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For more than 40 years, UC Davis School of Law has been a national and international leader in legal education, as well as a law school committed to cutting-edge research on the most pressing policy issues of our times. Despite the challenges presented by difficult economic times and rising student fees, we continue to build upon this legacy.

As this issue goes to press, we are putting the final touches on the King Hall Expansion and Renovation project, marking the completion of a decade-long effort to “remodel” King Hall. With your support, we now have a new and improved building with state-of-the-art classrooms, expanded student space, a vastly improved Mabie Law Library, and a technological infrastructure second to none.

The new Paul and Lydia Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom has enabled us to host special sessions of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the California Supreme Court, and California Court of Appeal, as well as lectures and symposia sponsored by our centers: the California International Law Center, California Environmental Law and Policy Center, and Center for Science and Innovation Studies. If you have not been to King Hall recently, please visit and see the changes for yourself.

The Law School continues to make great strides in countless other ways. The new California Supreme Court Clinic and Intellectual Property Certificate Program expand the opportunities available to students. The School of Law has new partnerships with law schools in Asia, Europe, and South America. Our excellent faculty hiring continues. Our faculty continue to rank among the nation’s best, placing at 24 in the U.S. News & World Report survey of legal professionals and 23 in the latest ranking of scholarly influence. We placed at 29 in the most recent U.S. News & World Report ranking of law schools.

Our progress and success are particularly remarkable given the turbulent economic times. The King Hall community is determined to help to ease the financial burden that has been placed upon students. We are firmly committed to raising more private support for scholarships and aid to our students.

The past year saw the King Hall community rally in support of the Law School. Our clinical programs received an extraordinarily generous planned gift of $2.5 million. Overall, the Law School raised $4.3 million in private support, more than double the total of any previous year in our history.

Thank you for believing in UC Davis School of Law!

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KING HALL HOSTS CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT ORAL ARGUMENTS

The California Supreme Court held a special session in UC Davis School of Law’s Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom on October 3. With Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye ’84 presiding, the Justices heard oral arguments in three cases and participated in a question-and-answer session with King Hall students and students from local high schools.

“It is indeed a privilege to have the highest Court of this great state, its staff, counsel, and special guests here today for this historic event,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson in his welcoming remarks. “We are proud of our relationship with the Court, which includes having a former Justice on the California Supreme Court, Professor Cruz Reynoso, on our faculty, an alumna who is Chief Justice, and a new California Supreme Court Clinic, which just opened and now offers our students a chance to brief cases before the Court.”

Dean Johnson thanked Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye for her role in bringing the special session to King Hall. “A loyal alum, the Chief Justice is always extremely generous with her time and knowledge and visits King Hall regularly,” he said. “She spoke at commencement in 2011 and has come for many years to speak to the first-year class.”

“I am particularly pleased to be here at UC Davis School of Law,” said the Chief Justice. “I graduated from this school in 1984, and have nothing but fond memories of my professors and fellow students, as well as deep appreciation for the school for helping launch my career in the law. The school was noted for its innovative approach to legal education, and that hasn’t changed. This fall the school began operating the California Supreme Court Clinic, which gives students the invaluable opportunity to work on actual cases pending before our court.”

The Court heard oral arguments in Ralphs Grocery Co. v. United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 8, Nalwa v. Cedar Fair, L.P., and Sargon Enterprises, Inc. v. University of Southern California et al. King Hall students, faculty, and staff packed the Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom, as well as two classrooms where the proceedings were shown on live video via the California Channel. Many more watched on video screens around King Hall.

Also observing were 60 students from Davis Senior High School, Pioneer High School in Woodland, and West Sacramento Early College Prep Charter School. Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye praised Shama Mesiwala ’98, an appellate attorney in the Third District Court of Appeal, for volunteering her time to help prepare the high school students for the event. “Like me, Shama is a proud graduate of UC Davis School of Law and represents the public service ethos that pervades this school,” she said.

The Court sessions drew coverage from media including the Los Angeles Times, San Francisco Chronicle, Sacramento Bee, The Recorder, and the Davis Enterprise. In addition, UC Davis NewsWatch produced a video on the session that is available on YouTube.
Despite a challenging economic environment, the King Hall community rallied in support of UC Davis School of Law during the 2011-12 fiscal year to achieve the Law School’s most successful fundraising year ever. UC Davis School of Law raised more than $4.3 million in private support, more than double the total of any previous year.

The record-setting total comes as a result of the extraordinary support of a wide range of King Hall community members. Examples of this dedication include:

- An alumnus, who wishes to be anonymous, made the single largest individual contribution ever to King Hall with a planned gift of $2.5 million.
- For the seventh straight year, the Law School received gifts from all members of the King Hall faculty, who are believed to be the only UC Davis school or department faculty to have achieved 100 percent participation.
- The King Hall Alumni Board of Directors and Dean’s Leadership Council also achieved 100 percent participation.
- The Graduating Class Gift program, launched seven years ago, raised more than $20,000, the largest sum in its history.

With state funding now accounting for less than 10 percent of its budget, the Law School is seeking to increase private support for student scholarships, clinical programs, endowed chairs for outstanding faculty, the King Hall building renovation project, and other priorities essential to the School of Law’s ability to train the next generation of legal scholars and maintain its upward trajectory among the nation’s leading law schools.

As part of the $1 billion Campaign for UC Davis, the university’s first-ever comprehensive campaign, the Law School is seeking to raise $20 million. Thanks to the support of the King Hall community, the School of Law successfully achieved its initial campaign goal of $6.75 million in January 2010—and became the first campus school or department to do so. The Law School has now raised $14 million toward its revised campaign goal.

“Thank you to everyone who has supported UC Davis School of Law,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. “It is vitally important to the future of the School of Law that we continue our work to meet our campaign goals, and with your continued support, I am confident that success is within our reach.”

Reaffirming UC Davis School of Law’s place among the nation’s top law schools, the latest U.S. News & World Report rankings placed King Hall 29th among the almost 200 American Bar Association-approved law schools. Having graduated its first class in 1969, UC Davis remains the youngest law school ever to have been ranked in the top 25. The ranking at 29 represents the first time Davis has made three consecutive appearances in the 20-29 range.

“Although it is important not to place undue emphasis on rankings, it is gratifying to once again be among the nation’s top schools,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. “UC Davis School of Law has made great strides, with the expansion and renovation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Hall, the recruitment and retention of superstar faculty, enrollment of excellent students, and the launch of new academic programs and international partnerships,” Johnson added. “Great things are happening at UC Davis School of Law.”

In addition, the UC Davis School of Law faculty placed 23rd in the latest ranking of scholarly influence published by University of Chicago Law School Professor Brian Leiter, whose periodic assessment of law faculty productivity and influence is widely regarded as the single most systematic evaluation of American law school quality. King Hall faculty also placed 23rd in Leiter’s previous ranking in April 2010. Leiter’s reports assess law schools nationwide for their “scholarly impact” as measured by the number of faculty citations over a five-year period.

“I’m proud, but not surprised, to see our faculty once again ranked among the top 25 in the nation in this influential survey,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson.
COMENCEMENT HONORS THE KING HALL CLASS OF 2012

California Supreme Court Justice Goodwin Liu delivered an inspiring commencement address and Brittany Cheney ’12 was presented with the Law School Medal for academic achievement at the UC Davis School of Law 2012 Commencement Ceremony on May 17 at the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts. The event featured remarks from Dean Kevin R. Johnson, UC Davis Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Ralph J. Hexter, Professor Floyd Feeney, and student speaker John Waste ’12. The Law School presented 200 Juris Doctor and 23 Master of Laws degrees.

Praising the Class of 2012 as a “truly extraordinary group,” Dean Johnson opened the proceedings by welcoming the more than 1,400 friends and family of the graduates present for the ceremony. “As family and friends of the Class of 2012, you should be very, very proud of your graduate,” he said. “Your graduate is special and will soon be a lawyer. The strength of this nation is its dedication to equality and liberty built upon the rule of law.”

Student speaker John Waste delivered an often humorous address that concluded with his hope that his class would retain the close relationships they formed as law students. “King Hall truly seems to function on the radical idea that, even for law students, it’s always better to be kind,” he said. “I think this niceness, as plain as it may sound, is actually the uniquely distinguishing feature that defines us as the Class of 2012. Getting to know all of you has been one of the best experiences of my life. Let us continue to maintain these friendships we’ve made here as we spread out to new places and new careers.”

Professor Feeney spoke of the great responsibility shared by the Class of 2012 to uphold the nation’s great legal traditions, citing the examples of two King Hall alumni. “It was only a few moments ago that Tani Cantil-Sakauye, now the Chief Justice of California, and Darrell Steinberg, now the leader of the California Senate, sat where you sit today,” he said. “In the blink of an eye, it will be your words, your deeds, your thoughts that carry forward the best traditions of the law.”

Justice Liu quoted a passage from Martin Luther King, Jr’s book Strength to Love, in which King discussed the biblical story of the Good Samaritan and implored readers to view the parable in the context of social justice. “My message today is King’s message: have courage, do your duty, and seek justice,” he said.

LAW FACULTY CONTRIBUTE UNIQUE UC DAVIS COLUMN TO JURIST

King Hall faculty including Dean Kevin R. Johnson, Associate Dean and Professor Vikram Amar, and Professors Alan Brownstein, Christopher Elmendorf, Courtney Joslin, and Lisa Pruitt have contributed to a UC Davis School of Law “institutional column” in Jurist, the web-based legal news journal published by the nonprofit Jurist Legal News and Research Services.

In a unique arrangement announced in February 2012, Jurist agreed to publish a new commentary written by a King Hall faculty member each month. “We are very excited that the faculty at UC Davis School of Law has agreed to write for Jurist on a regular basis,” said Matthew Shames, Jurist’s Executive Director. “Over the past few months, faculty and students from UC Davis School of Law have shown tremendous interest in Jurist and have contributed several commentary pieces. With our recent move to include regularly appearing columns, adding an ‘institutional’ column, particularly from an esteemed school such as UC Davis, makes perfect sense.”


For more on online commentary by King Hall Faculty, see “Law in the Blogosphere” on page 14.
UCDC LAW PROGRAM BRINGS KING HALL STUDENTS TO THE BELTWAY

In February 2012, King Hall students Bryan Herdliska ’13, Angela Ho ‘12, and Irina Zamyatin ’13 had a once-in-a-lifetime experience as they met U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer in Washington, D.C.

Justice Breyer spoke about his book, Making Democracy Work: A Judge’s View, to a group of about 200 undergraduate and law students in a session moderated by Jess Bravin, Supreme Court Correspondent for the Wall Street Journal, then met privately with Herdliska, Ho, Zamyatin, and 14 other law students to answer questions about the inner workings of the Supreme Court and his own decision-making process.

The meeting took place as part of the UCDC Law Program, a new externship that gives King Hall students the opportunity to see firsthand how laws are made and changed in the nation’s capital. First opened to King Hall students in 2010, it combines a weekly seminar with a full-time field placement to offer an unparalleled opportunity to learn how federal statutes, regulations, and policies are made, changed, and understood in the nation’s capital. Students are eligible for placement in congressional offices on Capitol Hill, the U.S. Department of Justice, regulatory agencies, advocacy nonprofits, and more.

“The UCDC program is a tremendous opportunity for King Hall students to learn the theory and practice of Washington lawyering,” says Senior Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Hollis Kulwin. “It’s a great fit for any student who wants to gain firsthand experience in the areas of public interest law and public policy.”

The program offers full-time, semester-long placements in government and public interest advocacy organizations that are matched to students’ interests and styles of learning. The program also includes a companion course and individual mentorship and counseling designed to enrich the academic experience of law study and to bridge the gap between law school and the world of practice.

“UCDC was one of, if not the most defining experience of my legal education,” said Toren Lewis ’12, who worked at the U.S. Department of Justice, National Security Division Counterterrorism Section. “As one of only two full-time interns in my division at the U.S. Department of Justice, I had the privilege and responsibility of working on dozens of substantive assignments, many of which involved classified material and ongoing law enforcement operations. Though the expectations were high, so was the level of support and encouragement in my office. For students looking to enhance their legal skills, network, and career prospects, UCDC is a must.”

VERIZON GIFTS TO FAMILY PROTECTION AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE CLINIC TOP $200,000

Verizon has made another gift to support the UC Davis School of Law Family Protection and Legal Assistance Clinic. The latest grant of $20,000 brought the total received by the Clinic from the Verizon Wireless HopeLine program and the Verizon Foundation to more than $200,000.

The Woodland-based Clinic provides free legal representation to low-income victims of domestic violence in Yolo County, representing clients in an average of 79 cases per year. Working for the Clinic, UC Davis law students gain invaluable, hands-on experience as they help clients to obtain restraining orders, custody orders, and the financial support they need in order to be able to go on with their lives without the threat of further abuse. Under the direction of Krystal Callaway Jaime ’02, supervising attorney for the Clinic, King Hall students have offered protection from abusive situations, reunited children with parents, facilitated financial support for families in crisis, and more.

The Clinic has enjoyed a close partnership with the Verizon Wireless HopeLine program and the Verizon Foundation, which work to use technology to help address critical social issues including domestic violence. The current grant comes as part of the Verizon Wireless HopeLine program, which uses proceeds from recycled wireless products to help prevent domestic violence. Steve Zipperstein ’83, formerly Verizon’s Vice President for Legal and External Affairs and now General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer of Research in Motion, was instrumental in forging the partnership between Verizon and the Clinic.

“Our Family Protection and Legal Assistance Clinic remains a primary resource providing free family law representation to low-income victims of domestic violence in Yolo County, changing countless lives for the better,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. “All of their great work would not be possible without the generosity the Clinic’s friends and supporters. We are especially grateful to Verizon.”
PATHBREAKING
DEAN FLORIAN
‘BART’ BARTOSIC
DIES AT 85

Florian “Bart” Bartosic, Dean of UC Davis School of Law from 1980-1990, died December 9, 2011. A prominent labor lawyer and esteemed scholar and teacher, Bartosic played an integral role in King Hall’s growth and rise to national prominence during the 1980s. He was 85 years old. A beloved teacher and colleague, his loss was mourned throughout the King Hall community.

Bartosic earned a B.A. from The Pontifical College Josephinum in Ohio in 1948 and studied theology there until 1950. After two years in the U.S. Army, he earned a B.C.L. (J.D.) degree from the College of William and Mary in 1956, and an LL.M. from Yale Law School in 1957. He worked briefly as an attorney for the National Labor Relations Board and then for two years as staff director of the Board of Monitors of the Teamsters Union. Later, he was hired by Teamsters President Jimmy Hoffa as counsel for the union. (Bartosic was at work on a book on Hoffa, which remained unfinished at the time of his death.)

During the 1960s, Bartosic continued to work as an attorney, primarily for the Teamsters, and taught as a visiting scholar at Harvard and Stanford law schools. He also taught law at Catholic University, George Washington University, the University of Michigan, the University of Virginia, and the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands. He was an active participant in the Civil Rights movement. He entered academia full-time in 1971, joining the faculty at Wayne State University Law School. He was elected to the American Law Institute in 1974 and became a lifetime member in 1999.

In 1980, Bartosic was appointed Dean of UC Davis School of Law following a national search. Bartosic oversaw the hiring of several outstanding faculty members and an impressive rise in UC Davis School of Law’s national status. Though the Law School relied completely on state funding for operating expenses when he assumed his duties in 1980, Bartosic foresaw the need for private support, establishing an annual alumni fund drive and other fundraising measures that helped to found a Law School endowment, provide scholarships and lectureships, and launch the King Hall Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP). He also oversaw the establishment of the Edward L. Barrett Professorship, the Law School’s first endowed chair, and was instrumental in launching the Perfect Tender Co-op for students with children.

Bartosic retired from teaching in 1992, but was brought back to teach courses on several occasions until 1998, when health problems prevented him from continuing. He was named as the recipient of the Law School’s Distinguished Teaching Award in 1998. His legacy as a scholar includes a prolific list of publications on labor law and other subjects, including his book, Labor Relations Law in the Private Sector. His influence on generations of King Hall faculty, students, and staff is immeasurable.

KING HALL EXPANDS PARTNERSHIP WITH LEADING CHINESE LAW SCHOOL

UC Davis School of Law International Programs hosted 21 alumni of China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) from June 17-30, 2012 in a program designed to increase their understanding of the U.S. legal system. The visit took place as part of an expanding partnership between King Hall and CUPL, China’s largest law school.

During the first week, the participants attended lectures by UC Davis School of Law faculty on the federal and state judicial and legislative systems, contracts, torts, legal ethics, intellectual property, alternative dispute resolution, and environmental law. Professors Vikram Amar, Richard Frank, Thomas Joo, Peter Lee, Rex Perschbacher, Lisa Pruitt, and Donna Shestowsky taught in the program. Dean Kevin R. Johnson met with the delegation to discuss expanding the long-term institutional relationship between King Hall and CUPL. While in Davis, the CUPL alumni also visited the California Legislature, the Sacramento County Superior Court, Napa Valley, Lake Tahoe, and Stanford University.

During the second week, the group traveled to Washington, D.C. and New York City to experience various legal and cultural institutions. In Washington, a prominent UC Davis School of Law alumnus, Jeffrey Green ’88 from Sidley Austin LLP, hosted the Chinese attorneys and scholars at his firm, gave a lecture on the U.S. Supreme Court (where he has successfully argued two cases), and directed the group’s tour of the U.S. Supreme Court, which included a special presentation by the Clerk of the Court.
KARA UEDA ‘00, CHRISTOPHER BUTCHER ‘07, SARAH ROPELATO ‘07 WIN IMPRESSIVE VICTORY IN CPUC DECISION

Kara Ueda ‘00, Christopher Butcher ‘07, and Sarah Ropelato ‘07, working pro bono as representatives of a Sacramento neighborhood association, succeeded in blocking a plan to build a massive natural gas storage facility beneath a southeast Sacramento neighborhood. A Sacramento Bee account of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) decision described it as “an impressive display of David besting Goliath.”

Ueda, President of the King Hall Alumni Association Board of Directors and a partner at Best Best & Krieger, and Butcher, an associate with the Sacramento land-use and environmental law firm Thomas Law Group, were recruited by the Avondale/Glen Elder Neighborhood Association via Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC). Ropelato is a staff attorney at LSNC.

Residents initially felt “outmatched” in their battle with Sacramento Natural Gas Storage over the project, which would have stored 7.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas beneath 379 acres in south Sacramento, but PUC commissioners ultimately agreed with the argument that the project was unnecessary and represented too great a risk to residents.

IN BRIEF

ALUMNI HONORS

Chief Justice of California Tani Cantil-Sakauye ‘84 was honored by the American Bar Association with the Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award, which celebrates the accomplishments of women lawyers who have excelled in their field and have paved the way for other women lawyers.

Luis Alejo ‘01 won reelection to the newly drawn California 30th Assembly District seat in November 2012. Alejo, whose community service work led to his election as a Watsonville City Council member in 2008 and Watsonville mayor in 2009, was first elected to the Assembly in 2010.

Hugh Barroll ‘83, Assistant Regional Counsel with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, was awarded the EPA’s gold medal for exceptional service.

Michael Brown ’95, Keith Flaum ’89, and David Walgren ’95 have been named by California Lawyer magazine as recipients of 2012 California Attorneys of the Year (CLAY) awards.

Sacramento County Superior Court Judge Judy Hersher ‘84 has been selected as Judge of the Year by the Sacramento County Bar Association. Judge Hersher also was honored with an appointment to the California State-Federal Judicial Council by California Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye ‘84.

Judy Johnson ‘76 has been appointed by California Governor Jerry Brown to a judgeship in the Contra Costa County Superior Court.

Meredith Linsky ‘98, Director of the South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project (ProBAR), was honored with the Arthur Helton Memorial Human Rights Award at the American Immigration Lawyers Association 2012 Annual Conference.

Francine J. Lipman ‘93, Professor of Law at William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, has been elected to the American Law Institute (ALI).

Martha Clark Lofgren ‘85, an attorney with Brewer Lofgren LLP in Carmichael, was honored by the Sacramento Business Journal as one of its 2012 “Women Who Mean Business.”

Robert Mullaney ‘84, Senior Counsel with the Environmental Enforcement Section in the U.S. Department of Justice, has received the John Marshall Award for Interagency Cooperation as well as a gold medal for exceptional service from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Yolo Superior Court Presiding Judge David Rosenberg ’74 has been chosen to receive the 2012 California Judges Association Humanitarian of the Year award.

Donald I. Segerstrom, Jr. ’80 was appointed by California Governor Jerry Brown to a judgeship in the Tuolumne County Superior Court.

Nicole Soluri ’04 has been appointed by California Governor Jerry Brown as Chief Counsel at the California State Lottery.

Tom Stallard ’75 was honored with the Sacramento Metro Chamber’s Peter McCuen Award for Civic Entrepreneurship. In addition, the American Leadership Forum (ALF) Mountain Valley Chapter named him as one of three Exemplary Leaders 2012, and he was elected to a seat on the Woodland City Council.

Diane Boyer-Vine ‘86 received the Northern California Association of Law Libraries 2012 Legislative Advocacy award.

John W. Vineyard ’89 was appointed by California Governor Jerry Brown to a judgeship at Riverside County Superior Court, where he has served as a commissioner since 2008.

David B. Walgren ’95, who drew widespread praise for his successful prosecution in the manslaughter case following the death of singer Michael Jackson, has been appointed by California Governor Jerry Brown to a judgeship in the Los Angeles County Superior Court. Walgren had been a deputy district attorney with the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office since 1996.
CENTRAL VALLEY FOUNDATION GIVES $90,000 TO SUPPORT KING HALL OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Central Valley Foundation (CVF) has pledged $90,000 to UC Davis School of Law to support the King Hall Outreach Program (KHOP), the Law School’s innovative, intensive law school preparation program designed to increase diversity among law students and in the legal profession. The gift comes as part of an expanding partnership with CVF that has been facilitated by Steve Boutin '72 of Boutin Jones, who is a past president and current member of the Law School’s Alumni Association Board of Directors and a member of the UC Davis Foundation Board, as well as Chair of the Central Valley Foundation Board.

Founded by the late McClatchy Company newspaper publisher James B. McClatchy to support programs and organizations dedicated to the enhancement and protection of First Amendment rights, enhance academic achievement of English learners in K-12 schools, and enhance and preserve the quality of life in the Central Valley, the CVF previously has given to establish the Central Valley Foundation/James B. McClatchy Lecture on the First Amendment at UC Davis School of Law. Boutin helped initiate the lecture series and KHOP gift by working to educate the Foundation board on the common goals shared by CVF and UC Davis School of Law. David Post '71 is also a member of the CVF Board.

Established in 2001, KHOP is a unique program that helps first-generation college students and economically disadvantaged students prepare for the law school admissions process. It provides mentoring and pre-law advising during the school year and takes eligible college juniors and seniors through two four-week summer sessions in which they learn writing, analytical, and logical reasoning skills, and study techniques for taking the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and explore career paths available to law school graduates.

CALIFORNIA THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL HOLDS SESSION IN KING HALL

The California Court of Appeal for the Third District heard arguments in two cases in King Hall’s Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom on September 24. The justices also conducted a question-and-answer session for students.

Dean Kevin R. Johnson opened the proceedings with welcoming remarks. “We are especially pleased to have the justices here, and pleased to be able to give our students a real-life opportunity to see justice in action, to hear real-life arguments of real cases, involving real people, real disputes, and also to have an opportunity to interact with the justices,” he said.

Dean Johnson pointed out that the three-judge panel assembled for the hearings included two King Hall alumni, Justice Kathleen Butz ’81 and Justice Louis Mauro ’87. In addition, Presiding Justice Vance W. Raye is a longtime friend of the School of Law and a mentor to one of its most distinguished alumni, Chief Justice of California Tani Cantil-Sakauye ’84, Dean Johnson noted.

“King Hall has enriched the legal community, particularly the Sacramento community but also communities throughout this state, with the fine lawyers who graduate from here,” Justice Vance said in his opening remarks. “There are many graduates of King Hall who appear before us, and as the dean has mentioned, my trusted colleagues on either side of me are graduates of King Hall.”

The Court heard arguments in People v. Joanna Lorraine Peterson and Albert Garland v. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. About 80 students, faculty, and staff observed the proceedings from inside the Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom and many more watched on video screens around King Hall.

IN BRIEF

FACULTY HONORS

Professor Afra Afsharipour’s paper “Transforming the allocation of deal risk through reverse termination fees,” first published in the Vanderbilt Law Review, was selected by Corporate Practice Commentator as one of 2011’s top 10 corporate and securities articles.

The late Professor Keith Aoki was honored by the Minority Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools with the Clyde Ferguson Award, which recognizes excellence in public service, teaching, and scholarship. He was also honored with the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) Great Teacher Award in 2011.

Professors Alan Brownstein and Thomas Joo were elected to the American Law Institute, joining 17 other UC Davis faculty who are members of the prestigious institution.

Professor Anupam Chander was selected to receive a Google Faculty Research Award to study the relationship between free speech and the development of Internet enterprise and survey the development of copyright, trademark, tort, and privacy law as it relates to Internet enterprise.
UC Davis School of Law, a leader in intellectual property law, has launched an intellectual property certificate program that will provide students with broad and deep exposure to intellectual property law and prepare them for practice in the area, help make students more marketable to employers, and increase awareness of the King Hall IP program’s strength in the legal community. The new certificate program expands the Law School’s commitment to intellectual property law and helps to ensure consistent availability of IP courses to King Hall students, who have demonstrated substantial interest. During the 2011-12 academic year, the King Hall Intellectual Property Law Association had more than 110 student members, and 73 students enrolled in the Intellectual Property survey course. Professors Mario Biagioli, Anupam Chander, Lisa Ikemoto, Leslie Kurtz, Peter Lee, and Madhavi Sunder hold special interests in the area and teach intellectual property- or technology-related courses.

UC Davis School of Law also has recently established two academic centers with significant IP components: the Center for Science and Innovation Studies (CSIS), under the direction of Professor Biagioli, an internationally renowned expert in the fields of intellectual property and the history of copyright, and the California International Law Center at King Hall (CILC), under the leadership of its new Director Anupam Chander, a leading scholar in the law of globalization and digitization. UC Davis School of Law also is home to the annual Fenwick & West Symposium in Technology, Entrepreneurship, Science, and Law (TESLaw), which has brought speakers including Twitter co-founder Jason Goldman and venture capitalist John Doerr to King Hall. Sponsored by the Silicon Valley firm Fenwick & West, the series provides practitioners, academics, and students with the knowledge base to address the challenges inherent to the computing, digital communications, social media, “clean” technology, and biotechnology markets of the 21st century. The symposia, along with lecture events hosted by CILC and CSIS, and mixers hosted by the King Hall Intellectual Property Association (KHIPLA), offer students the opportunity to meet and network with intellectual property alumni and leading professionals in the field.

Holly S. Cooper, staff attorney with the UC Davis Immigration Law Clinic, received the Carol Weiss King Award for Creative Litigation from the National Lawyers Guild Immigration Project.

A paper by Professor Angela Harris, “Race and Essentialism in Feminist Legal Theory,” originally published in Stanford Law Review in 1990, was listed as the 18th most-cited paper of all time, according to research published in the Michigan Law Review.

Professor Lisa Ikemoto was honored by the Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty (CAPALF) with the Professor Chris Kando Iijima Teacher and Mentor Award.

Dean Kevin R. Johnson won First Place in the Best Reference Book in English category for Immigration Law and the US-Mexico Border at the 14th Annual International Latino Book Awards, and also was honored with the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) Romero Vive Award for his lifetime commitment to social justice and human rights.

Professor Courtney Joslin was named as the winner of the 2011 New Voices in Gender Studies competition for her paper, “Modernizing Divorce Jurisdiction: Same-Sex Couples and Minimum Contacts,” published in the Boston University Law Review.

Professor Evelyn A. Lewis received the William and Sally Rutter Distinguished Teaching Award.

Professor Cruz Reynoso received the Hispanic National Bar Association’s highest honor, the Lincoln-Juarez Award.

Professor Madhavi Sunder delivered the Hochelaga Lectures, the University of Hong Kong School of Law’s most prestigious lecture series. She also published her book, From Goods to a Good Life: Intellectual Property and Global Justice, with Yale University Press.
A GROWING REPUTATION: KING HALL FACULTY EXPANDS AGAIN

UC Davis School of Law has added three distinguished legal scholars to its faculty, and plans are in place for further expansion in the coming months and years.

“I think the campus has invested in the School of Law because we’ve shown a commitment to excellence and diversity in faculty hiring,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. “We’ve had a great run of faculty hiring, with great people from Berkeley, Harvard, Stanford, Arizona, UC Hastings and other excellent law schools all making the move to UC Davis in recent years. We have an outstanding faculty, and a very diverse group, and we are looking to add as many as four more tenure-track positions in the near future.”

This year’s additions include Professors Karima Bennoune of Rutgers School of Law-Newark, Rose Cuisan Villazor of Hofstra University School of Law, and David Horton of Loyola Law School, Los Angeles.

An established international law scholar, Professor Bennoune was the Arthur L. Dickson Scholar at Rutgers, where she taught international law and human rights. Since graduating from a joint program in law and Middle Eastern and North African studies at the University of Michigan, she has devoted her career to advancing legal and institutional systems for protecting human rights and women’s rights. She is a highly respected author, lecturer, teacher, and scholar as well as the first Arab-American to be honored with the Derrick A. Bell Award from the Section on Minority Groups of the Association of American Law Schools. More recently, she was selected as the 2010-11 Chancellor’s Distinguished Research Scholar at Rutgers-Newark.

Professor Villazor’s areas of expertise include property law, immigration law, race, and citizenship. Prior to teaching at Hofstra, she taught at the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law. Professor Villazor, one of only three Filipinas in legal academia, received her J.D. from the American University Washington College of Law and LL.M. from Columbia Law School, and clerked for the Honorable Stephen H. Glickman on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. She is the recipient of the 2011 Derrick A. Bell Award.

Professor Horton joined the Loyola faculty in 2009. He earned his law degree at UCLA, where he graduated Order of the Coif in 2004 and served as Chief Articles Editor of the *UCLA Law Review*. He then practiced at the law firm of Morrison & Foerster and clerked for the Honorable Ronald M. Whyte of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. He has been a Lecturer in Residence at the UC Berkeley School of Law. Professor Horton will teach in the areas of Trusts, Wills, and Alternative Dispute Resolution.

During 2010-11, three distinguished senior law professors—Angela Harris from UC Berkeley, Ashutosh Bhagwat from UC Hastings, and Gabriel “Jack” Chin from the University of Arizona—joined the UC Davis faculty. The prior year, new additions to King Hall included Mario Biagioli from Harvard and Leticia Saucedo from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. The previous year, Miguel Méndez left Stanford for King Hall and Dennis J. Ventry, Jr. came over from American University’s Washington College of Law.

“A law school’s reputation depends primarily on the excellence of its faculty,” Dean Johnson said. “We have an excellent faculty and we’re building on that. We’re hiring great people who are doing cutting-edge scholarship and who are also committed to being great teachers. I think that over the long run, the amazing faculty we’re hiring will maintain our outstanding reputation as well as the commitment to teaching we have as a larger community.”
The UC Davis School of Law Summer International Law program is expanding, as legal professionals from around the world are coming in increasing numbers to study the U.S. legal system, international business transactions, intellectual property, negotiations and dispute resolution, and related subjects with King Hall faculty experts.

As part of a long-standing partnership between the School of Law and the Center for International Education at UC Davis Extension, 276 legal and business professionals from six continents and 33 countries attended a variety of programs at King Hall this summer, as well as seminars at the University of Cologne, Germany, and events in Washington, D.C. and New York City. The total number of students was the highest in the 23-year history of the program.

Beth Greenwood, Executive Director of the International Law Programs and Associate Dean of the Center for International Education, said that the program’s expansion is both a reflection of a growing need among legal professionals worldwide and also of the rising international reputation of UC Davis School of Law.

“These programs have an outstanding reputation and broad appeal among international legal scholars and members of the legal profession,” Greenwood said. “The participants came from a diverse range of countries, and these programs really provide them with the opportunity to not only examine a variety of legal topics but to interact with legal professionals from around the world and gain an understanding of one another.”

The summer 2012 courses of study included International Commercial Law, Orientation in U.S.A. Law, a specialized program in Structuring International Joint Ventures, an International Commercial Law seminar held at the University of Cologne in Germany, and courses in Intellectual Property and English for Legal Professionals. The summer session also included two Overview of the American Legal System courses offered as part of the Law School’s partnership with the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) in which participants visited Washington, D.C. and New York City.

The growth of the Summer International Commercial Law program is part of an expansion of the King Hall International Legal Studies program that has included the foundation of the California International Law Center at King Hall (CILC) and partnerships with CUPL and the Brazilian energy company Petrobras (Petróleo Brasileiro S.A.).

Student response has been enthusiastic. “I wanted to study abroad, stay competitive and become skilled in international law, and this has been a great place for that,” said program participant Cristián Palacios of Santiago, Chile.

“The interactions with faculty were invaluable,” Magali Maida of the National Council for Scientific and Technical Research in Buenos Aires stated. “They are very generous with their knowledge and in sharing their experiences. The diversity of the participants and our sharing further enriched the experience.”

The King Hall faculty has been equally enthusiastic, Greenwood said. “One thing that is amazing about this program is the level of faculty involvement. We’re expanding, our faculty support this, and they’re eager to be involved. I think roughly half of our faculty is now participating.”
Computer technology and online communications have impacted nearly every aspect of life in the 21st century, and legal scholarship is no exception. Law professors are increasingly turning to blogging and other forms of online commentary as a means to express their ideas, open a dialogue on pressing issues, and influence the practice of law. While blogging is not likely to replace more traditional forms of scholarly publication anytime soon, it is an increasingly important part of legal scholarship, and several King Hall faculty members are actively engaged in the medium.

“We’re seeing the Internet change everything, and that includes intellectual discourse,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson, who blogs regularly for Immigration Prof, the Dean’s Blog on the King Hall website, SCOTUSblog, Jurist, and other online media. “People are reading Twitter to find out what’s going on with the Supreme Court, and reading blogs to learn about the latest bills passed by Congress. If you want to be part of the national and international scholarly debate, it’s important to be part of the blogosphere.”

Then-Senator Barack Obama gave an exclusive interview to Immigration Prof in 2007, speaking on a wide range of immigration-related topics as part of his campaign for the presidential nomination, Dean Johnson noted.

“You reach a wide audience of both law professors and lawyers, but also non-legal professionals, and we have a duty to educate and inform not only the professoriate but the larger public,” said Associate Dean and Professor of Law Vikram Amar, who contributes a regular column to Justia.com and has written for SCOTUSblog, the New York Times’ Room for Debate, and other online platforms. “It’s also a way to develop your ideas without the constraints of the formal academic professional world. You can’t write anything in a law journal that isn’t completely thought through, but when you’re blogging you can sometimes be more tentative or provocative. It can be a testing ground for ideas that will later ripen into full-fledged scholarship.”

Blogging is a regular activity for King Hall faculty including Professors Afra Afsharipour, John D. “Jack” Ayer, Anupam Chander, Richard Frank, and Lisa Pruitt, and other faculty make occasional contributions to blogs, such as Professor Angela Harris’s guest entries for JOTWELL. King Hall faculty including Dean Johnson, Associate Dean Amar, Professor Pruitt, and Professors Alan Brownstein, Christopher Elmendorf, and Courtney Joslin have contributed to a unique UC Davis School of Law “institutional column” hosted by Jurist, and in addition to the Dean’s Blog, the King Hall website includes a Faculty Blog that hosts postings by several faculty and links to dozens of recent scholarly works.

Professor Pruitt is among the most deeply engaged in the new medium. She started her Legal Ruralism blog in 2007, thinking that it would be a useful teaching tool for her Law and Rural Livelihoods seminar, offering a ready vehicle for ideas and discussions. She found that the blog had numerous benefits...
for students and decided to set up another for her Feminist Legal Theory seminar. “It brings the students into an ongoing conversation with each other,” she said. “It gives them an opportunity to refine and hone a different set of writing skills than they use in writing a term paper, and it allows for immediate feedback. I see it as a way of expanding the dialogue we’re having in the classroom.”

Pruitt also found blogging to be useful to her work as a scholar, providing a satisfyingly immediate alternative to the often drawn-out publication process of academic journals, as well as serving as a useful archive of ideas, links, and events. She has gone on to set up blogs for the Davis Honors Challenge courses she teaches for undergraduates, and continues to blog not only for Legal Ruralism and Feminist Legal Theory, but also a host of multi-author platforms including ClassCrits, the Society of American Law Teachers’ SALTLAW blog, Agricultural Law, and others. Blogging not only serves as a means of bringing attention to her work and the distinctive legal problems associated with rural people and places, but also can serve as the genesis for formal scholarly works, she said.

“Blogging can be a way of marketing and informing and provoking thought,” said Dean Johnson. “Not all blogging is scholarship, but often it can be an important component of what might turn out to be good scholarship. Blogging can get you thinking about recent events and give you immediate feedback from scholars and readers in a way that can help you to analyze.”

Online commentary is likely to become even more important to legal scholarship in the years to come, Amar said. “Ten years from now, I think that to be a player in your field as an academic you will have to have a presence in this,” he said. “I don’t think it’ll ever be a substitute for more formal legal scholarship, but it will be an important part of what is valued in a scholar.”
Marlon Cobar ’00
FROM KING HALL
TO IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN, & BEYOND

In 2006, Afghan national Haji Bagcho was the world’s biggest heroin dealer. Running his operation from a palatial compound in Afghanistan’s Nangarhar Province, he manufactured the drug in secret laboratories along the Pakistan border and exported about 123,000 kilograms of heroin—20 percent of the world supply—to more than 20 different countries, including the United States. He earned more than $250 million, and used a portion of the proceeds to arm and supply the Taliban in its war on American troops in Afghanistan.

Today, Bagcho is serving three life terms in prison, thanks in part to the efforts of Marlon Cobar ’00, Trial Attorney with the Department of Justice Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section, who served as a co-prosecutor on the case.

“It was a privilege to be able to carry out that kind of public service, which was the kind of public service King Hall prepares its students for,” Cobar said. “It was probably the highlight of my career to date, and I’ve had some great experiences as a federal prosecutor.”

A native of San Francisco, Cobar was drawn to UC Davis School of Law because of its public service orientation, small size, close-knit community, and the opportunities for practical experience outside the classroom. “While I was in law school, I externed for Chief Judge William Shubb of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California,” he recalled. “I also worked each year at the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Sacramento, doing research and writing the first year and actually prosecuting misdemeanor cases in federal court during the last two years. I doubt that those opportunities would have been available to me anywhere else.”

At King Hall, Cobar encountered outstanding faculty including Professors Edward Imwinkelried, Floyd Feeney, and Diane Marie Amann, who “provided indispensable tools” that have proven vital to his practice. He also found a mentor in Dean Kevin R. Johnson, whom he continues to consult on major career decisions. “I feel like I owe my legal career to Dean Johnson, and I mean that wholeheartedly,” he said. “He is emblematic of the kind of law school and the type of law faculty that UC Davis enjoys. You have demanding academic rigor, yet you also have faculty who really take the time to get to know you and who care about whatever issues you may have academically, or, oftentimes, personally.”

Cobar’s career as a federal prosecutor began in 2003, when he was appointed as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California in San Francisco, working primarily on federal “street” crimes. A year later he became an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of California, focusing on drug trafficking cases. After serving several details in Colombia training prosecutors and investigative agents, Cobar became interested in the Department of Justice’s overseas operations.

In 2006, Cobar was recruited by the Department of Justice to serve as a Resident Legal Advisor in Iraq and was posted in Kirkuk Province, where he worked within a U.S. military unit as the lead U.S. rule of law official in the strategic province. Cobar’s main charge was to create a terrorism prosecution taskforce. The
creation of the provincial branch of the Central Criminal Court of Iraq, with jurisdiction to try insurgency and terrorism cases, was the centerpiece of Cobar's efforts.

It was dangerous work. Mortars regularly landed during the night on the military base where Cobar lived. Cobar was required to wear full body armor and carry a semiautomatic rifle whenever he and his team ventured off base. In one instance, the helicopter in which he was traveling came under heavy gun fire. Despite the unstable environment, Cobar and his colleagues succeeded in establishing a provincial law enforcement task force and a court system capable of handling terrorism and insurgency cases—a key part of the U.S. mission to establish the rule of law in Iraq. His work earned honors including the U.S. Army Commander's Medal for Civilian Service.

"My assignments haven't all been like that," Cobar said, downplaying the danger, "but some cases have required a willingness to go into unstable environments. Iraq was a test of courage for me, physically and intellectually, and it opened up a gateway to some other assignments."

Following his time in Iraq, Cobar joined the Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington as a trial attorney, taking on responsibility for significant international narcotics and narco-terrorism cases. "In my unit, we choose cases of strategic national importance to the United States—people who are endangering public safety and national security through international narcotics trafficking," he said.

Bagcho, the Afghan heroin trafficker, certainly fit the bill. Since 2005, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration had been working with Afghan authorities to investigate his activities. With the help of cooperating witnesses, DEA agents were able to conduct controlled purchases of heroin from Bagcho and conduct searches of his residences that produced evidence of extensive drug trafficking, including a ledger detailing more than $250 million in heroin sales during 2006, as well as evidence that part of the money was flowing to the Taliban and providing the insurgency in eastern Afghanistan with cash, weapons, and supplies.

"This was a double victimization of the United States, first in sending heroin here, and second in taking the proceeds of the sale of that heroin to fund the Taliban, who were using the money to fight U.S. troops serving in the country," Cobar said.

Finding witnesses and gathering evidence that could be used in a trial in the United States was "quite a challenge, especially in an unstable terrain such as Afghanistan in the middle of an insurgency," he said. "It takes a certain amount of diplomacy, understanding the legal system of the host country and respecting their sovereignty. We have to have cooperation, so there is a human element involved."

In this case, the diplomatic challenges included acquiring a special order from the Afghan president to approve Bagcho's extradition, since the U.S. and Afghanistan have no extradition treaty. Bagcho was eventually arrested and extradited to the U.S. in May 2009. He was convicted by a federal court jury in Washington, D.C. in March 2012. "It was a beast of a case, probably the most challenging one I've had, but it was also the most satisfying," said Cobar.

Immediately following trial, Cobar embarked on his next assignment for the Justice Department. This time, he moved to Colombia. He is detailed to the U.S. Embassy there, working with a wide range of Colombian authorities on a project to develop a national prosecutorial and law enforcement infrastructure to combat the "Bandas Criminales" or "BACRIM"—organized crime organizations that evolved from demobilized guerrilla and paramilitary forces. Those organizations are now involved in extortion, kidnapping, murder, and trafficking in cocaine—much of which is exported to the United States. "People often ask me what a BACRIM-sponsored murder on the streets of a Colombian city has to do with the United States," Cobar said. He continued, "I tell them, 'Everything,' as these groups support the infrastructure for their cocaine trafficking to the U.S. through violent organized crime."

Cobar remains grateful to UC Davis School of Law for providing him with the foundation he needed to succeed in challenging overseas environments. Some 15 countries of DOJ travel later, Cobar still does not believe he could be living his "wildest professional dream job on a daily basis." Cobar summed his King Hall experience in the context of his work by stating that "by providing me with a solid legal education to think, reason, analyze, write, and advocate with an equal balance of logic and passion, King Hall's amazing professors enabled me to build a solid foundation to face the novel and evolving challenges involved in prosecuting extraterritorial crimes in the international arena. Equally important, however, King Hall's nurturing environment inspired me to believe that the sky (or the world in my case) is the limit. As I walk through the hallowed halls of the Department of Justice when I am back in Washington, all I can say is: Thank you."
COVER STORY

30 YEARS ON THE CUTTING EDGE

Immigration Law
1982 - 2012

UC Davis School of Law

Founding Director James F. Smith, 1982-1990
Current Director Amaya Pérez, 2008-
When Maria Armenta first came to the UC Davis School of Law Immigration Law Clinic, she was a young mother facing deportation, with nowhere to turn for the legal assistance she needed in order to keep her family together. She still grows emotional as she remembers the help she received from Clinic faculty and students back in 1999.

“I know that without the assistance of the Clinic, I would be in Mexico right now,” she said. “To be honest, I don’t know how I would have been able to live if I had been separated from my children. I did not have the economic means to hire an attorney, but through the Clinic I was able to meet a lot of wonderful people who did magnificent work on my case.”

Over the years, she has worked with a wide range of Clinic faculty and students, including founding Director James F. Smith, current Director Amagda Pérez, Staff Attorneys Raha Jorjani and Holly Cooper, and numerous students as the Clinic succeeded in preventing her deportation and securing her legal permanent resident status. Today, she is again working with the Clinic to enroll her eldest son in the Obama administration’s new Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

“I’m very grateful for all the work everyone at the Clinic has done on my behalf,” she said. “I don’t know how I could ever repay them.”

Founded in 1982 and now celebrating its 30th anniversary, the Immigration Law Clinic has helped thousands of people like Armenta. Over the years, Clinic faculty and students have represented more than 700 people in court, helped more than 37,000 legal permanent residents apply for citizenship, and made educational presentations to more than 40,000. The Clinic, one of the first law school clinics in the nation to focus on immigration law, remains the only nonprofit legal services provider in Northern California representing indigent immigrants in removal proceedings, and it has served an integral role in the education of scores of UC Davis School of Law students who gained hands-on experience as they provided a much-needed community service. About 500 King Hall graduates are alumni of the Clinic, and a significant number are immigration law practitioners. Many more maintain a connection to the Clinic and the School of Law through volunteering at Clinic naturalization workshops and other events.

“The Clinic, through the foresight of Jim Smith, was created 30 years ago at a time when few law schools even taught immigration law,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. “Jim had the foresight to understand that immigration law in some ways was going to be the new civil rights issue of the 21st century, and he understood that in immigration law clinics students could help real people with real problems as they learned invaluable lawyering skills, and help change their lives. Over the years, because of Jim’s great work, we have been planting the seeds for generations of immigration law attorneys.”
CREATING CHANGE

Jim Smith grew up as the son of a construction superintendent in the “very conservative and segregated environment” of Arizona and Oklahoma during the 1950s. His father’s work crews were mostly composed of Mexican Americans and Mexican immigrants, and Smith enjoyed working alongside them all through his high school years. When he started college at Arizona State University, he began to realize he had strong feelings about social equality that were at odds with the conservative outlook that prevailed among his classmates, one of whom told him he “should go to Berkeley” and join the other radicals there. He majored in Political Science and History, and was uncertain whether he wanted to teach history or practice law until one day a friend’s comment enabled him to decide.

“He said, ‘If you become a professor of History, your work will be to describe the significance of other persons and events, but if you become a lawyer fighting for what you believe in, you have the potential to actually create change,’” Smith recalled. “That did it. From that conversation on, I knew I was going to study law.”

Smith enrolled at UC Berkeley School of Law in 1963, and found himself somewhat disappointed. “I became distraught at the prospect of spending years listening to lectures that seemed more and more abstract and had little to do with the social justice issues of the day,” he said.

Smith persevered, earning his J.D. in 1967, and went to work as an attorney for the Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) in Visalia, California. He opened a law office in nearby Farmersville and began serving a clientele of mostly Mexican and Filipino farmworkers, handling all manner of civil and criminal cases. He realized he needed a mentor, and found one in Gary Bellow, a pioneering public interest lawyer who was working nearby as Deputy Director of California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA). Through the influence of Bellow, considered a founder of modern clinical legal education, Smith began to realize that a career in clinical education could enable him to both work for social change and also to help reform a legal education system he saw as largely outdated and irrelevant.
“It was one of the ‘Eureka’ moments in my career,” Smith said. “I knew then that I would practice public interest law for a few years—it turned out to be six—and somehow worm my way onto a law faculty and do clinical work.”

Smith joined the King Hall faculty as a Visiting Lecturer in 1976, and for five years he directed the Law School’s Prisoners Assistance Clinic. During that time, he made several trips to Central America, including a visit to a refugee camp in Chiapas, Mexico, which got him thinking about the legal problems of immigrants and refugees.

“It was then that I began to explore the idea of proposing an Immigration Law Clinic to the King Hall faculty,” he said. “It seemed to address several goals that I strongly believed in: providing law students with hands-on lawyering experience in deportation and asylum hearings, addressing the frustrations of law students who wanted to help underserved populations while in law school, combining theory and practice in King Hall’s curriculum, and providing legal services to the marginalized immigrant population, not only through the few cases the Clinic could realistically accept but also through community education.”

The Clinic started accepting students and clients in 1982, working out of a small office in the lower level of King Hall. Smith made the choice in favor of “the philosophy of doing a few cases well and fully supervised, over running a mill that might well serve more clients but would not achieve the goal of modeling superior lawyering skills.”

The Clinic took on about 30 students each semester, who worked in teams on about 15 cases. In contrast to most law school immigration clinics, which tend to focus on benefits applications and other matters that do not require adversarial hearings, the new Clinic focused on representing clients in removal proceedings before immigration judges and appellate advocacy in litigating potentially precedent-setting cases.

From the beginning, the Clinic had a substantial impact. “The impact on the lives of those fortunate enough to have the Clinic take their case cannot be overstated,” Smith said. “In hundreds of cases, the students have prevented the deportation or incarceration, or both, of their clients and provided for the unification of families. These successes together with the impact of the naturalization workshops have stabilized immigrant communities and increasingly given immigrants more faith in our legal system.”

FINDING THEIR VOICES

The Clinic also had an enormous influence on the educational experiences and lives of generations of King Hall students. Amagda Pérez ’91, who now serves as both Executive Director of the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation (CRLAF) and Director of the Immigration Law Clinic, is one of many students who chose King Hall in order to be able to work with the Clinic.

The daughter of immigrants, Pérez retains vivid memories of watching the border patrol chase immigrant workers through the pear orchards near Kelseyville where she grew up. While she was an undergraduate at UC Davis, when she would return home for the summer to work in the office of the ranch where her parents lived and worked, she was often asked by farmworkers for assistance with legalization paperwork. She realized there was an enormous need for legal services among the immigrant community and decided to attend King Hall and work with the Immigration Law Clinic—a decision that turned out to be vital to her evolution as an attorney.
much to the benefit of Immigration Law Clinic students and their clients. (Pérez later transferred to the CRLA Foundation office in Sacramento, where she is able to direct the statewide naturalization program and live much closer to the Immigration Law Clinic.)

In 1997, Pérez became Director of the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation. “My dual role opened the door for us to develop a premier program that partners a law school clinical program with social justice organizations. For the past 18 years, we have been engaging in highly successful partnerships with CRLA Foundation and other non-profit legal services organizations that provide students with optimal practical learning opportunities, hands-on live-client representation, and mentorship. In partnership, the Clinic and legal services organizations provide more high quality legal services to underserved communities. Clinic students have an opportunity to become immersed in immigrant communities, to understand first-hand the needs of their clients, and to engage in problem-solving with their clients. The focus of our legal services is not only to help our clients solve their immediate legal problem but also to work in a partnership with our clients to increase their capacity to problem-solve and advocate for themselves in the future.”

Pérez, who took over as director after Smith retired five years ago, said she views her role with the Clinic as “helping students find their voices as advocates.” She often shares with them the fact that, as a soft-spoken law student who preferred to be in the background supporting others, she once feared she didn’t have the right personality to be an effective lawyer. Many students over the years have shared similar concerns, but gain self-confidence through their experiences with the Clinic, she said.

“One of my favorite examples is of a team of women law students, both very mild mannered, quiet, and with a fear of public speaking,” said Pérez. “They enrolled in the Immigration Clinic their second year of law school and took on a very challenging asylum case. These students worked hundreds of hours to prepare their case and clients for the hearing. During our case conferences, they expressed fear of doing their hearing,
of having their clients get deported, of feeling like they were not meant to be attorneys.”

On the day of the hearing, the students’ intense preparation paid off, and they made outstanding oral arguments, including excellent responses to the judge’s questions. “Sitting next to the students I felt so proud of their ability to respond to the questions and the confidence with which they spoke, something that they had never demonstrated before,” said Pérez. “The confidence and skill that law students gain in the Immigration Clinic are truly amazing. I have greatly enjoyed watching students find their own voices and become exceptional lawyers.”

Pérez co-authored a paper with Dean Johnson, then a tenured professor acting as a Clinic advisor, on the historical and pedagogical importance of clinical legal education and the significance of the Immigration Law Clinic for King Hall students. (The article, “Immigration Law Clinic: Putting Theory into Practice and Practice into Theory,” appeared in the Southern Methodist University Law Review in 1998.)

One student who was profoundly influenced was Clara Levers ’03, now a Deputy Attorney General with the California Attorney General’s Office. Levers feels “exceptionally blessed” to have been a student at the Immigration Law Clinic at a time when she was able to work with Jim Smith, Amagda Pérez, and Mary Waltermire ’95, now a partner with Schoeneleber & Waltermire in Sacramento, who filled in for Pérez during a maternity leave. They were all extraordinary mentors, Levers said, and she still calls upon them for advice.

“It has truly been one of the strengths of the Clinic: the exceptional attorneys who have worked there and served as mentors,” said Levers. “That was certainly true when I was a student, and it’s true today, with staff attorneys Holly Cooper and Raha Jorjani.”

Levers recalled how, as a student, her confidence grew as she worked to defend a Cambodian refugee in Immigration Court. “It was like a light bulb moment, to be able to apply everything that we were learning. It’s one thing to sit in class and memorize things, and to understand something intellectually and analytically. It’s completely different to have a client sitting in front of you, and to be talking with their family, and talking to witnesses, and trying to apply everything that you’ve learned. That’s what teaches you to be a lawyer.”

NOW MORE THAN EVER

Professor Leticia Saucedo, a renowned immigration law scholar who joined the King Hall faculty in 2010 to serve as Director of Clinical Education and teach Immigration and Employment law, said that the presence of the Immigration Law Clinic was part of the reason she chose to leave the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas for King Hall in 2010.

“I would not have come here just to be a professor of law,” she said. “My history and practice has been as a clinician, and I came here with the understanding and anticipation that I would be directly involved in this law school’s outstanding clinical programs and help them move forward.”

“A good robust clinical program is going to pay attention to the communities that it serves so that it continues to serve the needs that the community faces,” she said. “The Clinic is changing, because immigration law is changing.”

In the beginning, the Clinic focused on asylum cases and serving refugees, many of whom were fleeing repressive regimes in Central and South America, she explained. In 1996, changes in federal immigration law required the deportation of undocumented individuals accused or convicted of even minor crimes, and the Clinic responded to the need for more assistance.

Now, Saucedo said, the Clinic increasingly is working to assist undocumented young people seeking to remain in the country under the new Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which allows immigrants between the ages of 15 and 31 who were brought into the United States before the age of 16 and have no criminal record to apply to remain in the country and work legally.

“I think we’ve done a really good job of expanding from our traditional detention work and moving into more affirmative work, for example the work that we’re doing with DACA,” said Saucedo. “That program was only announced in June, and by August we were doing outreach sessions and established a program to help those folks, in addition to the detention work we’re doing.”

Levers said that the need for the Clinic has never been greater.

“I think now, at the 30th anniversary of the Clinic, it’s more important than ever for our alums to stand up and say, ‘This is an important cause,’” said Levers. “We’re living through yet another era when immigrants and people of color are being assailed, and the Clinic serves such an important function in the community, for the clients and their families, as well as for students and for the Law School.”

Levers was a founding member of the Immigration Clinic Alumni Council, an organization formed five years ago as the Clinic celebrated its 25th anniversary and the retirement of Professor Smith. The Council offers alums an opportunity to work together to support the Clinic and its students, serves as a network for Clinic alumni, and works to put on Minimum Continuing Legal Education events.

“The Council allows alumni to get involved, and it allows for more connections to be made,” said Levers, who encouraged interested alumni to contact her at Clara.Levers@doj.ca.gov. “It’s a great way for alumni to help ensure that the Clinic will be there for students and for the community for years to come.”

KING HALL COUNSELOR
When construction crews put the final touches on improvements to the Mabie Law Library and first floor classrooms in November 2012, it marked the successful completion of a process that started in 1998, when then-Dean Rex Perschbacher first lobbied university officials for approval of capital improvement plans. First opened in 1969, King Hall was built at a time when Socratic dialogue still dominated the teaching of law and the need for technological infrastructure to support laptop computers and wireless internet access could barely have been imagined. The King Hall Expansion and Renovation Project was conceived as a means to modernize and improve the Law School building in order to support more interactive and experiential learning, accommodate modern technology, provide public spaces for students and faculty, make room for flourishing student organizations and student services, and provide flexibility to facilitate further growth and progress.

Following a groundbreaking ceremony in October 2007, work began on the construction of the expansion wing, 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. Completed in September 2010, the new wing provides 18,000-square-feet of assignable space, houses the new Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom, additional classrooms, office space, and more. Immediately following the completion of the expansion, work began on the renovation and retrofitting of the previously existing King Hall building to complement the new, state-of-the-art expansion wing, bringing significant improvements to classrooms, study areas, the student lounge, student organization offices, the Mabie Law Library, and other key facilities. Classrooms were renovated to match the layout and technological capacity of those in the new wing, including a “horseshoe” seating configuration and shallower vertical drop from the back of the room to the front to create an enhanced feeling of intimacy.

The final months of construction brought dramatic changes to the Mabie Law Library. While its original design did not include spaces for group study, the renovated library includes 13 study rooms that can accommodate groups of four to six students. Available study space has increased by about 50 seats, including open and reserved seating. The stairwell has been removed from the library lobby, opening the space to the courtyard and the rest of the building and providing a beautiful entryway to the main reading room, which has become an elegant space with improved lighting and attractive paneling and is expected to be utilized for a wide range of functions and events.

“All of these improvements are essential to our ability to recruit and retain the best faculty and students, and to continue to provide an outstanding legal education to future generations,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. “The completion of our building project has been vital to our mission as a great, public law school, and I am sure I speak for everyone at UC Davis School of Law when I say we are profoundly grateful to everyone who helped to make this critically important project a reality.”

The project was financed with $17.9 million in state bond funds, $5.7 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 $2.3 million to fund the final phase of the project.
When DreamWorks Animation launches a new project, it’s more than a movie. It’s an entertainment franchise that includes everything from video games and television spin-offs to t-shirts and DVDs, and the entire venture depends upon the successful negotiation of the initial contracts that determine from the onset who owns the intellectual property rights and how profits will be shared.

At the center of this process is King Hall alumna Alison Clarke Lima ’96, who since 2001 has overseen all business and legal affairs for DreamWorks’ animated motion picture projects. In this role, she serves as the company’s primary negotiator for rights acquisitions, writers, producers, directors, actors, and other development and production-related matters.

“I have about 20 people who report to me, and we handle everything from development of the idea through checking the final onscreen credits,” she said.

Raised in Tennessee, Lima had a love for literature and the arts that led her to major in English at the University of Maryland. After graduation, she found work as a paralegal, and became interested in law. She decided to try to combine her interests through a career in entertainment law, and enrolled at King Hall.

“My law school experience was great,” she said. “I made a lot of wonderful friends that I’m still in touch with today. It was challenging, but UC Davis also provided a nurturing and comfortable environment. I really appreciated the small class sizes and the ability we had to get to know the professors on a one-on-one basis.”

Lima took every opportunity to take courses in Intellectual Property, Negotiations, and other subjects relevant to entertainment law, but after graduation she initially was unable to find a position in the highly competitive field, until a tip from a King Hall classmate opened the door. She was working for Chadbourne & Parke, a New York law firm, when David Moriarty ’96, then an associate at Greenburg Glusker, informed her that the Los Angeles-based firm was hiring. She applied and got the job, thanks in part to the presence of several UC Davis alumni partners there and the firm’s “great UC Davis connection.”

“It was definitely the UC Davis network that got me my first toehold in entertainment law,” she said.

While at Greenburg Glusker, she served as a junior associate on the team that represented Jeffrey Katzenberg, who co-founded DreamWorks with Steven Spielberg and David Geffen, in his $250 million suit against Walt Disney Company, where he had been head of the motion picture division. The suit drew intense media coverage, and required more than two years of long hours and seven-day work weeks before it was settled on terms favorable to Katzenberg. It was “definitely a trial by fire,” Lima said, but when it was over she was able to use the connections she’d made to seek a job with DreamWorks, and six months later, she was hired.

“I’ve been here 12 years now,” she said, “and it’s very satisfying, because I’ve been involved in all of these wonderful motion picture franchises from the beginning—Shrek, Madagascar, Kung Fu Panda, and How to Train Your Dragon.”

“With something like How to Train Your Dragon, I handled the negotiation for the book rights, and now we’ve had a successful movie, and we’ve just announced that we are producing two feature film sequels,” she said. “We’ve launched a TV series called ‘DreamWorks Dragons’ on Cartoon Network, a live arena show, and a lot of merchandising and related things. It’s been very rewarding to have been part of that process.”
Luis Alejo '01 has sponsored a wide range of legislation since joining the California Assembly in 2010, but no proposal has meant more than the one he made to longtime girlfriend Karina Cervantez when he asked for her hand in marriage on the Assembly floor on the seven-year anniversary of their first date, May 7, 2012. Fortunately, she said “yes,” Alejo’s fellow Assemblymembers roared their approval, and the King Hall alumnus was able to tell reporters he was now “the happiest man alive.”

Alejo has had a lot to celebrate in recent years. Building on strong support earned through years of community service in his hometown of Watsonville, Alejo launched a career in politics that saw him elected to the Watsonville City Council in 2008, voted Watsonville Mayor in 2009, elected to the California 28th Assembly District seat in 2010, and reelected to the newly drawn California 30th Assembly District seat in 2012. Since arriving at the Capitol, he has sponsored a range of legislation, addressing problems of groundwater contamination from agricultural runoff, healthcare administration costs, access to legal services, alternative sentencing for juvenile offenders, farmworker rights, minimum wage reform, access to higher education, and other pressing issues.

A grandchild of migrant farm workers, Alejo grew up hearing stories of the horrendous working conditions and exploitative pay family members endured while toiling in the fields of Monterey County. He witnessed firsthand the problems poverty, unemployment, and lack of opportunity caused in his hometown of Watsonville, and watched as many of his closest high school friends went to prison.

Alejo was determined to work for change and began as a community organizer while still in his teens. He enrolled at UC Berkeley with the intention of returning home as a high school teacher, but as an undergraduate, volunteered at a legal aid center in Oakland’s Fruitvale District, where he found a different calling. “That experience showed me how you can use the law to improve people’s lives and make a difference in the community, and that’s when I decided to become an attorney,” Alejo said.

After a year of teaching at an alternative high school, Alejo enrolled at UC Davis School of Law, where he quickly became involved in the Immigration Law Clinic. “It really created a perfect balance,” he said. “I was taking the classes, reading about cases and legal theories, learning from some of best scholars in the nation, and at the same time, getting hands-on experience at the clinic. I couldn’t have picked a better law school. If you’re interested in public interest law or public policy work, it would be hard to imagine a better place to study than King Hall.”

Alejo’s enrollment at King Hall also led to an internship with California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) and a prestigious Jesse M. Unruh Assembly Fellowship where he worked for Assemblymember Manny Diaz (D-San Jose) in Sacramento. After earning a master’s degree in educational policy from Harvard University, he returned to Watsonville to work for CRLA, spurning several more lucrative offers. After four years, Alejo decided to take advantage of an opportunity to work for the Self-Help Center at the Monterey County Superior Court, an experimental state program that offers free legal assistance to self-represented litigants. Though the position kept him busy serving about 1,200 clients per month, he also found time to volunteer in the community and for several city boards and commissions. His community work led to honors including the 2009 Award of Merit from the Legal Aid Association of California and Access to Justice Commission—and to his budding political career.

Alejo’s district includes some of the richest agricultural areas in the world, including parts of Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, San Benito, and Monterey Counties. He currently serves as the chair of the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee and is a member of the powerful Assembly Judiciary and Budget Committees.

Alejo recommends King Hall to any student considering law school, and especially those looking for a career in public interest law or policy making. “King Hall offers a well-rounded experience where you’re going to get the highest quality classroom education, but also hands-on experience through the clinics. If you’re interested in the legislative process, you’re close to Sacramento, and you have opportunities to get involved there. You really couldn’t choose a better law school.”
For more than 30 years, Professor Joel C. Dobris was one of UC Davis School of Law’s most beloved instructors, a leading authority in the field of trusts and estates law, and a fixture of the King Hall community who could always be counted on to participate in the annual Law School talent show.

“I had a good run,” Dobris says. “I’m proud of the writing I was able to do, and I’m proudest that I was a good teacher. I worked really hard at it. I tried to make it funny, and to have fun, but I also tried to make sure the students understood that what we were talking about were real conflicts between real people—a fight over a boundary between neighbors, or a conflict over someone’s inheritance—and I think that made it easier to understand.”

A native of Albany, New York, Dobris earned his baccalaureate degree from Yale, went on to the University of Minnesota Law School, then practiced trusts and estates law for 10 years with a firm in New York City. After the birth of his son, he wanted to move to a more family-friendly hometown, and without knowing much about Davis (“In my mind, it was located within sight of the ocean,” he recalled), he applied to King Hall and joined the faculty in 1976.

Dobris claims he “wasn’t a very good teacher” in those early days, but he improved rapidly. “If I couldn’t get it across one way, I would try another,” he said. “I just kept plugging away at it. I always felt the students and I were on a venture together, trying to figure this stuff out, and I think that showed.”

He became a favorite among students, known for his demanding yet often humorous presentation, and was honored with the Law School’s Distinguished Teaching Award in 1994. He also enjoyed considerable success as a scholar, co-authoring the highly regarded casebook Estates and Trusts and publishing numerous law review articles, including influential works on socially responsible investment that contributed to the movement to divest in South Africa as a means of protesting the Apartheid system during the 1980s. As a law reformer, he helped to amend the Revised Uniform Principal and Income Act, which was adopted in nearly every state. He is a member of the American Law Institute and an Academic Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

For all his excellence as a teacher and scholar, many alumni remember Dobris most fondly for his participation in Cardozorama (now renamed “Aokirama” in honor of the late Professor Keith Aoki). Over the years, he performed in countless satirical skits, served as the talent show’s master of ceremonies, and even starred in a dance video produced by students using computerized special effects. “I was in it almost every year, and I really loved it,” he said. “I was always willing to have fun at my own expense, and that was the secret of my Cardozorama career.”

Dobris has remained active in retirement, teaching an Estate Planning course each spring, doing law reform work for the American Law Institute, and accepting the occasional speaking engagement such as his recent talk on trust investing at a Columbia Law School conference. He enjoys having more time to travel and to spend with his wife, Linda. He has gotten “a small bossy dog” and enjoys taking long walks, though he finds it somewhat amusing that he has become “the classic retired guy with a dog.”

Dobris says he sees David Horton, the recently hired acting professor with a special interest in wills and trusts, as taking over his teaching role at King Hall. “I find it interesting that he’s the same age I was when I got here, and the same age as my son,” said Dobris. “I have a feeling of passing the baton.”

THE JOEL DOBRIS STUDENT SUPPORT FUND

Professor Joel C. Dobris touched a lot of lives during his 30 years at King Hall, and now, thanks to his grateful students, his legacy will live on following his retirement.

Katy Orr ’98 and her husband, David, have established the Joel Dobris Student Support Fund to honor Professor Dobris and to provide support for a deserving second- or third-year student who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the legal profession and the King Hall community.

“Professor Dobris was an excellent teacher,” said Katy Orr. “He approached every subject with a sense of humor, which made the classes more interesting and engaging, as well as making it easier to retain the subject matter. Most students never realized how much time he spent preparing for each lecture, and how much he cared about teaching well. My husband and I wanted to establish the fund to celebrate the career of a great teacher, as well as to honor his other contributions to the King Hall community.”

Efforts are underway to solicit contributions and bring the fund’s assets to $150,000 so that it can be endowed as a scholarship and benefit future generations of students. Alumni and friends who are interested in honoring Professor Dobris with a gift to the fund may contact Jean Korinke, Assistant Dean of Development and Alumni Relations, at jfkorinke@ucdavis.edu.
Today, she laughs about the experience as one of the many examples of the sense of humor that endeared Professor Juenger to students and colleagues alike. “Mind you, I didn’t think it was very funny at the time,” she said, “but now I find it hilarious. He was extremely funny, and there are many stories like that about him.”

Professor Juenger’s good humor was perhaps all the more remarkable given his background. His parents died as the result of a bombing raid on Frankfurt when he was 14. He was taken in by relatives, but had to struggle to afford an education amidst the grim realities of post-war Germany.

“He had a very difficult childhood,” said Barbara. “He didn’t like to talk about it, but it influenced his life and his teaching. I think because he had such a hard time, with no parents to help him, he was always willing to help when someone needed him. He didn’t want anyone to have to go through what he did.”

Juenger studied law at the J.W. Goethe University in Frankfurt and the Free University of Berlin, then attended the University of Michigan Law School as a Fulbright Scholar and earned a master’s degree in comparative law. He earned his J.D. from Columbia Law School in 1960 and went to work for Baker & McKenzie, a leading international law firm. After Barbara urged him to consider alternatives to the peripatetic life of an international lawyer, he accepted an offer to teach at Wayne State University in Detroit in 1967, the year he and Barbara married. After the birth of their first child, she persuaded him to seek employment in a more family friendly city, and after UC Davis School of Law Dean Pierre Loiseaux expressed an interest, he joined King Hall in 1975, teaching conflict of laws, comparative law, international transactions, and torts.

Fritz Juenger was a natural teacher and an extraordinary scholar. The author of four books and more than 70 articles, his work was both iconoclastic and influential, and he was in great demand. He spoke and taught at law schools around the world and won many honors, including King Hall’s Distinguished Teaching Award in 1985. He became the Edward L. Barrett, Jr. Professor of Law in 1993.

Through it all, Barbara was his constant companion and partner. She proofread his scholarly works, and on one memorable instance, she helped him to teach a course on American Law while on a sabbatical in France. Professor Juenger had accepted the last-minute teaching assignment without realizing the course was to be taught in French, a language he did not know well. He succeeded by writing out his nine hours’ worth of weekly lectures, having Barbara correct his grammar, then reading them aloud to her so she could correct his pronunciation.

When he died in 2001 at age 70, tributes came in from around the world. In a jointly authored article, Professors Floyd Feeney, Robert Hillman, and John Oakley wrote that for Juenger, the law was “a means for making a hard world a bit more humane. He thought deeply and he wrote passionately. You might agree or disagree, but you were never likely to be bored. He was a wonderful writer and a great teacher and lecturer.”

“I found it very sad that he died so early,” said Barbara. “He was a modest person, incapable of self-promotion, and when the accolades finally came, he hardly had time to enjoy it. But his life was very full. He did what he wanted to do, and he had no regrets.”

Barbara Juenger has no trouble remembering the party in 1963 when she met her husband, Friedrich “Fritz” Juenger, one of the world’s leading authorities on conflict of laws and comparative law and one of UC Davis School of Law’s most popular and effective teachers from 1976 until his death in 2001.

“I remember this man walking up to me and saying, ‘You’re so ugly, you must be interesting! Would you like to dance?’” she recalled. “I was so baffled, I was speechless, and I got up to dance.”

Today, she laughs about the experience as one of the many examples of the sense of humor that endeared Professor Juenger to students and colleagues alike. “Mind you, I didn’t think it was very funny at the time,” she said, “but now I find it hilarious. He was extremely funny, and there are many stories like that about him.”
Mary Martinelli ’86

Mary Martinelli was six years old when she decided she would be a lawyer. “My dentist said, ‘You talk a lot. You should be a lawyer,’” Martinelli recalled. “I didn’t know what a lawyer was, and no one in my family had ever been to college, but that’s exactly what I did, and she was my inspiration.”

Martinelli, now a partner at Downey Brand in Sacramento, has gone on to inspire many others to begin their legal careers through her work as a volunteer for UC Davis School of Law and a supporter of the King Hall Outreach Program (KHOP). A native of Millbrae, Martinelli attended UC Berkeley, earned a teaching degree, and taught high school before enrolling in King Hall. Although she was older than most students, married, a commuter, and a mother of two, she felt welcomed by the King Hall community. “That’s how King Hall was, and is,” she said. “It’s a very warm environment, very cooperative, and you’re encouraged to focus on the highest ideals of the legal profession and public service.”

After earning her law degree, Martinelli worked for Baker Manock Jensen in Fresno before joining Downey Brand in 1990. She thoroughly enjoys her practice in family law. “It’s very personal,” she said, “so you get connected with people. It’s a body of law you can know thoroughly, and be effective immediately.”

While serving as marketing partner at Downey Brand, she helped direct the firm’s support of KHOP, which helps low-income and first-generation college students prepare for the law school admissions process. “Our firm values diversity in the legal profession, so we’re very proud to be a part of the program,” she said. “We bring the KHOP students to our office every year for a luncheon with local judges, and we have also made gifts for specific needs, and hosted events to help connect people.”

Martinelli continues to work to rally support for UC Davis and the School of Law. “I’m always honored to be able to connect people to the University,” she said. “As alumni, we have all benefitted from our association with UC Davis, and we are benefitting even more as its reputation increases. We need to support our public university and its public mission. Giving to UC Davis is really one the best investments you can make, because you’re putting your money in a university that is going places, and your support is guaranteed to make an impact.”
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LAW SCHOOL LEADS THE WAY IN CAMPAIGN FOR UC DAVIS

UC Davis is engaged in a transformative $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, and the School of Law is helping to lead the way. Called upon to triple its annual fundraising total, the King Hall community has responded, making the Law School the first campus school or department to meet ambitious fundraising goals in support of the Campaign for UC Davis and the first to achieve 100 percent participation from faculty.

The campaign began July 1, 2006 with the endorsement of the UC Davis Foundation Board of Trustees. It is the university’s first comprehensive fundraising effort, and includes ambitious goals for several schools and departments, including the School of Law. UC Davis supporters

Campaign Giving Progress - UC Davis School of Law - 3,162 total donors

Chart represents all philanthropic gifts/pledges from July 1, 2006 to November 5, 2012.
pledged more than $590 million during the “quiet” phase, and the Law School became the first UC Davis campus department to meet its goal for that part of the campaign, reaching its $6.8 million target in January 2010.

Now, in the campaign’s public phase, the Law School is seeking to build upon the successful fundraising efforts that have enabled King Hall to raise more than $1 million in private support in five of the past six fiscal years with a commitment to raise more than $3 million annually. During the 2011-12 fiscal year, the King Hall community responded with enthusiasm, contributing $4.3 million in private support, more than double the total of any previous year. Highlights included a planned gift of $2.5 million from an alumnus who wishes to remain anonymous, and 100 percent participation from the King Hall faculty, the Alumni Board of Directors, and the Dean’s Leadership Council. To date, the Law School’s campaign total has reached more than $14 million.

With state funding now accounting for less than 10 percent of the King Hall budget, the School of Law is working hard to increase private support. Among other campaign goals, the Law School is seeking to raise $5 million for faculty chairs and professorships, $3.5 million to support research and instruction, and $2 million for student scholarships. “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.

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MAXIMUM IMPACT: PLANNED GIVING AND THE CAMPAIGN FOR UC DAVIS

Planned gifts to UC Davis School of Law have always been a way for King Hall alumni to support the Law School while also taking steps toward important personal, financial, and charitable goals. Now, as the School of Law strives to meet ambitious fundraising goals in support of the Campaign for UC Davis, planned giving is a way for King Hall alumni to make a gift now, at a time when it will have maximum impact, yet retain control over their assets for as long as they’re needed.

As part of the $1 billion Campaign for UC Davis, the university’s first-ever comprehensive campaign, the Law School is seeking to raise $20 million. With state support now accounting for less than 10 percent of the King Hall budget, achieving this goal is critical to the future of the Law School and UC Davis. Thanks to the support of the King Hall community, the School of Law successfully reached its initial campaign goal of $6.75 million in January 2010—and became the first campus school or department to do so. The Law School has now raised more than $14 million, thanks in part to a $2.5 million planned gift that helped the Law School raise a total of $4.3 million during the 2011-12 fiscal year, more than double the total of any previous year.

“It seemed to me that this was a perfect way to support education,” said the donor, a member of the Class of 1974 who wishes to remain anonymous. “With a planned gift, you’re able to retain control over your assets for as long as you live, yet you’re also able to do some good later on.”

When a donor is 60 years of age or older, the planned gift can be counted immediately, all or in part, toward the Law School’s campaign goal. Planned gifts may be made in a variety of forms, including bequests, naming the Law School as a beneficiary of a living trust, retirement plan, or life insurance policy, a retained life estate gift in which ownership of real property is transferred to the university while the donor still retains the right use and enjoy it, creation of a trust that pays a guaranteed fixed annual income to the donor, and more. Benefits often include income tax reduction, the avoidance of capital gains or estate taxes, and improved personal financial stability. In the case of the anonymous Class of 1974 member who contributed $2.5 million, the benefits also included the satisfaction of supporting King Hall’s clinical programs.

“Legal education should involve more than just sitting in a classroom,” he said. “I hope this gift helps the Law School not only to preserve its outstanding clinical programs, but to make them grow so that they become part of the experiences of even more students and have an even greater impact in the community. I also hope that publicizing this gift encourages other alumni to consider the impact they can make with a planned gift of their own.”

Planned gifts are an integral part of the Law School’s strategy to increase private support and continue to offer the best in legal education to outstanding students of all backgrounds. To find out how you can support UC Davis School of Law, please contact Jean Korinke, Assistant Dean of Development and Alumni Relations, at jkorinke@ucdavis.edu.

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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 benefit the School of Law. 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.

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LYNN MIYAMOTO ’86 & KEVIN KROEKER ’86

For Lynn Miyamoto and Kevin Kroeker, a married couple who met as first-year students at King Hall, supporting UC Davis School of Law is a way of showing their appreciation for the legal education they received and the career opportunities it afforded them, as well as a way of ensuring today’s students enjoy the same opportunities despite the increasing financial burden imposed by rising fees.

The couple, both members of the King Hall Class of 1986, have been among UC Davis School of Law’s most consistent and generous alumni donors and have also served as volunteers for the Law School and in their community. “I feel like I got an incredible education at a very reasonable cost, and because the fees have gone up so much for students today, I want to do what I can to make sure they enjoy the same opportunities,” said Miyamoto, who practices immigration law as a partner at Miyamoto & Florey in Los Angeles.

“I also want to see them have the same kind of career opportunities, and help make it possible for them to pursue immigration law or nonprofit work or whatever they may be passionate about without an overwhelming burden of debt.”

Miyamoto and Kroeker have made several gifts to support the Immigration Law Clinic and student scholarships. Miyamoto also volunteers as a member of the Immigration Law Clinic Alumni Council, helping to connect the Clinic with potential supporters. She volunteers in her community, serving on the Keiro Senior Healthcare Board of Directors, and as President of the 1st District PTA Executive Board, which provides leadership and support for 280 PTAs and 24 local councils in the Los Angeles area.

Kroeker, who practices healthcare law as a partner at Crowell & Moring in Los Angeles, also does volunteer work, serving on the Eisner Pediatric & Family Medical Center Board of Directors, and is a past chair of the Los Angeles County Bar Association Healthcare Law Section.

With two daughters, Sara and Corrina, in college, and successful and rewarding careers, Miyamoto and Kroeker feel grateful for what they have and want to give back to the Law School and their community. “I know we both felt inspired by our professors and our fellow students at King Hall, and now we feel very fortunate to be in a position to able to give something back, especially at a time when so many people are struggling,” said Kroeker. “We have been very lucky, and want to do what we can to support the institutions that helped us along the way.”
PHOTO GALLERY

2012 ALUMNI REUNIONS

Class of 1972

Class of 1977

Class of 1982

Class of 1987

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The Supreme Court of California held a special session in UC Davis School of Law's Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom on October 3, 2012.

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2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 4, FRIDAY
Association of American Law Schools Conference
New Orleans, LA

JANUARY 26, SATURDAY
California Water Law Symposium
UC Davis

FEBRUARY 6, WEDNESDAY
Business Law Journal Symposium
King Hall, UC Davis

FEBRUARY 8, FRIDAY
Journal of Juvenile Law and Policy Symposium
King Hall, UC Davis

FEBRUARY 22, FRIDAY
King Hall Legal Foundation Auction
Freeborn Hall, UC Davis

MARCH 11, MONDAY
Bodenheimer Lecture
Susan Appleton
Washington University School of Law
King Hall, UC Davis

MARCH 14, THURSDAY
Distinguished Teaching Award & Recognition Celebration
UC Davis Conference Center

APRIL 6, SATURDAY
Black Law Students Association Reunion
King Hall & Gunrock Pub, UC Davis

APRIL 12, FRIDAY
Environmental Law Society Symposium
King Hall, UC Davis

APRIL 26, FRIDAY
Public Service Graduation
King Hall, UC Davis

MAY 17, FRIDAY
Class of 2013 Commencement
Mondavi Center, UC Davis

SEPTEMBER 20, FRIDAY
Endangered Species Act at 40 Conference
King Hall, UC Davis