

# SLS

## STANFORD LAW SCHOOL PUBLIC INTEREST FACULTY MENTORS

The John and Terry Levin Center for Public Service and Public Interest Law organizes numerous events during the year which give students and faculty the opportunity to meet, talk, and build the public interest community. Public Interest Faculty Mentors and Fellows serve as a resource for students generally by attending those events, by participating in brown bag lunch discussions, and by making themselves available to answer questions.

The 1L Faculty Mentoring Program is designed to give public interest students additional support during their first year. Faculty Mentors who have volunteered for this program will work with upper-class students to advise small groups of first-year students. The small group settings will allow first-year public interest students to get to know one another, to obtain advice from second- and third-year students, and to develop a relationship with faculty members early on in their law school careers. Each group will meet at least once per semester at strategic times, such as the beginning of the job search process and spring semester course registration. Students should view these groups as a valuable resource to solicit advice about adjusting to law school, selecting public interest courses, identifying public interest job search strategies, and making connections to strengthen one's commitment to public service.

*Registration forms will be distributed on Oct. 8 and should be returned via e-mail to Anna Wang by Oct. 13.*

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### **Rick Banks**

Rick Banks teaches Family Law, Employment Discrimination, Race and the Law, and Property. Prior to entering academia, he clerked for the Honorable Barrington Parker, then of the Southern District of New York, and practiced real estate law at O'Melveny & Myers, San Francisco. He has served on the board of a local agency providing support services to family and children and has also done work for the Civil Rights Project relating to educational access.



### **Juliet Brodie**

Juliet Brodie is director of the Stanford Community Law Clinic, and has extensive experience as a general poverty lawyer, with emphases on workers' rights, public benefits, and landlord-tenant law. Before entering clinical teaching, she was an assistant attorney general in Wisconsin, prosecuting Medicaid fraud and patient abuse cases. Her research interests are in the legal issues of the working poor and in the economic well-being of low-wage workers in the post-welfare economy.



### **Meg Caldwell**

Meg Caldwell directs the Environmental and Natural Resources Law & Policy Program. From 2004-06 she served as Chair of the California Coastal Commission, as a member of the California Coastal Conservancy board, and as a member of the California Marine Life Protection Act Blue Ribbon Task Force for the Central Coast. Caldwell is a member of the Monterey Bay Aquarium board of trustees and continues to serve the state on the California Marine Life Protection Act Blue Ribbon Task Force for the North Central Coast. Her research focuses on developing legal and policy tools to promote conservation in the marine environment and on working landscapes with an ultimate goal of making conservation economically attractive and widespread.



### **Eric Feldman**

Eric Feldman's expertise is in Japanese law, comparative public health law, and law and society. His books and articles explore the comparative dimensions of rights, dispute resolution, and legal culture, often in the context of urgent policy issues including the regulation

of smoking, HIV/AIDS, and other aspects of the health care system. He is a professor at the University of Pennsylvania and is a visiting professor at Stanford this year. Prior to joining the Penn Law faculty, he spent five years as the Associate Director of the Institute for Law and Society at New York University.



### **George Fisher**

George Fisher's principal areas of legal interest are evidence and criminal law and procedure. He served from 1987 to 1991 as Assistant District Attorney for Middlesex County in Massachusetts and in 1991-92 was Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. He also co-directs the Criminal Prosecution Clinic.



### **Jeffrey L. Fisher**

Jeffrey L. Fisher is an associate professor of law and Co-Director of the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic. Before joining the Stanford faculty in 2006, he worked for seven years as an associate and then partner at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP in Seattle. During that tenure, Professor Fisher served on the Legal Committee of the ACLU of Washington and the Amicus Committee of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He also maintained an active pro bono practice, litigating several four such cases in the U.S. Supreme Court and several others in other appellate courts.



### **Deborah Hensler**

Deborah Hensler specializes in dispute resolution, complex litigation policy analysis, and policy analysis. A long-time affiliate of RAND, she was Director of the RAND Institute for Civil Justice 1993-98. She served six years on the Board of Directors of the American Judicature Society and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Leadership Council of American Inns of Court.



### **Erik Jensen**

Erik Jensen is Co-Director of the Rule of Law Program and Senior Law Adviser to The Asia Foundation. He also advises the World Bank and the Asian Development

Bank. He has 22 years of experience teaching, writing and practicing in the field of law and development, and has worked in 25 developing countries. He's also regularly involved in field-based research projects.



### **Pam Karlan**

Before entering teaching, Pam Karlan served as an assistant counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, where she specialized in employment discrimination and voting rights litigation. She continues to litigate with LDF as well as doing other appellate litigation, primarily on issues of race discrimination, reproductive rights, and gay rights. She also co-directs Stanford's Supreme Court Litigation Clinic.



### **Bill Koski**

Bill Koski is the Eric & Nancy Wright Professor of Clinical Education, Professor of Law, and Professor of Education (by courtesy) at the Stanford Law School and Stanford University. He directs the Youth and Education Law Project a legal clinic devoted to ensuring that disadvantaged children and communities equal educational opportunities. Koski has represented hundreds youth and families in race discrimination, student discipline, and disability rights matters and has served as co-counsel in four recent complex school reform litigations. As an educational policy researcher, Koski has published articles on educational equity and adequacy, the politics of judicial decision-making, and teacher assignment policies.



### **Lawrence C. Marshall**

Lawrence C. Marshall is Associate Dean of Clinical and Public Interest Programs and Professor of Law. He directs the Mills Legal Clinic. Before joining Stanford, he was a Professor of Law at Northwestern University School of Law where he founded and served as Legal Director of the world-renowned Center on Wrongful Convictions. Professor Marshall is credited widely with having led the successful 2002 campaign to persuade the Governor of Illinois to commute the sentences of all Illinois death-row inmates to sentences of life without parole. Professor Marshall teaches Civil Procedure, runs the Criminal Defense Clinic, and is engaged in a national project to reform law school curricula.

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### **Jenny Martinez**

Jenny Martinez teaches civil procedure, international law and human rights. In addition to her scholarly research, she is actively engaged in pro bono work on human rights issues, and in 2004 argued one of the enemy combatant cases (*Rumsfeld v. Padilla*) in the U.S. Supreme Court. Prior to entering academia, she worked as an associate legal officer in the Hague at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.



### **Miguel Mendez**

Prior to joining the Stanford faculty, Professor Mendez was a staff lawyer with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, deputy director of California Rural Legal Assistance, and a lawyer with the Office of the Public Defender of Monterey County. He also served for many years as a board member of Public Advocates, Inc. He teaches Criminal Law, Evidence, and Advanced Evidence and his research centers on evidence and criminal law.



### **Jeanne Merino**

Jeanne Merino is an SLS alumna and directs the First-Year Legal Research and Writing Program. In addition to teaching here at the Law School, she has been an attorney at the East Palo Alto Community Law Project and a Resident Advocate for Families in Transition.



### **Alison Morantz**

Alison Morantz, who teaches contracts and employment law, brings to bear her background in labor economics to examine legal issues that affect the welfare of American workers. Several of her current projects focus on state and federal regulation of workplace safety. Before joining the Stanford faculty, she worked at a Boston firm that represents labor unions and individual plaintiffs in employment-related matters.



### **Deborah L. Rhode**

Deborah L. Rhode writes primarily in the area of legal ethics and gender discrimination, and is Director of the Stanford Center on Ethics. Over the course of her career, she has been Chair of the American Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession and senior counsel to the Minority members of the Judiciary Com-

mittee of the United States House of Representatives on presidential impeachment issues. She has also served on the board of Equal Rights Advocates and Legal Momentum (formerly NOW Legal Defense Fund).



### **Jane Schacter**

Before she began teaching, Jane Schacter was an associate at a Boston law firm and an assistant attorney general in Massachusetts, where she litigated a range of constitutional and regulatory issues. Her scholarly work is on statutory interpretation, constitutional law, and sexual orientation and the law, with a cross-cutting focus on ideas about how the idea of democracy should be understood.



### **Debbie Sivas**

SLS Alumna Deborah Sivas directs the Environmental Law Clinic, which represents non-profit conservation organizations on a variety of natural resource protection issues. Prior to joining the clinic, she practiced public interest environmental law in many different settings, including with the national law firm Earthjustice, as the legal director of a regional NGO, in a small private practice, and through extensive pro bono work at a large San Francisco law firm.



### **Norman Spaulding**

Norman Spaulding, an SLS alumnus, teaches civil procedure, remedies, complex litigation, and legal ethics. Before entering teaching, Spaulding practiced environmental law at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom, and participated in the pro bono Asylum Program run by the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area. His current pro bono work includes representation of a California prisoner in habeas proceedings.



### **Jayashri Srikantiah**

Associate Professor Jayashri Srikantiah directs the Immigrants' Rights Clinic. The Clinic has represented dozens of individual clients and immigrants' rights organizations on a wide range of matters. Before coming to Stanford, Srikantiah served as Associate Legal Director of the ACLU of Northern California. Her areas of study include the intersection between immigration and criminal law, violence against immigrant women,

and the relationship between national security and immigration policy.



### **Helen Stacy**

Helen Stacy teaches international jurisprudence and international human rights. Some of her current work analyzes the efficacy of courts in countries transitioning from authoritarian rule. Before entering teaching, she was a Senior Prosecutor for the Director of Public Prosecutions in London conducting terrorist, murder, manslaughter and multiple rape trials; and before that a Prosecutor for the Australian Federal Director of Public Prosecutions conducting drug importation trials in Sydney.



### **Allen Weiner**

Allen Weiner, an SLS alumnus, teaches and writes about public international law and international criminal law issues. His public interest experience grows out of the 11 years he spent prior to joining the Stanford faculty practicing international law in the Office of the Legal Adviser at the Department of State, first as an attorney-adviser in Washington, D.C., and later as Legal Counselor at the American Embassy in The Hague, the Netherlands. Weiner is available to provide guidance to students who are thinking about careers either in the federal government or in international law.



### **Robert Weisberg**

Robert Weisberg teaches Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure: Investigation, Criminal Procedure: Adjudication, and White-Collar Crime. He does research in a variety of criminal law areas and is often involved in appellate work in death penalty cases in state and federal court. He is also Director of the new Stanford Criminal Justice Center, which, among its multiple functions, serves as the primary advising source for students interested in careers as prosecutors or defense lawyers.

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