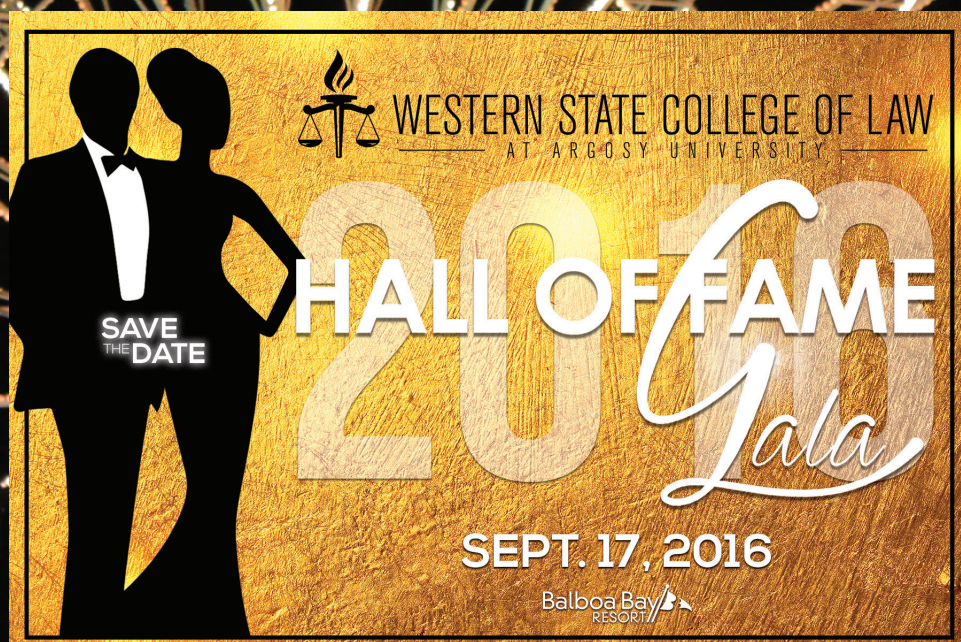
About Us

Founded in 1966, Western State College of Law is the oldest law school in Orange County, Southern California, and is fully ABA approved.

Noted for small classes and personal attention from an accessible faculty focused on student success, Western State maintains bar pass rates consistently in the top half of California's ABA law schools.

Western State's 11,000+ alumni are well represented across public and private sector legal practice areas, including 150 California judges and about 15% of Orange County's Deputy Public Defenders and District Attorneys.

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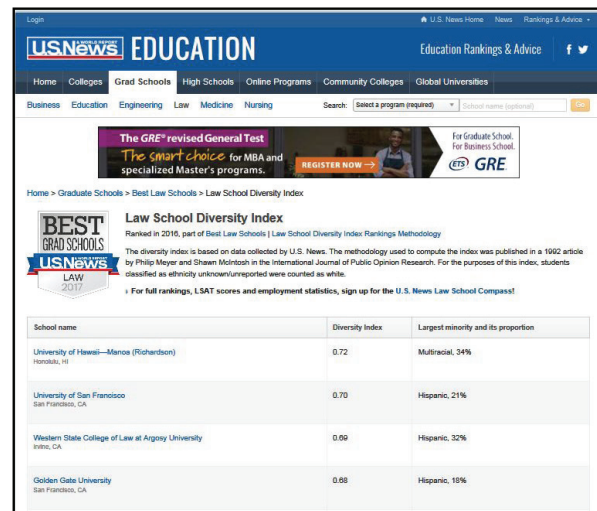


Western State Ranked 3rd in Diversity by U.S. News and World Report

Western State College of Law was just ranked 3rd by U.S. News and World Report in law school diversity with a diversity index of 0.69!

For the full list of rankings, please visit:
<http://grad-schools.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-law-schools/law-school-diversity-rankings?int=a8e509>

Western State is no stranger to high diversity rankings. In 2014, The National Jurist, in their review of the "Most Diverse Law Schools" ranked Western State 12th!



School name	Diversity Index	Largest minority and its proportion
University of Hawaii—Manoa (Richardson) Honolulu, HI	0.72	Multiracial, 34%
University of San Francisco San Francisco, CA	0.70	Hispanic, 21%
Western State College of Law at Argosy University Irvine, CA	0.69	Hispanic, 32%
Golden Gate University San Francisco, CA	0.68	Hispanic, 19%

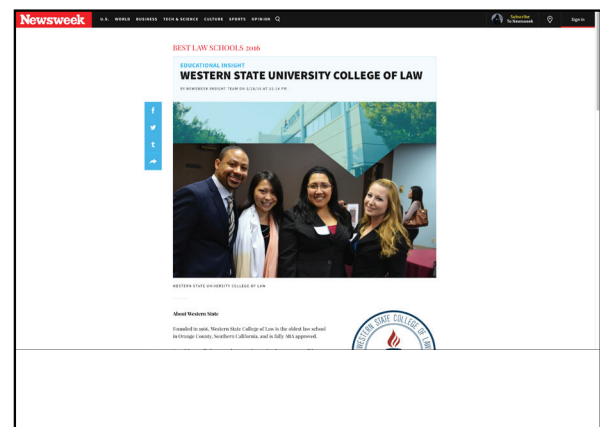
See Western State on Newsweek.com USA's Best Law Schools 2016!

Western State College of Law featured on Newsweek.com: the piece, titled USA's Best Law Schools 2016, focuses on law schools with strong networks, innovative programs, and a strong sense of inclusion.

To read the piece, please click here and scroll down:
<http://www.newsweek.com/insights/best-law-schools-2016>

An excerpt from the piece:

"Networking is important for lawyers to better gain access to valuable information and work opportunities, and thus many law universities maintain a thriving alumni network. The Western State College of Law at Argosy University counts over 11,000 alumni serving the legal community in various capacities, with notable names including George Gascón, the District Attorney of San Francisco; and Roger T. Benitez, a United States federal judge."



- Educational Insight

By Newsweek Insight Team On 5/26/16 at 10:45 AM

<http://www.newsweek.com/insights/best-law-schools-2016>

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

We have just concluded our inaugural semester at Western State's new home. The transition, although not without some initial hiccoughs, has been remarkably smooth. The neighborhood at One Banting seems like a neighborhood we have always inhabited. It has been oddly gratifying to see the students and faculty take to it regardless of nostalgia for the Fullerton location.

I am continually impressed with how the new building's design elements enhance the students' scholastic experience, and conflate their activities in meaningful ways with their always present instructors. The building's design accommodates adjustments in our ideas or rethinking our ideas altogether. And we would certainly entertain comments and suggestions from you.

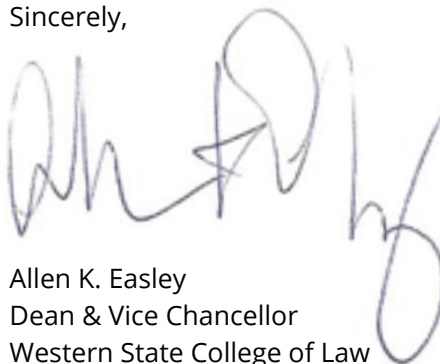
Three weeks ago we debuted the campus with an open-house and a ribbon-cutting ceremony that was officiated by Irvine Mayor Steven Choi, Orange County Bar Association President Todd Friedland and Chamber of Commerce Director Isaiah Leslie, and attended at the dais by, among others, scholarship benefactors William McCune and William Shapiro. It was clear that those on the dais thought Western State and Irvine were the ideal pairing.

For all its shine, the building has already gotten good use. Since early spring, hardly a

day has gone by without a law school event: a new attorney swearing-in ceremony and a student scholarship awards ceremony; a ribbon cutting/open house; a symposium and several continuing education classes and seminars; and too many more meetings and guest lectures to enumerate here. It seems our new campus is suddenly settling into a wizened but energetic middle-age. I would encourage you to visit. It has been gratifying to see alumni on campus that we used to see regularly in Fullerton and wonder if they'd ever make the trip. Parking is very convenient, the building's entrance flows into the library, which is very spacious in spite of once again being part of the main building.

The Spectrum, of which Western State is in the heart, is comprised largely of technology companies and their headquarters, professional buildings, and medical centers. Educational infrastructure is in its nascence and it is not hard imagining a vibrant culture of higher education sprouting up around us and our colleague institutions. That culture will be, in part, the creation of Western State; it will grow out of everything we do here over the next several years, and it will grow out of our commitment to our locale, our neighbors, and our students; and, of course, the continued mutual devotion of our alumni who started that culture in North Orange County, and who remain with us no matter where we are.

Sincerely,



Allen K. Easley
Dean & Vice Chancellor
Western State College of Law



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

A RED CARPET AFFAIR

"This move represents the beginning of a new era for Western State, in a location that will accommodate the innovative programs of the law school's future."

- Dean Allen K. Easley



Pictured from left to right: Chamber President, Isaiah Leslie; OCBA President, Todd Friedland; Western State Alumnus, Bill Shapiro; Western State Dean of Students, Charles Sheppard; Western State Dean & Vice Chancellor, Dean Allen K. Easley; Mayor of Irvine, Steven Choi; and Western State Academic Dean, Susan Keller.



In a red-carpet ribbon cutting ceremony, The Irvine Chamber of Commerce, the Orange County Bar Association, the Irvine City Council and Irvine Mayor Steven Choi, welcomed Western State College of Law to its new location at 1 Banting, Irvine on the evening of Friday, April 29.

Western State Dean & Vice Chancellor, Allen K. Easley, addressing the 120 guests assembled, before cutting the ceremonial ribbon, used the occasion to thank those staff, faculty and community members



who were especially instrumental in bringing the move to fruition. Orange County Bar Association President, Todd Friedland, noted what a distinctive presence the school had become in the professional community. Mayor Choi reminded everyone what a perfect fit Western State is for the professional and educational environs of Irvine. Chamber President, Isaiah Leslie, echoed Choi's thoughts, reminding those present that Irvine's professional resources will be valuable in training legal professionals.



Following the Ribbon Cutting, in a special ceremony, longtime scholarship donors William McCune & Carol McCune presented this year's recipients (pictured, left) with the 2016 McCune Scholarship. Since its inception in 1992, the McCune Scholarship has benefitted 100 Western State students. We applaud the continued generosity of the McCune family.

Check out the photo gallery:
<http://WesternState.cld.bz/Western-State-Ribbon-Cutting-Ceremony-Photo-Gallery>



Immigration Clinic 2015 -2016

The Fall 2015 semester clinic was comprised of Jinju Kim, Leah Jones, Precious Rice, Landon Larkin, Elizabeth Fernandez, Luis Rondon, Naz Javanmardi and Zoha Khan taking the Clinic for the first time, with Rod Armande, Joseph Navales and Nick McNally returning to the Clinic for a second semester. In the Spring 2016 semester,

Briahna Chuvac, Ambar Tovar, Raissa Rivas, Alfred Napoles, Cristel Martinez, Alfonso Maldonado, Hani Amra, Jennifer Baskaron and Julianne Tran participated in the Clinic, with Advanced Clinic students Elizabeth Fernandez, Leah Jones and Precious Rice returning to complete a full year of the Clinic.

Individual Case Representation on Behalf of Vulnerable Immigrants

Julianne and Jennifer represented two clients during the Spring semester. They worked with SA, a survivor of human trafficking who first became a Clinic client several years ago (having received assistance from WSCL alums Chrissie Padilla, Jeffrey Erskine, and Sylvie Ha). Julianne and Jennifer focused on obtaining US citizenship for their client, who is a lawful resident and was eligible to naturalize. In addition, Julianne and Jennifer represented HM in a green card application, in case that initially began several years ago by Clinic alum Ghazal Youssefi.

Briahna and Naz represented MN, a former government officer from Uganda who is seeking asylum based on her fear of persecution in her home country. Through client interviews, witness interviews (including interviews with individuals still in Uganda), country conditions research, research into the asylum laws, and outreach to possible experts, Briahna and Naz expect to file their client's asylum application in the near future.

Community Education, Partnerships and Advocacy

The Clinic also partners regularly with community organizations and bar associations to provide broader advocacy and education that promotes and protects the rights of immigrants in Southern California.

For the past two years, the Clinic has worked with the juvenile division of the Orange County Public Defender's Office to provide comprehensive legal advice to immigrant youth as part of a partnership that reflects the growing interdependence of the criminal and immigration laws. Through this partnership, the Clinic provides in-person legal consultations and advice to youth referred by the PD's Office. This year, Precious Rice, Elizabeth Fernandez, Briahna Chuvac, Jennifer Baskaron, and Landon Larkin provided consultations to immigrant youth referred by the PD's Office.

The Clinic, in collaboration with the Orange County Bar



Association's Immigration Section, has also taken the lead on efforts to revise the immigration law requirements associated with the OCBA's Lawyer Referral & Information Services (LRIS) program for modest means clients. This Spring, Elizabeth Fernandez, Cristel Martinez, Julianne Tran and Hani Amra engaged in a project aimed at revising the guidelines for immigration lawyers participating in the LRIS's modest means program and increasing attorney participation in the program.

Clinic News

Student Wins Award for Outstanding Clinical Work

Elizabeth Fernandez received the Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA)'s Outstanding Student Award, which is awarded by the national organization to one student at each law school who is nominated for their excellence in clinical field work and seminar, as well as their contributions to the clinical community on their campus.

Andrew Knapp (Western State Class of 1995) to Join Clinical Faculty

Andrew Knapp will join the clinical faculty at Western State College of Law as an adjunct

professor beginning in the 2016-17 academic year. He will supervise students in the new Ninth Circuit Representation Project, a component of the Immigration Clinic, in which two students will prepare a legal briefing and an oral argument before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in a *pro bono* immigration case.

Daniel Sharp, Legal Director of CARECEN, to Join Immigration Faculty

Daniel Sharp, Legal Director of the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN), a major Los Angeles-based nonprofit, will join the adjunct faculty of Western State next year.

Clinic students performed all of the above work pursuant to certification by the State Bar of California's Practical Training of Law Students Program, and under the direct supervision of Professor Jennifer Koh (Director, Western State College of Law Immigration Clinic) and Professor Sabrina Rivera (Staff Attorney, Western State College of Law Immigration Clinic).



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At Western State College of Law, we have been providing a high-quality legal education to working professionals for over four decades through our part-time evening program.

The Part-Time Evening Program, with fall and spring starts, is designed to be completed in four years. At Western State, part-time students are a high priority to a faculty dedicated to teaching, accessibility and successful outcomes. Evening students follow the same Program of Study and learn from the same highly qualified full-time faculty as day students. They typically enroll in 9-10 units during the fall and spring semesters and 5 units for the summer term. In addition to the required courses, a significant majority of upper-division electives are held during the evening or weekend

hours, enabling part-time students to have access to the wide range of instruction offered by experienced practitioners. At Western State, evening students are full members of the law school community, with opportunities to participate in law review, moot court, student organizations, clinic and externships. Speakers, panels, and other enrichment programming are most often held at times when working students are likely to be available, while professors also schedule office hours for the convenience of their evening students.

Part-Time Program Testimonials

Walter Carmona

Class of 2014



"I only applied to one law school. The part-time program at Western State represented the best opportunity for me to achieve my goal of becoming an attorney. Western's reputation, faculty, and the option of attending evening classes while keeping my full time job as a Deputy Sheriff made Western the clear choice for me."

For more information about Western State, please visit www.WSULAW.edu.

To learn more about our Part-Time Program, please visit
www.wsulaw.edu/prospective-students/part-time-program.aspx

Melinda Sims

Class of 2006 | Part-Time Program



"As a full time working professional during the day and a single mom, a part-time evening program was the only option for seeing my dream of attending law school come to fruition. The extraordinary academic support and high quality faculty at Western State made it overwhelmingly the best option!"

Jeff Witjas

Class of 1979 | Part-Time Program | Hall of Fame



"I'll always remember being so darn proud I accomplished this while working full-time at the William Morris Agency."

Marla Robinson

Class of 1986 | Part-Time Program | Dean's Counselor



"Western State's programs that provided evening and weekend classes allowed me to accomplish everything."

Michelle Reinglass

Class of 1978 | Part-Time Program | Hall of Fame | Dean's Counselor



"My classmates and I were all working and going to school at night, which created a strong bond. The ones I most admired were the single working mothers in our class."

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STUDENTS OUTSTANDING

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 1LS WHO HAVE NOW FINISHED THE 1L MOOT COURT COMPETITION, AND THANK YOU TO OUR JUDGES!



The Western State College of Law Honors Moot Court Team completed another successful year – the student team members and faculty coaches deserve congratulations for working tremendously hard. Our team attended six national moot court competitions, advanced to the quarter finals in two competitions, won first place in one competition, and won three “best oralist” awards!

- National Child Welfare & Adoption Law Moot Court Competition (Andrew McKeown & Brittany Rodriguez) – advanced to quarter finals, and Andrew won 9th Best Oralist. Coach, Monica Todd.
- ALA Moot Court Competition (Perla Huizar, Robert Dagmy & Jonathan Martinez). Coach, Traci Porter.
- UC Davis Asylum and Refugee Law National Moot Court Competition (Alfonso Maldonado & Katherine Franco). Coach, Jennifer Koh.
- ABA Law Student Division National Appellate Advocacy Competition (Betty Huynh & Jesse Salazar). Coach, Bob Molko.
- National Juvenile Law Competition (Ruby Becker & Keith Gallarzo) – won 1st place in the competition, and Keith also won Fifth Place Best Oral Advocate in the Preliminary Rounds and Second Place Best Oral Advocate after the quarter-finals. Coach, Eunice Park.
- Brooklyn Evidence Competition (Sam Stone & Alex Shaaban) – advanced to quarter finals. Coach, Bob Molko.

Campus Snapshots

Hot Dog Day Summer 2016

Thank you Alumnus Jim Randall, Class of 1980



Student Appreciation Day BBQ



WESTERN STATE STUDENT TEAM WINS NATIONAL JUVENILE LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION



Students Ruby Becker and Keith Gallarzo, coached by Professor Eunice Park, won the 21st Annual National Juvenile Law Moot Court Competition at Whittier Law School on February 5-6. In a particularly competitive year, with 22 teams competing, Keith also won Fifth Place Oral Advocate in the Preliminary Rounds and Second Place Oral Advocate after the Quarter-Finals.

The final round was adjudicated by the Honorable Michael Levanas, Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles Juvenile Courts, the Honorable Craig E. Arthur of the Orange County Superior Court, the Honorable Teresa Sullivan of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, and Dean Penelope Bryan of Whittier Law School.



WESTERN STATE STUDENT RECEIVES THE NBA & LANGSTON SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

On January 30th, Western State 2L student Ms. Briahna Chuvac, the recipient of NBA & Langston Scholarship award, \$7,500. She is also our current BLSA president, one of our transfer students who has excelled (from New York Law School), and a young woman that I recruited to WSCL where I met her at an LA bar association event. From what I hear through the grapevine of my LA attorney friends, the scholarship committee was very impressed by her application, essay, and interview. Langston has given away over \$50,000 in scholarship money at their gala, mostly to students at LA and out-of-state schools. This is the first time in a while that one of our students has received one of their top scholarships.

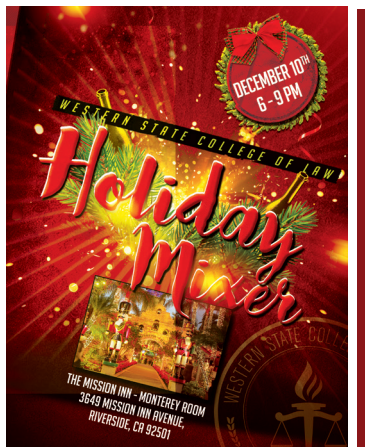
Tracie Porter
Associate Professor of Law
Director, Business Law Center





2015 Holiday Mixer

Western State Alumni Celebrate the season, and the year's achievements.



On Thursday, December 10th, 2015, the Western State Alumni Network came together in Riverside at the historic Mission Inn. This marks the third occasion that the College of Law has held a mixer at the picturesque Mission Inn - but the first time during its Festival of Lights. With 50+ alumni in attendance, Dean Allen K. Easley spoke to an eager crowd about the school's latest accomplishments.

Next year's event promises not-to-be-missed, bigger and better. Be on the lookout for the announcement of Western State's 2016 Alumni Network Holiday Mixer. Plan to continue celebrating our 50th anniversary with your Western State friends, colleagues and classmates.





ALUMNI KUDOS

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.



Judges' Night 2012

JUDGE CRAIG ARTHUR



Orange County Superior Court Judge Craig Arthur (Class of 1988) was the subject of a

feature article in the January 4th Edition of the Los Angeles Daily Journal, describing his rise from a distinguished career practicing juvenile matters to Commissioner, then Judge at Dependency Court. Judge Arthur also recently performed the 2016 entering class "swearing-In" ceremony.

MICHELLE BIRTJA



Michelle Birtja (Class of 2011) has joined the Los Angeles office of Wood, Smith, Henning &

Berman where her emphases is on Medical Malpractice, Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Law, Professional Liability and Casualty Law.

MARTHA DAH DAH



Martha Dah Dah (Class of 2003) was co-counsel on the recent case of Sanchez-Chavez

v. Chavez and the City of San Bernardino Water District in which she recovered \$2,083,975 for her client who was severely injured in a crosswalk by a negligently city operated vehicle.

JUDGE CARLOS CABRERA



Carlos Cabrera (Class of 1998) of Rancho Cucamonga has been appointed Judge of the

Superior Court of San Bernardino County by Governor Brown.



FRANCISCO FIRMAT
Retired Judge Francisco Firmat (Class of 1976) was presented with the

Marcus M. Kaufman Jurisprudence Award by the Orange County / Long Beach Chapter of the Anti-Defamation League on April 5, 2016 at the Island Hotel in Newport Beach.

MIKE GARRETT

Mike Garrett (Class of 1988) has been appointed Executive Director for Athletics at Cal State L.A. He

was formerly Athletic Director at USC from 1993 until 2010. Afterward, he held a similar position at Langston University in Langston, Oklahoma until last year. He was USC's first Heisman Trophy winner. As a pro, he played eight seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Diego Chargers. He was a standout in Super Bowl One.

KRISTIN GODEKE

Kristin Godeke (Class of 2007) has been named partner at the Santa Ana law firm of Prenovost,

Normandin, Bergh & Dawe. Among the accomplishments cited was her expertise in appellate law; she has handled appeals throughout the state, and recently served as the chair of the appellate section of the Orange County Bar Association.

JACQUELINE GOODMAN

Jacqueline Goodman (Class of 1996) was profiled in the March 16th "OC People" issue of OC Weekly

Magazine by OC Weekly writer Matt Coker.

SAMYRA HICKS

Samyra Hicks (Class of 2006), Assistant General Counsel for Compliance for Porsche North

America spoke at the 8th Annual Global Ethics Summit, March 9, in New York.

CLAUDETTE DONATELLA KUNZMAN

Claudette Donatella Kunzman (Class of 1988) was presented with the 2015 Harmon G.

Scoville Award. She is an eminent Orange County estate planning/probate attorney and co-chair of OCBA's Pro Bono Committee. The Scoville Award is one of the OCBA's highest accolades, recognizing a member of the Orange County legal community whose career exemplifies the highest standards of the legal profession and who significantly contributed to the Orange County Bar Association and championed the constitutional system of justice.

HOLLIE LEMKIN

Hollie Lemkin (Class of 2000), a State certified Irvine family law practitioner, has

joined the Costa Mesa firm of Bohm & Wildish as partner.

PAMELA LIOSI

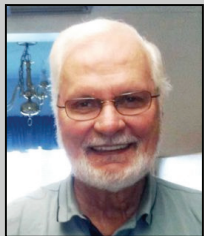
Pamela Liosi (Class of 1994) has joined the Traut Firm where she handles personal injury and

a diverse range of related issues, including wrongful death and assault. She served two terms as President of Lex Romana – the Italian American Bar Association – and is affiliated with a number of bar organizations. She is a skilled writer and has written and lectured extensively on scholarly subjects.

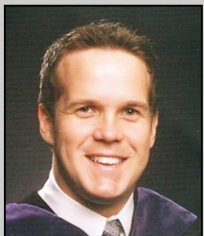
JOIN OUR NETWORK**Linked in**

Our Alumni Network LinkedIn group is the official online social network where our alumni connect as legal professionals and affirm our mutual connections through Orange County's original law school. The Alumni Network provides support to our alumni through continuing legal education courses, and networking events throughout the year.

MEMORIAM



Edward Borowiec, PhD
Western State Class of 1978
Professor of English & Linguistics,
CSU Long Beach



Daniel Horeczko
Western State Class of 2006



The Honorable John P. Kennelly
Western State Class of 1982
Judge, Sierra County Superior Court



Constantine Zarkos
Western State Class of 1981

MICHAEL MORAN



Michael Moran (Class of 1983) recently won a \$1,265,000 jury verdict on behalf of his client, the family of an elderly man who died from negligent feeding while staying at a nursing home. Moran also recently won a \$1.25 million verdict on behalf of his client who sustained severe injuries when she was struck by a bicycle while walking in a park.

NEIL PEDERSEN



Neil Pedersen (Class of 1988), Western State Adjunct Professor, has been selected by the State Bar Solo and Small Firm Section to receive the 2016 Attorney of the Year Award. The award will be presented at the Myer J. Sankary Reception at the Solo and Small Firm Summit held on June 17, 2016, the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel and Spa. Pedersen's dedication to the practice of law, from mentoring law students and new attorneys, to his involvement with the Orange County Bar Association and community groups, and overall contribution to the legal profession were among the reasons the Section cited in naming him as this year's honoree.

WILLIAM SHAPIRO



William Shapiro (Class of 1978), Western State Adjunct Professor, was profiled in Bruce Todd's "Opposing Counsel" feature in the January, 2016 Edition of Riverside Lawyer Magazine. Shapiro also recently won a \$2.06 million dollar trial verdict on behalf of his client whose wife was killed in a collision with a concrete weir that was poorly positioned by the City of Redlands.

JESSE ZIRILLO



Jesse Zirillo (Class of 2008) has been elected shareholder of the Pittsburgh-based firm of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote where he practices with the Real Estate and Energy Groups.



JANIS VINCI
 Janis Vinci (Class of 2002) was named Member of the Year by the Orange County Trial Lawyers Association at the organization's annual Installation Dinner on January 23rd, at the Island Hotel in Newport Beach.

Also, at the event, Jerry Gans (Class of 1983) was named Treasurer, and, of course, Vince Howard (Class of 2003) was named President. Howard's acceptance speech, along with his on-stage marriage proposal electrified the sold-out event.



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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FACULTY ACCOLADES



800 speakers at more than 200 sessions covering a wide range of legal topics.

After attending Professor Paula Manning's presentation at the AALS annual meeting, the Dean of Ohio Northern University College of Law invited Professor Manning to speak to their law school faculty about integrating assessment and academic support into the law school classroom. Professor Manning's workshop, held on April 29 in Ada, Ohio, included a discussion of current research on learning and memory, as well as ideas for developing and implementing formative assessment.

Professor Paula Manning conducted a topic call for legal educators across the country discussing her article, "Understanding the Impact of Inadequate Feedback: A Means to Reduce Law Student Psychological Distress, Increase Motivation, and Improve Learning Outcomes." Professor Manning was invited by the Balance in Legal Education Section of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) to conduct the topic call, which was held on May 4.

PROFESSOR CHEYANNA JAFFKE



Professor Cheyanna Jaffke was recently elected Vice President of the Board of Directors

for Release Time Christian Education of Orange. Professor Jaffke has served on the Board since 2013. Release Time Christian Education of Orange has shared God's Word with 4th and 5th grade students in the Orange Unified School District since February 1954. Under the Released Time Religious Education Law (California Education Code section 46014), local school boards may give permission to release students once a week for religious instruction during the school days.

PROFESSOR PAULA MANNING



Professor Paula Manning presented at the 110th Annual Meeting of the Association of

American Law Schools (AALS), held January 6-10 in New York City. Her presentation, titled "Raising the Bar," discussed the need to develop comprehensive bar preparation programs based on current research about human learning. With over 100 people in attendance, including faculty and deans from law schools across the country, Professor Manning's presentation highlighted accomplishments at Western State by sharing insights on teaching methodology and bar preparation strategies. The AALS event is the largest worldwide gathering of law deans, faculty, and staff, and featured over

PROFESSOR PHILIP L. MERKEL

Professor Philip L. Merkel's book review of Arnon Gutfeld's *Treasure*

State Justice: Judge George M. Bourquin, Defender of the Rule of Law was published in the latest issue of *Western Legal History*, a publication of the Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society. The book is a judicial biography of an influential U.S. District Court judge in Montana who served during the first half of the 20th Century.



Thompson Reuters has published its list of Super Lawyers for 2016, with Adjunct



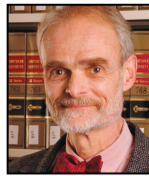
PROFESSORS NEIL PEDERSEN, DOUG SCHROEDER and



WILLIAM SHAPIRO

once again being named to this prestigious list. This distinction is conferred on select attorneys based on a process involving

peer nomination, independent research and evaluation by the publisher, resulting in only about 5% of all attorneys in the state being named to the list.



The Western State College of Law Student Bar Association has recognized



PROFESSORS KEVIN MOHR, ELIZABETH JONES, and



CHEYANNA JAFFKE as the 2015-16



"Professor of the Year" for the 1L, 2L and 3L classes, respectively, and **SARAH EGGLESTON**

was recognized as "Librarian of the Year." The awards were received at the law school's annual Barrister's

Ball, held on March 5, 2016 at the Hotel Irvine.

PROFESSOR NEIL PEDERSEN

Adjunct Professor Neil Pedersen was asked by the Placer County Bar Association to

speak at its annual conference on April 22 in Lake Tahoe on the subject of Creating and Maintaining a Digital Law Office. The two hour presentation discussed how to create a "paperless" law office, as well as secure and effective methods of storing and protecting the digital data maintained by the modern digital office.

PROFESSOR TRACIE R. PORTER

Professor Tracie R. Porter attended the 40th Annual Installation, Scholarship &

Awards Gala for the John M. Langston Bar Association of Los Angeles at the Beverly Hills Hilton on January 30, to support mentee and student Briahna Chuvac. Addressing the approximately 1000 attendees from the stage, Ms. Chuvac thanked Professor Porter and Western State. Ms. Chuvac, who was honored alongside students from UCLA, USC, and Loyola, is the current President of Black Law Student Association, of which Professor Porter is Faculty Advisor.

Professor Tracie R. Porter was appointed to the 2016 Fall Meeting Steering Committee for the ABA International Law Section to be hosted in Tokyo, Japan on October 2016. The International Law Section hosts its fall meeting outside the U.S. Professor Porter is Co-Chair of the Academic Subcommittee along with her Japanese Co-Chair Kozo Yabe, an adjunct at the University of Illinois College of Law, and partner and patent attorney of Yuasa & Hara in Tokyo, Japan. Professor Porter has been an active leader in the section, serving as Vice-Chair and Steering Committee Member for several committees of the section, including Financial Products & Services, Cross-Border Real Estate Practice, and China Committees. Formerly, Professor Porter taught law courses in China.

SABRINA RIVERA

Western State College of Law Immigration Clinic Attorney, Sabrina Rivera, will

be serving as the Chair of the Orange County Bar Association's Immigration Law Section for the 2016 term. Last year she served as Secretary-Treasurer for the section, and has organized numerous section meetings to address diverse immigration law topics relevant to the legal community. She will be serving the section along with section board members Belen Gomez (Law Offices of Belen Gomez, formerly with the Western State Immigration Clinic) and Karel Raba (Holborn Law, A Professional Corporation).

PROFESSOR STACEY SOBEL

The Virginia Court of Appeals cited Professor Stacey Sobel's article, "The Tsunami of Legal

Uncertainty: What's a Court to do Post-McDonald?," 21 Cornell J.L. & Pub. Pol'y, 489 (2012) in *Prekker v. Commonwealth*, 782 S.E.2d 604 (Va. Ct. App. 2016). Professor Sobel's article was cited in the Court's discussion related to the Second Amendment and the appropriate standard of review to be applied to the appellant's constitutional challenge to a Virginia statute temporarily banning firearm possession by non-violent juveniles who have been adjudicated delinquent for acts that would be felonies if committed by adults.

PROFESSOR MONICA TODD

Professor Monica Todd led her team to the quarter finals at the National Child Welfare

and Adoption Law Moot Court Competition in Columbus, Ohio, held March 11-12 in the Ohio Statehouse and the Ohio Supreme Court. Students Brittney Rodriguez and Andrew Mckeown competed against 26 teams from law schools across the country, with Andrew being named a Top 10 oralist.

PROFESSOR GLENN KOPPEL

Professor Glenn Koppel will be playing a lead role (J.B. Biggley) in the musical

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying at the Long Beach Playhouse. The show opens July 2 and runs through August 6, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Students tickets: \$14. Tickets can be purchased online at www.lbplayhouse.org.



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



William Shapiro named to the 2016 faculty of The National Trial Academy and ABOTA's Trial College at Harvard Law School

Western State Adjunct Professor, William D. Shapiro, Class of 1978, has been named to the 2016 faculty of both The American Board of Trial Advocates' Trial College at Harvard Law School and The National Trial Academy in Reno, Nevada, sponsored by the Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) of the American Bar Association and ABOTA.

The Trial College is offered every two years, and Professor Shapiro was on the faculty in 2012 and

2014 as well. Professor Shapiro also will be a featured presenter at ABOTA's "Masters in Trial" presentation in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in May. Elected 2016 ABOTA National Secretary, Professor Shapiro has been invited to appear at "Masters in Trial" presentations, in Los Angeles, Orange County, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, Little Rock and Nashville.

Western State Advisory Board Member Receives Highest OCBA Honor



Richard Millar Jr., who is on the Board of Advisors for Western State College of Law, was selected as the 2015 recipient of the Orange County Bar Association's (OCBA) Franklin G. West Award. The award was presented during the OCBA Judges' Night & Annual Meeting, Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016 at the Irvine Marriott.

As the OCBA's highest honor, the Franklin G. West Award is presented to outstanding attorneys and judges whose lifetime achievements have advanced justice and the law. This annual recognition was established in memory of Judge Franklin G. West, who epitomized the best of the legal profession as both an attorney and a judge.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

JENNIFER KOH



DEGREES

J.D., Columbia University School of Law
B.A., Yale University

COURSES

Immigration Clinic
Administrative Law
Immigration Law

Professor Jennifer Koh has published, “Integrating Skills and Collaborating Across Law Schools: An Example from Immigration Law,” in the Nevada Law Journal. The essay, which she co-authored with Professor Anna Welch at the University of Maine School of Law, discusses the design and implementation of introductory Immigration Law courses taught by the authors at their respective law schools. Although the courses took place on opposite coasts and did not engage in a formal partnership that was visible to students, the authors deliberately planned the courses in close collaboration with one another behind the scenes. In doing so, the courses shared the explicit goal of increasing students’ exposure to practical lawyering skills while reinforcing students’ understanding of the substantive immigration laws. This Essay provides an example of the ways in which doctrinal courses across the law school curriculum can both deepen students’ understanding of substantive law while also exposing them to the realities of legal practice. The citation for the essay is 16 Nev. L. J. 147 (2015).

Professor Jennifer Lee Koh spoke at the Santa Barbara County Bar Association’s “Bench & Bar Conference” on Saturday, Jan. 23rd as part of a debate on immigration with Ric Oberlink, former Executive Director of Californians for Population Stabilization.

Professor Jennifer Koh spoke at the Nootbaar Institute Conference at Pepperdine Law School on March 12. The theme of this year’s conference was “Doing Justice

Without Doing Harm,” and Professor Koh’s talk was entitled, “Immigration Law and Policy Through the Lens of the Gospel and Grace.” Her comments were based on an essay she has written, “Agape Love, Grace and Immigration Law,” which is forthcoming in the book, AGAPE, JUSTICE AND LAW (Cambridge University Press, Robert Cochran and Zachary Calo, eds.)

Professor Jennifer Koh served as a commentator for an academic article presented at the Southern California Clinical Scholarship Workshop held at UC Irvine School of Law On Friday, April 15. The purpose of the workshop was to foster critical thinking about clinical education, provide a rigorous and supportive venue in which clinical scholars can present their work, and nurture a sense of community amongst clinical law professors in the southwest region of the United States.

Professor Jennifer Koh attended the annual AALS Clinical Conference, from April 30 – May 2, where she spoke at two sessions. First, she served as a moderator of a breakout session on immigrants’ rights during the Clinical Law Review symposium entitled, “Rebellious Lawyering at 25.” The symposium was organized by the Clinical Law Review, the only peer-edited scholarly journal devoted to clinical legal pedagogy, for which Professor Koh serves on the Board of Editors; and celebrated the 25th anniversary of law professor Gerald Lopez’s influential book, *Rebellious Lawyering: One Chicano’s Vision of Progressive Law Practice*. Second, Professor Koh organized and presented at a concurrent session entitled, “Back to the Future: Engaging Communities Through Individual Representation and Impact Litigation.” Her co-presenters were Elizabeth Keyes (Baltimore), Sarah Rogerson (Albany), Stefan Krieger (Hofstra), and Shoshana Krieger (Texas RioGrande Legal Aid).



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