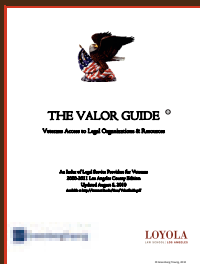


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Military Veterans Justice Project Introduces *The VALOR Guide*



According to the students who worked with him, Adam Siegler '84 is a visionary. "There was a real need to create something that would assist local veterans and those who serve them find legal aid—a guide to help veterans navigate through the disorganized system of existing

legal services," said Siegler, major, judge advocate, U.S. Army Reserve. And with the help of others at his firm, Greenberg Traurig LLP, and a few dedicated members of Loyola's Military Veterans Justice Project, Siegler's vision became a reality. *The VALOR Guide: Veterans Access to Legal Organizations & Resources* gathers together in a single reference all known providers of free legal services for veterans in Los Angeles County. The book provides veterans with a roadmap to the legal services they need and have earned through their military service to this country.

Making the guide was no easy task. Siegler chose two dedicated Loyola students, Jamaica Abare '12 and Max Ligot '12, to join his team. The first phase of the project was gathering information from organizations, finding appropriate services that meet the legal needs of veterans and putting all of that information in one place. Abare and Ligot worked to find what legal services were currently available to local veterans, what areas were underserved and what legal services were most important according to the veterans themselves. "At first, we were challenged by the apparent immensity of the task," said Ligot. "However, as we walked the streets of Los Angeles' Skid Row, spoke to homeless veterans and visited Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities to speak with the people who serve veterans, we became more convinced of the need for a project such as ours, and became more encouraged to produce an adequate resource."

The second stage of the project was figuring out the best way to organize the guide and present it to its users. In an effort to make the guide as user-friendly as possible, all of the resources listed are organized by both region and type of practice. Ligot said that the result was just what they intended. "Users can pick it up and they know right where to go; it's that easy to use."

With the support of generous donors, Loyola's Military Veterans Justice Project is distributing printed guides at veteran centers throughout Southern California. Abare said "the goal is to make sure this guide gets in the hands of all local VA and veteran officers in order to facilitate better referrals for Los Angeles-area veterans." Siegler hopes that *The VALOR Guide* will act as a model for future guides and that other law schools in California and across the nation replicate this project in order to help expand access to legal aid for our veterans.

The Military Veterans Justice Project is currently soliciting donations for a second printing and continued distribution. To make a gift online, visit www.alumni.lls.edu/giving or call Barbara Schwerin at 213.736.1139. A digital copy of the *VALOR Guide* is located online at <http://intranet.lls.edu/docs/ValorGuide.pdf>. If you would like to include your organization in *The VALOR Guide*, please send an email to sieglera@gtlaw.com.



Sam Liu '11 was able to extern as a law clerk at the Asian American Legal Defense and Education fund over the summer thanks to the grant he received from the Public Interest Law Foundation.

Celebrating Loyola's Long-Standing Commitment to Public Interest Law

During his first year at Loyola Law School, Brenden Hamme '12 learned a lot, but he felt that one disturbing fact required immediate action. "Young adults, particularly minorities, were being targeted by the police at a tremendously disproportionate rate, taking them out of the schools where they belonged and into the criminal justice system's revolving door," Hamme said. He believed that if someone were to educate local minority youth about their civil rights, then they would have a better chance of staying out of the criminal justice system. And so he decided to be that someone.

At the end of his first year at Loyola, Hamme founded the Juvenile Rights Project, the newest venture of Loyola's Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF). The project brings specially trained Loyola Law School students into high school classrooms in the Los Angeles area to inform students of their civil rights during police encounters through a series of role-playing activities and classroom discussions.

The Juvenile Rights Project is one of many student-run groups currently supported by PILF. The General Relief Advocacy Project (GRAP), in its 10th year at Loyola, is also a PILF supported project. Students travel to Department of Public Social Services offices around Los Angeles with supervising attorneys from Public Counsel or volunteer attorneys from local law firms and assist people who are applying for governmental aid. Often, the clients are homeless and unaware of the benefits available to them. GRAP participants guide them through the process and advocate on their behalf for immediate results—like ensuring they get dinner or a place to stay that night.

"We all have an obligation to each other, especially to those who aren't making it in society," says GRAP Coordinator Patricia Ford '12. Ford adds that it is not always about giving; the students who participate in GRAP also gain a lot from the experience. "The goal of GRAP is to help the clients, but I think the program is mutually beneficial. For law students, I think GRAP forces us to deal with real societal issues and pushes us to think of things beyond the world of outlining and finals."

Clinical Professor Sande Buhai, director of the Public Interest Law Department, couldn't be happier with the interest Loyola students show in helping others. "PILF has grown stronger in the last 10 years due to student-leadership initiative." But student-run PILF is just one way that Loyola supports involvement in public interest; it also has one of the strongest public interest law departments in the nation.

Loyola's Public Interest Law Department awards six full-tuition scholarships each year to incoming students who show great commitment to public interest. Even more students benefit each year from the Public Interest Summer Grant Program. By awarding summer work

stipends, Loyola gives students the invaluable opportunity to devote their summers to public interest work, while providing public interest employers with legal assistance that they otherwise would not be able to afford.

The core message is: Every lawyer is a public-interest lawyer. We have an ethical duty to give back to the community, and Loyola students and alums everywhere are doing wonderful things for the public!

In 2009, PILF gave out \$40,000 for such summer employment. The funds are raised throughout the year through various PILF events and through donations from generous alumni and members of the legal community. The Ami Silverman '87 Endowment PILF Fund, started in 2007 by Sterling Franklin '75, a trustee of the Morris S. Smith Foundation, awards additional summer stipends to public interest law students in honor of Silverman's work with the Loyola Law School Alumni Association Board of Governors.

Loyola does not stop supporting public interest after students graduate. Every year, Loyola offers post-graduate fellowships in public interest. These fellowships were established in order to create job opportunities in public interest for Loyola graduates and provide legal services to underrepresented groups. This year's fellows are involved in exciting projects, aiding the needy both locally and abroad. One fellow, Rachel Brewer '10, has created a project for Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLS-LA) that provides direct legal representation at foster care benefits administrative hearings, as well as advocacy and education to foster care children and their caregivers to ensure the receipt of the proper level of benefits.

Another fellow, Jenna Gilbert '10, empowers refugees throughout Ecuador to assert their rights through the development of a mobile legal aid clinic and training of local community legal advisors with Asylum Access. Her project will help to protect refugees from unlawful or unjust detention, deportation, torture and death and will help provide the necessary tools for refugees to rebuild their lives. "Not only has the fellowship allowed me to pursue my interest in this area of the law post-graduation, but receiving PILF grants and public interest employment funding both summers in law school allowed me to gain the experience necessary working as an immigrant and refugee rights advocate."

Professor Buhai best summarizes Loyola's philosophy regarding public service. "The core message is: Every lawyer is a public interest lawyer. We have an ethical duty to give back to the community, and Loyola students and alums everywhere are doing wonderful things for the public!"

EVENTS WRAP-UP

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR EXAM LUNCH (A, B)
Tuesday, July 27, 2010
Pasadena, Ontario and Century City, CA

ALUMNI DOWNTOWN SOCIAL AND HAPPY HOUR BENEFITTING THE ASIAN-AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND (C)
Thursday, August 26, 2010
Drago Centro – Los Angeles, CA

13TH ANNUAL BOB COONEY GOLF TOURNAMENT (D)
Sunday, September 12, 2010
Coyote Hills Golf Course – Fullerton, CA

ALUMNI MIXER AT THE STATE BAR ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, September 25, 2010
Monterey Marriott – Monterey, CA

VIS TEAM DINNER (E)
Thursday, October 7, 2010
Red Lion – Glendale, CA
Honoree: Gerald T. McLaughlin, dean and professor emeritus

ORANGE COUNTY ALUMNI LUNCH (F)
Friday, October 8, 2010
Seasons 52 – Costa Mesa, CA

CLASS OF 1990 EVENING DIVISION REUNION (G)
Sunday, October 10, 2010
McCormick & Schmick's – Los Angeles, CA

STUDENT AND MENTOR BRUNCH (H)
Sunday, October 10, 2010
Loyola Law School – Los Angeles, CA

PUBLIC INTEREST CASINO & AUCTION NIGHT (I)
Saturday, October 16, 2010
Loyola Law School – Los Angeles, CA

ACADEMIC AWARDS BREAKFAST AND CALIFORNIA STATE BAR SWEARING-IN CEREMONY (J)
Wednesday, December 1, 2010
Loyola Law School – Los Angeles, CA
Administration of Oaths:
Federal: Senior Judge and Chief Judge Emeritus Terry J. Hatter, U.S. District Court, Central District of CA
State: Judge Maureen Duffy-Lewis '74, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles



Direct Examination

1967 Janet Chubb of Jones Vargas in Reno, NV, was selected for inclusion in the *Mountain States Super Lawyers* list for 2010.

1968 Terry R. Fields was appointed president, CEO and director of FormCap Corp., an emerging exploration and development company in the oil and gas sector.

1972 Lee Kanon Alpert, the founding member of Alpert, Barr & Grant in Encino, CA, was unanimously elected for a second term as president of the City of Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners.

1973 Richard W. Wright was appointed a distinguished professor of law at Chicago-Kent College of Law; the appointment is the highest faculty rank at the university; Wright joined the faculty in 1985 and teaches tort law, jurisprudence, law and economics, and law and artificial intelligence.

1974 Gary Paul of Waters, Kraus & Paul in El Segundo, CA, was appointed president-elect of the American Association for Justice, the world's largest trial bar; Paul is past president of both the Consumer Attorneys of California and the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles. **Roman M. Silberfeld**, managing partner of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi L.L.P., Los Angeles, was elected to the board of directors for the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

1977 Thomas P. Beck of Thon, Beck, Vanni, Callahan & Powell in Pasadena, CA, was named to the "Irish Legal 100" 2009 and 2010, by *Irish America Magazine*; named among the 2010 and 2011 *Southern California Super Lawyers* in the February issue of *Los Angeles Magazine*; named as a "Top Litigator" by *Pasadena Magazine* 2009 and 2010.

KUDOS LOYOLA ALUMNAE!

Top Women Litigators 2010

Nancy Sher Cohen '78
Margaret A. Grignon '77
Janet I. Levine '80
Lisa J. Perrochet '87
Linda C. Miller Savitt '80
Amy Fisch Solomon '87
Christine D. Spagnoli '86

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1979 John R. Hanna of Hanna & Scott, Santa Ana, CA, was named to the Blue Ribbon Committee created by the Metropolitan Water District's Board of Directors to identify and recommend new business models and strategies that will help the region meet its long-range water needs. **David I. Karp** received the San Fernando Valley Bar Association's President's Award for his efforts in establishing, and for two years leading, the association's first teen youth group, formed for the purpose of helping support and increase diversity in the legal profession.

1980 David S. Ettinger of Horvitz & Levy LLP received the Harriet Buhai Community Service Award for his commitment to providing equal access to justice. **Paul H. Irving** of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips LLP was appointed to the board of directors of East West Bancorp, Inc., the parent company of East West Bank. **James J. Pettit** was appointed as lead counsel in a mercury contamination class action in New Jersey and was appointed to Digitek MDL Plaintiffs Steering Committee.

1982 Patrick C. Haden was named the University of Southern California's athletic director, overseeing the university's 19 women's and men's athletic teams. Haden also lectures and teaches at the USC Marshall School of Business and the USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism. **Terry C. Leuin** joined Nossaman LLP as a partner specializing in insurance coverage litigation.

1983 Greg J. Karns, a partner at Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP, manages the Los Angeles firm's Pacific Rim practice group; Karns also was a finalist for the 2010 Asian Business Awards. **Malcolm S. McNeil**, chair of the international practice group at Fox Rothschild LLP in Los Angeles, was presented with the International Association of Young Lawyers' inaugural lifetime achievement award at its annual conference in Charleston, SC. **David H. Maurer** joined Winget Spadafora & Schwartzberg, LLP in Los Angeles, specializing in securities litigation and arbitration as well as securities regulation and compliance. **Lisa T. Sofferin**, a partner at Brown & Kelly LLP in Buffalo, NY, became a fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America.

1984 Daniel H. Amos received State Bar of California certification for HigherLegal, a certified lawyer referral service specializing in personal injury cases. **Steve M. Eden** became vice president and general counsel for SAGE Publications, Inc. in Thousand Oaks, CA; SAGE is an international publisher of journals, books and electronic media. **Adam Siegler** joined the Santa Monica, CA, office of Greenberg Traurig LLP as of counsel; he previously served in Baghdad, Iraq as a major in the U.S. Army Reserve.

1985 Thomas R. Bertino was named managing director of the Los Angeles office of True Partners Consulting LLC, one of the largest tax-only firms in the U.S. **Scott N. Weston** joined Fox Rothschild LLP as a partner, practicing family law.

1988 Robert W. Conti joined Littler Mendelson P.C. as a shareholder in the Orange County office, representing employers in all aspects of labor and employment law. **Kathleen S. Thompson Parminter** has re-entered the practice of law, specializing in bankruptcy and corporate restructuring.

1989 Susan B. Loob-Geffen has started My Mom n'Pop, an elder care consulting business. **Jon Walluck** and **Vickie Michael-Walluck '89**, formerly of Walluck & Walluck in Ventura County, have moved with their three children to Vermont and are the new owners of The Waitsfield Inn. **Michael Zweiback** joined the Los Angeles office of the international law firm Nixon Peabody LLP, as partner in the government investigations and white collar crime practice group; recently of Seyfarth Shaw LLP, Zweiback served for 18 years with the U.S. Attorney's Office.

WELL DONE!

California's Leading 100 Attorneys of 2010

Roxanne E. Christ '85
James J. Dragna '79
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Thomas V. Girardi '64
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Rick S. Kirkbride '83
Thomas J. Nolan '75
Mark P. Robinson '72
Nicholas P. Saggese '80
Roman M. Silberfeld '74
Craig S. Simon '77

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1990 John F. Atzen joined the downtown Los Angeles office of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as a partner in the firm's corporate practice group. **Nancy Derwin-Weiss**, a new media and Internet law attorney with Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon LLP, was named a "Top 100 Power Lawyer" for 2010 by *The Hollywood Reporter*. Derwin-Weiss was lauded for the successful marketing of the *Twilight* series through sweepstakes, promotions and contests. **Todd R. Wulffson** joined the Irvine, CA, office of Greenberg Traurig LLP as of counsel with its labor and employment practice.

1991 Suzanne M. Cate-Jones joined the Costa Mesa, CA, office of California business transactional litigation firm Theodora Oringer Miller & Richman PC as a senior attorney. **John M. Polson**, a partner in the Irvine, CA, offices of Fisher & Phillips LLP, was selected to "The Best Lawyers in America 2010", an annual peer-review survey, for his work in labor and employment law. **A. Brooks Gresham** joined McGuireWoods LLP in Los Angeles as a partner with the complex commercial litigation group. **Josh B. Grode** of Liner Grode Stein Yankelwitz Sunshine Regenstreif & Taylor LLP was named a 2010 "Top 100 Power Lawyer" by *The Hollywood Reporter* for his work in complex finance dealmaking. **Timothy J. Yoo**, a commercial litigation and bankruptcy attorney, joined Levene, Neale, Bender, Yoo & Brill L.L.P. in Los Angeles as a named partner.

1992 Mark S. Devore, who practices criminal law in Irvine, CA, and is one of a few practitioners handling both trials and appeals, has secured two reversals from the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Three in Santa Ana, CA, and a reversal from the Orange County Superior Court, Appellate Division. **Leigh A. Kirmssé** left the partnership of Howrey LLP in San Francisco to work for plaintiffs-side asbestos firm Kazan, McClain, Lyons, Greenwood & Harley, P.L.C. **Rami S. Yanni** became senior vice president of business and legal affairs at Saban Brands LLC, overseeing contractual, intellectual property and compliance matters.

1993 In a July 19, 2010 opinion certified for publication, the California Court of Appeal affirmed in full the \$22.4 million judgment obtained by **Gary J. Goodstein** in the 2006 case *Hub City Solid Waste Services, Inc. v. City of Compton*. Represented by Goodstein & Berman LLP, Compton was also awarded its costs on appeal.

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Laurie L. Levenson
David W. Burcham Professor of Law
in Ethical Advocacy
Loyola Law School



1994 Frederick H. Choi joined Bowman and Brooke LLP as senior counsel focusing on product liability and construction defect defense, and complex business and commercial litigation.

1995 Christopher P. Broderick joined the Los Angeles office of DLA Piper as a partner, practicing in all aspects of intellectual property law with an emphasis on litigation. **Kirk Cypel** was appointed to the position of chief executive officer at Equastone Real Estate Investment Advisors in San Diego, CA. **Alan M. Lenkin** joined Seyfarth Shaw LLP as a partner in the litigation department. Lenkin focuses on patent issues and other intellectual property matters. **Victor D. Nieblas Pradis**, a member of Loyola Law School's adjunct faculty, was named national secretary of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. **Hamid R. Rafatjoo** joined Venable LLP as a partner in Los Angeles, focusing his bankruptcy practice on insolvency and corporate restructurings. **Vikki Vander Woude** joined the litigation group of Baker Hostetler in Costa Mesa, CA.

1996 André Campbell, a construction and government contracts law litigator, joined the Sacramento, CA, office of Hanson Bridgett LLP as partner. **Robert R. Roginson** rejoined Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, where he practices labor and employment law, after serving as chief counsel to the California Division of Labor Standards Enforcement.

1997 David H. Ben-Meir joined Alston & Bird LLP's intellectual property practice group, specializing in complex technologies patent claims. **Jennifer Schrack Dempsey** became an associate at the Boise, ID, litigation firm of Banducci Woodard Schwartzman, PLLC; she also serves as director of Idaho Women Lawyers and volunteers within the Boise refugee community. **Mark Grossman** is an attorney, artist manager, booking agent and talent broker in Austin, TX. **Jennifer Laser** joined Boren, Osher & Luftman LLP after practicing business litigation at O'Melveny & Myers LLP for 12 years; welcoming her to the firm are fellow Loyola alumni classmates **Stephen Boren '97**, **Jeremy Osher '97** and **Amanda Luftman '97**.

1998 Christopher J. Chaudoir was named senior counsel with the intellectual property practice group at Chevron Corporation. **Margery L. Melvin** serves as area chair in the Criminal Justice & Security program for the Southern California University of Phoenix campus; Melvin also serves as a deputy commissioner with the California Board of Parole Hearings. **Leslie A. Walden** was appointed deputy secretary of law enforcement and counsel for the California Environmental Protection Agency. **Shirley R. Yauw** of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center was appointed secretary of the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association.

1999 Steven M. Rosenfeld was elevated to partner at Tobin Lucks LLP in Woodland Hills, CA, where he practices workers' compensation defense. **Sanjesh P. Sharma** joined the Los Angeles office of Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz LLP as of counsel, focusing on intellectual property litigation and counseling. **Jim Winner** has been named vice president and general counsel for ITT Information Systems. Most recently, Winner was the associate general counsel for ITT Systems business area in Colorado Springs, CO.

2000 Jennifer L. Nassiri joined the Los Angeles office of Venable LLP as of counsel; her practice includes the representation of secured and unsecured creditors. **Stuart T. Waldman**, president of the Valley Industry Commerce Association (San Fernando Valley), was appointed to the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Ratepayer Advocate Advisory Group.

2001 Ashley J. Camron joined the Los Angeles office of Blank Rome LLP as of counsel in the commercial litigation group. **Kenneth C. Chiu** was appointed executive vice president of the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association. **Jean C. Michel** became a senior associate at Thomas Whitelaw in Irvine, CA, practicing complex business and intellectual property litigation. **Richard Seegman** now practices law at Wolf Group L.A., specializing in commercial litigation, dispute resolution, bankruptcy and corporate restructuring. **Jeffrey A. Sklar** opened Sklar Law, P.C., a corporate transactional boutique firm in Century City, CA.

2002 Joseph E. Manahan joined the Office of the General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in Washington, D.C.; he is attorney advisor in the labor and employment law division of DHS's Federal Protective Service. He joined the department following seven years of active duty as an Air Force judge advocate general officer, and continues to serve with the JAG reserves at Vandenberg Air Force Base.

2003 Fiona A. Chaney became an associate at the Washington, D.C. office of Perkins Coie LLP and focuses on insurance coverage advice and litigation. **Cyndie M. Chang** of Duane Morris LLP, Los Angeles, was appointed vice president of the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association.

2004 Michael E. Adler joined Greenberg, Whitcombe & Takeuchi, LLP as counsel, providing strategic and consultative support to the firm's banking compliance, corporate transactional, and merger and acquisition capabilities. **Alexsondra S. Fixmer** was appointed director of business and legal affairs at The Tennis Channel, Inc., a 24-hour television network dedicated to professional tennis. **Michael A. Gatto** was elected to California State Assembly District 43, which includes Burbank, Glendale and North Hollywood, CA; Gatto took office in mid-June after winning a series of special elections. **Adam Gardner** returned as an associate to Nachshin & Langlois, LLP, a family law firm. **Brad A. Hakala** joined Baker & Hostetler LLP in Costa Mesa, CA.

2005 Timothy W. Fredricks is an associate with Winget, Spadafora & Schwartzberg, LLP, focusing primarily on professional liability, securities and financial services litigation. **Aaron Kahn** and **Lauren Fujii '06** of White & Case LLP in Los Angeles were members of the trial team representing Log Cabin Republicans in its high-profile lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the U.S. military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

2006 Raina Bayas is an associate with Glaser Weil Fink Jacobs Howard & Shapiro LLP's litigation department and green building practice area. **Stacey H. Wang**, a litigation associate with Los Angeles's Holland & Knight LLP, was appointed treasurer of the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association.

2007 Oren Bitan became an associate at Los Angeles' Buchalter Nemer; a member of the firm's litigation practice group, she is handling copyright, trademark, film finance and real estate law. **Cameron P. Fredman** joined McNicholas & McNicholas LLP, practicing in the areas of wrongful death and catastrophic injury, civil rights, slumlord litigation and legal malpractice. **Nima Razfar**, who, in addition to his legal work, is a photographer, and the artist behind *Skateboarding Into the Sunset Sky*, a Los Angeles Times grand prize winning photograph.

2009 Nicole Chiu participated recently as a contestant on NBC's *The Apprentice*. **Pascale A. Nyby** was named corporate counsel at TradeMotion, a software corporation in Calabasas, CA.

JUDICIAL Hon. **Theodore R. Howard '68** joined the California Superior Court, County of Orange. Hon. **Dennis S. Choate '72**, semi-retired, is a rent-a-judge following 16 years as a deputy district attorney and 21 years on the bench. **Glenn R. Salter '75** was appointed to the California Superior Court, County of Orange. Hon. **Thomas J. Borris '79** was elected presiding judge of the California Superior Court, County of Orange. Hon. **Rebecca L. Holt '79** was appointed by U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder in August as a federal immigration judge with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Memphis, TN. Hon. **Colette Y. Garibaldi '80** was sworn in this September to the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, which covers Oahu, HI. Hon. **Carol D. Codrington '84** of the California Superior Court, County of Riverside, was confirmed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth District. Hon. **Mitchell L. Beckloff '89** of the California Superior Court, County of Los Angeles, was presented with the Harriet Buhai Community Service Award in honor of his commitment to providing equal access to justice. Hon. **Cathryn F. Brougham '94** was appointed to the California Superior Court, County of Los Angeles. Hon. **Jacquelyn H. Duffy '94** was appointed to the California Superior Court, County of San Luis Obispo.

IN MEMORIAM The Law School regretfully announces the passing of the following alumni. Please visit alumni.lls.edu to read about their lives and contributions.

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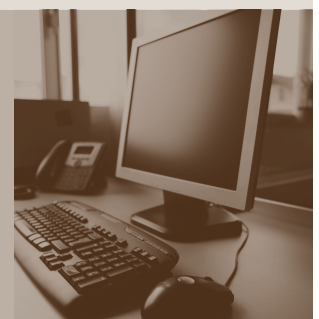
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PRESIDENT'S PROFILE

David W. Burcham '84 Appointed LMU's 15th President

David W. Burcham has been an integral part of the Loyola Marymount University (LMU) community for nearly 30 years, and now the Loyola Law School alumnus has become the University's leader. After a nationwide search, the Loyola Marymount University Board of Trustees unanimously elected Burcham as the 15th president of the University, making Burcham the first Loyola Law School graduate to hold the position in the institution's 100-year history.

Board Chairman R. Chad Dreier called Burcham "the best person to lead LMU." During a speech given at the Law School, Burcham thanked his supporters and expressed his gratitude to the Law School community for their continued support and commitment to excellence: "I'm very honored to be the 15th president, and I really appreciate the trust and the respect that you had for the process and the confidence you have in me."

The staff and faculty at the Law School supported the board's nomination of Burcham. "With limitless enthusiasm and passion, Dave Burcham oversaw an era of extraordinary growth at the Law School—both academic and fiscal. He is absolutely the right person to lead LMU as it continues to grow," said Victor Gold, Fritz B. Burns Dean.

In 1981, Burcham commenced his legal career as a student at the Law School. He was chief articles editor of the *Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review* and received numerous academic honors, including the William Tell Aggeler Award for attaining the highest cumulative grade point average in his class. He served as a law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Byron R. White and then worked in private practice before returning to the Law School in 1991.

As a professor, Burcham taught several courses, including Constitutional Law. "It's incredibly rewarding and exciting to help students navigate through the subject. There is no job that I can think of where you get more rewards than teaching," said Burcham. He continued teaching while he served as associate dean for academic affairs from 1999-2000 and also after he was appointed the 15th dean of Loyola Law School in 2000—a position he held for eight years.

LMU appointed Burcham to the newly created position of executive vice president and provost in January of 2008. He most recently served as interim president following the resignation of Father Robert B. Lawton, S.J. During this transition, Burcham has continued to spend time in the classroom teaching an undergraduate

seminar on the U.S. Supreme Court along with Professor Emeritus Christopher May.

Burcham acknowledges that his Loyola Law School education prepared him for his new position as president. "At its core, legal education and legal analysis is about problem solving—breaking down an issue or a problem to component parts," he noted. "And that's exactly what you do as an administrator of a university."



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