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Alumni and School News

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ROUNDUP: Alumni in the Obama Administration

President Barack Obama has tapped many from the legal profession to serve in his administration—among them several Stanford Law School alumni. Here is a roundup of SLS graduates who, as of early September, have been selected for positions in the new administration.

MICHAEL CAMUÑEZ '98, Special Assistant to the President. A partner at the Los Angeles office of O'Melveny & Myers before rejoining public service with this position, Camuñez previously served as a senior policy advisor for national service in the Clinton administration. He is currently a member of the Stanford Law School Board of Visitors.

IVAN K. FONG '87, General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security. Fong previously served as the chief legal officer and secretary for Cardinal Health, Inc. and as deputy associate attorney general for the Department of Justice.

ROBERTO GONZALEZ '03, Associate Counsel to the President. Gonzalez served as an associate at WilmerHale before joining the Obama administration. Earlier in his career, he served as a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens and as a law clerk to Judge Guido Calabresi of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

DAVID J. HAYES '78, Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. Hayes previously served as deputy secretary of the interior from 1999 to 2001. More recently, he was a partner at Latham & Watkins. (See page 22.)

CINDY S. MOELIS '87, Director for the Presidential Commission on White House Fellows. Moelis served as the executive director of the Pritzker Traubert Family Foundation before accepting this appointment.

RICHARD L. MORNINGSTAR '70, Special Envoy for Eurasian Energy Policy. Morningstar has been the Herman Phleger Visiting Professor of Law at Stanford Law School and a visiting scholar and diplomat in residence at Stanford's Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies since 2002. He previously served as a special advisor on energy and foreign policy under President Clinton.

ROBERT S. RIVKIN '87, General Counsel, Department of Transportation. Rivkin was previously vice president and deputy general counsel of the risk management and insurance brokerage firm Aon Corporation. He also served as general counsel of the Chicago Transit Authority, the second-largest transportation system in the United States, from 2001 to 2004.

JOHN V. ROOS '80, Ambassador to Japan. Roos was most recently the chief executive officer and a member of the board of directors at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. (See page 12 for a fuller profile.)

HILARY TOMPKINS '96, Solicitor of the Department of the Interior. Tompkins served as chief counsel to New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson prior to joining the Obama administration. She began her law career as an attorney for the Department of Justice.

CHRISTIAN A. WEIDEMAN '00, Associate Counsel to the President. Weideman most recently served as an associate at Williams & Connolly LLP. He was a law clerk to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California and to Judge Richard L. Nygaard of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

TONY WEST '92, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, Civil Division. West was a litigation partner at Morrison & Foerster LLP in San Francisco prior to his appointment with the Department of Justice. He was a special assistant at the department during the Clinton administration and an assistant U.S. attorney in Northern California.

Work Begins on the Neukom Academic Building

In July, Kresge Auditorium came down to make way for the Neukom Academic Building. Designed by Polshek Partnership Architects, the building will enlarge the law school's facilities by approximately 63,000 square feet, providing new faculty offices, clinics, and seminar rooms. The building has been carefully engineered to encourage and facilitate faculty and student interaction, with abundant open space for impromptu as well as scheduled meetings. The design can be viewed at www.stanfordlawyer.com. The new building is scheduled to be completed by December 2010.



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Law Students Offer REAL Legal Services through PUBLIC INTEREST CLEARINGHOUSE PROJECT

MOST STANFORD LAW STUDENTS WOULD LIKE TO MAKE TIME FOR PRO BONO LEGAL WORK while they are studying. But finding that precious time can be a challenge. Julia F. Kane '10 should know. A computer science/JD joint degree candidate, Kane is working around the clock to complete her studies. After spending her summer as an associate with Morrison & Foerster LLP in its patent prosecution practice, she finally had a few days to spare. As luck would have it, the Public Interest Clearinghouse (PIC) Rural Education and Access to the Law (REAL) Project was gearing up for an August trip to Watsonville, Calif., where law students had the opportunity to take their new legal skills out of the classroom. She jumped at the chance.

REAL was managed until recently by law school alumna Salena Copeland '07, who was the Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Legal Fellow at PIC, working under the direction of yet another Stanford Law alumna Julia Wilson '98, the executive director of PIC and the Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC). Copeland, who finished her fellowship in August and is now the program attorney at LAAC, recruited students—most from law schools that support the program such as Stanford Law, USF, and McGeorge—for one- to three-day trips to rural California and Central Valley cities such as Fresno and Bakersfield.

Since the first REAL trip was organized in 2007 there has been a total of 22 legal advice workshops, according to Copeland, and more are planned. Students staff workshops on topics ranging from mortgage foreclosures to advanced health care directives and wills to telecom advocacy. The day typically begins with a presentation by a local attorney, and then appointments are taken for consultations. Working under the supervision of local attorneys, students serve in a variety of capacities, often gaining valuable client interaction by conducting intake interviews and reviewing documents.

“The client interaction was important. I hadn’t had that before. And the attorneys we worked with were wonderful,” says Kane. “That this trip was organized at a time I could fit it in was so fortunate. I’m really glad I had the experience.”

“I participated in the post-Katrina Student Hurricane Network and that experience affected the way I envision the delivery of legal services,” says Copeland. “This project is valuable not only as a service to clients, and there have been almost 700 so far, but also to busy students.”



GOULD CENTER HONORED

The Martin Daniel Gould Center for Conflict Resolution at Stanford Law School has been honored with the Ninth Circuit Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Education Award. Established in 2005 by the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit, this award recognizes institutions that have advanced ADR scholarship and research.

Established in 1996, the Gould Negotiation and Mediation Program offers some 14 courses and seminars—of which more than 80 percent of Stanford Law students take at least one.

Director of the Gould Center Janet Martinez, a senior lecturer in law, received the award from the Honorable Mary M. Schroeder, a former chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and a past American Inns of Court (AIC) national trustee, during a ceremony on July 22, 2009.

REMEMBERING JOHN H. BARTON

GEORGE E. OSBORNE PROFESSOR OF LAW, EMERITUS

BY MARK CHANDLER '81

JOHN BARTON '68 WAS A KIND AND GENTLE MAN WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS CANNOT BE MEASURED BY THE ENUMERATION OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS, many and impressive though they were. In the fall of 1978, he was my first-year law school “small section” professor, teaching me *Contracts*. He cared a great deal about teaching, and I have many vivid memories of the gentle way in which he made sure everyone in the section understood the principles he was explaining. He opened up for me a whole new way of thinking about the interaction of people in business settings—from the personal to the global transaction to how expectations are set and what the law can and cannot do for those who are unhappy with the way their transactions worked out. He forced us every day to stand in the shoes of the parties involved in the cases we read. And he had one funny habit, too: He liked to press his hand against his lips while waiting for a student to give an answer. Since we had chalk and blackboards in those days, by the end of each class he inevitably had a bright white vertical stripe on his mouth. • Earlier he had made a big mid-career switch from engineer to law teacher, and his interests in things that were real and measurable always played an active role in his approach to the more abstract legal issues we dealt with. In recent years, I’ve sat with him at dinners at Stanford’s Center for International Security and Cooperation and at law school functions, where we had the chance to chat about patents and other intellectual property issues he was working on—interests he took up later in life. Dean Larry Kramer told me that Professor Barton had thoroughly reengaged at the law school and was often in his office doing research. He had original ideas about how to sort out current issues, and he understood some of the problems I was addressing in my work and offered me very cogent questions for consideration. His thinking was aimed toward understanding the practical—to make sure his theories would have real-world relevance. In many ways, he’s a symbol of what Stanford Law School means to me. He was a very practical man, without ego, eager to teach, eager to learn, and tied to the real world through an understanding of the realms of science and engineering. There was nothing about this man that is not to be admired and emulated. *Professor Barton passed away unexpectedly in August after a tragic bicycle accident. Mark Chandler '81 is vice president, general counsel, and secretary of Cisco.*



JOHN H. BARTON '68 IN HIS OFFICE AT THE LAW SCHOOL

Associate Dean for Public Service and Public Interest Law

Diane T. Chin returned to Stanford Law School last May as the first associate dean for public service and public interest law. Chin was the first director of the John and Terry Levin Center for Public Service and Public Interest Law from 2003 to 2007. She will be working with Anna Wang who is now its executive director. Chin will oversee the center’s pro bono program, externships, and career advising and mentoring programs as well as teach and work with faculty to develop and coordinate public interest curriculum. Prior to her return to Stanford Law, Chin was the director of Equal Justice Works/West. A renowned expert in public service and public interest legal careers, she has held high-level positions at a number of organizations including the Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice at the University of California Berkeley School of Law, Chinese for Affirmative Action, the Office of Citizen Complaints of the San Francisco Police Commission, and the Racial Violence Project at the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area. • “I can think of no better way to utilize my experience, skills, and passion than to continue the growth of the Levin Center’s work to inspire the next generation, instill the values of pro bono service, and engage with leaders in the field to make the experience more relevant to our students and thus to increase the law school’s influence in the field of service,” says Chin.



DIANE T. CHIN

New LLM Announced

The law school began taking applications for a long-planned Master of Laws (LLM) degree, [International Economic Law, Business & Policy](#), which will be offered in 2010–2011. Alan O. Sykes, James and Patricia Kowal Professor of Law, is the impetus behind the new LLM and will serve as its director. One of the world’s leading scholars in international trade, Sykes has a PhD in economics as well as a JD. This third offering will round out the LLM program, which also includes [Corporate Governance & Practice and Law, Science & Technology](#).