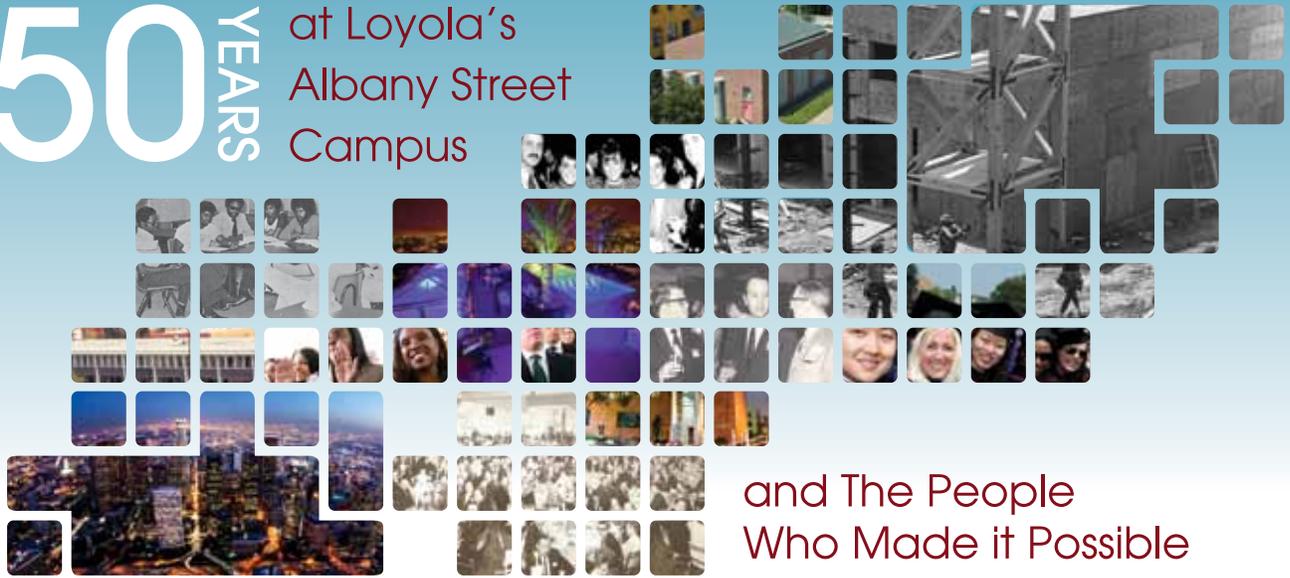


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50 YEARS at Loyola's Albany Street Campus



and The People Who Made it Possible

The first Ford Mustang was rolling off the line, the Beatles were singing live on the Ed Sullivan show, and Martin Luther King, Jr. was delivering his famous "I Have a Dream Speech." The year was 1964, and big changes were on the horizon.

The story of Loyola Law School actually starts nearly 44 years earlier at the original location, St. Vincent's School of Law (today, Loyola High School) on Venice Boulevard. The school welcomed the first evening class on September 8, 1920 and four years later held its first commencement. The graduating class was eight students, including one woman. Father Joseph J. Donovan, S.J. was named Regent of the Law School in 1927. Many credit him as "the single most important person in the history of Loyola Law School." He fought to move the Law School to downtown Los Angeles, first to the Byrne Building and later to the Grand Avenue location.

Three Men Who Would Make a Difference

As the students and faculty were settling into their Grand Avenue location, across town three men were about to come together who would have an incredible influence on the future of the Law School.

Fritz B. Burns was a young, successful real estate developer and no stranger to the Loyola family of higher education. In 1927, he was part of the group that purchased and donated the land in Westchester for what would become Loyola Marymount University.

In 1937 as Burns' business grew, he hired a recent graduate of Loyola University, William Hannon. Hannon came from humble beginnings—his mother had struck a Depression-era deal with university leadership to allow Hannon to attend college free of charge, with a promise to repay his \$800 tuition after he graduated. Hannon would go on to pay back his tuition and much, much more.

As Hannon and Burns continued their real estate work through the 1950s, Burns had become not just a major developer, but also a civic leader and philanthropist, establishing the Fritz B. Burns Foundation in 1955. Several years later another Loyola graduate would enter the picture. Joseph Rawlinson graduated from Loyola Law School in 1958 and went to work with Burns as an accountant.

An Old Friend Makes an Essential Loyola Connection

As the '60s began, Los Angeles was transforming, but one thing remained the same—downtown was the center of the courts and civic activity. Nearby at 1137 S. Grand Avenue, Loyola Law School was bursting at the seams. After nearly 30 years, the Law School was faced with the need for a more spacious building. But Dean Rex Dibble needed new sources of financing to accomplish this large feat. He didn't have to look too far.

Joseph Rawlinson introduced the dean to Fritz Burns, and in 1961 Burns agreed to lead a major fundraising effort for a new facility. His first gift of \$1 million was just the start

of his generosity to Loyola. Burns traded the Law School's existing property at South Grand Avenue for a new property at the present Albany location, and construction of the new Law School began.

When it opened the doors of its gleaming new structure in 1964, Law School administration embarked on a mission to enhance the curriculum with more professors, clinics and academic opportunities. The *Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review* launched in 1968 under the leadership of Dean Lloyd Tevis '50. He also made a significant change to the degree awarded at graduation, replacing the LL.B. with the J.D. The Law School was growing, and another transformation was imminent.

Campus Transforms Thanks to "Leading, Radical Far-Out Name of the Moment"

Before long, space was needed again to accommodate a burgeoning student body. In the early 1970s, there were almost 1,300 law students studying in a facility designed for 550.

In 1978, the Law School selected relatively unknown local architect Frank O. Gehry to design an expanded campus. Gehry has said, "The whole thing from the beginning was trying to create a sense of place for people studying law. I think it's all about engaging people's emotions. It's all about caring for the idea of a town that's built for law because there was nothing like it."

The long-awaited groundbreaking ceremonies of the Fritz B. Burns Building were held on June 6, 1980 – phase one of the campus construction plan was now underway, transforming a one-building campus into the academic village it is today. Near this same time, Liliore Green Rains made a significant gift to the William M. Rains Library, named for her husband, a well-known lawyer who graduated in 1926. Renovations of the library, supported by The William H. Hannon Foundation, included the addition of the Hannon Atrium. A skylight runs across the atrium to let sunshine penetrate the central reading room, making it one of the top study areas for students.

Construction and renovations continued through the '90s thanks to continued support from the Fritz B. Burns Foundation under Joseph Rawlinson's leadership as president. Recently Walter Lack '73 funded a spacious area, which bears his name, for students to study in the library and provides extended hours during exam periods.

A Legacy of Generosity

Campus growth welcomed the Albert H. Girardi Advocacy Center, named in honor of the father of Jack '72 and Tom Girardi '64. It opened its doors in the fall of 2002 at a ceremony attended by U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy. At the building's entrance is the Minyard Tower, a gift from Mark Minyard '76, which provides one of the best views of the campus from inside the top floor of the tower. The building also houses the school's flagship classroom, Robinson Courtroom, which connects three generations of Robinson alumni – the Honorable Mark P. Robinson, Sr. '50, Mark P. Robinson, Jr. '72 and Daniel S. Robinson '03.

There are others who shaped the campus in profound and lasting ways through the gift of endowed chairs. An endowed chair has many beneficiaries—it stimulates teaching, enhances scholarship and encourages recognition for the holder. In 2008 Dale Cochran, wife of the late Johnnie Cochran, established the Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Chair in Civil Rights. Cochran '62, received numerous accolades and awards for his professional and philanthropic achievements. Thanks to the 14 endowed chairs, the Law School can appoint professors who are recognized scholars and provide students with excellent teachers who inspire confidence through an outstanding record of scholarship.

Alumni Leave a Lasting Imprint

It's been an incredible 50 Years at Albany, and today we come together as one community of students, faculty and alumni sharing pride in the achievements of the trailblazers among us. Thank you for your generosity to Loyola Law School, your dedication to the advancement of knowledge and your commitment to our mission. We have a bright future ahead of us, and we look forward to what the next 50 years will bring.

Save the Dates

for the 50th Anniversary Celebration
A Grand Reunion Weekend

Saturday, Sept. 20, 6 – 10 pm

Alumni Grand Reunion & Class Reunions

Sunday, Sept. 21, 10 am – 2 pm

Campus Mass, Honor Brunch & Family Day

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50 NEW JURIS
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MEMBERS

Donors of \$2,500 or more to the Juris Fund will become members of the Juris Society and will be invited to special events throughout the year, including a reception with the dean, as well as being recognized in the donor honor roll and other publications.

John Tishbi '03 2014 President Alumni Association Board of Governors

After years of service on the Board of Governors, John Tishbi '03 has risen through the ranks and is the new president for 2014. As the school celebrates its 50th anniversary on Loyola's Albany campus this September, he plans to reinforce relationships between current students and alumni.

"We have a busy year ahead of us with planning for the 50th anniversary, and our main function is to assist the school in the execution of its large scale plans for the upcoming commemorative events," he noted. In addition, the Board will implement a plan that focuses on priming current students for a competitive job market so they are better positioned to identify, secure and succeed in the legal industry.

In 2011, he formed Pearlman & Tishbi with one of his best friends and fellow Loyola classmate, Eli Pearlman '03. Tishbi's areas of expertise include corporate transactions, mergers and

acquisitions and entertainment transactions. Prior to opening his own firm, he was a corporate attorney at the international firm of Fulbright & Jaworski LLP. There, he represented public and private companies, high net-worth individuals and notable personalities in a wide array of transactions.

Tishbi earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Toronto prior to receiving his JD from Loyola. Tishbi has held multiple positions on the Board of Governors and chaired several committees, including the Grand Reunion committee in 2011. In addition, he serves as a member of the Board of Directors for Canadians Abroad, Inc. and as the Los Angeles representative for the University of Toronto Alumni Association.

His ongoing rapport with former law school peers has paid off in his professional life. "I work closely and have mutual clients with a number of



good friends who have excelled in their careers and call on me for my expertise, and vice versa." By providing guidance from the inception to closing stages, he works tirelessly to secure a successful outcome for his clients. *Law & Politics* magazine recognized Tishbi's efforts, and it has named him a "Southern California Rising Star" consecutively from 2009-2013.

Tishbi's long-standing relationships with the Loyola administration and former classmates inspired him to pursue an active role in the Law School as an alumnus. "Perhaps even more rewarding than the education I received at Loyola are the friendships and bonds I formed there, which have only strengthened over time," he said.

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50,000 PRO BONO HOURS

In October 1992, the Law School faculty instituted a pro bono graduation requirement with the purpose of exposing students to their professional and ethical obligation to perform public service work. Since then, Loyola students have donated nearly 1 million hours. Please help us track alumni pro bono hours by visiting lls.edu/50atalbany/service to enter your hours.

fifty New Casassa Society Members

The Casassa Legacy Society recognizes alumni, parents and friends of the school who designate a gift either in their estate plans or through one of our life income arrangements.

\$50,000 IN LIFETIME GIVING

We will honor donors, with lifetime giving of \$50,000 or more, with the reveal of a new donor wall during the 50th Anniversary Weekend Celebration.

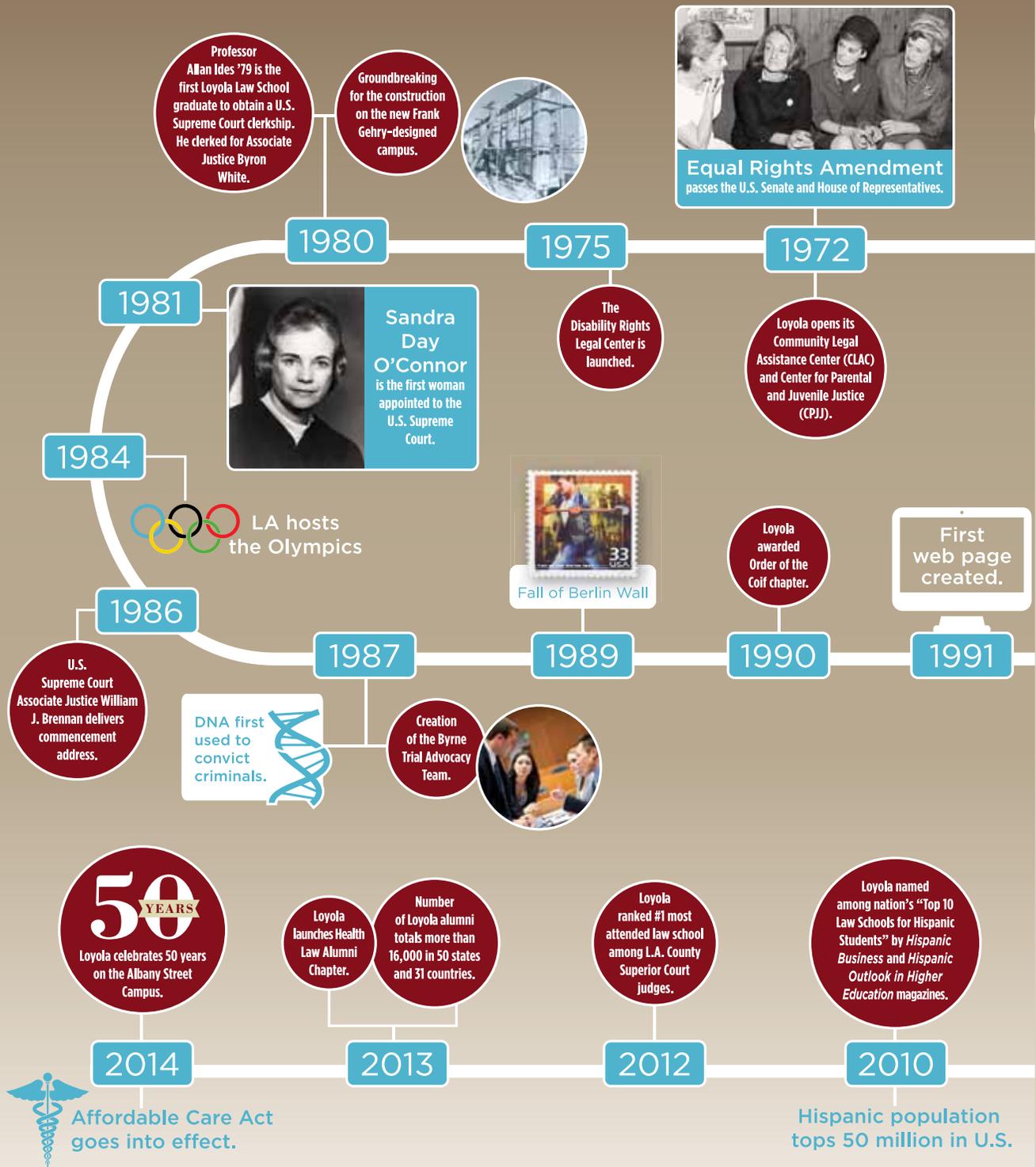
Fifty dollars in honor of our 50th

Honor the celebration of 50 Years at Albany by giving a minimum of \$50. You can designate your gift to a specific program, clinic or scholarship that you feel passionate about or you can give to the Juris Fund, which supports the school's greatest needs. Regardless of the designation, your contributions will help Loyola. Every gift counts!

50 YEARS

of Milestones at Loyola Law School and

We've compiled a snapshot of the past 50 years in milestones. Want to share your memories? Visit lls.edu/50atAlbany/memories to share your memories.



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