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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

These are times of remarkable progress and excitement at UC Davis School of Law. We are truly a law school on the upswing, and the best is yet to come! The past year has seen the completion of the King Hall building’s new east wing, rising national rankings, lofty accomplishments by our faculty, students, and alumni, an increasing national and international profile, and an elevated level of support from our King Hall community. As I write, the Law School is still buzzing over the new wing. The completion and occupation of the King Hall expansion is a milestone, and the new facility is boosting student, faculty, staff, and alumni morale, as well as our national and international reputation and academic program. The new wing provides much-needed space for offices, classrooms, and the state-of-the-art Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom. It gives us the infrastructure we need to support new technologies and teaching techniques, greatly improves aesthetics, and provides a tangible symbol of the King Hall community's commitment to the highest standards of excellence. Thank you to everyone who supported this vitally important effort!

As spectacular and visible as the building project has been, the Law School has seen many other great achievements, including another rise (to No. 28) in the U.S. News & World Report's latest ranking of top law schools, the appointment of alumna and dear friend of King Hall Tani Cantil-Sakauye ’84 as Chief Justice of California, a 22 percent increase in applications, the launching of the Central Valley Foundation/James B. McClatchy Lecture on the First Amendment, the establishment of the John D. Ayer Bankruptcy Chair, the broadening of our national and international presence, and much more.

Our faculty, already among the most diverse and most accomplished in the nation, has been bolstered by three additions: Professor Mario Biagioli, an internationally renowned expert in intellectual property and the history of copyright law, joins us from Harvard, where he was a full tenured Professor; Professor Leticia Saucedo comes to us from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Law to serve as our Director of Clinical Education and to teach Immigration Law and Employment Law; and Angelo DeSantis, a 2008 graduate of King Hall, returns to instruct students in Legal Research and Writing.

Every day, in innumerable ways, we are reaching new levels of excellence. Yet there is still more to be done. We need to fully fund the renovation phase of our building project in order to upgrade the “old” King Hall. We must provide more student scholarships to offset rising fees, continue to attract the best and brightest students, and ensure that a King Hall education remains available to all deserving students, regardless of socioeconomic background. And, if we want to retain and continue to improve our great faculty, we must reward and promote outstanding scholarship by providing more endowed chairs and professorships. With your support, we will achieve these goals, and much more.

Thank you for believing in UC Davis School of Law! We are proud to have you as part of our community, and hope that you are proud of what is happening at your King Hall.

Kevin Johnson
Dean and Mabie-Apallas Professor of Public Interest Law and Chicana/o Studies
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Cracking the U.S. News & World Report top 30, UC Davis School of Law moved up to 28th in the magazine's latest ranking of almost 200 American Bar Association-approved law schools, confirming UC Davis' high and rapidly rising status among the nation's very best law schools. The rankings appeared in the 2011 edition of “America’s Best Graduate Schools.”

“It is exciting to see this affirmation of our standing among the country’s elite law schools confirmed in this prominent national survey,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. “Even though no ranking system is perfect and we deserve to be rated even more highly than 28th, our faculty and students take great pride that their scholarly excellence and hard work are attracting ever-greater attention nationally and internationally.”

UC Davis' placement at 28th makes Davis one of the schools that has risen the most over the last decade, and also the youngest law school rated in the top 30 in the U.S. News rankings, probably the best-known (if sometimes criticized) rating of American law schools. Stanford, UC Berkeley, UCLA, and USC were the other California law schools in the U.S. News top 30. King Hall's rise in the rankings drew coverage from media including the Wall Street Journal and National Law Journal.

While cautioning against placing undue emphasis on any particular rating, Dean Johnson said that the U.S. News ranking does reflect “a trend of both actual improvement and ever-greater recognition from the rest of the world about the strengths of the school.”

“It is truly impressive to realize that in just 40 years, UC Davis is firmly established among the top echelon of American law schools,” said Johnson. “This year's U.S. News ranking, along with similarly high rankings we've received recently from other sources, confirms that position, and demonstrates that UC Davis is truly a great institution with an even greater future. The energy and excitement surrounding our law school is resonating nationally.”

One other ranking to which Dean Johnson was advertsing was University of Chicago law professor Brian Leiter's most recent rating of law faculty scholarly influence, in which UC Davis came in at 23. Leiter's rankings are U.S. News' main rival for prominence and attention among prospective law students and law school observers. Johnson suggested that given the relative youth of the UC Davis faculty, the law school's ranking is likely to continue rising. “Our faculty is the youngest of any law school in the top 30, which suggests that our status is likely to rise even further as our school and our faculty mature.”

UC Davis also ranked 20th in the U.S. News listing of “Most Diverse Law Schools,” a rating that is a particular source of pride for Johnson, the first Latino dean of any University of California professional school.

UC Davis School of Law places 28th in U.S. News Rankings

UC Davis School of Law has met its fundraising goal for the establishment of the John D. Ayer Bankruptcy Chair. The endowed chair will honor Professor Jack Ayer, a longtime professor of bankruptcy and commercial law courses at the Law School and a mentor to many of the nation's leading bankruptcy lawyers and judges.

The holder of the Ayer Chair will be a senior faculty member at the School of Law who specializes in the field of bankruptcy and commercial law.

“Endowed chairs are a vitally important way for UC Davis School of Law to recognize, promote, and support faculty excellence, and play a critical role in our efforts to recruit and retain outstanding faculty,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. “We are grateful to the many faculty, alumni, and friends of the Law School who have given to support the establishment of the Ayer Chair, and proud to honor the legacy of Professor Ayer.”
COMMENCEMENT HONORS CLASS OF 2010

The Honorable Paul Igasaki ’79 delivered an inspiring commencement address and Gabriel Zeldin ’10 was presented with the Law School medal for academic achievement at the UC Davis School of Law Commencement Ceremony on May 14, 2010 at the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts. The event also featured remarks from UC Davis Chancellor Linda Katehi, Dean Kevin R. Johnson, student speaker Aliyah Abdullah, and Professor Alan Brownstein. The Law School awarded 192 Juris Doctor degrees and 17 Master of Laws degrees.

Igasaki, Chairman and Chief Judge of the U.S. Department of Labor’s Administrative Review Board, emphasized UC Davis School of Law’s commitment to public service in his address. “Dr. Martin Luther King’s name is appropriately attached to this institution,” he said. “I expect you to maintain that legacy.”

Dean Johnson remarked, “This nation’s greatest strength is its dedication to equality and liberty built upon the rule of law. When we forget that, we suffer. As we see again and again in state and local, national and international events, lawyers are essential to enforcing the rules and securing justice for all. I know we can count on the Class of 2010 to be ethical, responsible, and intelligent lawyers—the best of the best.”

Chancellor Katehi performed the conferral of degrees and encouraged the Class of 2010 to become leaders in addressing the many challenges facing society. “My hope is that as tomorrow’s leaders, you will see today’s challenges as opportunities,” she said. “I feel certain you will make us all proud.”

Students spoke proudly of the sense of community at King Hall. “From the time I began law school as a wide-eyed first-year law student with my kindergarten son, our class embraced me. I was different from everyone in our class, but I felt right at home,” said student speaker Aliyah Abdullah.

The 2010 ceremony marked the first time the Law School held commencement exercises in the elegant Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts on the UC Davis campus. Plans are underway to host future commencement ceremonies at the Mondavi Center.

View more photos from the event in the Photo Gallery on page 34.
Applications to UC Davis School of Law in 2010 increased by a remarkable 21.6 percent compared to the previous year, with the Law School receiving its third-highest number of applications in school history. King Hall received 4,036 applications, far surpassing the 3,318 received in 2009. The Law School’s increase was more than triple the national average increase of 6.1 percent.

Law school applications tend to rise in periods of economic recession, explained Sharon L. Pinkney, the Law School’s Assistant Dean for Admission and Enrollment, as some individuals seek a legal education rather than enter a difficult job market. However, few law schools in the country experienced increases anywhere close to the level of King Hall’s 21.6 percent rise.

The UC Davis School of Law increase is especially impressive in comparison with the relatively small gains reported by other schools in the Far West region, said Pinkney. “What we’re hearing from our colleagues and seeing from the public data is that many schools in the Far West are experiencing only small, single-digit increases,” said Pinkney. “The surge in applications we’ve seen at UC Davis School of Law this year is truly extraordinary.”

“The increase in applications is a reflection of UC Davis School of Law’s outstanding ranking and rapidly rising national and international profile,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. “It shows that the word is spreading about the excellence of our faculty, students, and staff, as well as the incredibly supportive and diverse community we have at King Hall. The numbers we’re seeing are also the product of the excellent outreach efforts by everyone at King Hall, in particular our Admissions Office and Department of Marketing and Public Relations.”
RECOGNITION CELEBRATION HONORS PROFESSOR PÉREZ, SCHOLARSHIP DONORS AND RECIPIENTS

Professor Amagda Pérez was presented with the William and Sally Rutter Distinguished Teaching Award and King Hall’s 2009-10 scholarship donors and recipients were honored at the 31st Annual Recognition Celebration on March 18, 2010. The event included moving tributes to Professor Pérez from students and colleagues, as well as remarks from Dean Kevin R. Johnson, Professor Pérez, and scholarship recipient Maryam Sayyed ’10.

Dean Johnson began the proceedings by honoring the donors who have supported excellence at UC Davis School of Law, offering special thanks to those who established or supported scholarships, which serve to honor students for their accomplishments and enable the Law School to offer the best in public legal education to gifted and deserving students of all backgrounds.

Dean Johnson noted that over the course of its relatively brief history, King Hall has risen to international prominence and joined the ranks of the nation’s top law schools. “This could not have happened without the dedication of our community of supporters, and we thank you all,” he said.

Sayyed, the John F. Cheadle Memorial scholarship recipient, also took the opportunity to express her thanks to the donors who have made more than two dozen different scholarships available to King Hall students. She said that her scholarship was not only a tremendous help with the financial burden of law school, but also “a positive message of encouragement” regarding her choice of public service law as a career.

Professor Emeritus James F. Smith, founder of the Immigration Law Clinic, spoke of the important and expanding role clinical education has played at King Hall, and praised Professor Pérez’s compassion for the clinic’s clients, saying she “has naturalized more people in this state than anyone has ever done.” Aidín Castillo ’11, an Immigration Law Clinic student, spoke movingly of Professor Pérez’s role as a mentor for her and other students.

“In my mind, Professor Pérez is precisely the kind of professor that we should have at a law school housed in a building named after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,” said Dean Johnson.

Stating that she felt “honored and deeply humbled” by the award, Professor Pérez, a 1991 graduate of King Hall, gave thanks to the many Law School faculty who acted as mentors for her, as well as King Hall colleagues and students who have contributed to the success of the Immigration Law Clinic, and her family who supported her, including her parents, who “on farm workers’ salaries managed to send their five children to college.”

“It is a deep honor to receive this award that goes to the heart of the King Hall mission, which is to train socially responsible lawyers committed to professional excellence, public service, and the highest ethical standards,” said Professor Pérez.

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DR. IVEs BASKeTbALL TOURNAMENT DRAWS STRONG TURNOUT, RAISES FUNDS FOR KHLF

More than 100 students, staff, faculty, alumni, and friends of UC Davis School of Law participated in the 32nd Annual Dr. Ives Basketball Tournament on Sunday, January 31, 2010. The Tanakaholics emerged as tournament champions, defeating Team Briscoe 45-35 in a thrilling final game.

The annual event, a Law School tradition, is a fundraiser for the King Hall Legal Foundation (KHLF), an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to increasing equal access of underserved populations to the American Legal System. The Foundation funds projects proposed and executed by King Hall students, and supports graduating students pursuing careers in the public interest as they prepare for the Bar Examination.

The 2010 event saw the inaugural Knock Out Tournament. Elisa Cozad ’11 edged out Brittany Cheney ’12 to win the women's division. Joseph Tang ’12 defeated Michael Sapira ’10 to take the men’s division. Professor Peter Lee beat out Academic Success Director Emily Randon to become the faculty Knock Out champion. Other faculty present included Dean Kevin R. Johnson, Professors Anupam Chander, Lisa Pruitt, Clay Tanaka, Rachana Shah, Holly Cooper, and Carter White.

KHLF expressed gratitude to all who participated, especially King Hall Alumni Board President Steve Boutin ’72, who rooted on Team Boutin and was a generous event sponsor; Marc Fernandez ’07, who organized a donation from Morrison & Foerster, where he is an associate; and Nathan McGuire ’04, an associate with Neumiller & Beardslee who organized a donation from his firm.

Dr. Ives Basketball Tournament is named for Eric Iverson ’79, who, according to legend, jumped over three defenders to toss in a spectacular scoop shot at the buzzer to win the first tournament’s championship game. Iverson’s team, Learned Hand, has participated in every Dr. Ives tournament since 1978.

PAMELA S. KARLAN INAUGURATES FIRST AMENDMENT LECTURE SERIES

Pamela S. Karlan, one of the nation’s leading experts on voting and the political process, spoke on “The Court, the Closet, and the First Amendment” in the inaugural Central Valley Foundation/James B. McClatchy Lecture on the First Amendment in the Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom on September 29, 2010.

Created to promote discussion and understanding of First Amendment issues, the new series is supported by the Central Valley Foundation, which was established by the late McClatchy Company newspaper publisher James B. McClatchy to support programs and organizations dedicated in part to the enhancement and protection of First Amendment rights. The Karlan lecture was the first of five annual events in the new series.

Following introductory remarks from Dean Kevin R. Johnson, Associate Dean Vikram Amar, and Susan McClatchy of the Central Valley Foundation, Karlan discussed the ways in which First Amendment considerations impacted a set of recent Supreme Court decisions including Hollingsworth v. Perry and Doe v. Reed. Karlan said that during the recent term, the Supreme Court enjoyed “a First Amendment feast” as political battles over same-sex marriage and changing communications technology brought a range of First Amendment-related issues before the Justices. While the Court ultimately is likely to rule on same-sex marriage directly, marriage equality-related cases already have “begun to shape, with an almost gravitational pull, the development of constitutional law more broadly” in the same way that civil rights issues drove many decisions for the Warren Court, she said.

King Hall now boasts four endowed lecture series, which serve to bring prominent legal scholars to the Law School and enable students—as well as faculty, alumni, and community members—to broaden their understanding of key legal issues. Donor-supported lectures include the Central Valley Foundation/James B. McClatchy Lecture on the First Amendment, the Fenwick & West Lecture Series in Technology, Entrepreneurship, Science, and Law (TESLaw), the Edward L. Barrett, Jr. Lecture on Constitutional Law, and the Brigitte M. Bodenheimer Lecture on Family Law.
ATTORNEY GENERAL CANDIDATES DEBATE IN KALMANOVITZ COURTROOM

Media from across the state gathered in King Hall's spectacular new Paul and Lydia Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom for the debate between California Attorney General candidates Steve Cooley and Kamala Harris.

Republican candidate Cooley and Democrat Harris faced off in the new courtroom October 5 in their only debate, fielding questions on a wide range of issues from a panel including Sacramento Bee columnist Dan Morain, Los Angeles Times reporter Jack Leonard, and San Francisco Chronicle reporter Marisa Lagos. Kevin Rigs, KCRA 3's political reporter, moderated the session, which was co-sponsored by UC Davis School of Law and the Sacramento Bee. A clip from the proceedings was used in a Harris advertisement that some analysts credited with fueling a pro-Harris surge in the campaign's final days. The vote was very close, with Cooley conceding to Harris 22 days after Election Day.

The event, which drew extensive media coverage, was representative of the ways in which the King Hall expansion has improved the Law School's infrastructure, enriched the student experience, and raised King Hall's public profile. Supported by a gift of $1 million from the Kalmanovitz Charitable Foundation, the new courtroom will accommodate real and mock trial proceedings that will provide invaluable training for students, and is expected to bring sessions of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, California Supreme Court, and California Court of Appeal to the UC Davis campus.

View more photos from the event in the Photo Gallery on page 35.

KING HALL CANDIDATES SWEEP 2010 ELECTION RACES

Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye ’84, Darrell Steinberg ’84, and other UC Davis School of Law graduates swept the board in the November 2010 election, winning state and national offices.

Cantil-Sakauye, who was named by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as his choice for Chief Justice of California in July, was confirmed by voters, becoming the first Asian American to lead the state's judiciary and giving the California Supreme Court its first female majority. Justice Kathleen Butz ’81 also received voter approval, winning reelection to the 3rd District Court of Appeal bench with more than 69 percent of the vote.

In the District 7 Congressional race, Democrat George Miller ’72 was returned to office for his nineteenth term, winning more than 67 percent of the vote. In the California Legislature, Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg ’84 easily won reelection in District 6, Assemblyman Charles Calderon ’75 won reelection in the 58th District, and Luis Alejo ’01 won the 28th District Assembly seat.

KELLY MARTIN ’11, SCOTT GRZENCZYK ’11, TAKE TOP HONORS IN NEUMILLER COMPETITION

The team of Kelly Martin ’11 and Scott Grzenczyk ’11 took top honors in the 41st Annual Irving L. Neumiller Moot Court Competition on April 17, 2010, narrowly edging Camille Papini-Chapla ’11 and Shauudee Navid ’11.

The competition, which is the culmination of UC Davis School of Law's year-long Intraschool Moot Court Competition, brings together top students from the appellate advocacy class to compete before a panel of distinguished judges. This year's competition was judged by the Honorable M. Kathleen Butz ’81, Associate Justice, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District; the Honorable Harry E. Hull, Associate Justice, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District; and the Honorable Sandra S. Ikuta, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

King Hall faculty in attendance in the Wilkins Moot Courtroom for the event included Dean Kevin R. Johnson, Associate Dean Vikram Amar, and Professors Alan Brownstein, Edward Imwinkelried, and Tim Schooley, who taught the Moot Court course and directed the Appellate Advocacy Program. Also in the attendance was Kathleen Doty, California International Law Center at King Hall (CILC) Fellow, who, with Schooley, co-taught the Moot Court class.

The Neumiller competition is presented each spring during the UC Davis Picnic Day celebration and is open to the public.
DEAN’S EUROPEAN VISIT EXPANDS PARTNERSHIPS WITH DUBLIN, COLOGNE LAW SCHOOLS

Dean Kevin R. Johnson and International Law Programs Director Beth Greenwood traveled to Ireland and Germany June 20-26, 2010 to expand King Hall’s highly successful partnerships with the University College Dublin School of Law and the University of Cologne School of Law. The pair met with European LL.M. alumni, visited with students and faculty at the annual Summer International Commercial Law Seminar in Cologne, and discussed a set of exciting new initiatives with the Law School’s European partners.

In Dublin, Dean Johnson and Director Greenwood met with University College Dublin School of Law faculty to discuss expansion of the partnership initiated after Professor Edward Imwinkelried’s visit to Dublin in 2003. Proposals emerged to initiate a one-year LL.M. in European Union Law for King Hall students, expand the faculty exchange program, and explore the possibility of a cooperative Distance Education Lecture and Research Program.

Traveling on to Cologne, Dean Johnson and Director Greenwood met with University of Cologne School of Law faculty to discuss the potential for building on the partnership between the two schools with new student and faculty exchange programs. Dean Johnson and Director Greenwood also visited the 13th Summer International Commercial Law Seminar in Cologne, where Professor Andrea Bjorklund was teaching legal professionals from the United States, Finland, Brazil, Germany, Switzerland, and several other countries. Director Greenwood will explore the possibility of King Hall students participating in future seminars.

Dean Johnson and Director Beth Greenwood also met with Dieter Korten, a senior partner lawyer from an international law firm in Cologne and an International Commercial Law graduate, and Paolo Fabris, an International Commercial Law graduate from Torino, Italy, to discuss a possible conference at UC Davis on recent changes in European Union food laws related to wine and olive oil. The working group is seeking support from private companies along with co-sponsorship from the United Nations, as well as involvement from the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science.

Dieter Korten introduced Dean Johnson and Director Greenwood to Professor Dr. Winfried Pinger, a former 25-year member of the German Bundestag, the country’s parliament. Dean Johnson and Dr. Pinger discussed their mutually shared vision for social justice tied to economic development, as well as King Hall’s long-term dedication to public service. As a result, Dr. Pinger has invited the Law School to submit a proposal to the Konrad Adenauer Foundation for a potential set of new activities related to social justice and economic development.

CALIFORNIA LAW REVISION COMMISSION MOVES TO KING HALL

The California Law Revision Commission, which conducts substantive review of California law and makes recommendations to the state Legislature regarding needed reforms, has set up a staff office in King Hall, signaling the beginning of a closer and more mutually beneficial relationship between UC Davis School of Law and the CLRC.

“We are excited about moving into the Law School’s striking new facilities, and eager to expand our work with King Hall’s outstanding students and faculty,” said Brian Hebert, the CLRC’s executive secretary.

Housing the CLRC office within King Hall, a move made possible by the King Hall Expansion and Renovation project, will mean expanded opportunities for Law School students to participate in work study and externship programs with the CLRC, Hebert said. In addition, the Commission will benefit from its close proximity to King Hall faculty, who will be called upon to help analyze laws and potential reforms.

The Law Revision Commission is a non-partisan state entity that studies state laws in order to discover defects and anachronisms and make detailed proposals for statutory reforms. It is the body the Legislature turns to for in-depth, substantive analysis of complex legal problems, and more than 90 percent of the CLRC’s recommendations ultimately become law. The CLRC consists of 10 commissioners (including Legislative Counsel Diane Boyer-Vine ’86) and six staff. In addition to Hebert, Staff Counsel Catherine Bidart and Administrative Analyst Debora Larrabee occupy the King Hall office.
KING HALL HONORS CRUZ REYNOSO AT FILM SCREENING

The King Hall community came together to honor Professor Cruz Reynoso at a screening of *Cruz Reynoso: Sowing the Seeds of Justice*, a documentary about the former California Supreme Court Justice, civil rights champion, and King Hall faculty member, at the Crest Theatre in Sacramento on April 6, 2010.

More than 500 King Hall alumni, students, staff, faculty, and friends gathered for the event, which included remarks from Dean Kevin R. Johnson, California Assemblyman Mike Feuer, Justice Maria P. Rivera of the First District Court of Appeal, California Senator Gilbert Cedillo, and Ralph Lewin of the California Council for the Humanities, in addition to a presentation by La Raza Law Students. Also in attendance were state Senator Gloria Romero, Assembly members Bill Monning and Manuel Perez, and California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye ’84. The event was sponsored by the Law School in partnership with the California Council for the Humanities, the California Latino Legislative Caucus, and La Raza Law Students Association.

“Cruz Reynoso is internationally known as a civil rights champion—a farm worker’s son who rose from an Orange County barrio to become an activist, a law professor, and the first Latino to serve on the California Supreme Court,” said Dean Johnson in his introductory remarks. “He is nothing less than a civil rights icon. I can’t tell you how much his presence means to us at UC Davis School of Law.”

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Tani Cantil-Sakauye ’84 already has been many things in an extraordinary life – farm workers’ daughter, cheerleader, homecoming queen, waitress, UC Davis School of Law student, national moot court champion, blackjack dealer, prosecutor, Municipal Court judge, Superior Court judge, and appellate court justice. And she’s not done yet.

Well, a man of remarkable vision nominated her to lead the highest court in California. Is history remarkable or what?

With the historic appointment, Cantil-Sakauye (pronounced cahn-TEEL sah-kah-OO-way) would become the first Asian-American to lead the court. She also would give the court its first female majority.

The appointment is no less historic for UC Davis School of Law, which could have an alumna leading the state’s high court for the next 20 years or longer. (Cantil-Sakauye also earned her undergraduate degree, in Rhetoric, at UC Davis in 1980.)

“We are proud that a UC Davis alumna has been nominated as Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, one of the most prestigious judicial posts in the nation,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. “Justice Cantil-Sakauye is eminently qualified for the post, with legal experience as a district attorney, municipal court judge, superior court judge, and California Court of Appeals justice. We are especially proud that, when she becomes Chief Justice, UC Davis School of Law alumni will hold leadership roles in the California Supreme Court and the California State Legislature, where Darrell Steinberg ’84 is Senate President pro Tem and Charles Calderon ’75 is the Assembly Majority Leader.”

Cantil-Sakauye has retained close ties with the Law School and has been an active supporter of the King Hall Outreach...
Program, serving as keynote speaker for the KHOP awards banquet in 2007 and hearing the KHOP Moot Court Oral Arguments at the end of the summer program in 2007 and 2008. She recently agreed to serve as commencement speaker for the Class of 2011.

“I respect the Law School so much, and I think that the professors do a terrific job of not only preparing the law students but having them think about the law itself, and the development of the law and the judicial branch,” she said. “I think the energy of the students is wonderful. Every time I speak, either to the first-year law students in Research and Writing, or when I go and speak on panels, they are so engaged. Over the years I’ve heard many people describe their law school experience, and none of them hold a candle to the experience I had at UC Davis.”

The youngest of four siblings, Cantil-Sakauye grew up in Sacramento’s Land Park neighborhood and graduated from McClatchy High School where she was a cheerleader and homecoming queen. Speaking to a small group of aspiring law students at the 2007 KHOP awards banquet, she recounted a particularly memorable moment.

Her mother had taken her as a child to a Veterans of Foreign Wars hall without air conditioning, where they sat on metal chairs, to see what she had never seen before, a Filipina woman lawyer, Gloria Ochoa ’76, the first female Filipino American to graduate from the UC Davis School of Law.

“My mother threw me the elbow jab and said, ‘You could do that too,’” she recalled. “I didn’t know what ‘that’ was, but I knew the elbow jab and I knew that whatever Gloria was doing and had done was important, good work for the public.” She and Ochoa are now close friends.

Cantil-Sakauye would bring 20 years of judicial experience to the high court. In addition to six years on the appeals court, she was a Sacramento Superior Court judge from 1997 to 2004 and a Sacramento Municipal Court judge from 1990 to 1997. She earlier served in former Gov. George Deukmejian’s administration and as a Sacramento deputy district attorney.

In addition to participating in rulings, the Chief Justice oversees a statewide judiciary that includes more than 1,700 judges, several hundred other judicial officers, 21,000 court employees and a budget of roughly $4 billion.

“She seems very good with people,” Associate Dean Vikram Amar said. “You don’t hear anybody complain about how she plays with others, and that’s a particularly important trait for the chief to have, not just because the chief runs the court, but also because the chief is the liaison to the Legislature and to the public at large.”

From a sampling of opinions she’s written, Amar said Cantil-Sakauye appears “independent minded” and unafraid to render difficult decisions, such as the reversal of criminal convictions in one case, when the law required it.

Former Dean Rex Perschbacher arrived at King Hall the same year Cantil-Sakauye did. She was in the first class he taught, on civil procedure. He remembers an engaging, well-prepared student in a tough class from which he gained some of his greatest friends.

“One of her great virtues—and this doesn’t characterize Tani Cantil alone here at the Law School—was that there wasn’t a careerist orientation,” Perschbacher said. “She was truly interested in the law, in how it might work to advance justice, how it fit with society and she cared about that.”

From the beginning, UC Davis School of Law has been committed to public service, and recent years have seen increasing numbers of Law School alumni called into service as members of the judiciary.

In addition to the appointment of Tani Cantil-Sakauye ’84 as California Supreme Court Chief Justice, 2010 also saw California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appoint Louis R. Mauro ’87 as an associate justice in the Third Appellate District Court of Appeal, Susan J. Matcham ’77 as a Monterey County Superior Court judge, and Lawrence G. Brown ’89 to the Sacramento Superior Court bench, and Rebecca Connolly ’89 was elected to the Santa Cruz County Superior Court bench. In addition, Craig Stowers ’88 was appointed to the Alaska Supreme Court during 2010, and Kris Pickering ’77 was elected to the Nevada Supreme Court in 2008.

The growing number of King Hall alumni serving as judges led to the formation of the UC Davis School of Law Alumni on the Bench Association, led by Sacramento County Superior Court Judge Judy Hersher ’84 in 2008. The group’s mission is to serve as a resource to the dean, faculty, and students on issues facing the courts, attorneys, and the judiciary; encourage the participation of Law School alumni in the education of current and prospective students of the law; promote the ethical practice of law and the pursuit of excellence before all courts; provide for social interaction among judicial alumni; and serve as a vehicle for continuing education of its members.

The association now boasts more than 80 members. Judge Hersher serves as chair of a Steering Committee that includes Alameda County Superior Court Judge Gordon S. Baranco ’72, Sacramento Superior Court Judge Stacie Boulware Eurie ’85, Orange County Superior Court Judge Mary Fingal Schulte ’77, Fresno County Superior Court Judge Dale L. Ikeda ’76, Associate Justice Joan K. Irion ’79 of the California Courts of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Sacramento County Superior Court Judge Loren E. McMaster ’69, Yolo County Superior Court Judge David Rosenberg ’74, Orange County Superior Court Judge Nancy Wieben Stock ’76, and Associate Justice Rebecca Wiseman ’80 of the California Courts of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District.

For more information on the Alumni on the Bench Association, contact alumni@law.ucdavis.edu or visit www.law.ucdavis.edu and search for keywords “judicial alumni.”
Mario Biagioli has a description of his career as a scholar that is as unique as the role he will play as a new member of the King Hall faculty and founding Director of the Center for Science and Innovation Studies at UC Davis.

“Basically, I have led a schizophrenic scholarly life, with one foot in the 17th century and the other in the 21st century,” said Biagioli, who is set to begin teaching the History and Philosophy of Intellectual Property at King Hall in Spring 2011, followed by courses on Science, Intellectual Property, and the Commons next year.
An internationally renowned expert in the fields of intellectual property, science studies, and patent history, Biagioli joins UC Davis School of Law from Harvard University, where he was Professor of History of Science. His acclaimed studies of Galileo, which placed the groundbreaking 17th century Italian scientist’s work in the context of the social, political, and economic realities of his era, led him to insights regarding the ways in which patent laws, copyright, and concepts of intellectual property may help or hinder scientific progress today. He is a leader in the emerging field of Innovation Studies, and his presence at King Hall brings UC Davis School of Law even greater strengths in intellectual property law.

“The Law School already has a very strong group of intellectual property scholars,” said Biagioli. “We have Madhavi Sunder and Anupam Chander, who bring a very strong global perspective on issues of intellectual property; Keith Aoki, who is one of the best and most creative copyright scholars in the country; Peter Lee, who is a rising star in patent law; as well as a number of other scholars like Lisa Ikemoto and Leslie Kurtz, who also work on issues of intellectual property, science, and law. Adding the innovation studies angle to the intellectual property cluster I think will make the Law School particularly visible to students interested in intellectual property and their future employers. I think we can produce some intellectual property practitioners and scholars with remarkable range.”

Born in Prato, Italy, Biagioli studied Computer Science at the University of Pisa, but found there were few interesting jobs available in the field at that time in his home country. He decided to become a photographer and came to the United States to study at the Rochester Institute of Technology. He earned a Master of Fine Arts, but realized he “wanted to think and write, as well as take pictures.” He began studying Philosophy of Science at the University of Rochester, then enrolled at UC Berkeley, where he earned a Ph.D. in History of Science.

Biagioli began studying Galileo with the intention of examining the issue of incommensurability, which is the philosophical question of how to compare scientific theories based upon entirely different paradigms. But as he began to study primary sources, he realized he was more interested in how practical considerations of politics and economics affected Galileo’s work.

“I got very interested in the way he was using the Medici court to gain support for his theories, and how he tried to develop a style of argumentation that would fit the court, so my work on Galileo quickly turned into a book on science at court and scientific patronage,” said Biagioli. “Then I became interested in how Galileo, while trying to become a courtier, was also involved in various technical and engineering projects, taking out at least one patent, protecting more inventions as trade secrets, getting entangled in a series of priority disputes, and perhaps even plagiarizing the telescope from a previous inventor. Those activities became the topic of my second book.”

The books, *Galileo, Courtier* and *Galileo's Instruments of Credit*, were widely viewed as groundbreaking reexaminations of Galileo’s career, and led Biagioli to study the ways in which institutions, philanthropy, patents, and publications can provide an environment that supports scientific innovation. He subsequently pushed his research focus ahead four centuries, publishing extensively on the problems of scientific authorship in the age of “big science” and quickly realized that concepts of authorship, intellectual property, and copyright varied quite radically across disciplines and periods, according to the way knowledge-makers worked.

“In order to understand the conditions under which innovation thrives and can be sustained, you cannot make a lot of a priori assumptions but need to do empirical studies of specific contexts in different fields. One needs to look at the role of intellectual property, but also the role of social connections, rewards and incentives, institutional ecologies (down to the architecture of laboratories), patterns of training and mobility, networks of collaboration, systems of evaluation and publication, and many other practical factors, with an eye to identify the conditions under which intellectual property norms might have to be tweaked or substantially changed to meet specific and changing needs,” he explained.

Biagioli will address these considerations both as Distinguished Professor of Law at King Hall and in his role as Director of the Center for Science and Innovation Studies. (He will also teach in the Science and Technology Studies program.) His role at UC Davis, which was supported by Chancellor Linda Katehi, will be to provide campus stakeholders with a wide range of perspectives on innovation that will inform campus policy decisions, and to use innovation studies as a means to bridge the “two-culture divide” by establishing connections between parts of campus that traditionally have not had much interaction.

With scientific innovation driving so much economic activity, top schools in Europe have moved to bring together law and business with Science and Technology Studies, a field that had previously been more concerned with history, sociology, anthropology, and philosophy. Biagioli’s arrival at UC Davis puts King Hall on the leading edge of the trend to establish similarly integrated programs in the United States.

“It is an interesting experiment in terms of establishing a field that doesn’t quite exist yet in the U.S., and at the same time, trying to make a contribution to very specific policy decisions that are going to be made at UC Davis as a result of Chancellor Katehi’s push to maximize innovation,” he said.
Leticia Saucedo, who joined the King Hall faculty in Fall 2010 to serve as Director of Clinical Education and to teach Immigration and Employment law, said that her experiences growing up in a Texas border town led to an interest in the intersection of immigration, employment, and the law that drives her scholarship today.

“I grew up with virtually an open border, when there weren’t the kinds of restrictions we have today,” she said. “Eagle Pass, the town where I lived, was more than 90 percent Latino, and it was very much a business center for Piedras Negras, a much larger city on the Mexican side of the border. We were used to people and businesses going back and forth across the border, and it wasn’t until I went away to college in Pennsylvania that I realized that most of the country doesn’t operate that way. That’s what got me interested in the issues I’m working with today.”

Saucedo, an expert in employment, labor, and immigration law, joins UC Davis School of Law from the William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). She continues to hold a position as a research scholar with the Chief Justice Warren Institute on Race, Ethnicity, and Diversity at UC Berkeley School of Law.

Saucedo said that watching her father, a local politician in Eagle Pass, inspired her to pursue public service and a career in law. “I knew on some level that I loved the law and that it could be used as a tool for social change,” she said. “I was interested in something like what my father did, but not politics, so I had to find my own way, and that way was in the law.”

Saucedo earned her A.B., *cum laude*, from Bryn Mawr College in 1984 and her J.D., *cum laude*, in 1996 from Harvard Law School, where she was managing editor of the *Harvard Latino Law Review*. After law school, she served as briefing attorney to Chief Justice Thomas Phillips of the Texas Supreme Court. She then became an associate at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver, and Jacobson in New York City, where she was the recipient of the Fried Frank MALDEF Fellowship. From 1999 to 2003, she worked as a staff attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund in San Antonio, Texas, where she litigated employment and education cases.

“I was doing civil rights work, and often it involved employment discrimination cases with immigrant workers,” she said. “I was really happy with that, but I had a call from the dean at UNLV, and he convinced me that the same impulse I had for civil rights and working for positive change was needed in academia, which traditionally has not been as diverse as the population at large.”

She joined the faculty at UNLV, where she co-directed the Immigration Law Clinic and conducted research on the intersections of employment, labor, and immigration law, publishing articles in journals including the *Notre Dame Law Review*, the *Ohio State Law Journal*, the *Buffalo Law Review*, the *Richmond Law Review*, and the *Harvard Journal of Law and Gender*. She was persuaded to join the King Hall faculty by Dean Kevin R. Johnson.

“Kevin has been a mentor to me even before I was at UNLV, and the opportunity to work with a scholar of his stature, reputation, and expertise in exactly the area I wanted to focus on was just too good to pass up,” she said. “I had a great group of colleagues at UNLV, but the school didn’t have the kind of expertise or reputation regarding immigration issues that UC Davis has.”

Saucedo said she is especially excited about taking over leadership of King Hall’s renowned Clinical Programs. “I think clinical programs offer the most effective way to get students thinking about not only what they’ll be doing in the real world when they get out of law school, but also the broader issues of justice and social change.”
Marking a milestone achievement more than a decade in the making, UC Davis School of Law officially opened the King Hall building’s new east wing with a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony and Open House on September 3, 2010.

More than 250 faculty, students, staff, alumni, university officials, and special guests including King Hall’s founding Dean Edward L. Barrett, Jr., turned out to celebrate the occasion, listen to speakers including Dean Kevin R. Johnson and UC Davis Chancellor Linda Katehi, watch the ribbon-cutting, and tour the spectacular new facility.

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“It is a wonderful day for the university, for the School of Law, and for all of us individually,” said Chancellor Katehi. “The opening and dedication of this new wing of King Hall represents the beginning of a new era, not only for the School of Law, but for our university. It is a symbol of our determination to build on the achievements of the past and of all those who worked so hard for so many years, and to accomplish even greater things in the years to come.”

“We’re a world-class law school with a world-class faculty, world-class students, world-class staff, world-class alumni, and now, with our new wing and upcoming renovation, we have a world-class facility,” Dean Johnson said. He thanked the many donors and supporters in attendance for making the new east wing a reality. “Through your efforts, and with the help of countless supporters over the course of more than a decade, the School of Law now has a state-of-the-art facility befitting its status as one of the world’s great law schools,” he said.

Former Dean Rex Perschbacher provided perspective on the effort to build the new wing, which began under his leadership more than 12 years ago. “You’ve no doubt heard the Chinese proverb that a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step,” he said. “What the proverb fails to mention is that the thousand-mile journey actually consists of two million separate steps, and likewise the journey to open this new east wing of King Hall was the result of many thousands of steps taken by all of those we see gathered here this morning.”

Perschbacher described many of the steps in the long process that brought the expansion wing into being, including early meetings with campus leaders to assess the Law School’s needs and place the building project on a list of campus priorities, efforts by Yeoryios Apallas ’72 that facilitated major gifts to the project from the William and Inez Mabie Family Foundation and Kalmanovitz Charitable Foundation, and the generous contributions of King Hall faculty, students, alumni, staff, and friends. He also praised Dean Johnson, Senior Assistant Dean for Administration Adam Talley, and Senior Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Hollis Kulwin for their leadership during the construction phase.

“Thanks to you all,” said Perschbacher. “This could not have happened without your support, and I am grateful to each and every one of you for your dedication to the school of law and your help along the journey.”

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The new wing is an aesthetically striking, functionally advanced facility that can accommodate the latest technologies and provide tremendous flexibility for the Law School as it continues to develop well into the future. The facility adds 18,000-square-feet of assignable space, housing the new Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom, additional classrooms, office space, and more. The new courtroom will enable the Law School to host oral arguments of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth District, the California Supreme Court, and California Court of Appeal. New office space has allowed the California Law Revision Commission to move into King Hall, providing opportunities for increased collaboration with Law School faculty and students.

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The project was financed with $17.9 million in state bond funds, $5.5 million raised from private donors, and $3.9 million from other campus funds. Fundraising for the construction project's renovation phase is ongoing, with the Law School seeking to raise an additional $2.4 million to improve infrastructure and aesthetics and bring the existing King Hall building into conformity with the new addition.

“The William and Inez Mabie Family Foundation is proud to invest in the future of the UC Davis School of Law,” said Ron Malone, the Foundation Director, “which is truly an outstanding law school, with an excellent faculty, an outstanding and diverse student body, accomplished alumni, and a well-deserved reputation for public service.”

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ADVANCING EXCELLENCE

KING HALL JOINS $1 BILLION CAMPAIGN FOR UC DAVIS

UC Davis has launched a transformational $1 billion fundraising initiative designed to build upon its foundation of academic excellence and global influence and continue its advance among the world’s top universities. As part of The Campaign for UC Davis, the School of Law will seek to build on the outstanding fundraising success of recent years to raise more than $12 million over the next four years, increase student scholarships and faculty chairs, promote clinical programs, fund the renovation of the “old” King Hall building, and provide the increased private support necessary to continue the Law School’s upward trajectory.

The campaign began July 1, 2006 with the endorsement of the UC Davis Foundation Board of Trustees, and supporters pledged more than $590 million during the "quiet leadership phase." The School of Law became the first UC Davis campus department to meet its goal for the quiet phase, reaching its $6.8 million target in January 2010.

During the campaign’s public phase, the Law School will seek to build upon fundraising successes that enabled King Hall to raise more than $1 million in private support in four of the past five fiscal years with an ambitious commitment to raise an additional $12 million by June 2014 in support of goals designed to support academic excellence, advance the Law School’s public mission, and enhance King Hall’s standing among the nation’s top law schools. Among the goals are $5 million for faculty chairs and professorships, $3.5 million to support research and instruction, $2 million for student scholarships, and $8 million to complete the King Hall Expansion and Renovation.

"Reaching our campaign goal and successfully addressing our priorities will be critically important to our continued ascendance among the nation’s leading law schools," said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. "Our ability to provide an increased number of student scholarships will be vital to our efforts to attract outstanding students, just as our capacity to offer more endowed chairs will be essential to our ability to recruit and retain exceptional faculty. In addition, we need to fully fund the renovation phase of our building project and enhance our support for clinical programs and other priorities."

Dean Johnson said that in an era when state support has become increasingly uncertain, it is more important than ever that the King Hall community respond to the fundraising challenge set forth in the campaign.

"We look forward to working with our friends, faculty, alumni, students, and staff to achieve these goals in support of The Campaign for UC Davis."
Students will be the primary beneficiaries as the renovation phase of the King Hall Expansion and Renovation project brings significant improvements to classrooms, study areas, the student lounge, student organization offices, the Mabie Law Library, and other key facilities. Efforts continue to raise $2.4 million toward an overall campaign goal of $8 million in order to fully realize the potential of the renovation phase of the project.

"I think what we’re promising through the renovation and expansion is to have a modern law school facility befitting our high academic reputation, and also ensuring generations to come a welcoming and inviting, highly functional space,” said Adam Talley, the Law School’s Senior Assistant Dean for Administration. “I really expect that when the renovation is complete, we will be on the leading edge of the nation’s law schools in terms of classroom technology, and our building is going to include some features that are truly remarkable.”

The renovation phase is designed to bring substantial improvements to virtually all aspects of the “old” King Hall, upgrading the classrooms, library, study spaces, and gathering spots that are central to the student experience.

Classrooms will be renovated to match the layout and technological capacity of those in the new addition, with a “horseshoe” seating configuration and shallower vertical drop from the back of the room to the front to create an enhanced feeling of intimacy and an improved ability for students to see one another during discussions and Socratic dialogues. The renovated classrooms will also feature significantly upgraded technological capabilities, allowing for interactive video simulcasts, a feature that “effectively quadruples the capacity of King Hall as a venue for public events,” Talley said.

"If we’re hosting an event in the new Kalmanovitz Courtroom, we expect to have the ability not only to project the sound and images into classrooms, but also to simultaneously show those in the overflow rooms the Powerpoint presentations and other visuals that the courtroom audience is seeing,” said Talley. “We also look forward to having the ability for students in the classrooms to ask questions and interact with those in the courtroom, and to be seen on video screens in the courtroom as they speak.”

The Mabie Law Library will also see significant changes, as the renovation brings an expanded and improved lobby that is expected to make the entrance to the library one of most attractive and elegant spaces in the Law School building for hosting public events. Plans are also in place for remodeled and new reading rooms that should make the library a more comfortable and accommodating study space.

Students will also benefit from a near-complete makeover of the facilities in the basement, including expanded office spaces for
student organizations such as the Law Review and journals, new reading rooms, and an expanded and improved student lounge that will include not only microwave ovens and refrigerators, but two sinks—a feature that was conspicuously absent from the old lounge.

“The students voted in a referendum back in the early ‘80s to give up space from the student lounge in order to create the Perfect Tender Infant Care Co-op,” Talley explained. “Unfortunately, that space included the lounge’s plumbing, so our students effectively gave up their sink so that the parents and their infants in the co-op would have one. Now, should the plans unfold as we expect, we will be able to provide two sinks as part of a larger and much improved student lounge that will much more graciously accommodate the many purposes it serves.”
Students will also be pleased to learn that plans for the renovated basement include significant improvements to the student lockers, which will allow proper storage of professional attire. “Our students need to wear suits for on-campus interviews, moot court, the Law Review symposium, and other events, and unfortunately our existing lockers were not designed to store them,” said Talley. “As the renovation proceeds, we expect to be able to provide lockers that allow students to much more easily store their formal clothes.”

With renovation work already underway, the Law School still needs to raise $2.4 million in private support to fully realize the potential of the project. Please consider making a gift to the King Hall Expansion and Renovation project today at www.law.ucdavis.edu/giving.
Each year, King Hall faculty publish numerous books and articles addressing a wide range of the most complex legal and social issues of our time. Very few of them contain pictures. This fall, works by Professors Keith Aoki, Anupam Chander, and Madhavi Sunder will be exceptions to the rule. In an effort to reach audiences beyond the usual readership for legal articles, all have comic books set for release during the final months of 2010, with Aoki publishing *Theft: A History of Music from Plato to Hip Hop* and Chander and Sunder collaborating on *Fred Korematsu: All American Hero*. 

**Featured Article**

**COMIC APPROACH**

**King Hall Faculty Publish Comics to Spread Legal Knowledge**

Artwork available through Creative Commons Licences: *Bound By Law* © 2006, 2008 Keith Aoki, James Boyle, Jennifer Jenkins

*Fred Korematsu: All American Hero* © 2009, Anupam Chander, Madhavi Sunder, Angelia Loi
For Aoki, publishing legal scholarship in comic book form is a natural outgrowth of his longstanding interest in comics and popular art, his work in intellectual property law, and his own skill as an artist. Aoki has published a number of comics, including Bound By Law? Tales From the Public Domain, a book on copyright and fair usage, as well as comic-style articles in the University of Miami Law Review and Oregon Law Review.

Inspired by the comics, music, and popular art of the '60s and '70s, Aoki studied art at Wayne State University and spent several years working as an artist on the Lower East Side of Manhattan before applying to Harvard Law School. At Harvard, as at Wayne State, he drew cartoons for the student newspaper. He also became interested in intellectual property law and the ways it impacts the creation of popular art and music.

“When I took an intellectual property class, a light bulb went on over my head,” he said. “I realized pretty quickly that my position, based on my experiences as an amateur rock musician and cartoonist, was that if intellectual property rights are too strong, it inhibits creativity, because people are going to be unable to draw upon their influences.”

Creativity in art forms such as rock music and comics often follows from imitation, as artists and musicians learn by copying works they admire, then gradually forge a style of their own that incorporates those works as influences, said Aoki.

“That’s different from how we view intellectual property today,” said Aoki. “So much of my legal career has been trying to reconcile how I felt about these popular art forms that were shared and copied, and how the legal system defines ownership of works and ideas.”

One of the results of Aoki’s work in the area was Bound by Law, published in 2005. Co-authored with Duke Law School Professors James Boyle and Jennifer Jenkins, the comic addresses the complex legal questions regarding copyright and fair use that confront documentary filmmakers in a format that can be enjoyed and understood by non-lawyers.

“Boyle and I have written enough articles about intellectual property to kill forests of trees, but generally the people who read them are other law professors and not the people making documentary films,” said Aoki. “Our intent was to reach an audience of non-lawyers, and to give them the information on the law in a form they would be willing to read.”

Aoki’s most recent work, another collaboration with Boyle and Jenkins, is Theft: A History of Music. “It covers music from ancient Greece to the present, presenting a history of music and intellectual property that hopefully will be something musicians will read and get something out of,” said Aoki.

A similar desire to reach out to the broader community motivated Aoki to work on the comic book project, which he described as “a natural outgrowth of his longstanding interest in comics and popular art, his work in intellectual property law, and his own skill as an artist.”

The theme of the book is: what does it mean to be American? Is it about the color of your skin, where your parents came from, or is it something else?” said Sunder. “One thing that the story conveys is that Fred Korematsu was a true American hero, because he never gave up on the ideals of our Constitution, even when the Supreme Court let him down. He continued speaking about what happened to him all of his life, saying he wanted to tell the story so history wouldn’t repeat itself. We wrote the comic book with an eye toward the same goal.”

“Korematsu is well-known to law students and professors as the plaintiff in Korematsu v. United States, the infamous 1944 Supreme Court case that upheld the constitutionality of the forced Internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. Yet many in Davis knew little of Korematsu and objected to naming the school after him, in part because they felt there was no Davis connection.

Chander, a nationally recognized scholar whose research focuses on the law of globalization and digitization, international law, cyberlaw, and corporate law, investigated what had happened in Davis during the Internment, and made a stunning discovery: in the waning days of the war, the city council passed a resolution declaring that when Japanese Americans were released from Internment, they should not be permitted to return to Davis.

“This astonished the school board, and it shocked the city council, which was now reminded of its own sordid history of involvement in the Internment,” said Chander. “After the school board voted to name the school after Korematsu, the city council passed a resolution rescinding the 1940s resolution.”

Realizing the need for more community awareness of the Internment, Chander and Sunder, with help from Aoki, pursued and received a grant from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program to publish Korematsu’s story as a comic. The book, illustrated by Bay Area artist Angelia Loi and soon to be distributed to California school libraries, depicts a young Muslim American girl’s struggles with her identity in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and how she learns from Korematsu’s experience and example.

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For the first time, UC Davis School of Law will recognize the extraordinary contributions made by alumni, friends, faculty, staff, and students over the past fiscal year (July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010) through the online publication of Donor and Volunteer Rolls. The move online will make the information more accessible, support Law School efforts for sustainable business practices, and acknowledge the growing number of volunteers and donors supporting King Hall.

Please visit the online Donor and Volunteer Roll at www.law.ucdavis.edu/donors, and let us know what you think!

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- Search the database to view information on class participation and giving totals for each class.
- View listings of alumni donors by class, as well as listings of friends, faculty, and staff who have contributed.
- Access information on Reunion Class Gifts, an increasingly important and successful part of the reunion efforts.

Gifts and Pledges reflected in the Donor Roll and persons included in the Volunteer Roll are for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 unless otherwise noted. Comments, suggestions, and corrections may be submitted to alumni@ucdavis.law.edu.

“After King Hall alumni Bob and Barbara Leidigh retired, they decided to invest in an annuity in order to provide for an additional source of income for their future. By creating a charitable gift annuity through UC Davis, they were able to add to their own financial security and also support King Hall graduates.

“We were being pitched by financial advisors to put something into an annuity, and we didn’t really like the idea of giving our money to a big insurance company,” said Bob Leidigh. “I remembered that UC Davis offered a plan that was similar to what these companies had, and after we met with some of the university development people, we were able to set up an annuity that would not only provide us with some security, but also support the School of Law. Moreover, setting
up an annuity with UC Davis provides tax savings and an income stream that will be partially tax-exempt."

“This was a way for us to make a gift and yet get something back as well, so it makes for good financial planning,” said Barbara Leidigh. “We realized that the annuity offered through the university was as good as or better than other plans, and we decided we would rather give the money to UC Davis and the Law School.” (A portion of the gift also goes to the UC Davis Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, reflecting the Leidighs’ interest in the arts.)

The Leidighs were happy to support UC Davis, where they met and started their lives together, and the School of Law, which gave both of them the skills and training they needed to pursue successful legal careers in public service.

Bob Leidigh, who earned his J.D. in 1971, started his career as a legal services attorney, beginning with a stint at the Legal Aid Society of Sacramento County, followed by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in San Francisco. Thereafter, he worked for California Rural Legal Assistance as the head of the Legislative Office in Sacramento, before settling in for eight years as a staff attorney at the Fair Political Practices Commission. From there he went into private practice in Sacramento, advising lobbyists, candidates, and officeholders from 1988-2000. Bob then joined the California Attorney General’s Office until his retirement at the end of 2006, at which point he was appointed as an FPPC Commissioner. His long and varied career includes several notable accomplishments. He remains especially proud of his efforts on behalf of affirmative action programs in Yolo County, his role in the legislative effort that codified standards for California court interpreters in civil trials, and later, his efforts enforcing California’s government ethics laws.

Barbara Leidigh came to King Hall after earning her undergraduate degree in Biological Sciences and a Masters Degree in Zoology at UC Davis, graduating from King Hall in 1976. She started her legal career with the California Solid Waste Management Board, then moved to the Water Resources Control Board, then moved to the Department of Real Estate in early 1980, seeking trial experience. She remained there into late 1981, prosecuting more than 50 disciplinary cases in about 18 months, but wanted more variety and challenge. She found those qualities in her next position with the Water Resources Control Board, where she remained until her retirement in 2007, providing legal counsel to the board members and water rights staff involving water right disputes, adjudicative hearings, and the regulation of water rights. Over the course of her career, she wrote countless water right decisions, many of which—including the landmark Water Right Decision 1641, which assigned water right responsibilities for the water quality objectives for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta—have had enormous impacts on California’s environment, economy, and quality of life.

The Leidighs, who met in 1964 at the UC Davis Homecoming Pajamarino, appreciate the role the university and the Law School have played in their lives and in fostering their careers, and they are happy to be able to support the Law School in a way that also provides them with more security in their retirement.

“We found UC Davis and the Law School very receptive and quite flexible as to how we designated the use of our annuity gift. Both Rick Vorpe, for the campus, and Karen Charney, for the Law School, were terrific to work with. Given that both of us spent our legal careers in public service, we focused the part of our annuity’s proceeds for the Law School on assisting King Hall graduates who chose to pursue similar career paths,” said Bob.
“If you give something on a regular basis, it adds up over time, and this has been very worthwhile,” Brieger said.

Brieger and Krevans met during Krevans’ first year at King Hall. Their parents were friends, and Brieger’s mother asked Krevans if Will could come to visit her at King Hall as he considered whether to enroll. Brieger stayed with her for a few days, went along to classes, and decided to apply. The pair became good friends, often driving together to Berkeley in Krevans’ car to visit their parents. (On one such visit, Brieger met Krevans’ sister Sarah, whom he later married.)

Krevans graduated in 1984 and clerked for Judge Robert Boocheever of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit before joining Morrison & Foerster, where she has enjoyed a successful career specializing in patent disputes, often representing major electronics and biosciences corporations. Brieger, a member of the Class of 1985, clerked for the California Court of Appeal in San Francisco and the Maine Supreme Court for one year each, and spent three years with a private firm in San Francisco. He then took a position as a Deputy District Attorney in Sacramento, which led to his career as a Deputy Attorney General with the California Attorney General’s Office, where he has handled primarily civil enforcement matters involving hazardous waste disposal, water pollution from dairies and feedlots, underground storage tank violations, false claims against environmental cleanup funds, and air pollution from stationary sources.

Both said that they hadn’t realized what a special experience their years at King Hall had been until after they graduated and encountered alumni from other law schools.

“...I didn’t realize how lucky I was to be able to go to UC Davis until I started clerking at the Ninth Circuit, where I worked with people who’d gone to other schools and found out what their experiences were like,” said Krevans. “At Davis, we had small classes, really good professors who were interested in the students, and a very collegial, non-competitive atmosphere. The first day, the faculty hosted a picnic for students, and then they gave everyone a key to the whole school. As I found out later, these were not typical experiences for law students at the time!”

Both alumni started giving to the Law School shortly after graduating, and about ten years ago, Brieger approached Krevans with the idea of teaming up to establish a student scholarship.

“Wills idea, which I certainly agreed with, was that when a school is young, and UC Davis School of Law is still relatively young, it’s important for alumni to help build the school’s reputation,” said Krevans. “One way to do that is to provide for a scholarship that will help the school attract top students.”

Established in 2000 and first awarded in 2002, the Brieger-Krevans Scholarship offers a monetary award to a first-year student with potential for a significant contribution to the King Hall community and legal profession.

“I like to support UC Davis because I feel like the students aren’t just there in order to earn a ticket to make big money,” said Brieger. “The law students at UC Davis have a different spirit, and that needs to be supported, so they have the option to do something that’s interesting and fulfilling and not completely driven by the need to pay back loans.”

Krevans said it’s particularly important for alumni of public schools such as King Hall to give back and help establish a tradition of strong alumni support. “We had a great law school experience, and for UC Davis to continue to be a great experience for law students, it’s going to take more than the money the Law School gets from the state,” she said. “When we were students, there were alumni we never met who gave to the Law School and supported us, and now it’s our turn to support today’s students.”
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When it comes to defining the key to his success, Bill Strickland ’97 is unambiguous: “Everything I’ve achieved professionally has been because of UC Davis.”

That’s one of the reasons Strickland enjoys volunteering for the Law School in a variety of capacities, including service on the King Hall Alumni Association Board of Directors, mentoring students, and helping to organize alumni events in the Los Angeles area, where he lives and works as Director of Gift Planning at the Nature Conservancy.

“When I was at UC Davis, I was surrounded by incredibly bright people who really cared about my legal education and career success,” he said. “Volunteering has been a way to give back to the Law School, and also a way to reconnect with the King Hall community. It’s a way of staying in touch with faculty and other alumni, and a way to help current students enjoy the same sorts of opportunities students in my class had.”

Strickland enrolled at King Hall at age 39 after earning his undergraduate degree in Botany at UC Davis in the ’70s. At first, he feared that being a bit older than most of the other law students would leave him feeling isolated, but he quickly found that the King Hall community embraces all its members.

“The other returning students helped me feel like I had peers,” he said. “They were like extended family. I loved the camaraderie. Unlike some other law schools, King Hall students help each other succeed.”

From inspiring instructors such as Professors Edward Imwinkelried, Richard Wydick, and Daniel Dykstra, to his fellow students, to the King Hall staff, the entire Law School community seemed invested in his education.

“There is a unique level of devotion from everyone – from the faculty to the Registrar and Office of Admissions,” said Strickland. “It’s important to everyone at King Hall that you achieve great things.”

Working with the Nature Conservancy, Strickland now plays a key role in funding one of the world’s leading conservation organizations. Though he is not practicing law, Strickland said the training he received at King Hall was critical in that it taught him to think “in a whole new way” and improved his writing skills “immeasurably.”

He continues to feel that he owes much of his success to the education he received at UC Davis School of Law, and that’s why he has been active as a volunteer.

“I loved my experience at King Hall,” he said. “As such, when asked, I enthusiastically accepted the offer to join the Alumni Association Board. In my capacity as a board member, I have been able to stay connected with the Law School and to work alongside many dedicated and generous alumni for the betterment of King Hall.”
UC Davis School of Law is proud to recognize the extraordinary contributions that friends, alumni, faculty, and staff have made to support endowments and scholarships and other privately raised funds established to the benefit of the Law School. Each of these dedicated funds provides invaluable support and is critical to the future of King Hall.

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to make these supporting funds a reality. Each of them continues to grow, and more will be created as UC Davis School of Law continues to build its private support for students, faculty, and academic and public service programs.

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Excerpt from the address delivered by the Honorable Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the United States, at the dedication of the first law school building at the University of California, Davis on April 12, 1969.

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JANUARY 5, WEDNESDAY
AALS Conference Reception
San Francisco, CA

JANUARY 26, WEDNESDAY
Guest Lecture: Barbara Babcock
Clara Holtz in Sacramento
Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom, King Hall

FEBRUARY 4, FRIDAY
JLJP Symposium
Hidden Injustice: LGBT Youth and the Juvenile Justice System
King Hall

FEBRUARY 11, FRIDAY
Public Interest Mixer
Pier 3 on the Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA

FEBRUARY 14, MONDAY
Bodenheim Lecture
Michael A. Olivas, Univ. of Houston Law Center
Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom, King Hall

FEBRUARY 24, THURSDAY
Barrett Lecture
Scott Bales, Justice, Arizona Supreme Court
Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom, King Hall

FEBRUARY 25, FRIDAY
KHLF Auction
Freeborn Hall, UC Davis

MARCH 4, FRIDAY
Law Review Symposium
The Public Trust Doctrine: 30 Years Later
King Hall

MARCH 11, FRIDAY
BLJ Symposium
Entrepreneurship and the Law: Navigating the Legal Challenges Facing Growing Ventures
King Hall

MARCH 31, THURSDAY
Distinguished Teaching Award & Recognition Celebration
ARC Ballroom, UC Davis

APRIL 1, FRIDAY
Environmental Law Society Symposium
The Aftermath of the BP Oil Spill
King Hall

APRIL 5, FRIDAY
Bill Smith Memorial Lecture
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APRIL 21, THURSDAY
Public Service Graduation
King Hall

APRIL 25, FRIDAY
Neumiller Moot Court Competition
King Hall

SEPTEMBER 8, THURSDAY
Capitol Reception
Capitol Building, Sac., CA

SEPTEMBER 21, WEDNESDAY
Central Valley Foundation/James B. McClatchy Lecture on the First Amendment
King Hall

OCTOBER 22, SATURDAY
2011 Alumni Reunions
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NOVEMBER 4, FRIDAY
Fenwick & West Lecture Series in Technology, Entrepreneurship, Science, and Law
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