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This is a very special year at UC Davis School of Law: the 50th anniversary of our founding! As we welcome our 50th class to the King Hall community, this milestone provides an opportunity to consider how far the School of Law has come since those first classes met in "bungalows" and temporary buildings scattered across the UC Davis campus a half century ago.

In 1965, UC Davis School of Law was an unknown quantity. The students who enrolled—and the faculty who signed on to teach them—were taking a chance on a new school with no building to call its own, no upperclassmen or alumni network, no reputation, and no identity other than what they would choose to establish. Our founding faculty and students seized the opportunity to create something special: a public law school dedicated to public service and the highest standards of excellence, a true sense of community, diversity, and the ideals of social justice espoused by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In the decades that followed, generations of faculty, students, alumni, and staff reaffirmed these core values. Through their talents, hard work, and dedication, UC Davis School of Law swiftly earned and maintained a reputation as one of the world's great law schools.

Now, in our 50th year, our faculty are internationally renowned as dedicated educators and influential scholars passionately engaged in addressing the most pressing legal and social issues of our time. King Hall alumni excel as judges and justices in some of our highest courts, partners in leading law firms around the world, acclaimed educators, respected lawmakers, community activists, outstanding public service attorneys and private practitioners, and in many other roles. In an era when law school applications have declined across the board, UC Davis School of Law continues to attract a remarkably talented, diverse, and inspired student body. Just as remarkable, our unwavering sense of community has endured through all 50 classes of King Hall students.

Today, as legal education and the legal profession continue to experience rapid change, UC Davis School of Law is leading the way forward, addressing the challenges ahead while remaining true to the values that have defined King Hall from the beginning. As we celebrate 50 years and pay tribute to the many faculty, students, alumni, and staff who established such an impressive legacy of excellence, I look forward to working with you all to achieve even greater things in the years ahead.

Kevin Johnson
Kevin R. Johnson, Dean



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On the cover: members of the Class of 2018, King Hall's 50th class. Front: Karen Leung, Sara Ehsani-Nia, Paolo Hermoso; middle: Sarah Oh, Ken Wang, Hannah Bogen, Adam Bouha, Kara Hetrick; back: Chip Becker, Cimone Nunley, Payslie Bowman, Kyle Edgerton

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Commencement Ceremony Celebrates King Hall Class of 2015

Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar of the California Supreme Court delivered the commencement address and Victoria Wong '15 was awarded the Law School Medal for outstanding academic achievement at the UC Davis School of Law 2015 Commencement Ceremony held May 15, 2015 at the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts. The event also included remarks from Dean Kevin R. Johnson, UC Davis Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Ralph J. Hexter,



Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar

Professor Ashutosh Bhagwat, and John Paul Wallis '15. A total of 186 J.D. and 58 LLM students participated in the ceremony. Acting as master of ceremonies, Dean Johnson welcomed the students along with the many friends and family in attendance. He talked about the wide-ranging experiences and interests of the Class of 2015, and praised their commitment to public service, noting that half the members of the class completed the Law School's Public Service program. "We have a great law school because we have great students," he said. "The Class of 2015 is nothing less than remarkable."

Student speaker J.P. Wallis said he felt privileged to have been able to serve in the military in Iraq prior to coming to law school and to have been a member of the King Hall Class of 2015. Wallis praised his classmates for "the level of compassion and understanding you have for others, and your drive to use your knowledge and skills to help others in need."

Professor Bhagwat talked about the leadership role attorneys play in American society, pointing out that "lawyers exercise power and authority in our society more than any other group, and have done so throughout our history." He encouraged the Class of 2015 to be "active citizens working with others to advance the causes you believe in."

In his commencement address, Justice Cuéllar told the inspirational stories of Alexander Hamilton, "an immigrant lawyer who became nation's first Secretary of the Treasury," and Sally Armendariz, whose Supreme Court battle to establish disability benefits for pregnant women contributed to major changes in state and federal law. He also spoke about Hong Yen Chang, who was denied a license to practice in California more than a century ago on the basis of laws that discriminated against Chinese immigrants but was admitted to the bar earlier this year thanks to the efforts of the UC Davis School of Law Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) and their faculty advisor, Professor Gabriel "Jack" Chin.

"I believe in these lives you can hear a song, a song that echoes in your own life," said Justice Cuéllar. "And it is through your song, blending notes of shrewdness and fealty, you will show the world what it means to be alive."

UC DAVIS SCHOOL OF LAW IMPROVES FIVE SLOTS IN LATEST U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT RANKINGS

UC Davis School of Law improved five slots in the latest *U.S. News & World Report* rankings, placing at 31 in the overall ratings of more than 200 American Bar Association-approved law schools. The School of Law ranked even higher in the assessments by legal educators and practitioners, placing 24th in the scores given by lawyers and judges and 25th in the assessments made by deans and professors at other law schools. King Hall also placed 23rd in the *U.S. News* rankings of "Most Diverse Law Schools," once again proving to be one of the few schools ranking in the top 40 for both overall quality and diversity. In rankings based on median grant amounts, UC Davis School of Law placed first in the *U.S. News* assessment of the generosity of financial aid at public law schools.

"UC Davis School of Law is making great strides," said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. "In recent years, we have added outstanding professors to our already excellent faculty, expanded opportunities for students with new courses, clinics, and certificates, and recruited an excellent and diverse student body. While it is important not to place undue emphasis on rankings, the latest *U.S. News & World Report* assessment is a welcome recognition of King Hall's upward trajectory."

Dean Johnson stressed the importance of taking a long-term view when assessing law school quality. "Even the best-conceived rankings capture only a snapshot in time, and sensible readers will want to look at a longer track record," he said. "UC Davis School of Law consistently has ranked among the top tier of American law schools, and recent years have seen a trend toward even greater achievement and a rising national profile. With the outstanding additions to our faculty, our newly expanded and improved facility, and our exceptional and diverse community, we expect even greater things in the years to come."

UC Davis School of Law Honored with Assembly Resolution in Recognition of 50th Anniversary

The California Legislature recognized the 50th anniversary of UC Davis School of Law with a resolution during its session on August 27, 2015. Dean Kevin R. Johnson and Senior Associate Dean Madhavi Sunder were invited as special guests to accept the resolution on the Assembly floor.



Assemblymember Jose Medina, Assemblymember Luis Alejo '01, Assemblymember James Gallagher '07, Senior Associate Dean Madhavi Sunder, Dean Kevin R. Johnson, and Assemblymember Bill Dodd

The resolution praises the School of Law's 50 years of achievement. It is signed by three people with close ties to the Law School: Assemblymember Luis Alejo '01, Assemblymember James Gallagher '07, and Senator Lois Wolk, a longtime supporter of King Hall whose husband Bruce Wolk is a former Dean of the Law School.

Assemblymember Alejo presented the resolution to Deans Johnson and Sunder.

"I would not be standing where I am if it weren't for my professors and their support, and for that, I thank them. They include Cruz Reynoso, Kevin Johnson, and Amagda Pérez," said Alejo. "I commend the University of California, Davis, School of Law for its 50th anniversary, its dedication to bettering the legal community and the community at large, and for the invaluable contributions made to the intellectual and social growth of its students."

In his remarks, Alejo also made reference to fellow King Hall alumni who previously served in the Legislature, including Darrell Steinberg '84, Dario Frommer '92, Charles Calderon '75, Pedro Nava '77, and Art Torres '71.

Class of 2014 Bar Passage Rate Tops 86 Percent, Ranks Among Best in State

Members of the UC Davis School of Law J.D. Class of 2014 achieved an outstanding 86 percent pass rate on the California Bar Exam and were also completely successful on the exams taken in other states, according to statistics from the State Bar of California and other state bars.

Of the 146 UC Davis School of Law Class of 2014 graduates who took the California exam in July, 125 passed. The California passage rate of 85.62 percent reflects an increase of about one percent from the Class of 2013 and is particularly impressive given that the average pass rate of all first-time test takers who graduated from American Bar Association (ABA)-approved law schools throughout California dropped about 7 percent from the previous year to 69 percent—the lowest rate in several years. King Hall's California performance thus places it almost 17 percent higher than the average pass rate of California's ABA-approved schools. All eight members of the 2014 class who



took bar exams in states other than California also passed, resulting in an overall passage rate of 86.36 percent for the Class as a whole.

The Class of 2014's impressive

performance meant that King Hall had the fourth-best success rate of 21 ABA-approved law schools in California, placing just behind UC Berkeley (88.3%), Stanford (87.6%), and USC (86.6%).

"Congratulations to our Class of 2014 for an excellent performance on this year's California Bar Exam and other state examinations," said Dean Kevin R. Johnson, speaking at the Class of 2014 Swearing-In Ceremony held in the Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom on December 5, 2014. "With the support of our outstanding faculty and staff, your hard work, talents, and determination resulted in a truly first-rate bar passage rate that continues the King Hall tradition of exceptional bar exam success, a tradition that is especially important in these times when bar passage is so often linked to employment prospects."

Other factors contributing to the high bar passage rate include the Law School's Academic Success Program and extensive bar preparation resources, Dean Johnson added. King Hall's comprehensive bar preparation program includes innovative bar skills courses, workshops, writing programs for students and new graduates, and opportunities for tutoring, as well as presentations by faculty, State Bar representatives, instructors from leading bar review programs, and King Hall graduates who have advice for tackling the exam.

Alumni Highlights

Luis Alejo '01 was named by the National Association of Social Workers-California as its 2015 Public Citizen of the Year. The award recognizes his work as a California Assemblyman in authoring legislation to increase the minimum wage (AB10) and to offer undocumented adults the opportunity to become licensed to drive (AB60).

Monterey County Superior Court Judge **Marla O. Anderson '86** was honored by the Monterey County Women Lawyers Association with the Lady Justice Lifetime Achievement Award for Legal Advocacy and Community Service.

Charles Bird '73, partner in McKenna Long & Aldridge's San Diego office, has been named 2015 President for the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers (AAAL). Bird will lead the Academy's efforts to connect with and create state appellate-lawyer groups to expand the appellate practice specialty.

Steve Boutin '72 has been honored as the Sacramento County Bar Association's 2015 Distinguished Attorney of the Year.

Charles Calleros '78, a Professor at Arizona State University College of Law, recently earned awards for his work as a teacher and mentor, including Outstanding Professor of the Year 2015, Outstanding Faculty Coach 2015, and the inaugural Charles R. Calleros Campeon de Justicia award, a new annual award named after him by the Chicano/Latino Law Students Association.

Jay Carlisle '69, Professor of Law at Pace Law School in White Plains, New York, has been named as one of the *New York Law Journal's* "Lawyers Who Lead by Example." Carlisle was honored in the award's Public Service category.

Felix de la Torre '99 has been appointed general counsel at the California Public Employment Relations Board. Previously, he was chief counsel at the Service Employees International Union, Local 1000.

Roberta Hayashi '82 was appointed by California Governor Jerry Brown to a judgeship in the Santa Clara County Superior Court.

Kris Knaplund '77 has been honored with the Howard A. White Award for Teaching Excellence, a campus-wide award at Pepperdine University, where she is a professor in the School of Law.

Marc Levinson '73 was named by American Lawyer as a "Dealmaker of the Year" for leading the legal team that advised the City of Stockton in its bankruptcy case. A partner at Orrick, Levinson is resident in the firm's Sacramento office.

Ross Moody '89 was appointed by California Governor Jerry Brown to a judgeship in the San Francisco County Superior Court.

Frank Ochoa '75, Santa Barbara Superior Court Judge, has been honored by the Santa Barbara County Bar Association with the John T. Rickard Judicial Service Award for his contributions to the judiciary, the court system, and the community.

Elisabeth Semel '75 received UC Berkeley School of Law Rutter Award for Teaching Distinction. Semel, a clinical professor at Berkeley, is the founding director of the school's Death Penalty Clinic (DPC), which launched in 2001.

Eric Toscano '09 was honored by the San Francisco Bar Association with the 2014 Barrister of the Year Award. With fellow King Hall graduates Mikayla Gow Kellogg '09 and Kelly Van Aken '10, Toscano is co-founder of Toscano, Kellogg & Van Aken LLP in San Francisco.

Rubén A. Villalobos '98 was appointed by California Governor Jerry Brown to a judgeship in the Stanislaus County Superior Court.

KING HALL GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT RATE CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

Building on a strong performance the previous year, the UC Davis School of Law Class of 2014 posted another significant improvement in post-graduate employment numbers. According to statistics reported to the American Bar Association (ABA), more than 80 percent of King Hall alumni who graduated in May 2014 were employed in full-time positions where bar passage is required or a J.D. degree provides an advantage nine months after graduation.

The statistics represent a gain over the placement record of the Class of 2013, which was already well above the state and national averages. ABA statistics showed that the Class of 2013 had 73.5 percent of its members in full-time legal employment nine months after graduation.

The improved employment prospects for UC Davis graduates reflect, among other things, recent investments made by the UC Davis campus and the School of Law in Academic Success and Career Services. The King Hall Academic Success office has been able to provide additional assistance including practice exams, tutors, and other resources to graduates studying for the bar examination, contributing to the Class of 2014's bar pass rate of 86 percent—fourth best among California law schools—which in turn helps graduates land jobs. The Dean's Office and the University also have bolstered the resources of the Law School's Career Services office by, for example, hiring a new Associate Director for Public Interest & Public Sector Careers, expanding the post-graduate fellowship program, and increasing

the number of job fairs and networking events for students.

The fellowship program has been remarkably effective, not only in helping recent graduates to find legal employment but also in placing them in situations where they can learn from outstanding mentors. Stephanie Hall '14 said she benefited enormously from her fellowship working with U.S. District Judge Troy L. Nunley.

"The invaluable experience I gained through this fellowship



Stephanie Hall '14

working in Judge Nunley's chambers has helped me build confidence," said Hall. "Judge Nunley has been an extraordinary mentor, consistently providing guidance regarding my writing, research, and advocacy skills, as well as my overall outlook on the law and the judicial system. I genuinely could not have asked for a better start to my legal career."

King Hall Places First in U.S. News & World Report Generosity of Financial Aid Rankings

UC Davis School of Law ranked first in the most recent U.S. News & World Report assessment of the generosity of financial aid at public law schools. No public law school offers a higher median grant than UC Davis School of Law, and King Hall students graduate with lower average debt totals than students at other top-tier California law schools, according to rankings.

“The investment students make in a legal education is significant—academically, personally, and financially,” said Kristen Mercado, Assistant Dean of Admission and Financial Aid. “With our generous financial aid awards, UC Davis School of Law seeks to honor our students’ commitment by making a reciprocal investment in them for three years.”

UC Davis School of Law presents a particularly attractive

option for students looking to practice in California. Of the top-tier California law schools, King Hall has the lowest room-and-board costs, the most generous financial aid, and the lowest average graduate indebtedness. At UC Davis School of Law, roughly one-third of all student fees are returned to students in the form of financial aid.

“Our goal is to prepare students to become excellent lawyers and leaders in the public, government, and private sectors,” Mercado said. “By supporting students through our aid program, we enable them to make career decisions based upon their goals, skills, and talents, rather than solely based upon six-figure indebtedness graduates of other top-ranked law schools often face. Looking at the impressive accomplishments of our alumni, it’s easy to see why we make this investment year after year.”

“A UC Davis School of Law education prepares students for myriad career settings, areas of law, and geographic locations,” added Mercado. “Whether a student wants to work in the tech world of Silicon Valley, the financial sector in San Francisco or Los Angeles, in state government, in immigration law, environmental law, wine law, or any of the other areas in which UC Davis excels, King Hall offers exceptional value for their investment.”



Faculty Honors



Professor **Karima Bennoune** was appointed by the United Nations Human Rights Council as its Special Rapporteur in the field of human rights. (See full story, page 13)



Professor **Gabriel ‘Jack’ Chin** was honored by the Asian/Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento and the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Los Angeles County for his leadership in the successful effort to petition the California Supreme Court on behalf of Hong Yen Chang, who was denied a

license to practice law in California more than a century ago as a result of laws that discriminated against Chinese immigrants. The Court posthumously granted a law license to Chang in March 2015.



Professor **William S. Dodge** has been chosen to serve as an advisor for a new project launched by the American Law Institute (ALI), the nation’s most important non-governmental organization of legal reform. The “Restatement of the Law Third, Conflict of Laws” project will survey torts, property, contract, business organizations, family law and other status questions, and trusts and estates, as well as choice-of-law issues and make recommendations regarding potential reforms.



Professor **Angela P. Harris** was appointed the Boochever and Bird Endowed Chair for the Study and Teaching of Freedom and Equality at UC Davis School of Law. (See full story, page 14)



Professor of Environmental Practice **Richard M. Frank** has been elected to the American College of Environmental Lawyers. Frank was also chosen as a *California Lawyer* magazine 2015 California Lawyer of the Year, and selected to receive the Stephen Mather Visionary Award from the nonprofit,

UNDOCUMENTED LEGAL SERVICES CENTER HONORED BY WHITE HOUSE

The White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics has chosen the University of California Undocumented Legal Services Center for inclusion in “Bright Spots in Hispanic Education,” a national online catalogue of more than 230 programs that invest in key education priorities for Hispanics.

Operating out of UC Davis School of Law, the Undocumented Legal Services Center provides high-quality legal assistance to support the needs of undocumented and AB 540-eligible students and their families at UC campuses without law schools: UC Merced, UC San Francisco, UC Santa Cruz, UC Santa Barbara, UC San Diego, and UC Riverside. Under Executive Director Maria Blanco, the groundbreaking program offers legal advice and representation, informational and know-your-rights sessions, legal support for campus clinics, and workshops to assist with applications for benefits available under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA), and other immigration-related relief programs, assistance in filing humanitarian and



educational travel applications, and in-depth consultations and direct representation in immigration court or before immigration agencies.

“UC Davis School of Law is proud to host the Undocumented Legal Services Center, which is playing such an important role in providing the high quality legal assistance students need in order to complete their educational journey and become our state’s next generation of entrepreneurs, engineers, and community leaders,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. “It is very gratifying to learn that this groundbreaking program has been honored by the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics.”

The White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics was established in 1990 to address the educational disparities faced by the Hispanic community. It seeks to leverage the Bright Spots to encourage collaboration between stakeholders focused on similar issues in sharing data-driven approaches, promising practices, peer advice, and effective partnerships, ultimately resulting in increased support for the educational attainment of the Hispanic community.

Northern California-based conservation organization Restore Hetch Hetchy.



Professor **David Horton**’s article “In Partial Defense of Probate: Evidence from Alameda County, California” (*Georgetown Law Journal*) was selected as the winner of the 29th annual Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Scholarly Paper Competition.



Professor **Lisa Ikemoto** was honored with the Law Students for Reproductive Justice (LSRJ) Outstanding Faculty Award. She was also selected by the Center for Genetics and Society as one of three new fellows.



Professor **Elizabeth Joh** has been selected as an Affiliate Scholar of the Center for Internet and Society (CIS) at Stanford Law School.



Dean **Kevin R. Johnson** has been honored with the Centro Legal del la Raza Outstanding Achievements in the Law Award. The honor recognizes Dean Johnson’s continuing leadership and contributions to the Latino community.



Professor **Brian Soucek**’s article, “Perceived Homosexuals: Looking Gay Enough for Title VII,” has been selected for a Dukeminier Award, which recognizes the best sexual orientation and gender identity legal scholarship published in the previous year.



Professor **Madhavi Sunder** was appointed Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, becoming the first woman to hold that position at UC Davis School of Law. She also published a new book, *The Luxury Economy and Intellectual Property* (Oxford University Press).

'CELEBRATING KING HALL' HONORS PROFESSOR HORTON, SCHOLARSHIP DONORS AND RECIPIENTS

Professor David Horton was honored with the Distinguished Teaching Award at "Celebrating King Hall," a special event recognizing scholarship recipients and donors, paying tribute to excellence in teaching, and celebrating the King Hall community. The March 5, 2015 gathering



Professor David Horton

included remarks from Dean Kevin R. Johnson, Dean's Merit Scholarship recipient Tiffanie de la Riva '15, Professor Edward Imwinkelried, and Professor Horton.

Dean Johnson welcomed the audience, acknowledging the members of the UC Davis School of Law Alumni Board, faculty members, and donors in attendance. He briefly summarized recent accomplishments of the School

of Law and recognized the contributions of Professor Alan Brownstein and Professor Leslie Kurtz, both of whom recently retired after



more than 30 years on the King Hall faculty. "On behalf of the King Hall community, I would like to say 'thank you' for all that they have done throughout the years," Dean Johnson said.

The dean also thanked the donors in attendance for their support of student scholarships. "Scholarships enable the law school to continue to offer the best in public legal education to deserving students of all backgrounds," he said. "Scholarships help us compete for the King Hall students who are true to our community of excellence and diversity. Thanks to all our supporters who have helped with student scholarships."

De la Riva also spoke of the importance of scholarships, focusing on the ways in which they enrich the student experience by allowing recipients to worry less about tuition and explore the many opportunities offered by King Hall.

"Because I had help with the financial burden of law school, I was able to throw myself into King Hall life," said de la Riva.

Professor Imwinkelried introduced Professor Horton. He spoke of how the King Hall faculty has changed over the years, becoming bigger, more diverse, and more renowned for its scholarship. "Through all these changes, there has been one constant at this law school, and that constant has been a commitment to classroom teaching," he said. Professor Horton, Imwinkelried said, "represents the best of the teaching tradition at this law school."

Horton gave an often humorous presentation of various "tricks learned over the years" as a law professor, and then spoke seriously about his gratitude in receiving the Distinguished Teaching Award. "It is joyous to teach at King Hall," Horton said. "Thank you so much for this tremendous honor."

and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES) to observe court hearings, investigate allegations of abuse, and provide other services.

Founded in 2006, HALO is a student organization that assists and raises awareness of underserved communities. Each year, HALO raises funds for a spring break legal aid trip, in which UC Davis law students travel to provide aid to underserved groups in different parts of the country. Past trips have been to New Orleans, Biloxi, East St. Louis, and other cities.

Participating in the 2015 trip to San Antonio were Dean Bubar '16, Max Calehuff '17, Laura Flores '15, Erin Gunter '17, Connor Karen '17, Jamie Knauer '17, Hope Kwiatkowski '17, Adam McIntyre '17, John Miller '17, Katie Rogers '17, Kelsey Santamaria '17, Holly Snead '17, Sarah Woolston '17, and Antonia Wong '16.

Students worked with RAICES in various capacities to serve detainees at the Karnes facility, many of whom came to the United States to escape violence and persecution in countries

Congressman John Garamendi Speaks on U.S. Foreign Policy at King Hall

Congressman John Garamendi delivered a talk on U.S. foreign policy at King Hall on September 2, 2015 that drew a large turnout of faculty, students, and community members to the Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom. Garamendi, who represents California's District 3 and serves on the House Armed Services Committee, focused on the importance of diplomacy in avoiding armed conflict, often framing his remarks by harkening back to his experiences working for the Peace Corps in Africa during the 1960s.

"How do you deal with violent extremist groups?" Garamendi asked. "Do a whole lot more of what we were doing in the '60s with the Peace Corps: building communities."

Garamendi said that social problems such as poverty, lack of educational opportunity, and poor social mobility in Africa and the Middle East provide fertile conditions for the growth of extremist movements, and that the United States could

undermine that growth by "creating and building peace, one village at a time."



Dean Kevin R. Johnson, Senior Associate Dean Madhavi Sunder, Congressman John Garamendi

Garamendi talked at length about the Obama administration's attempts to broker an agreement to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons, and answered numerous audience questions, which included queries about the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement, oil drilling the Arctic, and effects of China's devaluing its currency. He closed with remarks about a "new trillion dollar arms race," as the world's nuclear powers seek to develop a new generation of stealth nuclear weapons that cannot be detected "until you see the bright light."

Still, Garamendi said he remained optimistic about the future, referencing the song "Tomorrow" from the musical *Annie*. "The sun will come up tomorrow, and I'm optimistic that we'll make the right decisions."

such as El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. All of the HALO students did some "court watching," attending hearings in which immigration officials sought to determine if the women had a credible fear of violence or persecution if returned to their home countries. Among the various services provided, HALO students worked with RAICES to file Freedom of Information Act requests to government agencies investigating detainees' complaints regarding the Karnes facility and accompanied RAICES representatives

as they met with detainees who were granted bail, providing necessities and explaining the legal proceedings they would soon experience.

Katie Rogers said that meeting the detainees helped to "put a human face" on immigration issues and policies. "Every woman or child that I came across was so grateful for every small thing, whether it was playing with a little boy or helping change a diaper, or even just sitting and talking. They were so grateful to have some interaction with somebody who was

treating them like a human being," she said.

Sarah Woolston said that the experience taught her valuable lessons she will bring to her legal practice in the years to come. "I think working with a nonprofit, you see how vital pro bono attorneys are," she said. "It's great to have organizers and activists, but you really need to have lawyers involved. When you can help them solve their legal problems, it's incredibly impactful."

New Professors Join King Hall Faculty

Two distinguished new faculty members have joined UC Davis School of Law: William S. Dodge, most recently the Honorable Roger J. Traynor Professor of Law at UC Hastings College of the Law, and Jasmine Harris, previously at American University, Washington College of Law.

In an era in which law school faculty hiring has been stagnant, UC Davis School of Law has been fortunate to be in a position to expand its roster of outstanding scholar-educators. The successful recruitment of Professors Dodge and Harris continues the hiring of stellar lateral faculty from leading schools such as Harvard, Stanford, and UC Berkeley, among others. Professor Dodge is the fourth tenured member of the UC Hastings law faculty to move to UC Davis School of Law in recent years. The School of Law continues to recruit and expects to fill two faculty vacancies during the 2015-2016 academic year.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Professors Dodge and Harris to UC Davis School of Law," said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. "It is exciting to see our faculty, which is already one of the most highly regarded, most productive, and most-cited of any law school, continue to progress in ways that directly benefit our students, legal scholarship, and our King Hall community."

Professor Dodge's scholarly interests include international law, international transactions, international dispute resolution, and contracts. He earned his B.A., *summa cum laude*, in History from Yale University and his J.D. from Yale Law School. Following graduation, Professor Dodge clerked for Judge



Professor William S. Dodge

William A. Norris of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and then for Justice Harry A. Blackmun of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Professor Dodge is an influential international law scholar. He serves as a Co-Reporter for the American Law Institute's *Restatement (Fourth) of Foreign Relations Law: Jurisdiction* and as a member of the State Department's Advisory Committee on International Law. He is a co-author (along with former Yale Law School Dean Harold Koh and two others) of the casebook *Transnational Business Problems* (5th ed. Foundation Press 2014) and a co-editor of *International Law in the U.S. Supreme Court: Continuity and Change* (Cambridge University Press 2011), which won the American Society of International Law's 2012 certificate of merit. He has authored more than 40 other publications in books and law reviews. From 2011 to 2012, he



Professor Jasmine Harris

was the Counselor on International Law to the Legal Adviser at the U.S. Department of State.

Professor Harris will teach evidence and disability law. She graduated from Dartmouth College with a B.A., *magna cum laude*, in Latin American and Caribbean Studies and earned her J.D. from Yale Law School, where she served as Senior Editor of the *Yale Law & Policy Review*, as Public Service Chair of Yale's Latino Law Students Association, and as a consultant for the World Bank's Legal & Judicial Reform Practice Group. After law school, Professor Harris clerked for the Honorable Harold Baer, Jr. in the Southern District of New York, and then worked at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr before joining the Advancement Project, where she was as a staff attorney with the Schoolhouse to Jailhouse and Quality Education projects.

PROFESSOR NATHANIEL PERSILY DELIVERS CENTRAL VALLEY LECTURE

Nathaniel Persily, the James B. McClatchy Professor of Law at Stanford Law School and a nationally recognized scholar of constitutional law, election law, and the democratic process, delivered the Central Valley Foundation/James B. McClatchy Lecture on the First Amendment in the Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom on October 29.

Speaking to a large audience that included Central Valley Foundation co-founder Susan McClatchy, Persily spoke on the need to rethink campaign finance regulation in light of new online technologies that are overtaking television as the primary medium of political expression.

"Whether you're looking at the jurisprudence or the regulatory framework, a lot of what we think of as campaign finance law assumes the 30-second television ad as being the principle means of political manipulation and persuasion on behalf of parties, groups, and candidates," said Persily, "but that's going to change."

As voters increasingly get information from targeted advertisements, on-demand video, blogs, and other online sources, Persily said, internet-based campaign tools have the potential to exacerbate problems such as anonymous campaign spending. The U.S. Federal Election Commission is ill-equipped to deal with an online information system that is globally based, often anonymously sourced, blurs the distinction between campaigners and media, and utilizes a wide array of delivery platforms, he continued. Regulation, if it is going to occur, may have to come from internet portals such as Google and Facebook, Persily said.

Professor Persily's lecture was the sixth in a series established by the Central Valley Foundation to promote discussion and understanding of First Amendment issues. Previous speakers include Pamela S. Karlan, Professor of Law and Co-director of the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic at Stanford Law School; Chief Judge Alex Kozinski of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; Akhil Amar, Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale University; Geoffrey R. Stone, the Edward H. Levi Distinguished Service Professor at the University of Chicago Law School; and Jack M. Balkin, the Knight Professor of Constitutional Law and the First Amendment at Yale Law School.



Professor Karima Bennoune Appointed as United Nations Special Rapporteur on Cultural Rights

The United Nations Human Rights Council, the UN's top human rights body, has appointed Professor Karima Bennoune as its Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights. In her role as Special Rapporteur, Professor Bennoune will make official visits to countries; observe and report on the promotion and protection of cultural rights at the local, national, regional and international levels; identify possible obstacles to the promotion and protection of cultural rights, and make recommendations to the Council on possible actions. She will also present reports to the Human Rights Council and the UN General Assembly each year.

"I am truly delighted to have this opportunity to contribute to the advancement of human rights, especially in the current challenging global context," said Professor Bennoune. "As Special Rapporteur, I will work tirelessly to promote the human right to culture. The struggle to defend cultural rights is of global, national, and personal significance everywhere."

Professor Bennoune is an author, scholar, and teacher in the field of international human rights. She recently was awarded the prestigious Dayton Literary Peace Prize and is 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. Her TED talk on religious extremism has received more than 1.3 million views.

A dedicated mentor, Professor Bennoune hopes to integrate UC Davis law students into her work as UN Special Rapporteur.



BEING THE CHANGE

Professor Angela P. Harris
and the Evolution of
Legal Education

Legal education has gone through profound changes since UC Davis School of Law admitted its first class of students 50 years ago, and King Hall faculty have both reflected and driven many aspects of that transformation. Consider Professor Angela P. Harris, one of the nation's foremost critical race theory, feminist legal theory, and civil rights scholars and the new Boochever and Bird Chair for the Study and Teaching of Freedom and Equality.

To begin with, Harris is part of an influx of women and people of color who have entered legal education in recent decades and transformed a profession that was almost exclusively the domain of white men. Yet her influence extends far beyond demographics to scholarly works and activities that have broadened the curriculum in ways that could barely have been imagined 50 years ago.

High up on her list of contributions would be the canonical article "Race and Essentialism in Feminist Legal Theory" (published in 1990 in *Stanford Law Review*), which has been identified as one of the most cited law review articles of all time. It's no exaggeration to say that the work helped establish critical race theory in the legal curriculum,

setting off a basic change in the way scholars, teachers, and students look at race, law, and society.

Critical race theory, Harris explains, is "about recognizing that race has really shaped our country's approach to the law and justice, defining who's included and who's excluded. It's about recognizing that our history as an explicitly racialized country still has resonance for us today. Although we like to think we are living in a 'post racial' society, in fact discrimination has not gone away. We continue to have institutions that reinforce stereotypes that get in the way of our being united as a country. Critical race theory looks at the influences of the past, how these processes continue, and how we can intervene in them."

Harris, who earned her J.D. from the University of Chicago and began teaching at UC Berkeley School of Law in 1988, has played an active role in promoting community among critical legal scholars, having helped to found LatCrit, Inc., a nonprofit organization that supports Latino critical race studies, and Classcrits, a network of scholars and activists interested in critical analysis of law and the economy.

When she joined UC Davis School of Law in 2011,

she found numerous faculty and students who shared her interests, and worked with Professors Gabriel "Jack" Chin and Rose Cuison Villazor to found the Aoki Center for Critical Race and Nation Studies at King Hall.

"We realized there was really a deep well of expertise in this faculty around issues of race, ethnicity, immigration, and citizenship," said Harris. "So part of the impetus was wanting to figure out how we could capitalize on that expertise and do things that would bring the group together for some joint initiatives."

One such project has been the Aoki Center's "Critical Perspectives on First-Year Courses," a series of presentations looking at Civil Procedure, Property, Constitutional Law, and other first-year staples from a critical perspective. The program has been popular with students, Harris said, perhaps because it helps them to connect their first-year studies to real-world contemporary problems.

"I think it helps keep a lot of the 1Ls grounded," said Harris. "They may have come into law school with an interest in social justice, and then the first-year experience can be very technical and doctrinal, and these presentations connect what they've been studying with some of the social issues and concerns they may have had coming in."

Harris has also put together an innovative seminar on "Mindfulness and Professional Identity." Developed with Stephanie Phillips, a professor at SUNY Buffalo Law School, while Harris was teaching there as a visiting professor during 2009-2010, the course explores the impacts of stress as well as meditation, yoga, and other techniques for mindfulness and stress reduction. There is a unit on "professional identity," or how legal practice can intersect with personal values, and another that explores how experienced professionals deal with the "close contact with suffering" that can be a regular part of working as an attorney, Harris said.

"The class has been welcomed by students, partly because they're under a lot of pressure, and it's useful for them to learn some techniques for dealing with that," said Harris. "Along the way I try to encourage students to think about their professional trajectory and the values they want to keep in mind in order to keep themselves healthy, effective, and grounded."

Eduardo Ramirez Castro '16 was enthusiastic about his experience with the course. "I learned how mindfulness and meditation provide for me a system of self-care and an ability to be intentionally compassionate in the services I provide to our communities," he said. "I have a heightened awareness

both as a human being and as an institutional agent that there is always room to humanize our legal education and our legal services."

"I think in the legal profession, everyone is stressed, from the bottom up," said Victoria Wong '15. "In the mindfulness course, a common theme among the students was that we hadn't really taken the time to think about why we had

come to law school, how the experience was changing us, and what we need to keep in mind going forward. Learning some techniques to reduce stress, and just taking the time to think about all of that was really useful. I would definitely recommend the class to other students."

Harris said the mindfulness course is part of a "broadening of the law school curriculum" from its relatively narrow focus of 50 years ago. "We've seen critical race theory emerge, courses on law and economics, law and science, law and policy, and legal theory explode, and I think that larger vision of what law is all about is part of the reason we have this course today."

Harris said that she is "thrilled" to be able to continue her scholarship and teaching with support from the Boochever and Bird Chair. Held until his recent retirement by Professor Alan Brownstein, the chair was created with funding from Charlie '73 and Charlotte Bird and named for the Honorable Robert Boochever of the Supreme Court of Alaska and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and for Elizabeth J. Bird and Donald G. Bird.

Asked about her appointment to the prestigious chair, Harris' response was two-fold. "First, I have been touched by the respect, affection, and generosity of my King Hall colleagues," she said. "Several of my colleagues independently approached me to ask if it would be OK if they nominated me for the chair. Collectively, they voted for my appointment—a tremendous affirmation from this amazing community."

"Second, I was not only excited but deeply moved when I read the description of the chair," Harris continued. "It is an amazing opportunity and honor to be charged with 'preserv[ing] and expand[ing] the understanding of the virtues necessary to a great Republic,' and to see among those virtues 'the promise of fairness made in the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments,' and 'the principle of equality expressed in the Fourteenth Amendment.' The generous donors who endowed this chair have recognized the beauty of these constitutional values, and understand the unceasing work necessary to ensure that they thrive." ■

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- PROFESSOR ANGELA P. HARRIS

KING HALL
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CELEBRATES

50th

ANNIVERSARY

In the short span of 50 years, UC Davis School of Law has become firmly established as one of the world's great law schools, distinguished by its commitment to the highest standards of excellence, unique sense of community, diversity, and dedication to the ideals of social justice espoused by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In the hope that the story of this swift ascent into the top tier of legal education is best told by the people who helped to make it happen, we offer the following memories and reflections from members of the King Hall community.

FIFTY YEARS AGO: EARLY DAYS OF THE LAW SCHOOL

BY PROFESSOR FLOYD FEENEY

November 1963. The UC Regents authorized the creation of a new UC law school. A few months later, the UC Davis



Professor Floyd Feeney, 1970



Professor Floyd Feeney, 2014

chancellor announced the appointment of Edward L. Barrett, Jr., as the first dean. A leading criminal procedure and constitutional law scholar, Berkeley Professor Barrett was a superb choice. Among many other achievements, the American Law Institute had just asked him to play a leading role in the development of a Model Code of Criminal Procedure. Earlier, at the request of the U.S. Attorney General, he had spent many months in Washington helping to develop the Civil Rights Act of 1957.

Wasting no time in getting the law school started, Barrett quickly hired a leading law librarian (Mort Schwartz) and one of the Davis campus's most talented staff members,

Thelma Kido. "Dean Kido," as the law students who came later affectionately called her, was one of the nicest people I ever met. And one of the most efficient. Dean Barrett was also on the hunt for outstanding faculty. Dan Dykstra, a brilliant corporations professor who had served as academic vice-president at the University of Utah and as dean of that university's law school, decided to come to Davis. So did Edgar Bodenheimer, a leading jurisprudence scholar and a member of the Nuremberg prosecutor's staff at the end of World War II. One of the first foreign law books translated into Chinese at the end of the cultural evolution was his history of jurisprudence. Brigitte Bodenheimer, Edgar's wife and a fine family law and conflicts of scholar, was for a time prevented by nepotism rules from joining the law faculty. After the university relaxed these rules and she joined the faculty, she developed a brilliant plan for dealing with the difficult problem of parents who abduct their children to other countries or states. Her work led to a Hague Conference treaty now adopted by 93 nations and a federal statute for dealing with interstate abductions.

Another early member of the law faculty was Homer Angelo—half Nevada cowboy and half sophisticated international lawyer. Decorated by the Dutch queen for his work in helping to reestablish the rightful Dutch government at the end of World War II, he was part of the generation of American attorneys who helped establish close business and legal relationships between the United States and Europe in the post-war era. His client list included the Dutch and Belgian national airlines and Norwegian interests involved in developing the North Sea oilfield. Ed Rabin was another superb law teacher who chose to move to Davis. He brought sophistication to the classroom and made many important contributions to the development of the law school. Dan

Fessler was an outstanding contracts teacher who asked students to stand when answering a question. Because his first visit to Davis was in the late November rainy season when there was water on both sides of the causeway that runs from Davis to Sacramento, he claimed that he thought Davis was on the coast. Another early faculty member was Jim Hogan. In his student days, he was a key member of the team that won the national moot court competition. As a young D.C. lawyer he had a brilliant career both in the courtroom and as a sometime-professor at the Georgetown law school. He kept an Irish flag in his office, passed out Irish Spring soap on St. Patrick's Day, and was the first winner of the law school's Distinguished Teaching Award.

The law students who came to Davis in the fall of 1966 did not go to classes in King Hall. That building was not completed until the fall of 1968. In the early days, the law school was housed in small, drab temporary buildings located near the Silo. The first law school class consisted of around 75 students willing to take a chance on the new venture. When Martin Luther King was assassinated in the spring of their third year, law students were the first to recommend that the school building be named in his honor.

Students and faculty relationships in these early days were extremely close. There were many events that brought students and faculty together outside the classroom. These contacts and the close relationships helped to build a friendly, cooperative spirit. That spirit has endured and has ever since been an important part of King Hall.

Prof. Feeney memory continued on next page...



Dean Edward L. Barrett, Jr., 1977



Professor Dan Dykstra



Professor Brigitte Bodenheimer, 1973



Law Librarian Mortimer Schwartz, 1966



Registrar Thelma Kido

1962 - Regents of the University of California authorize establishment of UC Davis School of Law.

1963 - Law School planning committee, which includes Berkeley Law Professor Edward L. Barrett, begins work.

1964 - Professor Edward L. Barrett, Jr. appointed first Dean.

1965 - Professor Daniel J. Dykstra, Librarian Mortimer D. Schwartz and Dean's Assistant and Registrar Thelma H. Kido recruited.

- First faculty meeting held.
- Library established in temporary building, begins acquiring books.

1965 - Law School receives 340 applications for admission to the first entering class.

1966 - Professors Edgar Bodenheimer, Brigitte M. Bodenheimer, Edward H. Rabin, and Frank B. Baldwin hired.

- Founding class enters with 78 students.

1967 - Groundbreaking ceremonies for Law School building.

1968 - Law School receives ABA accreditation.

1969 - Law School building completed and named for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- Building dedication ceremony with Chief Justice of the U.S. Earl Warren.
- First issue of UC Davis Law Review.

1969 - First class of students graduate.

1971 - Professor Daniel J. Dykstra named Dean.

1972 - First issue of the Alumni Reporter, later named King Hall Quarterly and King Hall Counselor alumni magazine.

- Law Students Association generates revenue from pinball machines in the student lounge.

My first contact with the law school came in the fall of 1967. At the time I was working in the U.S. State Department in Washington, D.C. I received a phone call from Dean Barrett. He asked, "How would you like to come to Davis to teach?" Thinking quickly, I responded brilliantly, "Where is that?" I quickly discovered that Davis was one of the great agricultural universities of the world and that Dean Barrett was a highly respected scholar. I also learned that Dean Barrett and the campus were (with the help of the Ford Foundation) in the process of establishing one of the nation's first major criminal justice research centers.

Dean Barrett had long had a close relationship with Chief Justice Warren, and Earl Warren had a close relationship with the Davis campus that predated his appointment as Chief Justice. In the spring of 1968 Earl Warren was the marshal for the Picnic Day parade. Dean Barrett persuaded him to give a breakfast talk to the UC Davis law, medical, and veterinary students. The following year, Chief Justice Warren came back to give the dedication speech for the original King Hall. 50



UC Davis School of Law Faculty, 1970



UC Davis School of Law Faculty, 2015

LIGHT AND MAGIC BY PROFESSOR JOEL DOBRIS

I came to King Hall on July 1, 1976, almost 40 years ago. I was very much the greenhorn. Now, I am very much the old timer.

What did I find back then?

I found a place that was rather like a musical about going to law school in Northern California. There was a strong dedication to public service. There was a large population of square dealers. There was an amazing commitment to teaching, research, and minority concerns. The law school administration was very frugal. The Chancellor was interested in what the law school was doing. The law school had a show called Cardozorama. The school had more tenure-track women teachers than any other law school in the country. There was a special institutional capacity to discover talent in faculty, students, and staff. There was a solid core of enthusiastic, new, young teachers. It was a great place to become a good teacher, thrive professionally, establish a body of research, raise a kid, and live a happy married life.

Sound familiar?



Professor Joel Dobris, 1980



Professor Joel Dobris, 2012

What's changed? Less than one might think. We have a wonderful new building. Costs for students have soared. The school has become a very cosmopolitan place. We have a large international student body. More research is required of faculty. Faculty are expected to present their research at other institutions. We have PhDs on the faculty. A number of faculty live in the Bay Area. (In 1976, you pretty much had to live in Davis. It was nonnegotiable.)

Some years ago, a famously hard-charging, East Coast law professor asked me what one word best described our law school. I thought for a moment and then I said, "Nice." He was puzzled. I felt, and I feel, that I hit the nail on the head.

So, I found myself in 1976 in a nice place to become a professor, and now I find myself in a nice place to be retired.

Or, in the words of a gently mocking Cardozorama song of long ago, "Davis, City of Light, City of Magic"

Happy golden anniversary, King Hall—Davis, law school of light, law school of magic. 50

- 1974 - Professor Pierre R. Loiseaux named Dean.
- 1975 - Prison Law Clinic established.
- 1976 - School of Law moves from quarter to semester system.
- 1978 - Controversy surrounds commencement speaker California Supreme Court Justice Stanley Mosk, author of the Bakke decision.
- 1978 - King Hall Legal Foundation formed.
- 1979 - Entering class tops 204 students.

- 1980 - Professor Florian Bartosic named Dean.
- 1980 - UC Davis Law Review Symposium helps to establish the public trust doctrine in environmental law, influencing the California Supreme Court's historic decision to save Mono Lake.
- 1983 - Gloria Steinem speaks at Bodenheimer lecture.

- 1980 - Distinguished Teaching Award established with funding from William and Sally Rutter.
- 1981 - Coretta Scott King delivers commencement address.
- Immigration Law Clinic established.



SMALL IS GOOD

BY PROFESSOR EDWARD J. IMWINKELRIED

Every seven years, a law school is inspected by the American Association of Law Schools and the American Bar Association. In the year preceding the inspection, the law school prepares a self-study. Several inspections ago, the dean asked me to draft our self-study. Since I chaired the self-study committee, when the visitors arrived, I had dinner with the inspectors.

I can remember sitting across from the chair of the inspection committee, the Tennessee law school dean. He explained that earlier in the day the committee had met with King Hall students as well as alumnae and alumni. He said that he could not believe how happy the students were to be at King Hall or how fond the alums appeared to be of the law school. He said that he had participated in a number of inspection visits and that at some schools, he had found reports of cutthroat competition among students and strained relations between the students and faculty. As I recall, he concluded by saying, "If you could bottle your school's spirit, you could make a fortune. I've been on several of these inspections, and I've never met with students or alums who were as satisfied with their law school."

During my 42 years of law teaching, I have been something of a vagabond. Before joining the UC Davis faculty, I had been a full-time faculty member at two other law schools, and during those 42 years, I have visited at three other law schools. That experience convinces me that the Tennessee law dean was right: King Hall is a special law school, and the vast majority of the members of this law school community—alums, students, staff, and faculty—consider themselves fortunate to be associated with King Hall.



Professor Edward J. Imwinkelried, 1993



Professor Edward J. Imwinkelried, 2014

What accounts for this? One of the factors is the small size of the school. This is the smallest law school that I have taught or visited at. Small is good. That was certainly the view of our founding dean, Ed Barrett. Ed admired the collegiality at Stanford, and he wanted to build a law school on the same, modest scale. There is an apocryphal story that Ed designed the original building to ensure that it would be difficult to subsequently expand the law school and its student body. (It took Ed's successor deans several decades to develop a feasible design and find the funding to expand Ed's building.)

I think that Ed was absolutely right. At one of the schools where I formerly taught, I usually had a 120-student Evidence class in the first semester and another 120-student Legal Ethics class in the second semester. On many

occasions, in the second semester when I referred to one student in a conversation with another student, the second student would ask, "Who's that?" I would have to explain that he or she had sat with that student in a large classroom for four months in the prior semester. At King Hall, by the end of the 1L year every student knows virtually every other student in their class.

However, Ed didn't simply design the building to enhance collegiality. In addition, he carefully picked founding faculty members who were as dedicated to their classroom teaching as they were to their scholarship. There have been a large number of legendary teachers at King Hall—professors such as Floyd Feeney, Dan Fessler, Dick Wydick, Margaret Johns, Bob Hillman, Alan Brownstein, Marty West, Joel Dobris, and Evelyn Lewis. But my hero has always been Jim Hogan, the most beloved teacher in the history of King Hall.

Everyone has their favorite Hogan story. This is mine. Late in the second semester of the academic year, the administration distributes a list of the classes to be offered in the next school year. Once when I was browsing through the list, I noticed that Jim was scheduled to teach Remedies—not Evidence or Civil Procedure or Products Liability, but Remedies. To the best of my recollection, Jim had never taught Remedies or expressed any interest in doing so. I walked up to his office and asked Jim whether there was a mistake in the schedule. At that point Jim became visibly angry. He proceeded to explain that he was upset that for years, Remedies, a bar course, had been taught exclusively by adjuncts. He emphatically said, "Our students deserve better. And if no one else will teach the course, I'll learn the course to teach it." That remark showed how committed Jim was to our students.

I contrast that conversation with Jim with a conversation

I had a few years ago with a professor from an eminent law school who delivered one of our endowed lectures. Since I had followed his scholarship for years, I asked the dean whether I could attend the post-lecture dinner. At one point during the dinner, the conversation turned to the question of how much stress a law school ought to place on teaching. The professor stated that he had just stepped down as associate dean at his law school. He said that at one point, several students reported to him that one of his colleagues was not only bringing his cell phone to class but also answering "important" phone calls during class. After receiving that report, the professor went straight to the dean. He asked the dean to "counsel" their colleague that his conduct was disrespectful to the students. The professor was stunned when the dean informed him that since the colleague was a prolific scholar, the dean was not going to admonish the colleague. In the dean's mind, classroom teaching was not a priority.

None of the King Hall deans I have known would have tolerated that conduct. Jim Hogan would have gone into orbit if he had heard a similar report about one of our colleagues. Especially after those two conversations, I feel privileged to have taught at King Hall for 30 years. 50



Professor Jim Hogan, 1970



Professor Jim Hogan, 1994

1986 - Barrett Lectureship in Constitutional Law established.

1987 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. statue unveiled.



1987 - Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court William J. Brennan, Jr. delivers commencement address.

1990 - Anonymous donation of \$107,000 received as challenge to establish first Chair.

1991 - Professor Ellen R. Jordan named Dean.



1992 - Pro Bono Program established.

1993 - Professor Bruce A. Wolk named Dean.



1994 - Inaugural State Capitol Reception, now an annual event.



1996 - U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno delivers commencement address.

1993 - Civil Rights Clinic established.

REFLECTION ON (NEARLY) 50 YEARS AT KING HALL

BY PROFESSOR RICHARD M. FRANK '74

Birthdays and anniversaries provide the occasion to reflect and assess, and celebrating the 50th entering class at King Hall is certainly no different. As I reflect on the history—and future—of King Hall, I do so wearing two very different hats.

The first is as a proud, long-time alum of King Hall. I was actually a member of the law school's sixth graduating class, beginning my legal education at this then-fledgling institution in the fall of 1971 and graduating in 1974.

And a great legal education it was. But I confess that I didn't fully appreciate how special a law school this is until I left King Hall to begin my legal career as an attorney for the federal government in Washington, D.C. in 1974. There I found myself working shoulder to shoulder with a number of similar, newly minted law school graduates from the nation's top law schools: Harvard, Columbia, Georgetown, Yale, and Michigan, among others. I confess that I initially worried whether I, from a new, small, and relatively unknown law school at UC Davis, could keep up with my fellow entry-level attorneys from the Ivy League.

It turns out I needn't have worried. Possessed of a top-flight legal education, I found myself easily able to keep up with, and eventually exceed, the quantity and quality of legal work generated by my peers from more "prestigious" law schools. My King Hall professors had prepared me quite well for my legal career—at least as well as Harvard, Yale, etc., had prepared my fellow government attorneys.



Professor Richard M. Frank, 1971



Professor Richard M. Frank, 2013

The second insight came from informal conversations with my federal office mates over lunch or after work. Almost to a person, they told me they'd disliked or even hated their three years of law school. It was an unpleasant, expensive but necessary means to an end, they confided. I was surprised, since I actually enjoyed my own law school experience at King Hall: the professors were friendly and accessible, as well as excellent teachers and mentors, and the administration cultivated a collaborative (rather than competitive) law school environment. When I checked in later with my King Hall '74 classmates—a number of whom became some of my closest friends, and remain so to this day—I found that my sense of law school at King Hall tracked theirs: that

our three years at King Hall were relatively painless, intellectually stimulating, and a great deal of fun.

Only later would I fully appreciate the fact that it's the "King Hall experience" that's the exception, rather than the norm. Unlike most law school experiences, King Hall alumni tend to look back fondly on their law school days.

Fast forward four-plus decades.

Today I find myself back on the UC Davis campus and at King Hall, but wearing a different hat: now I'm a member of the law school faculty. After a 32-year career practicing environmental law,

I became a full-time academic in 2006. At King Hall, I have the privilege to teach environmental law and related courses to the current generation of UC Davis law students. I also direct the California Environmental Law & Policy Center, an environmental "think tank" and policy organization. I can't think of anything I'd rather be doing at this stage of my career.

As we welcome the 50th class of law students to King Hall, some things are quite different from my own student days here in the early '70s, while others remain very much the same. Instead of the new and little appreciated law school it was in those days, today King Hall ranks among the top-rated law schools in the nation. In addition to providing a world-class legal education to the law students of the 21st century, it has developed special expertise and stature in critically important legal areas including international law, intellectual property and—yes—environmental law. King Hall's distinguished alumni include the Chief Justice of California, an array of other federal and state judges around the country, members of Congress, the former President of the California State Senate, and respected leaders of America's top law firms. Foreign students from around the globe now flock to King Hall, eager to obtain the world-class legal education that's available to them here at UC Davis. And King Hall itself has evolved from a functional, basic campus building to a modern, spacious, state-of-the-art law school with all the latest technological innovations designed to maximize the learning experience.

At the same time, King Hall retains the unique "vibe" that began to develop here a half century ago. The law school continues to be a welcoming educational environment, where the faculty remains fully engaged, committed to teaching, accessible, and friendly. King Hall students still learn the law in a collaborative, upbeat setting. And law school at UC Davis remains a place where our students forge friendships that can and will last a lifetime.

So—wearing both of my King Hall hats—let me offer a heartfelt welcome to King Hall's 50th entering class. I hope and trust that you're delighted to be here, confident that you've made the right choice in choosing King Hall. And we're extremely fortunate to have you as the newest but a nonetheless integral part of our King Hall community. 50

PROFESSOR MARGARET JOHNS



I have tons of great memories from all my years at King Hall, but the most surprising thing to me about it was the faculty's devotion to teaching. This little story, I think, captures that:

One day, decades ago, I was walking down the hallway in the faculty wing. The door to Professor Dick Wydick's stylish and immaculate office was open, and he called out, "Margaret, would you please come in for a minute?" Of course, I did. Now, this was long before PowerPoint or even whiteboards, when teachers who wanted to make a chart or graphic illustration for their class drew it on the blackboard with chalk. He was gluing pipe cleaners onto 8½" x 11" sheets of cardboard. He handed me one and asked, "What do you think this is?" I wasn't sure, but I guessed, "A plant? Some kind of grass?" With his customary economy of words, Professor Wydick said, "Good. It's wheat. Thanks. I have a blind student in my class." The discussion was over, so I left. In awe.

1998 -



- Professor Rex R. Perschbacher named Dean.

- Family Protection and Legal Assistance Clinic established.

2000 -

King Hall receives Diversity Award from California Minority Counsel Program.

2001 -

New Master's Degree in International Commercial Law receives approval.

- Business Law Journal launched.
- King Hall Outreach Program (KHOP) established.

2001 - Largest class enters with 214 students.



2004 -

New King Hall Expansion and Renovation Project announced.



2006 -

Major gifts totaling just under \$3 million received for the King Hall Expansion and Renovation Project.

2006 -

Law Library named Mabie Law Library in recognition of the William and Inez Mabie Family Foundation gift of \$1.5 million to the King Hall building campaign.

2005 - First class gift.

- First King Hall Briefs alumni e-newsletter.

2007 -

Groundbreaking on King Hall Expansion and Renovation Project.



2008 -

Professor Kevin R. Johnson named Dean.



2009 -

California International Law Center at King Hall is founded.

- Cal. Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg '84 delivers commencement address.

ANIMAL LAW AND STUPID LAW STUDENT TRICKS

BY PROFESSOR LISA C. IKEMOTO '87

In our first week of law school, Professor Poulos (now, John) assigned a larceny case involving ferrets in Criminal Law. He asked his first question—what do ferrets do? Then he called on me. My highly distilled response? “They ferret.”

I’d now like to say to my classmates, “You are most welcome.” I set the bar and I set it low. Thanks to me, you could relax; you could do no worse. In my defense, I was raised in a Los Angeles neighborhood whose residents would have viewed a squirrel as exotic fauna, had one ever appeared. Until I read that case, I thought “ferret” was a verb and only a verb. When I prepared for class, the dictionary told me that the noun “ferret” means a mammal related to the weasel, and that the verb means “to act like a ferret.” So there.

Very shortly after, Professor Dobris (now, Joel) assigned a Property Law case about fox hunting. I prepared! A fox is a “noxious beast” that eats chickens owned by others, as per *Pierson v. Post*. Instead, Joel asked about the pros and cons of using hunting custom versus public policy—getting rid of noxious beasts!—as the basis for legal rules. Perhaps not surprisingly, I received one of my lower grades in Property.

Thus, by process of elimination, I sought my career path. From Leslie Kurtz, in Torts, I learned that I was not the reasonably prudent person. I gleaned a great deal about the importance of process to fairness from Rex Perschbacher, but never could remember the actual rules of Civil Procedure. Floyd Feeney called on me every other class in the vain hope that I would provide an accurate answer, and instead prompted me to forgo a career in Criminal Procedure. Margaret Johns taught me, with gracious patience, most of



Professor Lisa Ikemoto, 1984



Professor Lisa Ikemoto, 2013

my legal reasoning skills. I went astray, however, when I entered academics.

It turns out that deans do not check transcripts before giving teaching assignments. In my first tenure-track job, I was assigned to teach Property Law. The textbook used a whaling case instead of the fox case. Because this law school was 1,000 miles from the ocean, I gave the students background reading on whales. More specifically, I had them read a chapter from *Moby Dick*. This assignment provoked some of the highest and even more of the lowest teaching evaluations I received that year.

Later, I used a book with the fox case. I wrote an exam question that included facts about a foxhunt on a beach, just below the mean high tide line. These facts implicate the Public Trust Doctrine. That issue so excited one student that he omitted

the letter “L” in “Public” throughout the entire essay answer. Needless to say, this omission changed the analysis considerably. And he never did get to the fox.

You’d think I would have learned my lesson. Instead, I returned to King Hall in 2006, after having taught at several other law schools. Here’s what I’ve discovered. Our former professors, now my colleagues and friends, along with many others at King Hall, have fostered the best law school community ever. Forgiveness and, perhaps, memory loss have erased my Property Law grade and all of our idiocies. I cannot remember which student omitted both the “L” and the fox in that essay. Nor, in the spirit of King Hall, do I want to.

But animals remain a recurring theme. In my Bioethics class, I ask, what is it that makes us “human”? What is it that sets us apart from the other animals? The discussion goes something like this. “We have intelligence.” So do dolphins, apes, and octopi. “We have emotion.” As do elephants. “We create.” Bower birds do, too. “We seek the truth through philosophy, religion, and even law; we search for meaning.” In short, we ferret. So there. 50

JAY C. CARLISLE, '69, LAW PROFESSOR AT PACE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

The first class taught to the Class of 1969 was taught by then-Dean Edward L. Barrett. He began by stating, “Look to the left and then to the right. Chances are one of you is a Phi Beta Kappa.” There was no King Hall until our third year. We were taught in various buildings and bungalows all over the Davis campus. Our first-year teachers included Ed Barrett, Dan Dykstra, Frank Baldwin, Ed Rabin, Mort Schwartz, and Edgar Bodenheimer.

NEGIN YAZDANI '12, LEGAL COUNSEL, DIMENSION DATA

In the summer of 2012, I studied for the California Bar Exam with three of my favorite King Hallers: Rebecca Lovell, Denise Mendez, and Jenni Gomez. We met every day in a small room in the basement of King Hall, where there were no windows and little air conditioning, and studied every day together. We helped each other survive Bar study that summer, constantly reminding each other that we would pass, laughing so much every day, bringing food and candy to share, and of course taking turns having the occasional freak out! These sweet friends even threw a surprise birthday party for me two weeks before the exam and invited all the other sleep-deprived basement-studiers to celebrate. (We had a whole crew.) We all passed on our first try and I have such good memories of those days with my precious friends. Three years later, we are still very close. In fact, we celebrated Denise and Jenni’s weddings together last summer! I am thankful for many things I took away from my time at King Hall, but it was my friendships that have meant the most!

2010 - New expansion wing of King Hall opens.



- California Environmental Law & Policy Center is founded.

- Central Valley Foundation /James B. McClatchy Lecture on the First Amendment established.

2012



- King Hall hosts special sitting of the California Supreme Court.

- School of Law completes the most successful fundraising year in its history, garnering \$4.3 million in private support during the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

2010 - School of Law joins UCDC program.

2011

- Center for Science & Innovation Studies is founded.

2011 - King Hall hosts special sitting of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.



- Chief Justice of California Tani Cantil-Sakauye '84 delivers commencement address.

2013 - Renovation of original wing of King Hall is completed.



- Aoki Center for Critical Race and Nation Studies is officially launched, honoring the late Professor Keith Aoki.

2013 - Former Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi delivers commencement address.



2015

- Class of 2018 enrolls—the School of Law’s 50th class.

- California State Assembly honors 50th anniversary of the School of Law with legislative resolution.

2014 - University of California launches Undocumented Legal Services Center, based at King Hall.

35 YEARS AT KING HALL BY PROFESSOR REX R. PERSCHBACHER

I first arrived at King Hall in the late summer of 1981, nearly 35 years ago, as part of an influx of six new untenured faculty members: Alan Brownstein, Bob Hillman, Leslie Kurtz, Rick Seltzer, Floyd Shimomura, and me. It appears now that four of us will be here until we retire; Alan and Leslie have already retired; I will retire after this year; and Bob does not seem to be going anywhere. Rick Seltzer left the faculty to resume his private practice in Albany, and tragically died a few years ago; Floyd Shimomura left the faculty and has had a distinguished career since in state



back, l-r: Floyd Shimomura, Leslie Kurtz, Rick Seltzer, Dean Florian Bartosic, Robert Hillman
front, seated: Alan Brownstein, Rex Perschbacher, 1981

government. The only active faculty member then who remains on the faculty today is the wonderful Floyd Feeney.

The law school we came to was vastly different in every way from where we are today. The then-new dean, Florian “Bart” Bartosic, came to the school from the Teamsters Union in Washington, D.C., after nearly 10 years on the faculty of Wayne State Law School in Detroit, Michigan. He exercised thorough-going control over the school and its faculty.

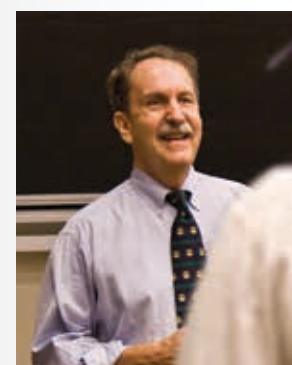
The school was dominated by what seemed to us a “senior cohort” of faculty including Dan Fessler, Fritz Juenger, Carol Bruch, and Gary Goodpaster, and it seemed the school had been in existence basically “forever” although that was not true. The building was small and cramped even then, about one-third to one-half the size it is today, with few student-friendly areas outside the library. For me at least, the School of Law was not always a happy place.

Today, everything has changed. The leader of this change was Bruce Wolk, who became dean in January 1993. He changed the culture of the school, opening up advancement opportunities to faculty, opening up faculty conference and meeting possibilities, strengthening the faculty’s research motivations, and bringing a sense of fresh air to the school overall. We started to do some faculty hiring, something that seemed lacking in the previous years, although some wonderful faculty were hired in that period, including Marty West, Ed Imwinkelried, Evelyn Lewis, Kevin Johnson, and Thomas Joo.

Bruce Wolk stepped down in 1998, and I became dean of the law school. A great deal



Professor Rex R. Perschbacher, 1982



Professor Rex R. Perschbacher, 2011

was accomplished in the next 10 years, including hiring wonderful faculty members: Madhavi Sunder, Lisa Pruitt, Anupam Chander, Courtney Joslin, Bill Ong Hing, Cruz Reynoso, Chris Elmendorf, Elizabeth Joh, Donna Shestowsky, Carlton Larson, Albert Lin, Afra Afsharipour, Lisa Ikemoto, Peter Lee, and Dennis Ventry; rehiring Vik Amar; and some faculty who sadly have since left the school, such as Spencer Overton, Angela Onwuachi-Willig, Rob Merges, and Rob Mikos. Fully half of those hired were women, many were minorities. But possibly the second-most important change in those years was securing the state contribution to the King Hall Expansion and Renovation.

It would take Kevin Johnson’s deanship to realize the newly-expanded King Hall, which has added faculty offices, new suites for Admissions, Career Services, External Relations, and a Dean’s Suite; and many wonderful student spaces throughout. Dean Johnson has also added wonderful new faculty including Angela Harris, Miguel Méndez (since retired), Ash Bhagwat, Rick Frank, Mario Biagioli, Karima Bennoune, Jack Chin, Andrea Chandrasekher, Katherine Florey, David Horton, John Hunt, Lesley McAllister, Leticia Saucedo, Darien Shanske, Brian Soucek, Bill Dodge, and Jasmine Harris. There is now a robust contribution by faculty to scholarship, and a steady ascent in the *U.S. News & World Report* law school rankings. King Hall is a beautiful place with strong student support in every way; happy faculty; and a wonderful, supportive dean who seeks to expand each of these areas. 50

SCOTT JUDSON '12, LITIGATION AND TRIAL ATTORNEY, EHLERS LAW CORPORATION

The memory that best describes the King Hall experience and community to me is of something that was said on, I believe, the first day of my orientation. My new classmates and I were sitting in a room at the Mondavi Center and Dean Kulwin took to the podium. After a few remarks, she did not use the line that supposedly signifies the rigors of being at a top law school: “Look to your left, look to your right, because one of you won’t be here by the end of the year.” Instead, Dean Kulwin stated something to the effect of, if not exactly, “Look left, look right. These are your colleagues for the rest of your career. Be nice to them, help them when they ask. If they need notes from a missed class, provide them. You are all in this together.” It was that statement that I believe set the tone for an amazing three years at King Hall—three years that culminated with arriving at the Bar Exam and knowing that I was not alone, and that my classmates were supporting me and that I was giving that same support back.

LORRAINE CAPRIO '92, PROGRAM MANAGER, CHANGE CONTROL LEAD, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

Taking notes by hand, book briefing, grease pencils, getting lost looking for my carrel, IRAC, WordPerfect and Gilbert’s Outlines. Barbri or PMBR?? Those just a few things to come to mind when I think of King Hall.

I was a UC Davis undergrad. This transition should be easy, I thought, just moving from one part of campus to another. I didn’t realize that King Hall

was a campus unto itself. No separate bookstore, just a room where you bought your very expensive and large textbooks. Lockers! I hadn’t used a locker in 4 years!

I admit, I re-read *One L* and remembered *The Paper Chase* before my first year, so I was a little nervous. However, King Hall was a wonderful surprise. While I had great professors during all of my years, I think it was my first year professors that made a deep lasting impression. They set the tone. No, John Houseman wasn’t

on campus, but I knew Professor Imwinkelried could give him a run for his money. I still think about the little boy from Professor Johns’ Torts class. Trying to answer Dean Johnson’s Erie Doctrine questions. Ugh! And Professor Lewis should be proud because I can still recite the components of Adverse Possession! It is the people that make King Hall special. Their dedication and support. The staff, professors, and having great friends who loved playing hearts in the courtyard as stress release. Thanks King Hall, and “Go AGS!”



King Hall, 1971

King Hall, 2011

DEAN KEVIN R. JOHNSON

One of my first experiences working with students at King Hall was working with La Raza Law Students Association (LRLSA).

During law school, I had been tangentially involved with La Alianza, the student organization of Harvard Law students. It was a small group. LRLSA, in contrast, was a large and active organization. Besides the annual Lorenzo Patiño banquet honoring a beloved alum who died much too young, LRLSA also organized an annual César



Kevin R. Johnson and Amagda Pérez, 2000

Chávez week with speakers and activities focusing on the social justice mission of the UFW legend. One of the leaders of LRLSA, an incredibly respectful and reserved student, came to visit me in one of my first days at King Hall. She told me about LRLSA and invited me to the next meeting. Her name was Amagda Pérez '91. Her invitation began my long relationship with LRLSA.

I came to know Amagda well. She took my Public Interest Law Seminar and we met during office hours on a number of occasions; I encouraged her to share her thoughts with her classmates and enjoyed marginal success. She graduated and we stayed in touch.

Amagda now is the Executive Director of California Rural Legal Assistance and a professor in our Immigration Law Clinic. As she was as a law student, she is a collective conscience of the School of Law and has mentored countless students. We both serve as faculty advisors to LRLSA and worked together to convince Cruz Reynoso to leave UCLA and join the UC Davis law faculty. One of my favorite—and most impactful—memories of King Hall is meeting with Amagda Pérez and working with her for a generation to help LRLSA students make their mark on the world.

THE DUALITY OF EXCELLENCE AND CARING
BY PROFESSOR EVELYN LEWIS

Portions of the following are drawn from comments at the 2012 Distinguished Teaching Awards.

UC Davis School of Law is distinctively a community that strives for excellence while still being caring to others. Each attribute—excellence or caring—can be independently pursued. But to my mind, King Hall has found a way to blend excellence and caring into a unified duality. Such a blend is rare, and even rarer still as a characteristic of an entire community, particularly one with a diverse membership of faculty, students, staff, administrators and alumni whose interests sometimes naturally diverge.

I know from my 25-plus years at the school that this mixture of excellence and caring is the product of hard work. It's deliberately and meticulously cultivated, marinated, preserved, and fostered by the community's members. Maintaining the duality requires constant balancing and re-balancing of interests and considerations, including sometimes honoring tensions as opportunities rather than obstacles.

Admittedly, there are other truly laudable characteristics—like integrity, courage, vision, tenacity, etc. But to my



Professor Evelyn Lewis, 1996



Professor Evelyn Lewis, 2012

mind, a duality of excellence and caring reigns superior. Excellence is more than striving for perfection and caring is more than compassion. High degrees of perfection and kindness are, of course, subsets of excellence and caring, but they're not the same. Perfection is an objective evaluation that's inherently static because it's defined and *confined* by what's known or is the norm at a given moment or period of time. In contrast, excellence is a subjective perception that's interactive, dynamic, and *expansive*. It's opinion borne of an evaluator's judgment. It can transcend time as contours of the evaluator's creativity and imagination take hold in the moment and then mature to new levels over time as appropriate.

Similarly, kindness is not necessarily interactive or dynamic. Someone can be internally kind by being understanding and feeling compassion. But to my mind, the word "caring" connotes reaching out to others to give help and support in whatever way one can.

Each constituent group of the School of Law community constantly reaches out to support each other's efforts towards excellence. The *faculty* values excellence in teaching. Time

and again I've witnessed faculty reject changes that might sacrifice the goal of giving students superior teaching, even when such changes favored faculty scholarship interests. Moreover, faculty support each other, causing the quality of both scholarship and teaching to be upped by the environment of safety and support created. As for our marvelous *students*, their "teach me, even if it's hard, so I'm prepared" ethos is real as a culture of excellence in our student body. Our students are also appreciative and give back through amazing levels of public interest volunteerism. Our wonderful *alums* help to perpetuate the culture of excellence and caring they enjoyed by consistently saying "yes" to helping with school programs and initiatives. Our extremely capable *staff* strives to serve the needs of students and faculty at the highest levels, and faculty and students consistently show them they are valued and appreciated.

Finally, the School of Law has been blessed with *great leadership* from deans and associate/assistant deans over the years. "Hats off" to those who held this ship steady in troubled waters and to those who led it to faster waters as opportunities presented themselves, even when those opportunities came with risks. These leaders were inspired by the desire to keep the culture of excellence and caring thriving. In my many years here, they helped to stave off administrative and political wolves who would have changed the School of Law into a commercial machine, lacking heart.

The UC Davis School of Law community represents a wonderful melding of its component parts to deliver excellence and caring on a consistent basis. Anyone wanting to invest time or money in a place where the duality of excellence and caring currently thrives and gets transmitted forward to future generations can trust that King Hall is such a place. 50



Moot Court Board, 1982

Moot Court Board, 2011

AMAR NAIK '15,
ASSOCIATE AT SHEPPARD MULLIN

While many experiences made my King Hall experience memorable (e.g., especially the late nights in the Law Review office), one thing consistently reminds me of why King Hall is such a great place. Before I started my first year, many students, professors, and staff emphasized the importance of "community" at King Hall. At first, it seemed like a buzzword used to calm

people's nerves.

But I soon realized that it wasn't just a marketing ploy. As the first semester unfolded, I was given plenty of unsolicited academic, career, and personal advice by upper classmen. When I missed classes due to an illness, classmates flooded my inbox with notes. The faculty were consistently available for office hours, and many entertained impromptu conversations on topics ranging from the scope of certain tort doctrines to

whether the 49ers were making the right decision at quarterback.

Over my three years at King Hall, several other events reinforced this theme. The KHLF Auction, Aokirama, Law Cappella concerts, and countless others brought out the best in King Hall. Moreover, they made King Hall feel like a community that nurtured student interests, supported our personal goals, and cared for us as people.

For that, I am truly grateful.

Perfect Union

HOW THE PERFECT TENDER INFANT CARE CO-OP FOUND A HOME AT KING HALL



1999



1989



2015



1987



1991



1986

UC Davis School of Law has always been defined by its sense of community, and few stories better exemplify the spirit of that community than the founding of the Perfect Tender Infant Care Co-op. Spearheaded by Lucy Lofrumento (Alberts) '84 and Andrea Rosen '84, the effort touched almost everyone associated with the School of Law during the early '80s and established a vital resource that benefits students and their children to this day.

"It took a village," said Lofrumento. "It was a cause that almost everyone at the Law School could get behind. It was so logical, and it just seemed to fit with the supportive atmosphere that was already in place at the School of Law."

During her first semester the Fall of 1980, Lofrumento learned she was pregnant and discovered to her surprise that UC Davis had no on-campus infant care. Going off-campus wasn't an option, she said. "Honestly, I didn't have two nickels to rub together," said Lofrumento. "But I wasn't about to give up my legal education, and I wasn't about to give up my baby. I decided I was just going to figure out some way to make it work."

Lofrumento learned of two other students who were also pregnant, and together they formulated a plan for an infant care co-op. Lofrumento drafted a memo to Dean Florian "Bart" Bartosic outlining the proposal and asserting that the co-op would "demonstrate the school's commitment to diversity and equal educational opportunity." The memo addressed insurance, licensing requirements, and other potential concerns and concluded that the only real barrier was space: the School of Law would need to provide a room.

When the memo was shared with faculty and students, support was immediate. The Women's Caucus formed a support group, candidates in the Law Student Association elections campaigned on the need for infant care, students signed petitions, and some faculty lobbied the dean. Crucially, Professor Floyd Feeney offered the use of the Criminal Justice Center's storage room: Room 103 in the "old" King Hall.

By the summer of 1981, the co-op had everything it needed—except approval from UC Davis administration, which proved reluctant. University officials raised concerns about insurance, licensing, and other issues, but Lofrumento and her supporters persisted, and the co-op was given permission to operate for one year in Room 103. When the first infants arrived during the fall of 1981, "People loved having the babies around," said Lofrumento. "It was a stress reliever to visit them, and a humanizing element at the School of Law."

The following year brought new challenges—and new supporters. Rosen met Lofrumento through the Big Sib Little Sib student mentor program and quickly realized the need for a permanent home and more organizational structure. Drawing on her background as a community organizer and public health planner, Rosen drove the effort to establish the Friends of the Perfect Tender Infant Co-op as a nonprofit corporation.

"The overall context was that in the '80s there was a rising demand for quality child care, and like many institutions at the time, the university was slow to react," said Rosen, who had a child during her third year at King Hall. "Now,

people take it for granted that there will be child care on campus, but that wasn't the case then. We were one of the first female-majority classes at any law school, and it was still considered somewhat unusual for a woman to want to be an attorney. Child care was a major issue."

After long negotiations, university officials agreed to allow the co-op to convert a portion of the student lounge for its use, providing several conditions were met, including demonstrated approval from students and the raising of \$16,000 to cover costs. The Friends obtained signatures of 90 percent of the student body in support of the co-op, and through a series of fundraisers involving virtually the entire King Hall community, they secured the necessary funding.

In October 1983, the Friends celebrated the opening of a new home for the co-op adjacent to the student lounge, where it operated until it was remodeled during the King Hall Expansion and Renovation and designated as the Nancy Coan Torres '86 and Michael Torres Perfect Tender Co-op Room in honor of their naming gift.

"The Perfect Tender Co-op has always held a special place in my heart," said Nancy Coan Torres. "When I came to King Hall, my locker was right next to the co-op. Having just left my position as a social worker working with children with developmental disabilities, I was having withdrawal pains. It made my day to go into the co-op and hold a baby or two between classes."

The co-op remains an important asset for the King Hall

community. Bianca Duenas '16, current President of the Friends organization, said the co-op was an important factor in her choice of law schools. In comparing law schools where she had been accepted, "none of them had anything like the nursery at King Hall."

"I think it's really important that King Hall has this facility, especially because so many students today are coming to law school a little bit older, and already have

families," said Duenas, who entered law school with an infant daughter and gave birth to a son during her third year. "It makes it much more feasible to take on a huge commitment like law school when you know that you can care for your baby at the law school itself, without having to take on more debt so that you can pay for outside care."

"Helping to establish the co-op is probably one of the most rewarding things I've done in my life, because it has helped so many people," said

Lofrumento, who in 2006 was able to watch her daughter Jenny, "the original co-op baby," graduate from King Hall. "I know how hard it is to be a law student. I know how hard it is to be a parent. To try to be a parent in law school is a huge undertaking, and having the infant care co-op on campus is an incredible benefit for students who are struggling to keep it all together."

"I think it has been a great asset for King Hall," said Rosen. "We saw it as part of our vision for the way education should be structured to all kinds of students, including disabled students, and student parents of both genders." ■



Jenny Alberts '06—the "original co-op baby"—Prof. Marty West, and Lucy Lofrumento (Alberts) '84, 2006

50 YEARS OF THE UC DAVIS LAW REVIEW



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Written by Sue Jones

AT THE UC DAVIS LAW REVIEW'S 2008 END-OF-THE-YEAR HOPKINS BANQUET, VOLUME 41 EDITOR IN CHIEF MEGAN KNIZE '08 SHARED A STORY. THE EDITORS AND MEMBERS HAD, AS USUAL, BEEN RACING TO MEET A DEADLINE. THEY WERE TYPING AWAY ON THEIR LAPTOPS IN THE LAW REVIEW'S BASEMENT OFFICE WHEN A POWER OUTAGE HIT THE CAMPUS. SUDDENLY THE STUDENTS FOUND THEMSELVES SITTING IN DARKNESS.

THE TYPING CONTINUED.

Since its first volume in 1969, Law Review has been known to elicit this kind of single-minded dedication. Editors and members devote late nights (that turn into mornings) to editing, cite-checking, Bluebooking, and writing their own notes and comments. Most will admit that at some point, no matter how committed they were, they asked the same question: "Why am I doing this?"

In answer, many would cite improved career prospects or loyalty to the editing team that depends on their work. Some might even point out that the quality of the UC Davis Law Review affects King Hall's academic reputation.

Law Review authors, however, do not spend months wrestling their articles onto the page so that students can get jobs and rankings will soar. So how much impact have the UC Davis Law Review's articles had on legal scholarship?

In summer 2015, Reference Librarian Susan Llano and Head of Library Services Peg Durkin of the Mabie Law Library compiled a list of the 25 most-cited UC Davis Law

Review articles according to HeinOnline (see sidebar). To illuminate why the top 10 articles have been so influential, King Hall faculty explain each article's impact on their specific field of law.

THE ISSUE THAT SAVED MONO LAKE

No one interested in environmental law will be surprised to learn that three of the top 10 articles were published in a single issue. The most-cited UC Davis Law Review article is Joseph L. Sax's "Liberating the Public Trust Doctrine from Its Historical Shackles." The third most-cited is Jan S. Stevens's "The Public Trust: A Sovereign's Ancient Prerogative Becomes the People's Environmental Right," and the sixth is Charles F. Wilkinson's "The Public Trust Doctrine in Public Land Law." All of these appeared in Volume 14, Issue 2, the collection of articles based on the Law Review's seminal September 1980 symposium, "The Public Trust Doctrine in Natural Resources

Law and Management."

Professor of Environmental Practice Richard M. Frank explained why these articles and the symposium that produced them were so important in a piece for Volume 45, Issue 3, "The Public Trust Doctrine: Assessing Its Recent Past & Charting Its Future." According to Frank, the 1980 symposium issue was one of "two critically important developments" most environmental scholars cite "as the basis for converting the public trust from an arcane principle of Roman, Spanish, and English property law into a cornerstone of modern environmental law." (The other was a 1970 Michigan Law Review article by Sax.)

In fact, wrote Frank, "In 1983 the California Supreme Court responded by issuing what was perhaps the nation's most important public trust decision in nearly a century — the iconic 'Mono Lake' case . . . Critically, the court's landmark opinion cited to the articles contained in the 1980-81 UC Davis symposium issue devoted to public trust principles on no less than eight separate occasions."

HIGH PROFILE LECTURERS

Two of the top 10 articles grew out of the Edward L. Barrett, Jr. Lectureship on Constitutional Law. The prestigious lecture series has brought many of the nation's top constitutional scholars to King Hall.

Fourth most-cited goes to Kathleen M. Sullivan's "Political Money and Freedom of Speech," based on her 1997 lecture. "One of the most important issues facing the United States and other modern democracies today is that of how political campaigns should be financed," explains Professor Floyd Feeney. Sullivan's "statement of the central problem has never been surpassed: 'Whether outlays of political money more resemble voting, on the one hand, or political debate, on the other.' One person, one vote versus unlimited speech."

Akhil Reed Amar's "Reinventing Juries: Ten Suggested Reforms," based on his 1994 lecture, is the Law Review's seventh most-cited piece. Professor Carlton Larson explains its importance: "Akhil Reed Amar is America's foremost champion of the jury as a fundamental

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Peerless Leader

ANNE STAUSBOLL '84



To say that Anne Stausboll '84 took over as Chief Executive Officer of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) under difficult circumstances would be putting it mildly.

"When I became CEO in January of 2009, we were just coming out of the market crash of 2008," said Stausboll, the first female CEO in the 84-year history of the nation's largest public pension fund. "We were dealing with ethical breaches that

had occurred with some former CalPERS officials. Our state and local agencies were having budget crises. The public sector and pension systems were under attack across the country. It was kind of a perfect storm."

Fortunately for the 1.7 million California public employees who rely on CalPERS to manage more than \$300 billion in assets, Stausboll was well-prepared for the challenge. She had a background that included experience working with the California State Treasurer and in the CalPERS legal office, labor law practice with a private firm and with the California State Employees Association (CSEA), and a legal education from UC Davis School of Law.

Stausboll discovered an interest in law while working as a paralegal and decided to apply to King Hall, attracted to the relatively small class sizes, the progressive approach, specialty course offerings, and internship program. Stausboll took full advantage of these opportunities, taking courses such as Professor Marty West's Employment Law class and interning with both Equal Rights Advocates and California State Senator Bill Lockyer.

"There were lots of great professors and classes, and a lot of great people that came out of that Class of 1984," which includes Chief Justice of California Tani Cantil-Sakauye and former California Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, among others, Stausboll noted. "It was a very small, very engaged, activist class that cared passionately about policy

issues, human rights, and the community. And it included my future husband, John Adkisson."

After law school, Stausboll worked for a legislative task force studying pay equity for women, then joined a Sacramento law firm specializing in employment discrimination. She was recruited to the CSEA legal team and then to the CalPERS legal office, where she worked until California State Treasurer Phil Angelides offered her a position as his General Counsel and then as Chief Deputy Treasurer. After five years, Stausboll returned to CalPERS as Chief Operating Investment Officer, then was appointed CEO at a time when CalPERS was in crisis.

"It was a confluence of challenges, so I did several things," Stausboll said. "I had to rebuild the executive team, and I feel very proud that I've been able to hire some fantastic people. My goal has been to increase transparency and restore trust in the system. We launched a comprehensive independent investigation of the ethical situation and left no stone unturned. In the wake of that investigation, we introduced a sweeping package of ethical reforms and controls."

In addition to a series of internal reforms, Stausboll also supported legislation that places new reporting requirements on "placement agents" who lobby CalPERS on behalf of private equity funds. All the while, she also pushed for a policy to consider environmental, social, and governance issues in the investment portfolio.

"Our first responsibility is to manage the portfolio and earn the best possible return, but CalPERS is a very long term investor," Stausboll said. "We look through a filter of risk, and issues like climate change and water scarcity and human rights issues pose risks that can be material to the bottom line, so we want the companies that we invest in to be managing those issues."

CalPERS has won widespread acclaim for the Sustainable Investment Research Initiative (SIRI), launched in 2013 in partnership with the UC Davis Graduate School of Management and Columbia University. Through the initiative, CalPERS has been recognized for promoting reforms including financial market reforms, responsible environmental policies, and fair labor practices. Meanwhile, the CalPERS investment fund has grown by more than 80 percent during Stausboll's tenure.

In addition to these impressive accomplishments, Stausboll has also been a trailblazer for women in the male-dominated financial industry.

"Things have changed somewhat for women since I entered the work force, but not enough, I'd say," Stausboll reflected, citing the dearth of women in leadership roles among Fortune 500 companies. "It's really about diversity of thought and inclusion, and having competent leaders who ask the right questions." ■



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component of our constitutional order. The reforms proposed in this provocative Barrett Lecture have played a significant role in the ongoing national debate on the continued vitality of the jury."

ECLECTIC READING

What's most striking about the remaining articles is their eclecticism. At number 10, "Class Action Conflicts," Samuel Issacharoff's 1997 piece, "has been influential for raising in a systematic way particular concerns about conflicts in class action practice," according to Professor Rex Perschbacher. "His concerns, including inherent conflicts of interest of lawyers representing classes, were amplified in the Supreme Court cases of *Amchem Products, Inc. v. Windsor* (cited in the article) and *Ortiz v. Fibreboard Corp.* in 1999; and the rejection of the proposal to amend Rule 23 to add specific authority for settlement classes. In many ways he anticipated the modern concerns regarding settlement classes and the more recent Congressional amendment to 28 U.S.C. sec.1332 driving most class actions into federal courts."

Then the list veers over to William K. S. Wang's 1986 article, "Some Arguments That the Stock Market Is Not Efficient," for ninth most-cited. Professor John Hunt describes Wang as "an early critic of the efficiency assumption" and explains, "The article's intellectual honesty and the originality of its contribution no doubt help explain why many, probably most, of the leading figures in capital-markets regulation have engaged with Wang's findings over the years and why the piece continues to be cited by up-and-coming scholars writing in fields as disparate as investor protection and financial crisis regulation."

From the stock market, the list then jumps to critical race theory with George A. Martinez's 1994 article, "Legal Indeterminacy, Judicial Discretion and the Mexican-American Litigation Experience: 1930-1980," as eighth most-cited.

According to Professor Rose Cuison Villazor, the piece "highlight[ed] the experiences of Mexican Americans that had been marginalized in traditional legal scholarship. Exploring several cases that revealed the extent to which judges used their discretion to rule against Mexican Americans, Professor Martinez's article revealed the distinct ways in which language, ancestry, and immigration intersected with race to subordinate Mexican Americans in the context of housing, education and places of public accommodation."

The fifth most-cited article takes us to civil procedure. Professor Katherine Florey says of Patrick J. Borchers's, "The Death of the Constitutional Law of Personal Jurisdiction: From *Pennoyer* to *Burnham* and Back Again," published in 1990, "Borchers's article opens with the controversial claim that personal jurisdiction has little to do with the Due Process Clause at all. His article's wide influence, however, stems not merely from that argument, but from the evidence he uses to support it — a detailed historical analysis that is as meticulous as his thesis is bold."

That leaves the Law Review's second most-cited article: Morrison Torrey's "When Will We Be Believed? Rape Myths and the Idea of a Fair Trial in Rape Prosecutions" from 1991. Professor Lisa Pruitt explains, "In this early exemplar of interdisciplinary scholarship in a law journal, Torrey draws on empirical work from sociology and psychology to debunk rape myths. She also makes a compelling case for the use of such empirical studies to educate jurors in rape trials about those jurors' own likely biases." On a sobering note, Pruitt adds, "Sadly, a quarter century after its publication, the article remains timely and relevant because the very myths that Torrey so boldly refuted have nevertheless proved enduring."

All of the articles, so divergent in subject matter, are united by their enduring timeliness. For fifty years the *UC Davis Law Review* has been moving the law forward, word by word, cite by cite. ■



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SHIFTING GEARS

Professor Emeritus

Bruce Wolk

Since his retirement from teaching, Professor Emeritus Bruce Wolk has been able to enjoy spending time cycling, looking after his grandchildren, and operating the databases of his “family politicians,” California State Senator Lois Wolk and Davis Mayor Dan Wolk.



“I always wanted to teach, even as a kid,” recalls Bruce Wolk, Professor Emeritus and former Dean of UC Davis School of Law. “The only question was: what?”

As a student, Wolk thought Physics might be his subject. After earning an undergraduate degree in Mathematics at Antioch College, he went on to study Physics at Stanford.

“I was really interested in theoretical physics,” Wolk said. “My goal was to discover the secrets of the universe. But after a while it all started to seem so abstract, so removed from reality, that I started to look for something that would feel a little more connected.”

That connection came via a friend whose glowing reports about law school piqued Wolk’s interest. Wolk applied to and was accepted at Harvard, earning his J.D. in 1975. He practiced for three years at a large firm in Washington, D.C., where he discovered an affinity for tax law.

“I just fell in love with it,” Wolk recalls. “I enjoyed the people, enjoyed the work, and at that point I decided I was a tax lawyer. But teaching was always in the back of my mind.”

After three years in practice, Wolk applied for teaching positions at a number of law schools and visited several potential employers. King Hall was his last stop.

“By that time, I could compare the experiences I’d had at various schools, and Davis really impressed me,” Wolk said. “I had two young kids, and I wanted a nice community, so the town was very much what I was looking for. But what really impressed me were the people at King Hall. The faculty were interesting, and even more than that, I liked the students. Also, unlike the other schools where students had no role in the recruitment process, the Davis students were heavily involved, and I spent a lot of time with them.”

Wolk joined King Hall in 1978, teaching various tax courses and researching in the field of pension and employee benefits. He was a popular teacher and won the School of Law’s Distinguished Teaching Award in 1987. His casebook, *Pension and Employee Benefit Law* (co-authored with Professor John Langbein of Yale), was a leader in the field, and Wolk was admitted to the prestigious American Law Institute. He became a fixture of the King Hall community, and, with Professor Joel Dobris, participated in some of the more memorable skits in the history of the Law School’s annual Cardozorama talent show (since renamed Aokirama). “A lot of it was ripped straight from Saturday Night Live skits,” Wolk said. “One year, Joel and I were ‘Hans and Franz.’ We also did a take-off on Mel Brooks’s ‘2,000-year-old man.’”

In 1981, Wolk was “drafted” by Dean Florian Bartosic to be Associate Dean. “I didn’t especially want to be involved in administration, but some people thought I might be good at



Associate Dean Rex Perschbacher, Dean Bruce Wolk, Assistant Dean Antonia Bernhard, 1993

it,” said Wolk. “It was a challenge, and I learned a lot from it. I was glad I did it, but when I took my sabbatical I thought it was over. Little did I know!”

Wolk spent the 1985-86 academic year in Munich on a Fulbright senior research fellowship. After he returned, he was eventually called upon to serve as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Acting Dean in 1990-91, and then Dean in 1993-98.

These were “transitional years” for the School of Law, Wolk said. For the first time, budget problems necessitated the implementation of professional fees. California’s Proposition 209, which banned state institutions from considering race, gender, or ethnicity, forced a recalibration of hiring and admissions processes. Then-Governor Pete Wilson proposed closing one of the state’s four public law schools, a move Wolk and the Berkeley, UCLA, and Hastings deans successfully opposed.

“Those were some difficult years, but fortunately we had a great Dean’s Office: Rex Perschbacher was Associate Dean, Antonia Bernhard was Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, and Mary Grivna was Assistant Dean for Administration,” said Wolk.

Since retirement, Wolk likes to spend time bicycling, taking care of his grandchildren, and operating the databases for his “family politicians”: his wife, California State Senator Lois Wolk, and son, Dan Wolk, the Mayor of Davis and UC Berkeley School of Law graduate who is running for the California Assembly. He’s also renewed his interest in math and physics, taking a few UC Davis courses to “fill in some gaps” in his knowledge.

“Occasionally, I do miss teaching,” said Wolk. “I’m a ham at heart, and I always enjoyed being in the classroom.”



Problem Solver

DUNCAN
CRABTREE-
IRELAND '98

Duncan Crabtree-Ireland doesn't get bored. As Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel for the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA), he shoulders

responsibility for operational oversight, legal affairs and strategy, governmental affairs and public policy, international affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity and diversity matters, and more for the world's largest entertainment and media artists union.

"Every day working for SAG-AFTRA is different, and I get to be a problem solver," he said. "I never get bored. That's my number one criteria: if you have a job and work there for 15 years, and have never been bored, then that's a good place to work! It also helps to be doing work that you truly believe in. It makes you feel good to come to work every day."

UC Davis School of Law was one of the keys to his career success, Crabtree-Ireland said, citing formative experiences with Professor Edward Imwinkelried's Contracts and Advanced Trial Techniques courses and Professor Joel Dobris's Trusts, Wills & Estates class, among others. Also important was his work with fellow students in the Jessup Moot Court Competition.

"From a career point of view, it was incredibly helpful, because it taught me oral advocacy, time management, and project management skills," he said. "Managing a group of people to get a 60-page brief done was a major growth experience for me."

Many of Crabtree-Ireland's favorite King Hall memories took place outside of the classroom, however. He thoroughly enjoyed performing with lAwBBA, a group of law students who lip-synced ABBA tunes at the annual Cardozorama talent show and other law school events. Crabtree-Ireland also fondly recalls a solo performance he gave for teammate

Monique Ho '99. To help her overcome her nervousness while waiting to argue in the Jessup Competition, Crabtree-Ireland serenaded her with "Whitney Houston's 'One Moment in Time' at full volume," Crabtree-Ireland recalled. "It worked."

Crabtree-Ireland was very active in the King Hall community. He was Law Student Association President and Treasurer, and was also Treasurer for the King Hall Legal Foundation, ABA student representative, and active in Moot Court and LAMBDA.

"LAMBDA was incredibly important to me because for LGBT people, things were not then what they are today," he said. "Twenty years ago there were a lot of questions as to whether people should be out in a professional setting. There wasn't a large, open LGBT community at King Hall like there is now, so the people who were a part of LAMBDA were really important to have as members, allies, and as a strong support network."

Today, Crabtree-Ireland is considered a leading advocate for LGBT equality in the entertainment industry. He is a past Co-President of the Lesbian & Gay Lawyers Association of Los Angeles and co-founded SAG-AFTRA's LGBT Committee. He is also credited with conceiving and advocating for the first academic study of LGBT discrimination in the entertainment industry, which was commissioned by the SAG Producers Industry Advancement and Cooperative Fund and conducted by the Williams Institute at UCLA Law School.

He is also an enthusiastic supporter of King Hall. Crabtree-Ireland has made several gifts to UC Davis School of Law, supporting priorities including the Bill Smith Memorial Fellowship, which supports students doing summer legal work in LGBT and/or disability rights law, the King Hall Expansion and Renovation Project, the Daniel J. Dykstra Chair, and the *King Hall Annual Fund*.

"I give to King Hall because it is a magical place, and like all magical places, must be tended in order to survive and thrive," he said. "As all alums know, King Hall is a different kind of law school, where collaboration and commitment to service are the norm and not the exception. Keeping King Hall strong and making sure it is available and accessible to the next generation of California lawyers is a key to a better future, for all of us." ■



A Voice and a History

DARRELL STEINBERG '84

Former State Senate President pro Tem and current Greenberg Traurig shareholder and Sacramento mayoral candidate Darrell Steinberg '84 made a big impression at UC Davis School of Law, and King Hall made a big impression on him. As a student, he is well-remembered for leading a campaign to convince school administrators to install a wheelchair lift in the Wilkins Moot Courtroom years before the Americans with Disabilities Act became law.



Steinberg, 1984

"Working together with my classmates on that issue was something I'll never forget," said Steinberg. "It was a spark of inspiration for me, and it began to teach me not only how to be an advocate but also why advocacy was important."

After law school, Steinberg continued to advocate on behalf of the rights of others, first as a California State Employees Association (CSEA) attorney, then as a Sacramento City Council member, and most famously, as one of California's most respected and effective lawmakers. As a member of the Assembly and as President pro Tem of the Senate, Steinberg authored landmark bills on mental health services, K-12 education, workplace safety, and many other issues, and played a leadership role in steering the state through one of the most difficult fiscal crises in its history.

Since being termed out of the Legislature, Steinberg has joined the Sacramento office of Greenberg Traurig as a shareholder and Chair of the California Government Law & Policy Practice. He also has continued to advocate for

mental health services, founding the Steinberg Institute for Advancing Mental Health Policy and accepting a position as Director of Policy and Advocacy for the new UC Davis Behavioral Health Center of Excellence.

Steinberg said his UC Davis School of Law education has been integral to his success.

"The values and lessons I learned at King Hall have been with me throughout my career and have shaped my career in many ways," said Steinberg. "In fact, had I not gone to King Hall, I probably would not have come to live in Sacramento, and things could have been very different."

Sacramento was the "perfect place to settle," Steinberg said, because "it was large enough to where there was a lot going on, but small enough that you felt like you could get involved and really make a difference." During his years as a CSEA attorney, Steinberg became active in neighborhood groups and in the Jewish community. Eventually, he "caught that virus, the political bug" and ran for City Council, where he served from 1992-1998. He went on to represent the Sacramento area in the Assembly (1998-2004) and the Senate (2008-2014).

Steinberg's achievements as a lawmaker are too numerous to list. He is perhaps best-known for the California Mental Health Services Act, a 2004 initiative that raised taxes on million-dollar-plus incomes to fund mental health services. Other highlights include the "Tosco bill," AB 1127, that gave prosecutors more power to indict violations of worker safety laws in the wake of a fatal accident at the Tosco Refinery near Martinez, a landmark bill (SB 375) that required coordinated land-use and transportation planning as a means to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and several bills designed to reform the state's foster care system and improve K-12 education.

His present work with the Steinberg Institute and Behavioral Health Center is an extension of his advocacy for mental health services. "I recognize that I have a voice and a history with these issues, and I can help motivate others and hopefully persuade our political leaders to make mental health issues more of a priority," said Steinberg.

Leaving the Legislature was "an adjustment," Steinberg said, admitting that he missed politics. "I would like to serve in public office again at some point, and maybe in the future that opportunity will present itself."

Shortly before this issue went to press, Steinberg was presented with just such an opportunity. Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson announced he would not seek reelection after his terms ends in 2016, and shortly thereafter Steinberg announced his candidacy. In an October 28, 2015 event, he reminded a crowd of more than 200 supporters of his history as an advocate for mental health care and youth services and pledged to tackle the city's biggest challenges.

"We will lead with our hearts and with our heads," Steinberg said. ■

Rising to the Challenges

KAREN G. JOHNSON-McKEWAN '85



It didn't take long for Karen G. Johnson-McKewan '85 to realize that the training she had as a student at UC Davis School of Law was helping her win in the courtroom. As a second-year associate in a Bay Area firm, she was given the opportunity to argue the jury instructions in a suit and found herself succeeding against a much more experienced plaintiff's attorney. The intellectual challenges she had experienced as a King Hall student prepared her well for a career as a business litigator, she said.

"At King Hall, I was challenged intellectually in a way I never had been before," said Johnson-McKewan, now a partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in San Francisco. "I was required to think in a different and much more rigorous way, and I learned how to think about the law. The UC Davis faculty are really excellent at that."

Since then, Johnson-McKewan has represented clients in a broad range of commercial matters, including some that made national and international news, such as her defense of the trustees of the \$600 million trust of DHL Worldwide Express founder Larry Hillblom. That case "makes for the best cocktail conversation" and helped preserve more

than \$200 million for medical research at the University of California, said Johnson-McKewan, but she's equally proud of many of her lesser known cases, including her current representation of Oracle Corporation.

Recently, Johnson-McKewan returned to King Hall to interview students as part of the On Campus Interview (OCI) program, in which law firms, government agencies and public interest organizations come to UC Davis to interview second- and third-year students.

"As an alum, I know the quality of education provided at Davis," she said. "I knew there was an untapped resource at UC Davis and volunteered to spend a day interviewing there. Every student I met during OCI at Davis was well-prepared. They were thoughtful, asked good questions, and seemed eager to start their legal careers." 📖



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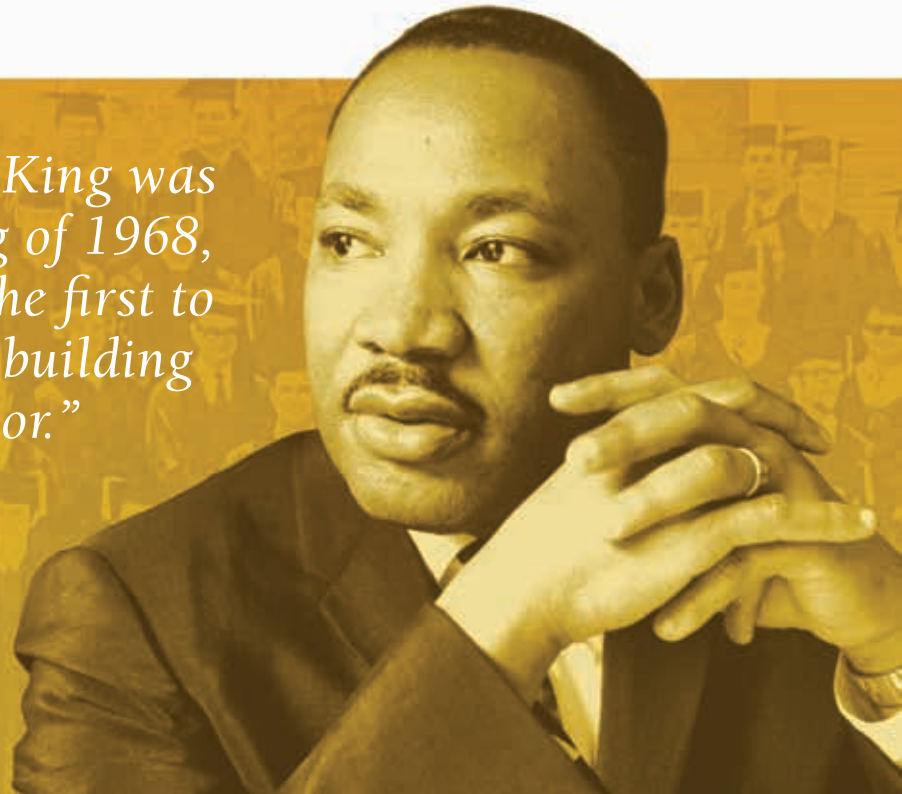




*“When Martin Luther King was
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 Pathway to Law
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 King Hall Legal
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FEBRUARY 27, SATURDAY
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MARCH 4, FRIDAY
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 CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS AND THEIR
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 Dr. Ives Basketball
 Tournament
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APRIL 21, THURSDAY
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MAY 14, SATURDAY
 Class of 2016
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