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thrive across the world

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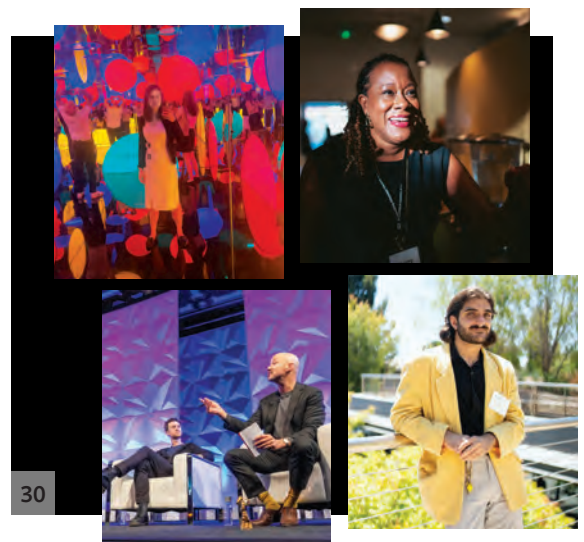
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Vital Access and Training

Part of what makes Berkeley Law special is in providing opportunities to help people elevate their aspirations and achievements. This issue of *Transcript* is filled with examples of the successes of our students, staff, faculty, and alumni. I would especially call attention to two of the features.

One of the things that I am proudest of for my time as dean has been our significant increase in financial aid for our students. Sadly, no longer does the law school receive much in the way of state funds. This year, only about 8% of our revenue comes from the campus and the state. This is dramatically different from what it used to be.

We now are tremendously dependent on tuition, with over 60% of our revenues coming from J.D. and LL.M. tuition. The result is that, like our peer private and public law schools, we have to charge very high tuition. This year, tuition and fees for in-staters is \$62,567 and for out-of-staters is \$74,995.

We have the obligation to make sure that no one is denied a Berkeley Law education because of inability to afford it, and that no one is discouraged from applying because of its cost “sticker shock.” Financial aid is absolutely crucial. I have made it my top priority in fundraising and we have almost doubled our financial aid in my six-plus years as dean.

A feature in this issue of *Transcript* describes this and the importance of continued emphasis on raising additional funds for scholarships. I am grateful to all who have made these scholarships possible; it truly transforms lives.

I also would call your attention to the feature about our alumni thriving in academia. We have many graduates working as professors in law schools and universities all over the world. They are specializing in every imaginable field, inspiring students, and doing cutting-edge research. Berkeley Law is one of a handful of law schools responsible for a significant percentage of all law professors.

Prospective and current students often ask me about pursuing a career in legal academia. I tell them that being a law professor is the best job in the world and that coming to Berkeley Law is an excellent way to launch such a career. It is thus with great institutional pride that I read about some of these individuals and the great work they are doing.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erwin".

Erwin Chemerinsky

Dean, Jesse H. Choper Distinguished Professor of Law

TALENTED TRIO: (From left) 3Ls Mia Stange, Sophia Fenn, and Mariam Elbagr will spend their first two years after graduation as Skadden Fellows working on public interest projects they proposed.

In Brief

Nuggets from the School Community

Flourishing in Fellowships

It's been a momentous year for Berkeley Law's public interest prowess.

3Ls Mariam Elbagr, Sophia Fenn, and Mia Stange were selected for the Skadden Fellowship, a prestigious program granted to stellar young attorneys to fund public interest work. Berkeley Law had the second-most fellows this year, trailing only Yale Law School.

A bit earlier in the year, seven members of the 2023 graduating class — Rachel Appel, Wilson Baker, Renee Coe, Elissa Gray, Sydney Moon, Rachel Smith, and Ishvaku Vashishtha — landed coveted Equal Justice Works fellowships, a school record.

Fellows in each two-year program design their own project to address an unmet legal need for an underserved community and find a legal services organization to work for.

Among the Skadden trio, Elbagr will work with the Public Justice Foundation's Debtors' Prison Project, providing direct representation and impact litigation on behalf of indigent defendants and families harmed by excessive public defender fees in Tennessee.

"As someone whose family has been in contact with the legal system at a time where we couldn't afford to pay for counsel, I chose this project to try and even the playing field — because everyone deserves a zealous advocate, whether or not they can afford to pay," she says.

Fenn will assist the New York Legal Assistance Group in representing underserved New York City Housing Authority tenants who face severe habitability issues caused by the agency's systemic divestment and neglect.

With Brooklyn Defender Services, Stange will provide direct representation in employment law and immigration matters and identify and represent clients eligible for Deferred Action for Labor Enforcement, which offers



protection from deportation and a work permit for certain noncitizen workers.

"It is wonderful to see our students and recent graduates receive these prestigious fellowships," Dean Erwin Chemerinsky says. "This reflects the deep commitment to public interest by Berkeley Law and its students."

— Andrew Cohen & Gwyneth K. Shaw

A First-Rate 1L Class

Berkeley Law's 340 1Ls arrived on campus with some impressive metrics showcasing both their academic excellence and the school's track record of admitting and educating students whose backgrounds and experiences help shape not just their own careers in the law, but those of their classmates.

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Median LSAT score, highest since the school began keeping such records

3.87

Median undergraduate grade point average, up from 3.83 last year

129

Undergraduate schools represented

57%

Students of color

42

States represented

29%

First-generation professional school students

8

Countries represented

25%

Identify as LGBTQ+

6

Members of federally recognized tribal nations

15%

Earned their undergrad degree in a STEM field

5

U.S. military academies represented

14%

First in their family to get a college degree



PLEDGING PROGRESS: California-China Climate Institute Director Fan Dai (left) with Gov. Gavin Newsom at the signing of new agreements in China last fall.

Leading on Multiple Fronts

Our Center for Law, Energy & the Environment (CLEE) is fostering cooperation on two major frontiers in the fight against climate change, from around the state to across the world.

Leaders from CLEE's California-China Climate Institute (CCCI) helped plan and support Gov. Gavin Newsom's fall trip to China, which included a meeting with President Xi Jinping — the first visit there by a Golden State governor since 2017 — and the signing of new agreements to help accelerate a transition to clean energy and achieve carbon neutrality.

Institute Director Fan Dai collaborated closely with the national and provincial governments to create opportunities for discussions and develop climate-focused partnerships within China, which produces almost a third of the world's greenhouse gas emissions.

Chaired by former Gov. Jerry Brown, CCCI is a collaboration between CLEE and UC Berkeley's College of Natural Resources.

The center is also helping lead a new project to create a Direct Air Capture (DAC) facility to remove carbon dioxide in California's Southern San Joaquin Valley. It's part of a major U.S. Department of Energy program to develop hubs that capture and permanently store carbon dioxide nationwide in areas affected by the impact of climate disruption on their agricultural economy.

CLEE Executive Director Louise Bedsworth is the project lead and principal investigator for Community Alliance for Direct Air Capture, which includes researchers from across UC Berkeley, technology companies, community partners, and research organizations. She's bullish on what a capture hub could do.

"If designed well, deployment of a DAC hub in this region could provide important economic and environmental benefits to communities that have been affected by the impacts of climate disruption on the agricultural economy — and which are likely to experience negative impacts as a result of the transition from reliance on fossil fuels," Bedsworth says. — *Gwyneth K. Shaw*

Prosecutors Confront Excessive Police Use of Force

Prosecutors from across the country recently gathered at Berkeley Law for the first-ever national conference on how to effectively prosecute police officers accused of using excessive force.

Co-hosted by the school's International Human Rights Law Clinic and Criminal Law & Justice Center and the Prosecutors Alliance of California, the three-day event welcomed over 65 prosecutors from 15 states, and family members of people killed by police. It featured prominent keynote speakers — including Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison and California Attorney General Rob Bonta — panel discussions, and opportunities to share ideas and resources.

Despite the recent surge in elected progressive prosecutors nationwide, few resources existed for them to learn how best to evaluate and prosecute police use-of-force cases. Until now.

“It’s essential to bring the family perspective because often we’re left out of the conversation,” said Michelle Monterrosa, whose brother Sean was killed by Vallejo, California police at a 2020 protest. “We have to carry the burden of becoming our own lawyers, experts, and detectives.”

U.S. police shoot and kill over 1,000 people a year, according to a recent *Washington Post* report, but less than half of those shootings appear in the FBI database, largely because police departments aren’t required to report such incidents to the federal government.

“We cannot have real justice or real safety in our communities when law enforcement officers are allowed to get away with murder,” said Criminal Law & Justice Center Executive Director and former San



Francisco district attorney Chesa Boudin.

Experts also addressed police use-of-force policy and practice, investigation techniques and evidence challenges, appropriate use of expert witnesses, lessons from recent prosecutions, and communications and transparency in high-profile cases.

Monterrosa’s message to prosecutors? “Don’t be afraid to be bold. You’re in a position of power and you can essentially prevent this from happening. You have all the tools, you know the law better than we do, and it’s time for you to hold police accountable.”

— Sarah Weld

FAMILY ALLY: Michelle Monterrosa, whose brother Sean was killed by Vallejo, California police in 2020, spoke on one of the panels.

Helping Ukrainian Students

Professor Saira Mohamed was among a group of scholars who taught B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. students

from Ukraine for a week in January, part of a program created three months after Russia invaded their country in February 2022.

The free Invisible University for Ukraine, an online initiative for students whose studies have been affected by the war, includes a week-

long in-person session in Budapest, Hungary. There, Mohamed taught Ukrainian students now residing in eight countries, focusing on questions about the responsibility of individual soldiers and of states for atrocities committed during war.

— Andrew Cohen



GUIDING LIGHT: Librarian Kristie Chamorro keeps Berkeley Law faculty, students, and staff up to speed on new developments in artificial intelligence.

Instructional and educational technology librarian Kristie Chamorro had already begun gathering information to help the school navigate this new terrain. Her accessible compilation for faculty and staff is on the Law Library's website, with regular updates to reflect new developments, and she developed an AI research guide for students.

"Since the launch of ChatGPT, a wealth of resources have sprung up, including law librarian blogs, podcasts, webinars, and research guides," she says. "It underscores how librarians are often ahead of the curve on learning about new technologies."

AI's effect on legal education and practice was a hot topic at last summer's American Association of Law Libraries annual conference. Sessions addressed how law librarians can best prepare for the future, new AI-powered legal research and drafting tools, and risks of bias and misinformation.

Chamorro, who uses myriad research organization tools to stay current, has given several presentations on the topic to California and national audiences, has led workshops for Berkeley Law faculty and LL.M. students, and is developing future training sessions and resources for students, faculty, and staff. The library has received inquiries about her work from faculty, law librarians, and students from universities in Ukraine, Finland, and elsewhere around the world.

"It's been gratifying to see the reach and impact of our efforts on this front," she says. "There is a lot to keep track of since this really is a dynamic topic that is changing by the day." — *Gwyneth K. Shaw*

Keeping a Close Eye on AI

Since the ChatGPT bot debuted in November 2022, the growth of and interest in generative artificial intelligence has exploded — along with concerns about its impact on a wide swath of modern life, from high art to homework.

Law schools and the law profession are no exception. Berkeley Law issued its first policy on generative AI last year, expressly barring students from using it for exams or in composing assignments.

A Win-Win Relationship

For Professor Laurent Mayali, overseeing Berkeley Law's Visiting Scholars Program as its faculty chair is a full-circle honor — he first came to the school as a visiting scholar himself in 1980. Now, he relishes broadening Berkeley Law's international connections and the influence of its faculty on legal and scholarly communities worldwide.

Mayali says the program's intellectual diversity "reflects the broad significance of law

and legal rules in many countries around the world" and that visiting scholars fuel "the school's strong tradition of commitment to international exchanges of ideas."

Law professor Botirjon Kosimov explored judicial independence in his home country of Uzbekistan, comparing it to how United States courts ensure jurists' independence. He credits his Berkeley experience for bolstering his research and improving his classroom teaching.

"I am extremely grateful for this

program," says Kosimov, who visited California courts and audited Constitutional Law classes.

"Observing teaching strategies ... allowed me not only to learn new things, but also to reflect on how we teach law in my country, which is very important for the continuous development of a law professor."

The program gives scholars access to research, library, and internet resources that are often vastly superior to what their home institutions offer, Mayali notes. It also helps Berkeley Law faculty develop joint research projects with scholars abroad, creating opportunities for

Adding Another Gem

Colleen Chien '02, a standout cross-disciplinary scholar whose research spans innovation, intellectual property, and the criminal justice system, joined the Berkeley Law faculty in December — the school's ninth hire last year and its 35th since Dean Erwin Chemerinsky arrived in 2017.

>> **Previous job:** Professor and High Tech Law Institute co-director, Santa Clara University School of Law

>> **Government gig:** Marian Croak Distinguished Scholar and expert adviser to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

>> **Leading role:** Founded and directs two grant-funded research initiatives: one that uses evidence to boost inclusion in innovation, and another that combines data science and law to address and advance economic and racial justice through research on the second chance gap.

>> **Spring courses:** Teaching The Law and Governance of Artificial



Intelligence and co-teaching the Law and Technology Colloquium with Professor Tejas N. Narechania.

>> **Quick quotes:** "I love the emphasis that Berkeley Law has put on creating leaders in all areas of the law ... It's an unparalleled opportunity for somebody who's interested in tech policy, as the leading programs in the world are here ... I'm excited to help carve the future of public interest technology, in the same way Berkeley has helped shape public interest law, among a formidable group of thought leaders and doers."
— Gwyneth K. Shaw

FACULTY BOOST: Professor Colleen Chien '02 worked as a senior adviser on IP issues in the White House during Barack Obama's second term.

Challenges for Afghan Artists

Five students in our student-led Arts & Innovation Representation pro bono project played key roles in a major report on Afghan artists fleeing Taliban rule: 3L Sarah Davidson and Lainey Meiri '23 as co-authors and 3L Julian Cao, 2L Liz Mooring, and 2L Joe Fitzpatrick as researchers.

Partnering with the Artistic Freedom Initiative, an international nonprofit that facilitates pro bono legal services and resettlement assistance for artists fleeing persecution and censorship in their home countries, their report exposes risks Afghan artists and cultural workers face at home and in refugee locations.

Last year, students from the project helped develop a revealing report on the arts and culture crisis in Hungary.
— Andrew Cohen

them to advise foreign governments and policy advocates.

A strong program connection with South Korean scholars dates back to the 1970s. They include former prime ministers and government officials, top judges and prosecutors, prominent lawyers from leading Korean law firms, and many law school deans and professors.

Mayali visited South Korea in May to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding with the Korean Supreme Court to send more judges to the program. Dean Erwin Chemerinsky recently signed the final agreement.

— Gwyneth K. Shaw

BOOK IT: Professor and Visiting Scholars Program Faculty Chair Laurent Mayali inside the Robbins Collection and Research Center, which has over 300,000 holdings and is a huge draw for the program's researchers.





ILLUMINATORS: 3Ls and Plaintiffs' Law Association Co-Presidents Leila Nasrolahi (left) and Kate Walford highlight new career options to students.

The Other Side of the 'V'

Berkeley Law students interested in litigation often gravitate toward large firms and corporate defense work. A growing student group — leading a national trend at law schools — is highlighting another option: the plaintiff's side.

Founded by Nabila Abdallah '22 and classmate Jessica Spierer during their student days, the Plaintiffs' Law Association (PLA) now has around 200 members and a 14-student board. Last summer, its current leaders attended a conference of similar organizations, which formed a national coalition aiming to offer a BigLaw alternative.

"Many law students want to fight against societal injustices, but I think what a lot of students starting law school don't know ... is that plaintiffs' lawyers, in collaboration with governments and nonprofits, are doing that work," says 3L and PLA Co-President Leila Nasrolahi.

Citing major recent cases where plaintiffs' attorneys represented employees in a gender-discrimination suit and protesters in a civil rights suit, Nasrolahi says the group is "illuminating careers on the other side of the 'v.'"

Fellow 3L and Co-President Kate Walford speaks with students who had no idea that most BigLaw firms only do defense work or that entire firms dedicated to plaintiff-side practice exist. "I think students at Berkeley should know about all of their options," she says.

PLA holds an introductory panel for 1Ls, keeps a database of plaintiff firm salaries, and hosts events with lawyers doing this work. Berkeley Law also held its first-ever Plaintiff-Side Career Fair March 13.

Lecturer Shanin Specter, a renowned wrongful injury practitioner, is PLA's faculty adviser. He tells students how plaintiff-side work can get them into deposition rooms and courtrooms early in their career, and the benefits of a salary measured by client success rather than billable hours.

"You help people who have been hurt achieve justice; that feels great in the best tradition of Berkeley and American legal activism," Specter says. "Often you can get the defendant to make systemic change, which benefits the community or the country."

— Gwyneth K. Shaw

Defending Library Patrons' Right to Privacy

While readers' access to digital books through software like Amazon's Kindle may seem key to free-flowing ideas and information, this ease comes at a cost to readers' privacy — commercial e-book providers track readers in intimate detail.

Libraries, however, have a history of fiercely protecting readers' privacy. From deleting loan records after items are returned to advocating for laws to protect patrons' records, libraries prioritize their freedom to access information privately. But a copyright case has jeopardized libraries' ability to protect reader privacy in the digital age by stopping them from digitizing and loaning materials they own.

Berkeley Law's Samuelson Law, Technology & Public Policy Clinic recently filed an amicus brief in *Hachette v. Internet Archive* on behalf of the Center for Democracy & Technology, the Library Freedom Project, and Public Knowledge, explaining the importance of reader privacy in digital library lending.

2L Noor Alanizi, 2L Jessica Kwok, and 3L Katherine Wang worked on the brief with Jennifer M. Urban '00, the clinic's director of policy initiatives. It asks the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals to reverse a district court decision and continue allowing libraries to control their digital lending.

"The clinic student team did excellent work to help the court see the important privacy implications of this



case," Urban says.

The brief explains that preserving libraries' ability to lend books, articles, and other material digitally, known as controlled digital lending, protects patrons from the risks of data tracking, security breaches, and surveillance — and lets them access information and explore ideas without sacrificing their privacy. In an increasingly digital age, it says, electronic access to information and intellectual materials is vital and readers shouldn't have to sacrifice their privacy to read digital books. — *Sarah Weld*



LEMONO (ILLUSTRATION); JIM BLOCK (HENDERSON)

A Hall of Fame Career

Berkeley Law Visiting Professor

Thelton Henderson '62 (left) is one of 10 members of this year's California Hall of Fame class, which included luminaries such as former U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, award-winning filmmaker Ava DuVernay, and former San Francisco mayor and California

Assembly speaker Willie Brown Jr.

The first Black lawyer in the U.S. Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, Henderson worked to protect voting rights in the South with Martin Luther King Jr. and others before taking leadership roles in public interest law and academia. He spent 37 years as a federal judge, has won countless awards, and recently celebrated his 90th birthday (see page 33).

— *Andrew Cohen*



Supreme Visit

U.S. Supreme Court Justice

Sonia Sotomayor visited campus and offered candid insights to Berkeley Law students, faculty, and staff Jan. 29 at a packed Zellerbach Hall, walking through the crowd while answering questions from Dean Erwin Chemerinsky during the hour-long event.

LL.M. Alumni Help Choose Next Students

The executive track of our Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program is the most flexible option, enabling experienced lawyers who can't take a full academic year off from their jobs to get a Berkeley Law degree by spending time in residence here and doing the rest of the program online.

Now, alumni of that track are fueling another kind of flexibility, pitching in to review one segment of program applications.

Executive track alums are reviewing video answers applicants submit through an online portal after the main application is in. Alumni then evaluate the responses for their overall quality as well as an applicant's verbal skills and professional demeanor.

The videos offer information usually only available through in-person

interviews and are highly valuable, says Advanced Degree Programs Senior Director of Admissions Anya Grossmann. Having been through the program, they know what skills are important to success at Berkeley. In addition, because they're often experienced attorneys, they can recognize applicants who are strong in their current roles.

"This is a really great way to work with people who might not have a lot of time to go to recruiting events but are engaged and want to give back," Grossmann says. "It does genuinely help to have their expertise and feedback."

Scores of alumni jumped at the chance to participate. When he offered to help from Brazil, Bruno Luz Moreira '21 wrote that he aims to keep his amazing experience at

Berkeley Law alive as an ambassador for the program. Part of that magic was the people he met, in person and online.

"If I can help others to feel the same way I do, I know that would be beneficial to everyone," he wrote. "And to me, it would be a special bonus." — *Gwyneth K. Shaw*

BRIDGE BUILDER:

Bruno Luz Moreira '21 is among a growing group of LL.M. alumni who assist in reviewing applications to the program.



PHILIP PACHECO (SONIA SOTOMAYOR)



SHOWSTOPPER:

Tech law pioneer and Berkeley Law Professor Pamela Samuelson speaks to an adoring crowd — including her husband Robert Glushko (center) — at a conference in her honor.

Celebrating ‘A National Treasure’

Conferences honoring a renowned legal scholar are almost always reserved for someone retiring, as a way to highlight their life’s work. It seems those who feted Berkeley Law Professor Pamela Samuelson, given her vast achievements, couldn’t wait that long.

Top academics from around the world hailed Samuelson as a “true pioneer,” a “groundbreaker,” and a “national treasure.” They described how she blazed new trails in digital copyright law, intellectual property, cyberlaw, and information policy — and became a treasured mentor, colleague, and friend.

“I haven’t seen an academic event where so many people speak from the heart,” said Professor Daniel Gervais, the director of Vanderbilt Law School’s Intellectual Property Program. “That’s very telling about Pam and the person she is.”

Samuelson was praised for incisive scholarship, honest feedback and relentless support for fellow scholars, a gift for untangling complex legal issues, and a commitment to exploring how such issues affect the public.

Panelists discussed core areas of her work — including copyright reform, author’s rights, and internet activism — the issues they tackle, and the ways she has shaped them. The *Berkeley Technology Law Journal* will publish an issue about the conference.

Panelists explained how Samuelson was among the first to articulate the significance of digital advancements, warn that leaving copyright discretion solely to rights holders might undermine public policy, and explain why software doesn’t merit copyright protection. She was also thanked for cultivating a collaborative culture within the IP scholarship community.

“It was heartwarming to be appreciated not just for the work I’ve done over the years, but also for mentoring students and junior colleagues,” said Samuelson, who helped establish the Berkeley Center for Law & Technology and whose generosity created the Samuelson Law, Technology & Public Policy Clinic. “Nothing makes me happier than knowing about their successes.” — *Andrew Cohen*

Black History Tour Stop

Black Lives at Cal (BLAC)

launched the Self-Guided Black History Tour of UC Berkeley, and its fourth stop is at Berkeley Law to learn about Annie Coker ’29, the school’s first Black woman graduate. Coker spent over 35

years as a private and public sector lawyer, worked to increase racial diversity in the courts, and tutored Black students for the bar exam.

3L Kevin Steward has helped to grow BLAC as a graduate student researcher. He recently

received the prestigious two-year E. Barrett Prettyman Fellowship at Georgetown Law, awarded annually to just three 3Ls from hundreds of applicants, which develops top indigent defense counsel through rigorous training and extensive hands-on experience.

— *Andrew Cohen*



STRATEGIZING: The Human Rights Center's Ceren Fitoz (back left) confers with Yemen delegation members.

Guiding Worldwide Digital Investigations

Human Rights Center leads training sessions to help surface evidence of atrocities

Across the globe, delegations conducting digital investigations of international criminal and humanitarian violations are learning best practices from Berkeley Law's Human Rights Center.

Partnering with the International Center for Transitional Justice, these free five-day programs recently took place in Jordan to train 49 members of Yemen's National Commission to Investigate Alleged Violations of Human Rights, and in Tunisia to train 20 journalists, lawyers, and human rights defenders

from Libya. The sessions help investigators who face varied challenges documenting abuses amid conflict in their countries.

"The program was extremely significant due to the wealth of diverse knowledge and skills imparted by a proficient training team from the Human Rights Center," says Yemen field monitor Maher al Absi, noting that "we're only at the beginning of our journey in this field" and that the deep-dive sessions "covered a range of crucial topics."

The center works from the Berkeley Protocol on Digital Open Source Investigations it developed — increasingly used in Ukraine and other countries and now translated into the six languages of the United Nations. Workshops address how to verify the authenticity of photos, videos, and other data collected during online research, employ satellite image applications that help pinpoint the geographical coordinates of devices using location services, and prepare a meticulous final report.

Center research manager Brian Nguyen leads the programs. He and colleagues Maggie Andresen and Ceren Fitoz combine foundational training with exercises tailored to the challenges in each country. Nguyen and Fitoz also contribute to legal investigations through the center's Technology, Law & Policy program.

“At the beginning of these sessions, participants are often overwhelmed by the amount of technical information and processes open source investigations demand,” Nguyen says. “And it’s always the case that at some point in the week, that changes and they begin to run with the ideas we’re showing them. Our ambition is to put ourselves out of a job by building something that can be self-sustaining, and improve the ecosystem for human rights investigations by empowering the investigators and fact finders who are closest to the conflict.”

Yemen commission member Eshraq al-Maqtari relished how the workshops addressed “hurdles for witnesses and victims to provide substantial and admissible evidence.”

Given the difficulties in surfacing sufficient conventional evidence of international human rights abuses, recognizing evidence accessible through social media platforms and websites is vital. That evidence ranges from miscellaneous details to primary sources including video clips, images, tweets, and group chats on platforms like WhatsApp and Telegram.

Yemen commission field monitor Entisar al Mijhasi credits the program for addressing how to conduct digital research methodically and scientifically while using the best available technology tools.

“In-depth training courses like this remain essential to attain strategic objectives ... and to ensure a high level of accuracy,” she says. “This helps in acquiring, confirming, documenting, and understanding incident-related information directly from the victims themselves or their families.”

— Andrew Cohen

Going About It the Write Way

Student-run journals earn high marks across the board in new law review rankings

***Ecology Law Quarterly (ELQ)* was the first student group** Grayson Peters joined as a 1L.

Now co-editor in chief alongside fellow 3L Becky Hunter, he says the journal has defined his law school experience.

“It’s unique and special: one part academic journal, one part social club,” Peters says. “There’s space for people who really want to get into the weeds of editorial work on super niche, cutting edge environmental law and energy law issues, and also space for people who just want friends to go hiking with. It ends up being a really fun and robust community.”

Berkeley Law’s 13 student-run journals continue to draw laurels for their wide-ranging excellence: A dozen were rated among the nation’s best in a new set of quadrennial national rankings from



IN THEIR ENVIRONMENT: Becky Hunter and Grayson Peters, both 3Ls, are co-editors in chief of *Ecology Law Quarterly*.



ON THE JOB: 3Ls and Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law Co-Editors in Chief Sam Goity and Athena Arana in the journal's office.

the *Washington & Lee Law Journal* — with eight in the top 10 of their respective fields.

Covering 2018 to 2022, the rankings are based on the number of citations for articles in each journal, reflecting their wide influence in legal academia and the judicial system.

The *Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law* (BJELL) remained No. 1 in its category, the flagship *California Law Review* (CLR) rose four spots to No. 5 in the overall category, and ELQ jumped from No. 8 to No. 2 in environmental law. The *Berkeley Technology Law Journal* (BTLJ) also ranked No. 2, the online *Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law* No. 5, the *Berkeley Business Law Journal* and *Berkeley Latine Journal of Law & Policy* (formerly *Berkeley La Raza Journal*) No. 7, and the *Asian American Law Journal* (AALJ) No. 10.

BJELL Co-Editors in Chief Sam Goity and Athena Arana, both 3Ls, enjoy how their publication offers a

huge alumni network and collaborative relationships with other workers' rights-oriented organizations at Berkeley Law and across campus.

"I think we have a strong attraction to students who see the law as a forum to make systemic change, especially for the betterment of marginalized communities, such as low-wage workers," Arana says.

Many Berkeley Law journals host events that draw speakers and guests from outside the school and tackle varied topics, from police use-of-force cases (CLR) to the *coram nobis* case overturning *Korematsu v. United States* (AALJ) to an annual symposium on the intersection of technology and racial justice (BTLJ).

Founded in 1971, ELQ helped define the scholarly field of environmental law and continues to influence it — in part by working closely with the school's Center for Law, Energy & the Environment, student-led experiential groups, the Environmental Law Clinic, and many alumni who are deeply engaged and influential in the field.

Offering extensive opportunities for students to publish their work, ELQ also strives to partner with other journals on issues that cut across topics and research areas.

"More and more people in the field are realizing that you can't tease apart environmental issues from social justice issues," Hunter says. "I like the way things are headed." — *Gwyneth K. Shaw*

Launchpad to Confidence and Leadership

Academic Skills Program propels student momentum in myriad ways

Berkeley Law's Academic Skills Program (ASP) empowers students not just to survive law school, but to thrive in it. From a weeklong pre-orientation for 40 to 45 1Ls, including those from underrepresented backgrounds, to tailored training throughout the school year, students acquire concrete tools to succeed.

"We continually see our pre-orientation students take on leadership positions," ASP Director Diana DiGennaro '06 says. "This is a robust year-round program that sets up students for success."

GRATEFUL: Adnan Toric '21 calls his time as an Academic Support Program pre-orientation member and tutor pivotal in elevating his early-career success.



BRITTANY HOSEA-SMALL (TOP)

KEEPING PACE: UC Berkeley runner Anastasia Snodgrass is getting an assist on her NIL deals from students and instructors in the practicum.

Six of the past nine *California Law Review* editors in chief participated in pre-orientation, as did five of the six Student Association at Berkeley Law co-presidents over the past three school years.

In the fall semester, nine upperclass student tutors, one for each mod, hold weekly “labs” that introduce case briefing, rule analysis and synthesis, outlining, and exam-writing. In the spring, a smaller group of tutors help students continue practicing and refining these skills.

The tutors — often former pre-orientation participants — also hold office hours, provide individual feedback on practice hypotheticals, and answer questions about law school and study strategies. In addition, Berkeley Law’s curriculum offers numerous courses that focus on honing skills essential to academic and professional success as well as teach the relevant substantive law.

Tutor and former pre-orientation member Celeste Gomez, now a 2L, says that the ASP is grounded in community values, fuels relationships centered on mutual trust, and fosters an inclusive environment that helps students gain comfort and confidence.

“I aim to do the same during every lab,” she says. “I also make sure to hold some space for the things students love outside of law school and try to connect with them on a more personal level. Law school is about much more than learning how to read cases and take tests.”

Adnan Toric ’21 relished meeting peers who had similar foundational questions and first-generation backgrounds.

“There’s a special comfort in beginning law school with a group of people you can lean on,” he says. “Law school is tough, but the pre-orientation program allows you to feel like you belong at Berkeley Law before classes even start.”

Toric later became an ASP tutor, an editor at two Berkeley Law journals, and directed the student-led Academic Empowerment Program. After two years as a federal judicial clerk, he is now an associate at Cohen Milstein in Philadelphia.

In January 2020, the program received a note about Toric from an anonymous student, which read: “I just wanted to drop off a quick thank you for your program. Before ASP I had no clue what a case brief or outline were. Many accolades to my mod’s tutor — Adnan Toric — for his infinite patience helping me to discern the differences between holding/judgment/rule and what the heck an ‘issue’ was. His encouragement and down-to-earth advice were linchpins to my success last semester. Give the guy a raise! Sincerely, an appreciative student.” — *Andrew Cohen*



In Their Corner

New practicum offers free help for student-athletes negotiating endorsements

The National Collegiate Athletic Association’s

2021 decision to allow college athletes to earn money from endorsement deals that use their name or image has garnered eye-popping payouts for big-name quarterbacks, point guards, and pitchers.

But athletes from lower-profile sports or programs are also inking these name, image, and likeness (NIL) deals, albeit for much smaller payouts — as low as \$50 or \$100. Even a mid-range deal between \$5,000 and \$20,000 often isn’t worth the hefty cut taken by the agent or lawyer who brokers it, which can run as high as 30%.

Charting New Paths to Protection

**Survivor Advocacy Project
expands scope of combating
sexual harassment and violence**

Without representation, though, young athletes are vulnerable.

The Berkeley Center for Law & Technology (BCLT) is stepping up to help through its new NIL Practicum and accompanying seminar, which is being offered for the first time this spring. Under the instruction and supervision of seasoned attorneys with deep experience in the sports arena, students are working with athletes from around California to broker these deals.

“If you have a contract in the \$1,000 range, that’s where we want to help, to make sure the money goes into the athlete’s pocket and not the pocket of some corporation,” BCLT Executive Director Wayne Stacy says.

The practicum’s guidance is available across the state, whether it’s a swimmer from Modesto who’s been approached by a local car dealership or a field hockey player from Carlsbad with an offer from a stick manufacturer. The only criteria, Stacy says, is that an athlete be enrolled in a California college or university, is at least 18 years old, and doesn’t already have a lawyer.

“Our target is unrepresented athletes who are being offered these midsize sponsorship packages,” he says. “We want to make it easy, and make sure the money flows to the athletes. We’re here to help athletes and their families.”

Stacy is an instructor for the practicum. So are a team of heavy-hitters in the sports law world, including Richard Brand — managing partner of ArentFox Schiff’s San Francisco office and head of the firm’s sports practice — colleague Zak Welsh ’15, Jade Smith-Williams of Bailey Glasser, and three lawyers from Gunderson Dettmer: Colin D. Chapman, Gina Marek, and Kerry Moller. Powerhouse agent Leigh Steinberg ’73 is an adviser for the program.

Even before the practicum formally began, Stacy says, the team spent time consulting with athletes from programs around the state. UC Irvine, for example, has 10 players considering endorsements — too few for its law school to run its own clinic but a strong indicator that Berkeley Law’s assistance will be useful there and elsewhere.

In addition to the hands-on in-state help, Stacy hopes the program will become a national leader in NIL policy. One early goal for the broader effort is to develop a template agreement for NIL endorsements that could be adapted and used around the country.

“Something both sides can trust would be a huge step forward,” he says. — *Gwyneth K. Shaw*



For students in Berkeley Law’s Survivor Advocacy

Project (SAP), the legal complexity and emotional weight of their work can be highly demanding. But co-leaders Sarah Zweig, Rachel Gaines, and Sarah O’Farrell also describe it as extraordinarily rewarding.

“It’s been the most significant and valuable part of my law school journey thus far,” Gaines says.

Like all 40 Student-Initiated Legal Services Projects under Berkeley Law’s Pro Bono Program, students can join starting in their first semester. That enabled SAP’s co-leaders to gain meaningful experience right away, and to now guide the group as 2Ls.

Striving to prevent and combat sexual harassment and violence, SAP provides legal support to empower and support survivors. Its two current projects reflect the broad scope of that advocacy.

Working with the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center and supervising attorney Dave Rini, 2L Sydni Green and 1Ls Rebecca Goren, Joseph Kyburz, and Natalie Wright are drafting a memorandum of understanding for use by Massachusetts victim service agencies that work

with state correctional agencies to satisfy their obligations under the Prison Rape Elimination Act.

The act requires correctional agencies to partner with outside emotional support organizations that provide resources to prisoners such as crisis intervention hotline support, advocacy during sexual assault evidence collection, and advocates for investigational interviews. But the law provides no additional guidance about these agreements, or what obligations they should address.

SAP’s second initiative is with Equal Rights Advocates, founded by Berkeley Law students in 1974. Supervised by attorney Maha Ibrahim, LL.M. student Mengruo Huang ’24 and 1Ls Julia Cofiño, Karina Sanchez, Parmis Ghafelehbash, Skylar Falcon, and Taylor Thomas are pursuing new ways to defend the right to bodily autonomy and expand access to care through a detailed memorandum exploring the intersection between Title IX, Title VII, and reproductive rights.

Their research will help build a foundation for potential novel litigation and legislation for abortion access, both for students within Title IX’s school-based anti-discrimination protections and workers within Title VII’s employment-based protections.

“These issues may not be exactly what comes to mind when we think about supporting survivors of sexual harassment and violence, but they are important considerations that have the potential for substantial impact,” Zweig says. “Legal support to survivors comes in many shapes and sizes.”

SAP’s co-leaders implement regular checkpoints on research progress and hold weekly meetings with the group’s supervising attorneys to ensure that students remain on track.

“It’s incredibly important when working with survivors of sexual violence to be an active listener and aim to empower survivors rather than speak for those affected by sexual violence or sexual assault,” O’Farrell says.

For Gaines, empowering people who are often silenced and forgotten is a privilege.

“Our attorney supervisors are incredible resources and mentors, and I truly believe the tools they’ve shared with us will be invaluable throughout our legal careers,” she says. — *Andrew Cohen*

UPHILL CLIMB: (From left) 2Ls Sarah Zweig, Rachel Gaines, and Sarah O’Farrell, leaders of Berkeley Law’s Survivor Advocacy Project, are helping to advance new legal strategies.

BRITTANY HOSEA-SMALL





Judges on Campus

For a decade, students have gained helpful insights and strategic tips from the Judges-in-Residence program

During Berkeley Law's 10th annual Judges-in-Residence program, federal judges Morgan Christen and Angel Kelley enlightened students in varied settings over two packed days on everything from clerkships and mentors to networking and neutrality.

The judges met with Berkeley Law's Clerkship Committee, visited upper-level and 1L classes, held open office hours, talked with Berkeley Law Opportunity Scholars, and took part in lunchtime panels moderated by Director of Judicial Clerkships Anna Han. They also met individually with some affinity groups and attended dinners with students, alumni, and faculty.

3L Alex MacLennan, who will clerk for Delaware Supreme Court Justice Karen L. Valihura after graduating, says the judges "provided unparalleled insights into both the operations of their courts and the clerkship

experience" and that "their advice will prove invaluable in maximizing my potential as a judicial law clerk."

Christen, a judge on the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Anchorage, spent 14 years as a civil litigator before becoming an Alaska Superior Court judge in 2002. She moved to the Alaska Supreme Court seven years later, and was then appointed to the federal bench in 2011.

Kelley, a U.S. District Court of Massachusetts judge, began her bench career in 2009 at a state district court level. She joined the superior court in 2013 and was installed as a federal judge in 2021, just the second Black female judge and second Asian American judge to serve in a Massachusetts federal district court.

Amid the country's growing polarization, both judges emphasized the value of ensuring unbiased legal analysis — and hiring clerks who leave their ideology outside chambers.

"The mission for courts is to get the law right," Christen says. "Politics need to stay out of our decisions, which is even more important now during these politically charged times. I sign off on decisions every week that I don't necessarily like, but that's the law and I have to enforce it."



HOLDING COURT:
(Left, clockwise from center):
Director of Judicial Clerkships
Anna Han, Judge Morgan
Christen, Assistant Dean of
Career Development Eric Stern,
Judge Angel Kelley, and
Professor Sean Farhang. (Right)
Han interviews Kelley and
Christen at a lunchtime event.

Echoing the importance of independent thinking, Kelley notes that when it comes to her clerks, “I don’t want a mini-me and I don’t want an echo chamber. I want people who bring different life experiences and diversity can mean any number of things — race, gender, geography, socioeconomic, work experience, all of it.”

The judges told students to seek out mentors, take advantage of their school’s internal resources, and network strategically. They also advised prospective clerks to fully understand the clerkships they plan to pursue, noting how the work of appellate courts contrasts sharply from that of trial courts.

As for the qualities they look for in clerkship applicants, Kelley and Christen emphasized work ethic, an open mind, efficiency, and writing skills.

“I want people who are willing to put in the work to help me get it right,” Kelley said. “I’m looking for someone who can rise to the challenge.”

For students aspiring to become a judge one day, Christen urged kindness in the courtroom, noting that “people don’t go to courthouses because they’re having a good day.”

Kelley echoed that sentiment, recalling how she once went to the wrong courthouse as a litigant and had to race to the right venue. “That showed me how litigants and lawyers are people, that we all make honest mistakes,” she said. “I have a deputy who thinks I should come down hard on people who are late or miss a court date, but when that happens I say no, I’ve been there.” — *Andrew Cohen*

Berkeley Law’s Judges-in-Residence program has welcomed 22 jurists over the past decade, including six alumni.

2013: Judge Keith Ellison, U.S. District Court (Southern District of Texas)

2014: Judge Raymond Lohier, U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals; Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, then U.S. District Court (District of Columbia), now U.S. Supreme Court

2015: Justice Stephen González ’91, Washington Supreme Court; Judge Richard Paez ’72, U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; Justice Miguel Márquez ’96, then California Court of Appeal, now city manager of Pasadena, California.

2016: Judge Indira Talwani ’88, U.S. District Court (Massachusetts); Justice Monica Márquez, Colorado Supreme Court

2017: Judge Andrew Hurwitz, U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; Judge Lorna Schofield, U.S. District Court (Southern District of New York)

2018: Judge Amit Mehta, U.S. District Court (District of Columbia); Judge Wilhelmina Wright, U.S. District Court (Minnesota)

2019: Judge Cornelia Pillard, U.S. District of Columbia Court of Appeals; Judge André Birotte Jr., U.S. District Court (Central District of California)

2020*: Judge Lee H. Rosenthal, U.S. District Court (Southern District of Texas); Judge Darrin Gayles, U.S. District Court (Southern District of Florida)

2021: Judge Haywood Gilliam, U.S. District Court (Northern District of California); Judge Allison Claire ’93, U.S. District Court (Eastern District of California)

2022: Judge Sarala Nagala ’08, U.S. District Court (Connecticut); Judge Adrienne Nelson, then Oregon Supreme Court, now U.S. District Court (Oregon)

2023: Judge Morgan Christen, U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; Judge Angel Kelley, U.S. District Court (Massachusetts)

*Judges participated remotely due to COVID-19 pandemic

Forward on All Fronts

Scholarships and other gift aid expand across all key metrics, fueling Berkeley Law's public mission and students' career aspirations

BY ANDREW COHEN







xcellence and opportunity. Access and inclusivity. Representation and community. Berkeley Law's ambitious public mission encompasses all of these far-reaching values, and its surging financial aid program unites them all.

Over the last five years under Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, financial aid expenditures have nearly dou-

bled. They accounted for 20% of last year's operating budget, and the school returned half of its Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition (PDST) fees to financial aid — far more than the one-third amount required by the UC Regents.

"This has helped us improve the school in so many ways," Chemerinsky says. "It has increased our diversity, enhanced our classroom learning environment, and lessened the debt for many students, giving them more opportunities to choose career paths they desire."

Berkeley Law's average student loan debt in recent years has been lower than virtually all of its peer law schools, including Harvard, Stanford, Chicago, NYU, Columbia, Penn, Cornell, Virginia, and Northwestern. Importantly, more scholarships given, more money spent on them, and more types of prospective students reached have not come at the expense of other aid.

As Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Kristin Theis-Alvarez puts it, "They're all 'add' rather than 'instead of.' We haven't been making tradeoffs."

While the figures are encouraging, it's the lives they transform that enrich the Berkeley Law community, serve its core priorities, and motivate its leaders.

From all over the world, extraordinary students who could not have enrolled at Berkeley Law without a scholarship are excelling in and out of the classroom, boosting the school's reputation along with their own career prospects. The litany of scholarships include reconsideration matches, when Berkeley Law matches a higher offer from another school, and funding sources like the Sonsini Strategic Recruitment Fund to help recruit top talent.

"Despite the financial hurdles we face, our commitment is to making a meaningful impact on our students' lives, empowering them, and upholding our values of accessibility and opportunity," says Financial Aid Director Lauren Kang.

Generous gifts from alumni and others have helped bring in remarkably strong classes amid the challenges of COVID-19, attract applicants interested in trial advocacy, target students who want to work in areas where law and the automotive industry connect, support undocumented students who otherwise qualify for very few resources, and much more.

"We need them — their vision, trust, commitment, and concern — more than ever," Theis-Alvarez says of alumni supporters.

2L and scholarship recipient Anan Hafez calls Berkeley Law's robust financial aid offerings wholly transformative.

"At Berkeley Law, I've found a community focused on social impact, intellectual rigor, and boundless opportunity. With the skills and network I'm building here, I know I can create meaningful change as a lawyer," he says. "This law school was founded on the principles of access, inclusion, and justice. Scholarships uphold these values by creating opportunities for students from all backgrounds to develop into effective advocates and pursue their dreams without financial barriers."

Building confidence, comfort, and community

Beyond increasing its median awards across numerous scholarships (see page 29), the school has added two notable aid initiatives over the past couple years.

The Military Promise Program provides \$10,000 per year for three years to all active-duty U.S. military personnel and honorably discharged veterans. Berkeley Law will expand this program next year to provide even greater assistance to eligible students whose military benefits don't fully cover tuition and fees.

For 1L Ryan Pinch, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate who spent five years as a submarine officer on the USS Hartford, the scholarship and Berkeley Law's growing veterans community gave him enormous peace of mind for his move west.

"The Military Promise Program scholarship provided me flexibility in funding my legal education, and I was impressed with the school's outreach," he says. "Within days of being admitted, I had two current students and one graduate reaching out to congratulate me and answer any questions I had."

Pinch calls Berkeley's veterans "as diverse as the military itself" and extols the vast programming of student organizations Military Veterans at Berkeley Law and Legal Obstacles Veterans Encounter.

"I've made great friends in the veteran community here, and they're a great resource for any questions I have about class selection, summer jobs, and anything else I need help with," he says. "My favorite part about being a veteran here is getting to share my experiences with colleagues and challenge their preconceptions about who serves in the military in the 21st century."

Starting in fall 2022, participation in UC's Native American Opportunity Plan (NAOP) produced a vital step forward in ensuring equitable access to education. This plan guarantees full coverage of in-state tuition and student services fees for California students enrolled in federally recognized Native American, American Indian, and Alaska Native tribes — and Berkeley Law enhances this support by also funding the PDST.

"It would have been easier and less costly to just make UC's program, which is a great step forward, part of our offerings rather than to extend it to cover law school PDST," Theis-Alvarez says. "But the spirit of the program is a promise to cover 'full tuition for qualifying students,' and promises should

be kept. So the decision to create this Berkeley Law-specific NAOP-plus program was an easy one, and we did it without waiting for the support of an outside donor because we thought it was that important.”

3L and NAOP recipient Kelsey Lutgen says outreach to and from Indigenous students fueled her decision to attend Berkeley Law, where she has co-chaired its Native American Law Students Association (NALSA) chapter, directed the student-led Native American Legal Assistance Project, and served on the American Indian Graduate Student Assembly.

An Oglala Lakota Nation member, she also worked to get Indigenous Peoples’ Day recognized as a schoolwide holiday, expanded NALSA-hosted events, and helped NALSA become the top donor recipient of all Berkeley Law student organizations during the university’s annual one-day “Big Give” event in spring 2023.

“When I was applying to law school, Berkeley wasn’t even on my radar,” Lutgen says. “It wasn’t until I spent a week on campus that I experienced firsthand how dedicated the staff, faculty, and students were to cultivating and supporting a thriving Indigenous student community. Seeing those students’ commitment was especially inspiring.”

Calling scholarship funding “a deal breaker and game changer,” Lutgen adds that the more financial resources Berkeley Law can provide students, the more opportunities people from backgrounds like hers gain to imagine themselves at such an “elite” school.

“I think the lived experience of under-resourced people and the realness it provides to classroom discussions benefits everyone,” she says. “The law so often turns a blind eye to class and the role that money plays in peoples’ lives, so having people who can reframe and contextualize what the law willfully ignores is an important supplement to what’s on the page of a casebook.”

First-generation pipeline

Aiming to combat the legal profession’s nagging lack of demographic representation, the Berkeley Law Opportunity

Scholarship (BLOS) — a three-year, full tuition award for first-generation college graduates — has bolstered the school’s rise in students of color and other underrepresented groups. After 26 students obtained the scholarship over its first six years, 31 have received it over the past three years.

Recognizing that BLOS students bring a vital perspective, Berkeley Law cultivates their leadership potential while fostering

“The Military Promise Program scholarship provided me flexibility ... and I was impressed with the school’s outreach.”

—1L RYAN PINCH



GIVING BACK: With the student group Legal Obstacles Veterans Encounter, 1L Ryan Pinch helps veterans access essential services to address issues stemming from their service.

“Prospective Native students see Berkeley as a home where their personal, intellectual, and professional interests are served.” —3L KELSEY LUTGEN



LEADING ROLES: 3L Kelsey Lutgen has co-chaired Berkeley Law’s Native American Law Students Association chapter and directed its Native American Legal Assistance Project.

inclusivity. Marvel Studios Counsel Daniel Lopez ’18 was among the first class of recipients.

“One of the major obstacles in diversifying the legal field is providing resources to individuals from underrepresented communities so they can invest their time into becoming a lawyer,” he says. “Actually becoming a lawyer is a long, costly, and difficult process, and programs like BLOS go a long way for students who feel underrepresented in the legal community.”

The school’s First Generation Professionals Group holds programs that help demystify on-campus interviewing, internships, the bar exam, and other aspects of the legal profession. Lopez calls it a telling example of how Berkeley Law helps underrepresented

students throughout their law studies — not just in admitting them.

“The school has such a vibrant first-gen community, which is supported by the faculty and staff,” he says. “It provides a space for first-gen students to come together, share in our collective experiences, and provide useful information for a profession we were unfamiliar with.”

These days, Lopez extends that work volunteering with the Orange County Coalition for Diversity in the Law, which recently named him a Top Young Lawyer of the county. Born to immigrant parents, he advises on all aspects of Marvel’s motion picture development and production process and also negotiates talent agreements for its upcoming projects.

For 2L and current BLOS recipient Leslie Sepulveda, the scholarship enabled her to pursue wide-ranging interests in Berkeley Law’s journal, tech law, and business ecosystems. She is on the editorial board of the *California Law Review* and the *Latine Journal of Law & Policy* and active in the Startup Law Initiative and the New Business Community Law Clinic.

“This scholarship allows me to connect with other first-generation college and law students,” she says. “These connections have created a lasting support network, and the guidance from other students has made the law school experience feel less daunting and more manageable.”

Powering public service

Scholarship growth and increased financial, advising, and programmatic support

are strengthening Berkeley Law’s commitment to public interest students and graduates. The Public Interest Scholars Program, launched in 2021, provides a three-year scholarship covering full tuition and fees for J.D. students dedicated to public interest work.

Recipients join a cohort of faculty and staff who share their passion for public interest lawyering.

“Providing opportunities for students from all backgrounds to come to Berkeley Law is absolutely essential to upholding our public mission,” Chemerinsky says. “In addition, by lessening their debt, we make it more feasible for those who wish to pursue public service careers.” (Continued on page 26)

A Determined Path to Public Service

Mackenna Alvarez was living the American Dream. Her immigrant father and her mother, both first-generation high school graduates who grew up in South Central Los Angeles, owned a home in Orange County and had successful careers in real estate and interior design.

But when the 2008 global financial crisis hit, Alvarez's family lost their home, life savings, and way of life. After the foreclosure they filed for bankruptcy, had their wages garnished, and struggled to make ends meet.

"We were on food stamps and had our water and electricity shut off multiple times because we couldn't pay our bills," she says. "It felt like all the progress my family had made to get out of poverty — all of their hard work and sacrifices — had been completely undone with one swoop."

Those experiences fueled a career focus on economic inequality and helping low-income Latine families like hers achieve upward social mobility and economic security. After graduating from New York University and working as a middle school history and English teacher in Brooklyn, she eyed a career in education and economic policy.

Berkeley Law's Public Interest Scholars Program — a three-year scholarship covering full tuition and fees for J.D. students dedicated to public interest work — made it possible.

"I always knew Berkeley was where I wanted to be because of its genuine public service culture," says Alvarez, now a 2L. "I wanted a school where pro bono was the norm, not the exception."

Active in Berkeley Law's close-knit First Generation Professionals group,

she credits the school for supporting underrepresented students — and its thriving consumer law ecosystem.

"It perfectly encapsulated everything I wanted to do in my career regarding economic inequality," she says. "Everyone is a consumer, and consumer law covers every financial transaction that has the potential to worsen or improve someone's financial situation."

When three classmates described having their apartment rental applications denied without explanation, Alvarez shared her own similar experiences. They learned that a hefty portion of Bay Area rentals are managed by large corporate landlords who use popular algorithms to screen and potentially discriminate against applicants. Many such algorithms are made for a national scale, she discovered, and don't always follow the given city and

locality tenant screening ordinances.

Alvarez promptly co-founded the Algorithmic Justice Project, which investigates how algorithmic decision making harms prospective tenants and submitted comments to the Federal Trade Commission and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Group leaders hope to soon hold client intake sessions for people whose rental applications were similarly denied.

Working in the private sector this fall near her family in Los Angeles, Alvarez envisions eventual plaintiff-side work focusing on consumer protection and antitrust and a government job protecting consumers. She calls her Berkeley Law scholarship truly life-changing.

"Very few schools actively encourage students to pursue careers in public interest, let alone make it financially feasible for them to do so," she says. "I would have never been able to afford and attend law school had it not been for the Public Interest Scholars Program." — *Andrew Cohen*



PUBLIC PROTECTOR: 2L MacKenna Alvarez has relished her wide-ranging consumer advocacy work at Berkeley Law, including co-founding the Algorithmic Justice Project.



A LEGAL MARVEL: Daniel Lopez '18, who was in the first group of Berkeley Law Opportunity Scholarship recipients, now plays a key role in guiding Marvel Studios' film development, production, and talent agreements.

By reducing the financial barrier law students face when deciding whether to seek out such careers after graduation, and not requiring post-graduation qualifying public interest employment, the program recognizes that there are many ways to advance and increase access to justice.

More funding up front means that students have the freedom to explore their interests and pursue impactful but less lucrative careers in nonprofit and public service spaces.

“But students need more than just financial aid — they need support throughout and after law school, too,” says Amanda Prasuhn, director of public interest financial support. “Berkeley Law helps students stay on the public interest path by providing guaranteed summer funding for those working for nonprofits, government offices, and judicial chambers,

Bridging Student Interests and School Strengths

Aligning student enthusiasm with some of Berkeley Law's strongest offerings, the school has repackaged certain gift aid into a new set of scholarships — developed in consultation with faculty — many of whom will mentor and collaborate with recipients.

This leverages some of the school's dynamic research centers and institutes and the Ph.D.-granting, interdisciplinary Jurisprudence & Social Policy Program. They include the Berkeley Law & Society Scholars (aimed at students interested in domestic and international policy), Berkeley Builders Fellowship (business and corporate law), Berkeley Scholars in Law (legal scholarship and academia), Berkeley Justice Fellows (social justice), and Berkeley Innovation Scholars (intersection of law, technology, and society).

“We went into this with a recognition about what our admitted students are most interested in and most committed to and what some of Berkeley Law's incredible strengths are — and where the

two could meet in the middle,” Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Kristin Theis-Alvarez says. “That seemed like a win for everyone.”

Offered to students admitted this school year, the scholarships begin at \$45,000 per year and can extend up to full law school tuition and fees, which are \$62,567 for California residents and \$74,995 for out-of-state students.

The categories are broad by design, to provide room for what Berkeley Law students often excel at: stretching the boundaries of traditional thinking, studying, and lawyering. This could include everything from examining how science is transforming evidence law to how sports law is balancing business, labor and employment, and racial justice issues.

“We want people here who are approaching things from a different angle,” Theis-Alvarez says. “And we also want a kind of cross-pollination. Our students have generated a lot of ideas that advance the school. We want to encourage them to spur the next wave of innovation, both here and in the legal profession.”

and has steadily increased the amount and size of summer fellowships. Students also build community with other public interest-minded peers through student organizations, pro bono work, and journals, and receive targeted career and financial aid counseling.”

The Career Development Office offers support with fellowship, clerkship, and job applications, and some students receive post-graduate funding through the year-long Public Interest Fellowship and the shorter Bridge Fellowship.

Public interest alumni with student loans can participate in Berkeley Law’s Loan Repayment Assistance Program to receive yearly awards aimed at reducing out-of-pocket loan expenses. The school regularly enhances the program to respond nimbly to alumni needs, improving its funding formulas and increasing its income cap so more graduates obtain greater support.

The Financial Aid Office also works with alumni until their loans are paid off or forgiven through the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness program, maintaining contact and support for up to a decade after graduation.

“The scholarship I received will allow me to continue pursuing the best avenues of advocacy at Berkeley Law,” says 2L Quinn Ferrar. “Scholarships open doors to students like myself, and the

generous community that supports us can count on our support in return.”

Keeping financial aid afloat

With a steady decline in state funding — just 8% of this year’s operating budget comes from public money — the hurdles to sustaining these scholarship offerings are significant. This year, UC also ended a fund that provided \$1.8 million annually to Berkeley Law’s public interest summer and post-grad fellowships in exchange for letting it raise fees.

The school has covered this gap from its own funds without reducing fellowships, but faces various factors that can impact its scholarship capacity.

“The scholarships we administer depend heavily on available funds,” Kang says. “Any constraints from limited budgets or state funding reductions can potentially result in unmet financial needs for some deserving students. In addition, the demand for financial aid often exceeds the available resources. With a growing number of students seeking assistance due to rising tuition costs and living expenses, meeting the needs of all qualified applicants within these constraints remains an ongoing challenge.”

For students like 2L Kennedy Edwards, a Henderson Center for Social Justice Scholar, that approach holds great appeal.

“Berkeley Law offers numerous certifications, classes, clinics, and mentorship opportunities, like the dual certifications in Race & Law and Public Interest & Social Justice,” says Edwards, an Admissions ambassador, co-president of the school’s Law Students of African Descent, and managing editor of its *Berkeley Journal of Black Law & Policy*. “I’m currently working on fulfilling these requirements and am sure that the knowledge and experience I gain from them will more than prepare me for my future.”

Professor Andrew Bradt, faculty liaison to Admissions, enjoys seeing Berkeley Law help debunk the myth that an increase in scholarships leads to a decrease in collective academic rigor. This year’s 1L class has the highest median LSAT score since

the school began tracking such data, a 3.87 median undergrad grade point average, and other sterling credentials (see page 4).

“As a teacher, I can see the benefits every day I’m in the classroom,” Bradt says. “Our students — and the simultaneous care and excitement with which they

approach legal problems of dizzying complexity — energize me constantly. That’s been true throughout my time at Berkeley but it feels especially true lately as our entering classes, bolstered by our aid policies, seemingly get more impressive with each passing year.”

— Gwyneth K. Shaw & Andrew Cohen

OUT IN FRONT: 2L Kennedy Edwards, a Henderson Center for Social Justice Scholar, says the breadth and strategic intersection of Berkeley Law’s programs give students a valuable edge.





IN TANDEM:

Financial Aid Director Lauren Kang (left) and Director of Public Interest Financial Support Amanda Prasuhn strive to ensure that Berkeley Law remains a beacon for students from all economic backgrounds.

“We aim to create strategies that will help us maintain the accessibility and affordability of a Berkeley Law education, even in the face of financial challenges.”

—LAUREN KANG

As the gap between budgeted and endowment funding spent on scholarships continues to grow, Chemerinsky calls private support critical to maintaining robust aid offerings.

“Berkeley Law has a duty to be accessible to all regardless of their financial circumstances,” he says. “Meeting this duty depends on the commitment and generosity of our alumni to support these scholarships. My hope is that those who graduated when tuition was vastly lower will help this generation have what they did: a Berkeley Law education without crushing debt.”

Theis-Alvarez says that for Berkeley Law to be at the cutting edge of academic and community offerings, it must be just as innovative with its aid programs.

“The institution can change tactics and redeploy our resources, but donors play a vital role in our ability to innovate and improve,” she says. “Alumni gifts make such a difference. Annual gifts and class gifts have a major cumulative effect. Endowments let us really plan and build. Unrestricted gifts let us respond flexibly ... Every year and every class is different.”

The Financial Aid Office is pursuing new approaches to secure alternative funding sources, creating strategies to maintain accessibility and affordability, and reassessing its methodologies to serve a broader spectrum of students. That includes a new program where students can report changes in their financial situation, thereby potentially qualifying for increased need-based aid.

“This feedback loop enables us to tailor our assistance more effectively, address the diverse needs of our student body, and promote equity in higher education,” Kang says.

Current scholarship recipients convey deep thanks for alumni support.

“It’s wonderful to be a part of such a generous community,” 3L Rocco Pallin says. “Berkeley Law is a special place ... I’m very grateful for the financial support and the school’s close, encouraging, and cohesive environment.”

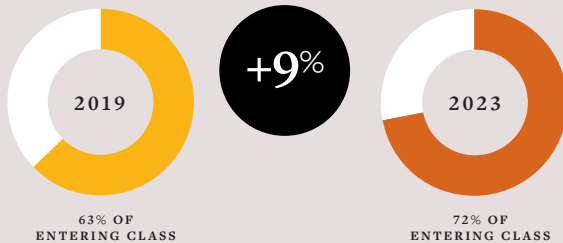
Says classmate and fellow scholarship recipient Eric Wright, “Investing in students is a force multiplier. You’re contributing to those who will create change in the community for years to come.”

Ramping Up Gift Aid

Berkeley Law has significantly increased its commitment to student access and opportunity over the past five years. In addition to more investment in gift aid programs (up over 30% for J.D. students), the school continues to build upon its successes each year, as demonstrated below.

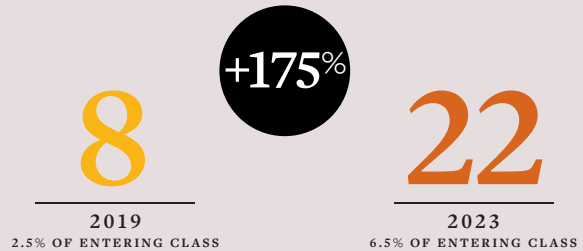
Gift Aid Awards

The percentage of students in the entering J.D. class receiving gift aid.



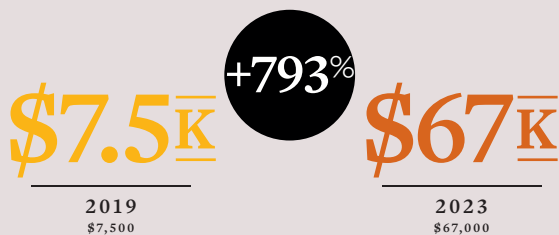
Full Tuition & Fees

The number of students in the entering J.D. class receiving full tuition and fees awards.



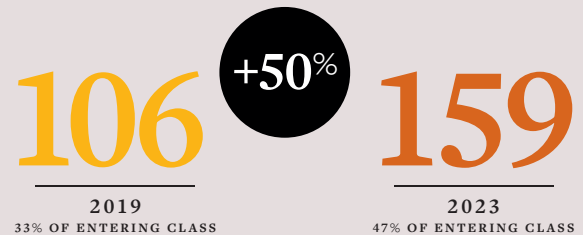
Public Interest Scholarships

The average first-year gift aid award for Public Interest Scholar recipients of the entering J.D. class.



Up to Half Tuition & Fees

The number of students in the entering J.D. class receiving gift aid totaling up to half tuition and fees.



Average Gift Aid Award

The average first-year gift aid award for recipients of the entering J.D. class.



Student Loans

The percentage of students in the entering J.D. class borrowing student loans.



*Berkeley Law gift aid includes only the gift aid awarded through the J.D. Admissions office, and does not include awards students receive through other sources.

Photo Essay

Law School Life
Through the Lens

Time to Shine

Celebrating its 60th anniversary, the McBaine Honors Moot Court Competition is a beloved Berkeley Law tradition that generates abundant intensity, spirit, and exhilaration among students.



GEARING UP

LL.M. student Woojae Kim '24 practices for the semifinal round.



FULL FOCUS

3L Chloe Pan, who won the best advocate award at her 1L Bales Trial Competition, prepares for her final-round argument.



BENCH CREW

(From left) Federal judges Eric Miller (Ninth Circuit), Robert Bacharach (Tenth Circuit), and J. Michelle Childs (D.C. Circuit) oversee the proceedings.

PHILIP PACHECO (4X)





LAUGH TRACK

Judges Childs and Miller enjoy the McBaine 60th anniversary reception.

ON HER WAY

3L Kira Marie Nikolaides, runner-up in the competition, will begin her law career this fall as a deputy public defender in Colorado.



MAKING THE CASE

Nikolaides delivers her argument during the final round.



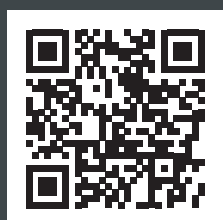
STANDING ROOM ONLY

The final-round argument draws an overflow crowd of students, faculty, and staff.



GETTING HER FLOWERS

Pan, who recently served as editor in chief of the *California Law Review*, celebrates her victory with fellow students.



SEE MORE ABOUT MCBAIN HERE

Event Excitement

A whirlwind of nonstop events brings high-profile guests, leading experts, and extraordinary advocates to Berkeley Law, engaging pivotal issues and informing thousands of people.



INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUE

Margrethe Vestager (left), executive vice president of the European Commission for a Europe Fit for the Digital Age, discusses the European Union's digital agenda with Columbia Law Professor Anu Bradford.

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EXPERT ANALYSIS

State Assembly member Ash Kalra, who drafted the California Racial Justice Act, gives the keynote address at an inaugural symposium about its initial impact.

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DOWN TO BUSINESS

Assistant Dean Adam Sterling '13 (right) makes a point at the Berkeley Center for Law and Business Fall Forum on Corporate Governance.

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GUARDIANS

Federal Trade Commission Chair Lina Khan (orange blazer) visits with Berkeley Center for Consumer Law & Economic Justice students.

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MEDIA MAVEN

New York Times General Counsel David McCraw speaks at Professor Jonathan D. Glater's Law in Media class.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The first national conference on prosecuting police officers accused of using excessive force drew lawyers from across the nation, including Dekalb County (Georgia) District Attorney Sherry Boston.

PHOTO BY MICHAELA VATCHEVA



STATELY VISIT

3L Hannah Naylor talks with California Attorney General Rob Bonta.

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COURT ICONS

Federal judges William Fletcher (left) and Thelton Henderson '62 cap an event by celebrating Henderson's 90th birthday.

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Plenty to Celebrate

From individual pursuits to collaborative projects to group occasions, students and alums bring tremendous spirit to their wide-ranging endeavors.



STANDING TALL

Rudi-Ann Miller '22 takes the California State Bar oath of admission at Berkeley Law's annual Swearing-in Ceremony.

PHOTO BY BRITTANY HOSEA-SMALL



TOAST TIME

Recent graduates celebrate passing the state bar.

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FAMILY SUPPORT

Ishvaku Vashishtha '23 (left) gets a congratulatory hug from his mom during the ceremony.

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TAPPING IN

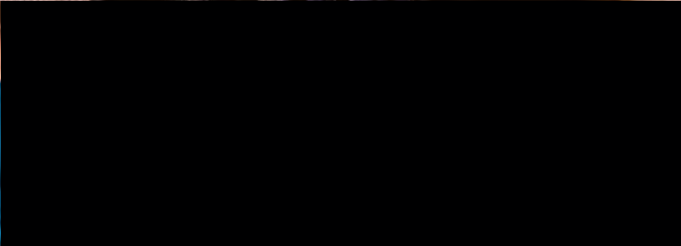
2Ls Ellen Jin (left) and Harshini Malli, co-presidents of Privacy Law at Berkeley, confer at the CITRIS Tech Museum.

PHOTO BY BRITTANY HOSEA-SMALL

TRUE COLORS

3L Sarah Davidson, who did a field placement last semester at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, walks through Yayoi Kusama's *Infinite Love* installation.

PHOTO BY SARAH DAVIDSON



SUNNY SPOT

Members of the student organization Women of Berkeley Law hold a meeting outside the school.

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TALKING SHOP

Leaders from the Youth Advocacy, Family Defense, and Foster Education projects provide insight (and tasty Malaysian food) at a Youth Justice and Family Law lunch gathering.

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◀ **GREEN PARTY**

Jeanett Trad LL.M. '10, Apple's environmental initiatives program manager for Latin America.

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Foreign Agents

LL.M. and J.D. grads recently met with Berkeley Law staff in Mexico City and helped recruit prospective students to the LL.M. program.

Snow Patrol

Members of Ecology Law Quarterly enjoyed a memorable trip during the student journal's February retreat to Yosemite National Park.

PEAK OUTING

(From left) 2L Angelina Paul, 3L Ami Shirriff, and 3L Camryn Cezar take in the mountain views.





INTERSECTING

Henna Kaur Kaushal '20, a Justice Catalyst Fellow at Centro de Los Derechos del Migrante, does wide-ranging immigration work.

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FLAGGING OPPORTUNITY

Carlos Perez Chow LL.M. '14 is a corporate, real estate, and tax lawyer.

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SINGLE FILE

(Front to back) 3L Evan Levy, 3L Natalie Friedberg, 2L Jacob Bendicksen, 3L Emma Lewis, and 2L Cat Chervenak do some trail trekking.



POLE POSITION

2L Megan Conner tries her hand (and feet) at snowshoeing.

Service Standouts

This year's class of 1L Public Interest Scholars, who receive a three-year full scholarship given to J.D. students committed to public interest pursuits, work with faculty and staff who share their passion.

SAMAHRIA ALPERN

Aided the organization Children's Rights in litigation on myriad issues, including the over-administration of psychotropic medication to youth with mental health needs in foster care.



ROSIE RIOS

Worked to create access to higher education for incarcerated people as managing director of the UCLA Prison Education Program.



LANDE WATSON

Helped the Asian Law Caucus advocate for immigrants and refugees, fight abusive workplace practices, and support older tenants.

DARIUS RILEY (GX)

EMILY REHMET

Spent three years as a clinical research coordinator for the Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Law, Brain & Behavior, working on projects at the intersection of neuroscience and the law.



LÉO MANDANI

Assisted Altshuler Berzon on class action suits to advance workers' rights in the labor and consumer protection contexts.



CINDY NGUYEN

Helped to support the development of clean energy pathways in small-island developing states and to increase climate finance access for capacity-constrained Global South countries.



IANNA ZHU

Advocated for survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking at the South Bay nonprofit Asian Americans for Community Involvement.

NICK DELEHANTY

Worked at Federal Defenders of New York for five years as a paralegal, chief paralegal, and the organization's first data director.

DARIUS RILEY (GX)



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Across the country and the world, alumni
Berkeley Law's extraordinary intellectual



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BY GWYNETH K. SHAW

DEEP ROSTER: (From left) Berkeley Law alums and Professors Catherine Albiston, J.D. '93, Ph.D. '01; Stephanie Campos-Bui, J.D. '14; Alexa Koenig, Ph.D. '13; Holly Doremus, J.D. '91; Jonathan Simon, J.D. '87, Ph.D. '90; Erik Stallman, J.D. '03; Catherine Fisk, J.D. '86; Diana Reddy, Ph.D. '23; Jennifer M. Urban, J.D. '00; and Colleen Chien, J.D. '02.

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om Ginsburg was a recent UC Berkeley graduate with a young child, working for the Asia Foundation at the tail end of the Cold War, when he got assigned a project that would lead him into professional academia — finding experts to help

Mongolia's government write a new constitution.

When Ginsburg asked his undergraduate advisers for help, they all said there was one person to talk to: Berkeley Law Professor Martin Shapiro.

“So I got in touch with him and sent him to Mongolia, and I got very interested in constitution-making through that process,” Ginsburg says. “After a couple years of working on this, I realized these were really interesting questions: Where does constitutional democracy come from? How is it sustained, and how does it die?”

“These questions are what led me back to graduate school, and they're what has motivated my work.”

Ginsburg earned a J.D. from Berkeley Law and a Ph.D. from its Jurisprudence & Social Policy (JSP) Program, turning down other schools so he could work with Shapiro, who became his dissertation adviser.

“The JSP Program was amazing, because you had access to not just people in the law school but from all over campus,” he says. “I was like a kid in a candy store. And having people with

Ph.D.s but were teaching in a law school as mentors was really great, because they could advise you on the process of academia, both in law and in other disciplines.”

Now a renowned University of Chicago law and political science professor, Ginsburg has made a stellar academic career out of studying democracies — and building new constitutions internationally. The author of five books and dozens of articles, he's just one of more than 100 Berkeley Law-educated professors at law schools and universities around the world.

Legal academia is famously stacked with graduates of Yale and Harvard. But between the law school's J.D., Master of Laws (LL.M.), and Doctor of Juridical Science (J.S.D.) programs and JSP, Berkeley Law also offers a well-supported path to becoming a professor.

“Our alumni are making their mark across wide swaths of academia,” says Professor Dylan Penningroth, associate dean for the JSP and Legal Studies programs. “We have a long track record of placing our graduates not just in law schools, but in other top departments as well.”

The school's own faculty is a testament to that success: Fifteen professors have Berkeley Law degrees, as do several emeritus faculty and many research center directors, legal writing teachers, fellows, and staff.

“What makes the JSP program incomparable is that it brings together these topically, disciplinarily, and methodologically diverse faculty members — who then truly want to be in conversation with each other and with you,” says Berkeley Law Professor Diana Reddy, who joined the faculty last fall after finishing her JSP Ph.D. “As a graduate student, I had the most incredible committee, and to now have many of those same people as my colleagues is a dream come true.

While just a sampling of the 100+ professors who have graduated from Berkeley Law, here are a dozen that represent the breadth of that group's far-reaching work.

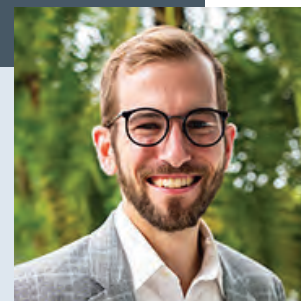


Stephen Cody, J.D. '11

*Associate Professor of Law,
Suffolk University Law School*

**Veena Dubal, J.D. '06,
Ph.D. '14**

*Professor of Law, University of
California, Irvine School of Law*



Kevin Frazier, J.D. '22

*Assistant Professor of Law,
St. Thomas University Benjamin
L. Crump College of Law*

“Also, Berkeley Law students are amazing: intellectually curious, concerned with social problems, and earnest in trying to figure out how to be part of the solution. As a professor, how could you ask for anything more?”

An interdisciplinary path forward

Much like Ginsburg, University of Massachusetts Amherst Professor Jamie Rowen began her journey into the profession with a question that absorbed her: how international criminal law might prevent atrocity. After beginning college at an East Coast school, she transferred to Berkeley, which had a better platform for peace and conflict studies.

Given her interests, Rowen knew a law degree would be helpful — but she wasn't very interested in practicing law. Meeting a JSP student at the end of her undergraduate program unlocked a whole new idea: She could keep learning at a law school with no intention of becoming a lawyer.

“I didn't understand academia, I didn't know about disciplines and jobs, I had no idea what I was doing and what it would take to become a professor,” she says. “I was just interested in my topic, and this seemed like a place where I could study that.”

Rowen felt supported and intellectually inspired by her JSP mentors, particularly clinical faculty from the International Human Rights Law Clinic and the East Bay Community Law Center and the late Professor Lauren Edelman '86, a program stalwart and sociologist who blazed a trail for socio-legal scholars. It's a label Rowen now applies to herself, as a professor of political science and legal studies and director of the UMass Center for Justice, Law, and Societies.

“In non-law school jobs, there are just a few openings a year, and I got really lucky to get the right job for me,” she says. “This is the oldest legal studies program in the country, and I knew that this program would understand, through and

Playing for the Home Team

To understand the strength of the pipeline between Berkeley Law and legal academia, look no further than the school's deep bench of faculty, researchers, and staff, which is stocked with alumni. Some, like Professors Catherine Fisk '86 and Colleen Chien '02, launched from the J.D. program. Many more, including Catherine Albiston J.D. '93, Ph.D. '01, Jonathan Simon J.D. '87, Ph.D. '90, and Diana Reddy Ph.D. '23, graduated from the Jurisprudence & Social Policy (JSP) Program and now teach there.

Still others earned their undergraduate degrees from UC Berkeley, including Professor Adam Badawi J.D. '03, Ph.D. '04 and Clinical Professor Stephanie Campos-Bui '14, or doctorates from other departments at the school, including Professor Dhammika Dharmapala (Economics).

Teaching at Berkeley Law as an alum is a unique experience — and a privilege, they say.

“I smile every time I walk into the building,” says Badawi, who returned in 2017. “I feel incredibly lucky and fortunate to work here and I hope to give a little back to the institution that has given so much to me.”

Human Rights Center Co-Faculty Director Alexa Koenig Ph.D. '13 first joined the center as a JSP student, used her work there as grist for her dissertation, and never left.

“In addition to not having to leave such an inspiring place and such inspiring people, the connection hopefully strengthens my advising of students,

given that I went through the same program and had the same teachers and many of the same experiences,” she says.

“Being at Berkeley for many years, leaving to teach elsewhere, and then coming back gives you a certain perspective on the characteristics that make Berkeley special,” says Albiston, who taught at Wisconsin Law for two years before joining Berkeley Law's faculty in 2003.

Familiarity breeds a deep appreciation for the interdisciplinary community on campus, the active faculty governance practices, and Berkeley's public mission amid a vigorous intellectual culture, Albiston adds.

Campos-Bui, co-director of Berkeley Law's Policy Advocacy Clinic, is similarly enervated by the students' diligence, creativity, and smarts.

“Each semester, I have the privilege of working with 30 or so new students who are eager and excited about gaining the tools and expertise to go out and change the world,” she says. “I learn so much from our students and they consistently challenge me to be a better advocate and teacher.”

Koenig is particularly unusual because she's also held staff and faculty positions at the school, giving her a unique perspective into what it means to belong at Berkeley.

“Each has come with distinct frustrations and rewards,” she says. “But what's been common is the opportunity to work with a disproportionately high number of truly kind people who are brilliant, dedicated, creative, and inspiring.” — *Gwyneth K. Shaw*



CLASS ACT: First-year Professor Diana Reddy Ph.D. '23 marvels at the consistently high level of engagement from her students.

through, that I'm a socio-legal studies scholar. This job wanted that."

Joel Sati, in his first year on the tenure track at the University of Oregon's law school, took a more direct path to academia — but it also ran through JSP. An undocumented immigrant from Kenya, in college he knew he wanted to be a professor after seeing a link between his activism for immigrant rights and his philosophy studies.

As graduation neared, Sati reached out to Professor Sarah Song, who studies immigration and immigrants and encouraged him to apply to JSP. Song and Professor Christopher Kutz became his Ph.D. advisers.

Sati also completed a J.D. at Yale — a double-coasted accomplishment made a bit easier by some pandemic-era remote learning. With a first semester of teaching under his belt, he's more grateful than ever for his graduate student experience. Before going on the job market, he did multiple mock

interviews and job talks organized by Professor Jonah Gelbach, who chairs the school's Academic Placement Committee.

"They were tougher than what I experienced on the market, so I felt really well prepared," Sati says. "I felt very supported, not just within the JSP faculty, but within the larger law school faculty. I came out of the fall semester knowing that I love this job, and that if I invest time into it, I'll be rewarded. That's a great thing."

Julian Nyarko came to Berkeley Law from Germany for an LL.M. degree, and the program confirmed his wish for an academic job in the United States. Interested in law and economics, he returned and joined the JSP Program, learning from field legends like Professor Robert Cooter and venturing into UC Berkeley's renowned economics and political science departments.

"I got a lot of my training and that interdisciplinary angle there, and then brought that into JSP," Nyarko says. "That was one of the big advantages: the freedom to go out and pick up the skills where I needed them."



Jean Galbraith, J.D. '04

*Professor of Law,
University of Pennsylvania
Carey Law School*

**Tom Ginsburg,
J.D. '97, Ph.D. '99**

*Professor of Law and Political
Science, University of Chicago*



Joy Milligan, Ph.D. '18

*Professor of Law, University of
Virginia School of Law*



MEETING UP:
Clinical Professor and Policy Advocacy Clinic Co-Director Stephanie Campos-Bui '14 talks with students in Steinhart Courtyard.

Now at Stanford Law, Nyarko uses empirical methodologies and other cross-disciplinary tools to study myriad topics, including causal inference, algorithmic fairness, and criminal justice, even using computational linguistics to study contract law and design.

“Grad school is the time to pick up skills you can benefit from for the rest of your life as a professor — in my case, the hard quantitative classes,” he says. “Once you’re a professional academic, you don’t have time to learn as much anymore. It was incredibly valuable to have the space during my Ph.D. work to pick up those methodological skills that I’m using in my day-to-day work now.

“I definitely didn’t appreciate that as a student.”

Experience builds expertise

Kevin Frazier remembers the first time he considered becoming an academic: in a Constitutional Law lecture by Professor

Kathryn Abrams on the Slaughter-House Cases. He admits he was fuzzy on the readings coming into class.

“Thankfully, Professor Abrams explained the facts, law, and theory so clearly that I left feeling as though I not only understood the cases but wanted to explore related scholarship — and that exploration deepened my understanding and raised some new questions for me to analyze,” he says. “I realized the impact and role of legal academics: introducing students to the law as teachers and providing the legal community as a whole with scholarship that pushes them to dive even further into the legal weeds.”

Later, a seminar with Professor Tejas N. Narechania gave Frazier the opportunity to try his hand at a scholarly article, further cementing his ambition.

Frazier took an unorthodox route to his job at the St. Thomas University Benjamin L. Crump College of Law. While clerking for the Montana Supreme Court’s chief justice, mentor

Helen Norton, J.D. '89

Professor of Law, University of Colorado Law School

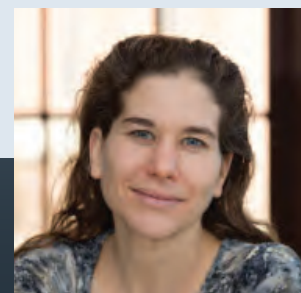


Julian Nyarko, LL.M. '12, Ph.D. '18

Associate Professor of Law, Stanford University Law School

Jamie Rowen, J.D. '09, Ph.D. '12

Associate Professor of Legal Studies and Political Science, Director, Center for Justice, Law, and Societies, University of Massachusetts Amherst



and Professor Chris Jay Hoofnagle convinced him to jump into the academic hiring cycle late in the game. A nibble from St. Thomas became a full-fledged hiring process, and Frazier walked into the classroom just over a year after getting his J.D.

He credits the law school, including his time at the *Berkeley Technology Law Journal*, for building a strong academic career foundation.

“Berkeley Law afforded several opportunities to not only identify the topics that now form the core of my research agenda — namely regulating emerging technologies — but also to practice writing on those topics,” Frazier says. “For example, in addition to Professor Narechania’s course, I had the chance to write on undersea cable regulation and the Law of the Sea through courses taught by Professors Holly Doremus and John Yoo. At the journal, I was exposed to new and exciting legal scholarship on similar topics.”

Stephen Cody, recently named Teacher of the Year at Suffolk Law, also enjoyed prime mentoring during his long stint in Berkeley. While working on a sociology Ph.D., he applied for a part-time job at the Human Rights Center (HRC) to supplement his teaching stipend, working on a study of former Guantanamo Bay detainees with Professors Eric Stover, Laurel E. Fletcher, and JSP alum Alexa Koenig.

“The job changed my life. My interest in law and legal procedure blossomed,” Cody says. “The research exposed the crucial roles of military lawyers in resisting the expansion of coercive interrogations and torture. Because of this work, I shifted my dissertation research to focus on overbroad counterterrorism laws worldwide.”

Cody also went to law school, spending his 1L summer and the fall of his 2L year at Human Rights Watch, building an archive of counterterrorism laws and serving as a nongovernmental organization observer to the Guantanamo military commissions. When he returned to Berkeley Law, “JSP faculty and graduate students adopted me,” he says.

He enrolled in JSP courses, and Professor Jonathan Simon — a JSP alum himself — was on his committee. Fletcher and

Abrams championed his legal scholarship and also wrote him recommendation letters.

After finishing his degrees, Cody worked as a research director for the HRC’s Atrocity Response Program and co-supervised students in the International Human Rights Workshop and International Human Rights Law Clinic.

“Eric Stover remains the greatest influence on my life and work from my time at Berkeley Law,” he says. “Eric embodies the kind of engaged academic that I aspire to be. He keeps his boots on the ground, always listening to communities impacted by human rights violations, and yet he also finds ways to build coalitions and shape high-level debates on policy and legal reform. One of the great privileges of my life was to return to the Human Rights Center as a research director and work beside Eric Stover and Alexa Koenig.”

Engagement and energy

Looking to break into the academic ranks? For those who love reading, writing, mentoring, and teaching, Ginsburg says it’s the greatest job in the world. While the path to legal academia has become more rigorous, the emphasis on scholarly work has also opened the door to a broader range of aspirants.

“A successful academic is someone who can ask good questions,” he says. “Watching how your professors formulate the good questions and try to figure out what’s a good idea and a bad idea to pursue, that’s a little bit more of an art than a skill. That’s something to pay attention to as a young prospective scholar.”

Over and over again in recounting their student experiences, alumni academics returned to the school’s culture, people, and incredible breadth. Whether it’s been a handful of years since their graduation or decades, many say they try to carry that with them now that they’re wearing the professor’s hat.

“Berkeley Law is extraordinary,” Rowen says. “I’ve now been at multiple institutions and I still haven’t found one that compares. There is not in my experience a law school with such engagement of students and faculty and such an active intellectual life.

“I am so grateful I was there for so long.”



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Jason Schultz, J.D. '00

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Technology Law & Policy Clinic
Director, New York University
School of Law*



Erica Zunkel, J.D. '03

*Clinical Professor of Law,
University of Chicago Law School*

‘Exciting Experiment’ Yields Unique Route to a Ph.D.

Being a 1980s student in the Jurisprudence & Social Policy (JSP) Program felt like “a truly exciting experiment that could go either way,” says Professor Jonathan Simon J.D. ’87, Ph.D. ’90.

“What would happen if you mixed a funky old house full of Ph.D.-wielding social scientists and philosophers interested in law and society and a top-ranked law school with strong ties to the elites of the legal profession?” he says. “There was not a little sense of dread that if the experiment went horribly awry it could undermine Berkeley’s standing as a national law school and create a dead end of researchers more interested in justifying the U.S. legal system than critically evaluating it.”

Since Simon returned to Berkeley Law in 2003 to teach, “the biggest delight has been to experience first-hand how wildly the experiment succeeded,” he says, noting that the faculty now has more Ph.D. holders than nearly any other law school in America. “I truly believe that creating the JSP Program changed Berkeley Law’s DNA back in the ’80s and helped make us the most innovative law school of the 21st century.”

JSP grew out of the demise of UC Berkeley’s Criminology Department in the 1970s. Over nearly half a century, the

Ph.D.-granting program has trained students working on a wide range of social science fields as they intersect with law.

These days — with a Ph.D. increasingly essential to unlocking jobs in legal academia — the program offers a unique opportunity to study with experts at the intersection of law and sociology, public health, philosophy, economics, and more.

“JSP is the perfect place for intellectual square pegs in round holes,” says Professor Catherine Albiston J.D. ’93, Ph.D. ’01. “If you’re someone like me who doesn’t fit neatly into a particular disciplinary community, the interdisciplinarity of JSP provides space to pursue your interests in a rigorous way.”

Graduates who have gone on to academic careers — in law schools as well as social science departments — say the program molded them into better and broader thinkers. They also laud the invaluable faculty mentoring, a program hallmark since the early days with Berkeley Law legends Philip Selznick, Caleb Foote, Sheldon Messinger, and Lauren Edelman ’86, who died last year.

“We take legal doctrine quite seriously, but we want to understand how it actually matters in the world,” says Professor Diana Reddy Ph.D. ’23, an Edelman student. “JSP was the perfect program for what I wanted to do. It allowed me to ask the complex and inherently interdisciplinary questions that I had come back to academia, after seven years of legal practice, to try and answer.”

“I am deeply grateful to the JSP Program and Berkeley Law for providing me with a multi- and interdisciplinary experience, one grounded in social justice considerations, kickstarting the multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary work I do today,” says Human Rights Center Co-Faculty Director Alexa Koenig Ph.D. ’13.

Unlike many other J.D./Ph.D. programs, JSP is fully integrated in terms of courses and faculty.

It’s a real asset in the current unpredictable academic job market. JSP alumni are teaching in a wide range of disciplines as well as law schools.

“Having all these resources under one roof, so to speak, gives us an edge over other graduate programs, where law is far less central and less integrated into disciplinary training, and where it is harder to get in-depth exposure to law-oriented approaches from multiple disciplines,” says Professor Dylan Penningroth, associate dean for the JSP and Legal Studies programs.

“This interdisciplinary approach to law also affords our graduate students a distinctive training as teachers, as they are able to hone their pedagogy in Legal Studies — one of the biggest, most diverse, and prizewinning undergraduate majors on campus. “All of this adds up to a strong placement record.”

— Gwyneth K. Shaw

Fast Forward

Powerful Student
Action Figures



BENCHMARK:
Dayo Ajanaku says her work with Berkeley Law's New Business Community Law Clinic provided a welcome jolt of excitement and satisfaction.

3L Dayo Ajanaku

Renewed Identity Helping Small Businesses Thrive

Dayo Ajanaku was burned out. 1L year had dimmed her enthusiasm and she wanted to get it back.

After consulting some practicing lawyers, she shifted her focus to hands-on courses and opportunities. She enrolled in negotiation classes, created an independent study, and discovered the New Business Community Law Clinic — and a renewed purpose.

“I am putting myself in positions where I’m learning things I want to learn, but also getting skills and tools I can use,” says Ajanaku, who also served as the Sports and Entertainment Law Society’s alumni chair and the Law Students of African Descent’s co-president and 1L representative.

Over two semesters with the clinic, she worked with more than a dozen small businesses, including three that resonated with her deeply — a Berkeley film company, a nonprofit supporting Black farmers, and a mental health consulting company.

“They all touched on a part of my identity, what’s important to me, and what I want to pursue,” says Ajanaku, who envisions working as a general counsel for a Black-owned entertainment company.

She and her clinic teammates helped the film company secure the proper legal protections to produce its first independent film festival. They also helped a California organization that invests in Black food economies and supports prison-impacted Black mothers and caregivers form a worker-directed nonprofit and apply for a trademark.

“They’re giving these women jobs and important skills,” Ajanaku says. “As a Black woman, I have a strong desire to see people in my community thrive beyond just surviving.”

Toward that end, she also shares her experience as a Black woman at Berkeley Law on YouTube and has an Instagram account (TheBlackEnneagram) about a personality tool for people who identify as Black and brown.

With the consulting organization, which helps employers respond better to

workers’ mental health needs, Ajanaku helped set up a limited liability company, developed subscription and services agreements, and advanced website terms of use and privacy policies.

She says the personal one-on-one connections with her clients gave her the motivation and spark she had missed as a 1L.

“It feels good to know that giving them these tools and skills will have a lasting impact on their business,” says Ajanaku, who cites drafting contracts and emails, working on a legal team, and giving presentations as critical skills she learned in the clinic.

Ajanaku also took part in the virtual Villanova Esports Negotiation Competition, where she was one of very few women participating. In addition, she wrote for the *Berkeley Business Law Journal* on how artificial intelligence affects people of color and the future of musical festivals after the 2021 Astroworld Festival deaths, wrote for the *Berkeley Journal of Black Law & Policy*, and got involved in the Womxn of Color Collective.

“Before I leave BigLaw, I hope someone creates a Black production company that’s doing really well,” says Ajanaku, who is headed to Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman after graduation. “I would love to work with Issa Rae — that would be a dream job.” — Sarah Weld

“It feels good to know that giving them these tools and skills will have a lasting impact on their business.”

3L Josh Cayetano

Working to Bridge the Town-Gown Divide

Josh Cayetano was just about to start college in 2014 when teenager Michael Brown was shot and killed by police officer Darren Wilson in Ferguson, Missouri. The tragedy — and the protests it sparked, which were met with a massive armed response from law enforcement — exposed him to a side of the police he hadn't seen before.

Nine years later, with a strong record of activism and advocacy, Cayetano was recently appointed to the Berkeley Police Accountability Board (PAB) by the Berkeley City Council.

"I chose Berkeley Law largely because of the opportunity to make an impact as a student," he says. "I never thought that it would put me here, but I'm grateful that it did."

After Ferguson, Cayetano dug in, reading the U.S. Department of Justice report about Brown's killing and focusing his studies on race and policing in America. He became even more engaged during his graduate studies at Yale.

Drawn more to his activism than his schoolwork, Cayetano decided law

school was the next logical step. As a 1L he jumped right into the Police Review Project, one of the school's 40 Student-Initiated Legal Services Projects and a major draw for him as a prospective student.

The initiative has two branches: The first, which Cayetano worked with, pairs students with the ACLU Louisiana Justice Lab to help citizens — often low-income people of color — challenge racially discriminatory policing practices and violent tactics.

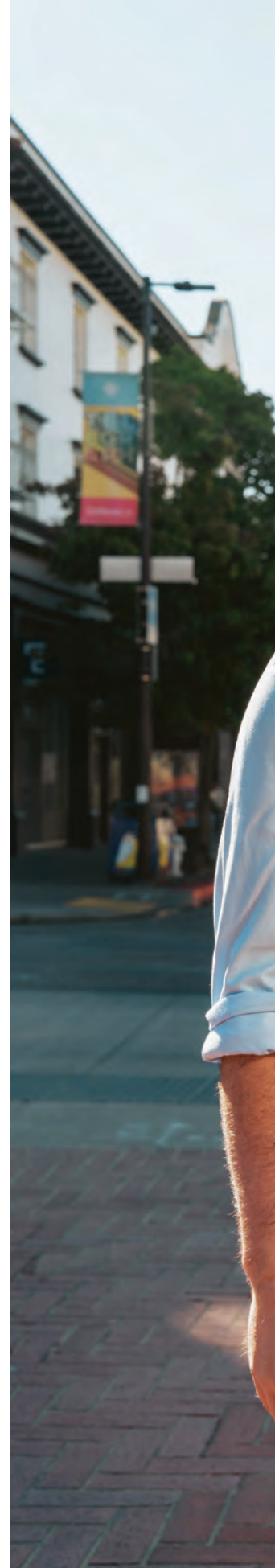
In the second branch, law students help represent civilians who file complaints against members of the Berkeley Police Department with the PAB, a nine-member civilian panel.

Former Berkeley City Council member Rigel Robinson was impressed with the students' work and reached out to the group's leaders, ultimately nominating Cayetano for the PAB. His background will make him an asset to the board, Robinson says.

"Mr. Cayetano is a rockstar, and a role model for those seeking to identify ways to serve their local community

ON A NEW ROAD:
Berkeley Police
Accountability Board
member Josh
Cayetano finds great
meaning in students
getting the chance to
shape local policy.

MICHAELA VATCHEVA





“I really hope Berkeley students can find ways they can give back to the community instead of simply extracting knowledge.”

while being a student on campus,” he says. “The rift between town and gown can feel vast sometimes. One of the things I love ... is creating opportunities for students to have a seat at the table and play a direct role in affecting the policymaking process in Berkeley. Serving on a city commission is one critical way to do that.”

Cayetano says he’s thankful for how much he learned working with ACLU Louisiana, particularly how difficult it is for an average citizen — particularly one with few resources — to assert their constitutional rights. Trying to translate their experiences into legal claims takes a lot more work than it should, he adds, and that’s visible in Berkeley, too.

He also hopes to encourage other UC Berkeley students, at the law school and around campus, to engage with the city.

“We’re transient, but we’re also living here, in this liminal space,” Cayetano says. “I really hope Berkeley students can find ways they can give back to the community instead of simply extracting knowledge.” — *Gwyneth K. Shaw*

3L Emma Lewis

The Right Environment to Make a Bigger Impact

BRANCHING OUT: Emma Lewis says Berkeley Law expanded her ability to push for environmental solutions that are both sustainable and fair.

Emma Lewis feels at home in many settings, but not on the sidelines. While in college, studying the climate change and biodiversity collapse crises fueled knowledge, interest — but most of all motivation.

“I didn’t just want to study the decline or ignore what was happening,” she says. “I wanted to intervene in some way.”

Working in habitat restoration and environmental education, Lewis was a natural resource specialist when the city

BRITTANY HOSEA-SMALL



of South San Francisco received a grant to start a restoration program on its largest park, a foothill of San Bruno Mountain.

Hired to launch the project, Lewis enlisted volunteer support, led nature walks, and monitored the park's rare and endangered species. She also developed a system to identify and monitor species, control the spread of invasives, and help native plants and animals thrive.

Bay Nature named her its 2021 Young

Leader Local Hero, and her supervisor estimated that Lewis recruited more volunteers in a year than the city's parks department had over the previous decade. But when wildfires burned down nearly a third of the park — destroying endangered species habitat and threatening surrounding neighborhoods — a broader role took shape.

“So many threats to the ecosystems and communities I cared about felt out of my control,” Lewis says. “I wanted better tools to address these issues, and decided law school was a good fit for my strengths. Berkeley Law stood out for its fantastic environmental law program and commitment to public interest.”

Lewis recently wrote a paper about lessons from the San Bruno Mountain Habitat Conservation Plan, which she aims to publish. She's a board member with San Bruno Mountain Watch, which works to increase stewardship for one of the nation's largest open spaces in an urban landscape. Lewis advises the nonprofit on its goals, strategies, and structure, provides feedback on grant applications, assists fundraising efforts, and helps build community ties.

“There are serious inequities in who has access to nature, with communities

of color and low-income communities often having the least,” says Lewis, noting that the San Bruno Mountain area “is literally in many residents' backyards.”

The publishing editor at *Ecology Law Quarterly*, Lewis spent her last two summers interning for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of the General Counsel and for the U.S. Department of Justice's Environmental Enforcement Section.

Last semester, she externed with the U.S. Department of the Interior's Board of Land Appeals in the Office of Hearing and Appeals, working closely with administrative law judges to resolve appeals of public lands and natural resources disputes.

“The most challenging aspect of environmental work is addressing the many threats that communities and ecosystems face,” says Lewis, who will clerk for U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge William Fletcher after graduating. “Climate change, water and air pollution, habitat loss, they all interact and build off each other. Even if you parse out and solve one issue, so many other threats remain. But I also think the complexity and challenge makes environmental work really exciting.” — *Andrew Cohen*



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Professor Spotlight:

Andrea Roth Awarded New Chair Bearing Defense Titan's Name

Professor Andrea Roth, a groundbreaking scholar of criminal law and evidence in an increasingly tech-driven world, has been awarded the Barry Tarlow Chancellor's Chair in Criminal Justice — a position created by a \$5.5 million gift to Berkeley Law from the legendary defense lawyer's estate last year.

Roth, who joined the faculty in 2011, says she's thrilled to carry the namesake of Tarlow, a giant in criminal justice, particularly in California. He co-founded California Attorneys for Criminal Justice and was known for being not only a fierce advocate but also a scholarly presence in the state bar who trained and helped so many others, she adds.

"It's an incredible honor, and even more so to be associated with Barry Tarlow and his family," Roth says. "As one attorney put it in a recent tribute, he was 'never satisfied with what could be done better.' I hope to live up to that legacy in my own work."

Dean Erwin Chemerinsky says he can't think of a better person to hold a chair named for Tarlow.

"It is wonderful that Andrea Roth will be the first holder of the Barry Tarlow Chair in Criminal Justice," he says. "Andrea is a superb teacher and a great scholar in the areas of criminal law and procedure. An endowed chair is the highest honor a university can bestow and Andrea is so deserving of this recognition."

Roth teaches Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Forensic Evidence, and Evidence, and is a faculty co-director of the Berkeley Center for Law & Technology. She also chairs UC Berkeley's Committee on Teaching. Her interest in how science and evidence intersect goes back to her days as a public defender in Washington, D.C., where she was a founding member of a forensic practice group that both studied and litigated forensic DNA typing.

Entering her last year of a three-year term as chair of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's legal advisory group on forensic science, Roth has written extensively about the ways that science- and technology-based evidence is reshaping the criminal justice system.

Her 2019 *California Law Review* article "'Spit and Acquit': Prosecutors as Surveillance Entrepreneurs" revealed how the Orange County prosecutor's office was using plea deal offers to entice defendants charged with misdemeanors to give a DNA sample for a permanent database. The article helped inspire a legal challenge that is now on appeal.

Roth also writes on broader criminal justice issues, such as a 2022 *Duke Law Journal* article and a 2024 *California Law Review* article arguing for a right to jury and lawyer, respectively, in "all criminal prosecutions" — the language of the Sixth Amendment. This



VERSATILE SCHOLAR: Professor Andrea Roth brings vast expertise that spans criminal law and procedure, forensic evidence, and technology.

spring, Roth is working with the Advisory Committee to the Federal Rules of Evidence to help develop new rules for machine-generated proof.

With California at the forefront of criminal justice reform efforts, Berkeley Law has expanded its already impressive depth in the field. Last year, former San Francisco district attorney Chesa Boudin joined the school as the founding executive director of its Criminal Law & Justice Center, which is already hosting important conversations about the movement's next steps.

"It's an exciting time to be part of criminal justice at Berkeley Law, because of our uniquely brilliant and service-minded students, Berkeley's public mission, and our position in a reformist state," Roth says. "We also have a particularly eclectic criminal faculty: former prosecutors, former defense attorneys, criminal law theorists, international criminal law experts, criminal migration experts, and also economists and sociologists working on criminal law-adjacent projects.

"I feel so lucky to be a part of it."

— Gwyneth K. Shaw

The Roth File

- › Co-author of a leading Evidence casebook, *Evidence: Cases, Commentary, and Problems*, with David Alan Sklansky
- › Chairs the Legal Resource Task Group of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Organization of Scientific Area Committees
- › Chairs UC Berkeley's Committee on Teaching
- › Elected member of the American Law Institute
- › One of four recipients of UC Berkeley's campus-wide Distinguished Teaching Award in 2019
- › Won the university's 2017 Prytanean Faculty Award, given annually to one pre-tenure female faculty member
- › Received Berkeley Law's annual Rutter Award for Teaching Excellence in 2016
- › Given teaching awards from Women of Berkeley Law and the *Berkeley Criminal Law Journal*

Research Spotlight:

Shining a Light Where It's Needed Most

While the broad areas Berkeley Law professors explore are generally familiar, the issues they unearth within them are routinely off the radar and vitally important. Their wide-ranging research shares a common thread of probing how to improve regulations, laws, and policies so that they are designed, enacted, and implemented effectively — and equitably.

Here are just a dozen recent examples of their needle-moving scholarship.



**ABBYE
ATKINSON**

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**Borrowing and
Belonging**

California Law Review

Atkinson explores how our society encourages a “consumerist vision of American belonging” that’s often fueled by credit and other borrowing while debt policies and norms intentionally exclude distressed debtors.

Atkinson, who focuses on the law of debtors and creditors as it affects marginalized communities, argues that if credit- and debt-based consumption is tied to the idea of belonging, policies involving them must expand beyond their dominant economic orientation.



**KENNETH
AYOTTE**

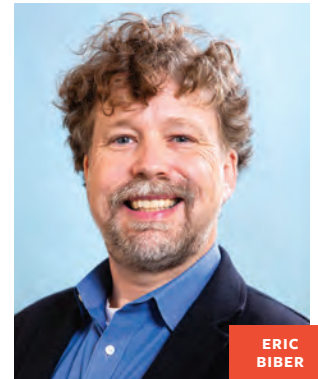
**KENNETH AYOTTE
WITH ALEX ZHICHENG HUANG**

**Standardizing and
Unbundling the Sub
Rosa DIP Loan**

*Emory Bankruptcy
Developments Journal*

Ayotte and Huang analyze how “debtor-in-possession” loans, where a company that filed for

Chapter 11 bankruptcy stays in control, often drive reorganization plans at the start of the process, letting the lender gain the “golden ticket” to become the creditor and take over the bankrupt company. They say this process can preserve the company but hampers the respect for priorities, a main bankruptcy system goal, making greater transparency essential to protect priorities.



**ERIC
BIBER**

**ERIC BIBER
WITH MOIRA O'NEILL &
NICHOLAS J. MARANTZ**

**Measuring Local
Policy to Advance
Fair Housing and
Climate Goals Through
a Comprehensive
Assessment of Land Use
Entitlements**

Pepperdine Law Review

The authors’ study of land use entitlements supports California laws to expand local reporting requirements for zoning and planning regulations that increase needed housing production, especially affordable housing. They illustrate the need to collect a wide range of precise objective data on how cities apply law, and offer a simple but sufficiently comprehensive measurement of regulation that can help identify when a local land use regime may be excluding affordable housing.



ELENA CHACHKO

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Toward Regulatory Isolationism? The International Elements of Agency Power

UC Davis Law Review

International factors like treaties, soft law, and foreign policy interests, a big part of federal agencies' work, are largely ignored in the current debate on constraining them. Chachko says administrative law is surprisingly welcoming to action that invokes such factors, yet the Supreme Court's reevaluation of key doctrines threatens to limit agencies' freedom to engage with the world. She calls this freedom essential and proposes ways to defend it in the new landscape.



DHAMMIKA DHARMAPALA

DHAMMIKA DHARMAPALA WITH NUNO GAROUPA

The Law of Restitution for Mistaken Payments: An Economic Analysis
Journal of Legal Studies

The law of restitution and unjust enrichment is now an

important part of private law globally, yet it has generated little economic analysis. Dharmapala and his co-author develop a model of restitution's core example, mistaken payments, that offers novel insights on the rationale for partial restitution, distortions generated by the change of position defense, and the discharge for value doctrine implicated in a major case involving a large mistaken payment by Citibank.



DANIEL FARBER

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Inequality and Regulation: Designing Rules to Address Race, Poverty, and Environmental Justice

American Journal of Law and Equality

Inequality plays little role in how U.S. regulations are crafted. Farber urges agencies to focus on the extent of risk that people face, and their differences in both exposures to risk and vulnerabilities when a risk emerges. If income or race drives either, he says incorporating this in predicting individual exposure and vulnerability would improve regulatory responses to inequality — in a way that fits with current practice and legal doctrine and assures policy durability.



DAVID HAUSMAN

DAVID HAUSMAN WITH DOROTHY KRONICK

The Illusory End of Stop and Frisk in Chicago?

Science Advances

Critics and proponents of "stop and frisk" policing assume ending it reduces police-civilian interactions. But research from Chicago finds that a drop in pedestrian stops coincided with an increase in traffic stops — and evidence suggesting that officers deliberately switched their focus. The authors show how the new traffic stops affected the same types of Chicagoans previously subjected to pedestrian stops, and urge policymakers to weigh the possibility of such substitution going forward.



SHARON JACOBS

SHARON JACOBS WITH DAVE OWEN

Community Energy Exit
Duke Law Journal

U.S. communities are asserting greater control over their

energy systems via new technologies and governance forms. While recognizing the benefits community-centered energy systems can bring, the authors explain ways in which they may also produce systemic inequities and other concerns. Pointing to concrete steps some states have taken to avoid such pitfalls, they unpack reasons why adequate legal oversight is needed to avoid future expansion devolving into a form of "energy elitism."



SAIRA MOHAMED

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We Want You: Conscription and the Law in Russia's War of Aggression

Berlin Journal

International law prohibits wars of aggression, yet it treats military conscription of adult nationals as a right of sovereign states, even for aggressive wars. Mohamed argues that individuals should not be forced to fight in a state's war of aggression, and that those facing conscription for aggression should merit both affirmative protection against forced military service in that circumstance and recognition of the harms that arise from being forced to fight an illegal war.



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WITH RACHEL MORELLO-FROSCH

The Climate Gap and the Color Line — Racial Health Inequities and Climate Change

New England Journal of Medicine

Outlining how extracting and burning fossil fuels and other climate change effects disproportionately harm communities of color, the authors offer a multipronged strategy to close this “climate gap.” They urge transforming multiple systems to achieve policies that connect climate-change mitigation and adaptation with community building, financial opportunity, and political power to advance racial and economic justice and reduce health inequities.



DIANA REDDY

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After the Law of Apolitical Economy: Reclaiming the Normative Stakes of Labor Unions

Yale Law Journal

Although American public support for labor unions has

soared in recent years, Reddy asserts that discussions of unions are constrained by the legacy of past legal decisions. Synthesizing labor history, legal doctrine, sociological theory on social movements, and original empirical work, she traces the trajectory of what she calls the law of apolitical economy in courts, identifies its broader cultural reverberations, and reveals new evidence to show why it still matters.



AMANDA L. TYLER

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Judicial Review in Times of Emergency: From the Founding Through the Covid-19 Pandemic

Virginia Law Review

From President Abraham Lincoln’s Civil War blockade to the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II, the U.S. Constitution “has meant something different in times of emergency,” Tyler writes. She says that the concepts of war and emergencies continue to expand, that the Covid-19 pandemic and extensive litigation sparked by the government’s response adds a new chapter, and that the U.S. Supreme Court has responded with inconsistency rather than developing a cohesive approach.



Book Spotlight:

Centering the Law in Black Lives, From the 1830s to the 1970s

A seed planted by old family lore led Berkeley Law Professor Dylan Penningroth to hours in the record rooms of county courthouses across the South, teasing out how Black people used the levers of the law to advance their interests from the last decades of slavery through the 1970s.

His recently published book, *Before the Movement: The Hidden History of Black Civil Rights*, explores how Black people worked within the laws of property, contracts, marriage and divorce, business and religious associations, and more to assert their rights — even while other parts of the legal system offered discrimination, hostility, and violence.

By exercising these “rights of everyday use,” Penningroth argues, Black Americans helped shape the law as we know it today. Also a professor of history and associate dean of the law school’s Jurisprudence & Social Policy/Legal Studies Program, he says he’d always wanted to read a book of African American history that had

SAROYAN HUMPHREY (PENNINGROTH)

MYTHBUSTER: Professor Dylan Penningroth's new book reveals how Black Americans actively used the law to their benefit, even before the Civil War.

African Americans, not race relations, at the center. Family stories help spark his thesis.

During the last days of slavery, Penningroth's great-great-great-uncle Jackson Holcomb had a boat, and at least once made a deal with some Confederate soldiers to carry them across the Appomattox River in Virginia — who paid him at the end of the journey.

"It seemed that the soldiers treated him as if he had the right to contract and the right to own property," Penningroth says. "I began to realize that there's this whole world of lived legal experience that historians and legal scholars didn't really talk about, and that set me off on the path toward this book."

To document the period from the 1830s through the 1970s, he used a wide variety of sources, particularly documents from local courts in four states and the District of Columbia — following in the footsteps of Black historians who had mined courthouse records in the 1940s. Since the documents didn't identify anyone by race, he and graduate research assistants looked up litigants' names for more than 14,000 cases using Ancestry.com's digitized manuscript census site.

What emerged was a richer story of Black life, a changing concept of "civil rights," and a surprising new perspective on the modern law school curriculum. Cases involving race, slavery, and African Americans, he discovered, have been used to develop common law rules and hone doctrinal and theoretical problems in contract law. And property and contract law have always been intertwined with race and "civil rights."

"Why would African Americans turn to law in the depths of Jim Crow?" Penningroth asks. "The answers to that question should loom especially large in our minds at a time when there are many people who are working overtime to weaken Americans' faith in the rule of law." — Gwyneth K. Shaw

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Honors Spotlight:

Treasured Across the Legal Terrain

The past few months reinforced how Berkeley Law faculty members are regularly tapped for their expertise and recognized for their influence.

REMEMBERING A GIANT: The Law & Society Association's *Law & Society Review* published a special memorial issue honoring Professor Lauren Edelman '86, who died in February 2023. Edelman was deeply involved with the interdisciplinary organization, and its president in 2002-03. Several works were written by her faculty colleagues and former students, such as Professors Catherine Albiston '93, Ph.D. '01, Catherine Fisk '86, Calvin Morrill, Osagie K. Obasogie, and Diana Reddy Ph.D. '23.

PATENT PROBING: Professor Robert Merges' latest book, *American Patent Law: A Business and Economic History*, offers a full history of the U.S. patent system from 1790, emphasizing how private enterprise has used patents to pursue business goals. It highlights how Congress and courts have adapted patent rules to support socially beneficial business practices, and tried to modify those rules to re-channel investment and effort away from harmful practices like extortionate litigation.

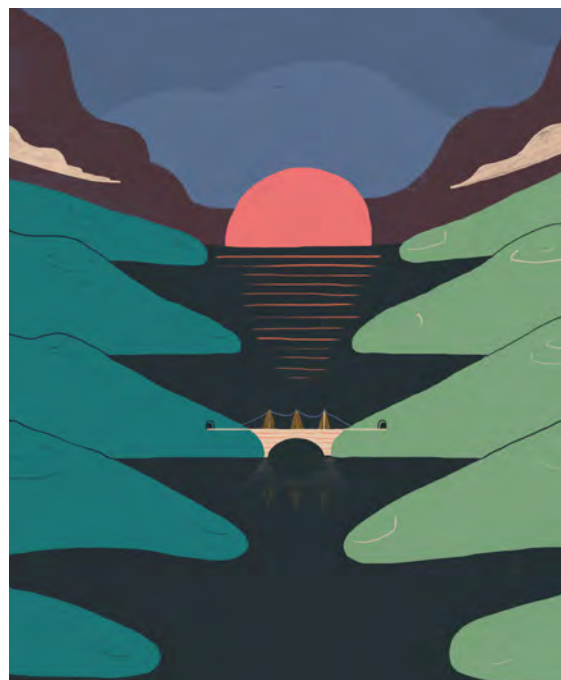
DATA PROTECTOR: Lecturer James Dempsey, former executive director of the Berkeley Center for Law & Technology, was sworn in as one of eight judges on the federal Data Protection Review Court, created last year within the Justice Department's Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties. It's part of a broader executive order to ensure impartial review of certain complaints filed by people outside the U.S. who claim their personal information was collected illegally during U.S. intelligence activities.

ETHICS IN AI: Professor Sonia Katyal was named one of "100 Brilliant Women in AI Ethics," published by Women in AI Ethics, for making impactful contributions to crafting a responsible and diverse future

for artificial intelligence. Katyal's award-winning work includes a recent paper on how the dynamic between AI and gender is highly complex and has a strong effect on LGBTQ+ communities.

TALKING TERMS: Professor Seth Davis was a lead drafter of an American Academy of Arts and Sciences report urging 18-year term limits for U.S. Supreme Court justices. It says this would reduce the polarization and partisanship life tenure creates, boost the judiciary's reputation, and align the U.S. with 49 of its states and most nations. It also offers a constitutional approach that could be reached in a reasonable time frame.

DEAN'S LIST: Dean Erwin Chemerinsky received the prestigious John P. Frank Award from the U.S. Courts for the Ninth Circuit. The award honors a lawyer who has shown outstanding character and integrity, dedication to the rule of law, proficiency as a trial and appellate lawyer, success in promoting collegiality among members of the bench and bar, and a lifetime of service to the Ninth Circuit's federal courts.





EYEING ACCESS: Olivia Gee '20 and Kurt Kurzenhauser '19 look to level the playing field.

Recent Alums Eager to Stay Connected

As a recent graduate and public defender, Olivia Gee '20 is hardly what springs to mind when someone thinks “law school donor.” But her motivation — driven by her time with the East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC) — has been personal, professional, and powerful.

“Having loved ones who’ve benefited from EBCLC’s services, and having personally benefited from the practical education I received there, it’s been a priority for deciding where to donate,” she says. “I consider it a privilege to have been trained there, and I want to help maximize its accessibility.”

Gee has made quarterly gifts to Berkeley Law’s Clinical Program Fund and Summer Public Interest Fellowship Fund. She began contributing to those in February 2021 — after making other donations as a student — because many classmates’ job offers were put on hold due to the pandemic.

“Fortunately, I had a job I only secured because of the law school’s multifaceted support for public interest work,” Gee says. “Both summers in law school I’d benefited from the Summer Public Interest Fellowship Fund, which enabled me to focus on developing as a practitioner and advocate at my preferred organizations.”

One was her current employer, the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia. The other was EBCLC, Alameda County’s largest provider of free legal services and a training ground for over 100 Berkeley Law students each year, where she worked in two clinics and became



STUDY BREAK:
Katherine Vessels LL.M. '21 and her dog Kida on the boat in Hawaii where she attended Berkeley Law remotely.

Assessing the numbers

Kurt Kurzenhauser '19, a corporate associate at Skadden in Palo Alto, understands the importance of data. With state support dropping to under 10% of Berkeley Law's operating budget, he sees alumni support as crucial to preserving the school's excellence and public mission.

"It's shocking how little Berkeley Law receives from the state, especially compared to a generation or two ago," he says. "I know tuition increases are a direct method to raise necessary funds. However, rising tuition makes law school unaffordable to

many who would be great lawyers. To continue to serve the public, other financing is needed."

Kurzenhauser recognizes the debt burden for many recent graduates, but also that their connection to the school is the most recent and strongest. He says "establishing a philanthropic mindset early will create alumni that will for years give back to Berkeley Law — whether through funding, volunteering, or providing opportunities to students."

Kurzenhauser credits Berkeley Law for changing his life "in many great ways," from professors who advanced his interest in mergers and acquisitions to classmates who gave him a global perspective to staff who opened career doors. He recently helped a Skadden team represent Activision Blizzard in its sale to Microsoft.

A winner of Berkeley Law's 2018 Halloum Business Competition, he is now a Skadden

co-captain for the Alumni Workplace Challenge (AWC), an annual fundraising effort where alums encourage Berkeley Law colleagues at their organizations to donate before the end of the fiscal year (June 30).

"I give back to Berkeley Law because of its profoundly positive impact on my life," he says. "Serving as an AWC captain isn't a huge commitment for me, but I feel it magnifies my contribution to the school and encourages others to consider giving as well."

Long-distance benefits

Katherine Vessels LL.M. '21, a former Army transportation officer who served in Afghanistan, is no stranger to adapting. For over a decade, she and her husband lived on a boat in Hawaii. So even though her LL.M. year came during the pandemic, Vessels embraced Berkeley Law's "Zoom school," generous community spirit, and pragmatic training.

"Berkeley Law helped get me where I am today, and so I want to give back to help others on their journeys," she says. "That's why I always give to the Human Rights Center. I was blown away by the impact they're having in the world, and excited to support the leadership team that always prioritizes their students' holistic growth and development."

During her J.D. studies at the University of Hawaii, Vessels formed close mentoring relationships with Professors Eric Yamamoto '78 and former Berkeley Law Professor David Cohen. They helped guide her path toward international criminal law, which included internship and fellowship work in Cambodia, Senegal, and the Philippines.

Now with King & Spalding's international trade practice in Washington, D.C., Vessels marvels at Berkeley Law's impact.

"Learning from the top minds in various fields helped me figure out which area of law would be the best for my long-term happiness," she says. "And getting to work with International Trade Commission litigators sealed the deal for me and got me to where I am now." — *Andrew Cohen*

"fully equipped" to step into legal practice.

"Before graduating, I'd already learned how to manage a caseload, balance direct services and high-impact projects, empathetically and effectively interview clients, brief and argue dispositive motions, negotiate settlements, and work collaboratively among teams of lawyers and non-lawyers," she says. "For someone who'd had limited — and negative — experiences with lawyers for most of my life, the immersive training I received at EBCLC was invaluable."

Noting that many public interest organizations don't pay summer law clerks, Gee has supported summer grants so public service-focused students can work in their chosen sub-fields and jurisdictions more easily. Her own summer funding from Berkeley Law let her accept an internship she otherwise couldn't have taken, which she says offered "unparalleled training" in the work she hoped to do after graduating.

Donors Help Expand the Public Interest Pipeline

3L Ariane Walter wanted to advocate for prisoners’ rights, especially younger clients, after graduation. Thanks to support from Berkeley Law’s Summer Fellowship Program, she got a tantalizing taste last year with the District of Columbia Public Defender Service’s juvenile services program, working daily inside a youth prison under attorney supervision.

“I represented detained children in disciplinary hearings, helped them file institutional grievances, and also monitored the conditions of confinement with an eye toward systemic change,” she says. “I learned that this work is hard, but there’s nothing else I’d rather do with my law degree.”

Walter’s summer was supported by the Bernard E. Witkin Summer Public Interest Fellowship Fund, created through a gift from the Bernard E. & Alba Witkin Charitable Foundation. As student interest grows and state funding drops, fellowships

are broadening the pipeline into public interest and public service careers while giving nonprofits and government agencies a needed boost.

For donors, it’s a prime opportunity to target a specific cause and make a big impact on students.

“When I was a law student I worked during the summers and the school year to make ends meet — I had to take the highest paying jobs I could and didn’t have the option to serve as a law clerk or extern, or work for a nonprofit or a government agency,” says donor Melinda Haag ’87. “I’m

honored to be able to help make these things possible for today’s Berkeley Law students, and to pay back some of the good fortune I’ve had in my career.”

Berkeley Law’s Summer Fellowship Program, known as “Edley Grants” since they were established by then-dean Christopher Edley, provides guaranteed funding to 1Ls and 2Ls doing placements with nonprofits, government agencies, and federal and state judges. This year, UC stopped giving its law schools funding to support public interest summer and post-graduate fellowships — Berkeley Law had received \$1.8 million annually.

Yet the school has covered this gap from its own funds, and actually increased fellowship amounts by \$500 this year — first-time awardees will receive a \$5,500 grant and second-time awardees \$6,500. Both 1L and 2L recipients can supplement their awards up to \$10,000 with external employer funding or student group-funded fellowships.

3L Adriana Hardwicke, who worked at the National Center for Youth Law with the support of the William K. Coblentz Civil

STEPPING STONE: For 3L Daniel Fuentes, gaining hands-on experience with immigration clients validated his career inclinations.



YOUTH ADVOCATES: 3Ls Adriana Hardwicke (left) and Ariane Walter both worked on behalf of children’s rights last summer.



PHILIP PACHECO (3X)

Rights Endowment Fund, found the center's litigation and child welfare teams equally rewarding.

"I left with a better understanding of what the day-to-day work of an impact litigation attorney looks like, and the skills I need to improve on to be successful at it," she says. "My experience solidified my passion for advocating for the rights of young people and prepared me to enter the public interest field after graduation."

3Ls Daniel Fuentes, who provided direct relief services to noncitizens at the Immigration Institute of the Bay Area through the Philip Frickey Post-Graduate Public Interest Law Fellowship, says he relished gaining experience in "exactly the type of work I want to go into."

Classmate Alyssa Meurer, who received the Justice John Paul Stevens Public Interest Summer Fellowship, spent her summer at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area. Working on cases to end homelessness criminalization and combat police brutality, she drafted discovery requests, interrogatory responses, and part of a reply brief.

Meurer chose the group because she wants to pursue civil rights and racial justice work after law school, and because its impact litigation "falls in line with the movement lawyering philosophy I hope to carry through my career." — *Gwyneth K. Shaw*

JIM BLOCK (MARKING MILESTONES, 4X)



SERVICE IMMERSION: 3L Alyssa Meurer's fellowship enabled her substantive work protecting vulnerable communities.

Marking Milestones

Last fall's Alumni Reunion Weekend once again drew participants from all over, particularly in classes celebrating big anniversaries: 10, 20, even 50 and 60 years since they graduated.

Mingling at the All Alumni Celebration or in intimate conversations around tables at the individual class dinners, alums had a chance to reconnect with one another — and with the latest at Berkeley Law.

Dean Erwin Chemerinsky held his traditional town hall, offering updates on the school's faculty, students, and scholarly achievements, and gave participants the chance to ask questions. He also discussed the important cases from the 2022-2023 U.S. Supreme Court term with a panel of constitutional law scholars: Easha Anand '14 of Stanford, a former clerk for Justice Sonia Sotomayor; Mario L. Barnes '95 of UC Irvine; and Berkeley Law Professor Andrea Roth. Attendees earned Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit for the event.

A second CLE session delved into artificial intelligence and the future of work. It featured Lauren Lennon '13, general counsel of Scale AI; Brian Israel '09, general counsel of Anthropic; and Jason Kwon '09, chief strategy officer of OpenAI, in conversation with Berkeley Law Assistant Dean Adam Sterling '13.

Alumni also toured the law school, and those who were in affinity groups during their time at Berkeley Law had a chance to gather and meet current students in those groups.

This year's Alumni Reunion Weekend will be held Sept. 20-21.

— *Gwyneth K. Shaw*



THREE'S COMPANY: (From left) Class of 1993 alums Melonie McCall, Dinah Rainey, and Yvette Verastegui reconnect.



IN THE ROUND: (Clockwise from center) Paul Marchegiani '03, Jennifer Nelson '03, Nelson's husband John Dineen '02, Ramona Mateiu '03, Bronwen Blass '03, and Jarrett Green '03.



POWER POSE: Carlie Ware Horne '03 flexes in front of classmate Marisa Arrona.



REUNITED: (From left) Class of 2008 members Deana Sobel Lederman, Erin Ziegler, Niki Bowen, Mehdi Ansari, Ben Heuer, Keely Rankin, and Monique Liburd.



CHILE CHAT: (From left) Advanced Degree Programs Associate Director of Global Outreach Liza Jimenez visits in Santiago, Chile, with Cesar Ravinet LL.M. '23, Ricardo Abogabir LL.M. '16, Arturo Fontecilla LL.M. '18, Diego Abogabir LL.M. '13, Jorge Rojas J.S.D. '08, and Pablo Cariola LL.M. '12.



FACE TIME: Rafael Pereira LL.M. '18 and Veterans Law Practicum Director Rose Carmen Goldberg at a music festival in Mumbai, India, during Holi, the Hindu festival of colors.

TABLE TALK: (From left) Former Berkeley Law visiting scholar Magda Blawat, Fabian Elzanowski LL.M. '21, Malgorzata Giemza LL.M. '23, Edyta Ilcewicz LL.M. '21, and Advanced Degree Programs Senior Director of Admissions and Recruiting Anya Grossmann in Warsaw, Poland.



CONNECT FOUR: (From left) Oliver Haass LL.M. '11, Hauke Darius Wolf LL.M. '20, Olga Stephanova LL.M. '22, and Serge Beck LL.M. '19 in Frankfurt, Germany.

Engagement Around the Globe

From connecting fellow alums in their home countries to helping recruit prospective students to lending their expertise on international panels, Berkeley Law grads continue to embody the school's excellence and indomitable spirit all over the world.



Setting a High Bar

The event was fittingly boisterous. After all, passing the California Bar Exam is a major accomplishment requiring abundant preparation and ample stress.

But when recent alums who achieved that milestone gathered at International House for a ceremony welcoming them as new lawyers, they also got poignant reminders of the privilege and responsibility that comes with practicing law.

"With your law license, you can make a meaningful difference in your community and in the world," Dean Erwin Chemerinsky said. "When you hear, 'Somebody should do something about that,' now you are the ones who can do it."

California Court of Appeal Associate Justice Jon Streeter '81, who administered the state bar oath, told the new lawyers to

BRITTANY HOSEA-SMALL (STREETER)



REASON TO SMILE: (Left) California Court of Appeal Associate Justice Jon Streeter '81 certifies the new bar members. (Right) LL.M. grads Aatos Solhagen '18, Nanor Wong '21, Sofia Reizin '23, and Caifang Deng '22.

surge rather than saunter into their careers.

“Every graduate emerges from this school with a set of tools that can be put in place in ways you can’t even imagine,” he said. “I urge you to be bold about what you do with those tools ... There have been no greater challenges facing a generation in the law as those that challenge your generation. I know you can live up to them.”

Berkeley Law Alumni Association President Cara Sandberg '12 introduced Streeter and federal Judge Trina Thompson '86, who administered the oath for the Northern District of California.

“It’s a privilege to welcome you to this robust and dedicated alumni community,” Sandberg said. “This is a community I know will sustain and support you — not only in times of joy and celebration like today, but whenever you find yourself in a position where you may need encouragement or assistance ... The friendships you formed here will continue to grow, just as you will as young lawyers.”

Thompson emphasized honoring values that support the legal profession’s ability to uphold the law — and humanity itself.

“In a world where ethical boundaries are often blurred, your commitment to unwavering integrity will be the compass that guides you and guides every decision you’ll

make,” she said. “Civility is the bridge that connects us all. As lawyers you’ll inevitably find yourself in adversarial situations advocating passionately for your client’s interests, but never forget that behind every opposing counsel is a fellow human being. Treat them with respect, even in the heat of battle.”

Thompson echoed Streeter’s call to honor Berkeley Law’s public mission, telling the recent alums to “seek out opportunities to champion the rights of marginalized communities, amplify voices that have been silent, and dismantle the barriers that perpetuate inequality.”

For Aatos Solhagen LL.M. '18, legal counsel at the multinational food company Nestlé in Copenhagen, Denmark, the ceremony sparked memories of how Berkeley Law developed his legal thinking, equipped him to practice in an international setting, and forged key relationships.

“I never had the chance to participate in the swearing-in ceremony when I passed the California Bar, and I thought it would be a nice thing to experience and also a great reason — or perhaps an excuse — to make a holiday trip with my family to California,” Solhagen says. “The event was well organized and the wise speeches were great reminders about the importance of the work attorneys do and the responsibility that comes with it.” — *Andrew Cohen*

Top Ten Tips

California Court of Appeal Associate Justice Jon Streeter '81 offered 10 nuggets of advice before administering the California State Bar oath.

- Give your word and always keep it
- Accept responsibility and then perform
- Pay attention to detail but keep the whole picture in mind
- Remember that exploiting short-term advantage often brings bad consequences
- Be truthful but also take the trouble to be accurate; being candid requires courage and tact
- Understand that courtesy and graciousness are regularly repaid in kind
- Never forget that your integrity is your greatest and most precious asset
- Be an attentive listener
- Avoid criticism that is either needless or non-constructive or both
- Whether you realize it or not, you are now a teacher, mentor, role model, and ambassador-at-large for the bar and the justice system. That brings with it responsibilities, so conduct yourself accordingly.

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1968

Bob Rhodes recently completed an appointment as acting general counsel for the city of Jacksonville, Florida, which he calls “a very interesting and illuminating opportunity for community service.” The general counsel’s office serves as lawyers for the city’s entire consolidated government, including the offices of the mayor and city council, executive departments, constitutional officers, and independent authorities.

1972

Ed Watson was inducted into his high school’s Hall of Fame at Bellarmine College Prep in San Jose. A Bay Area attorney who specializes in estate and tax planning and advising charitable organizations and nonprofits, he is also an adviser and board member to many nonprofit and religious groups, and established a scholarship fund at Bellarmine for students being raised by single parents.

1973

Peter Welch, elected to the U.S. Senate from Vermont in 2022 after serving 16 years in Congress, visited Berkeley Law in the fall. His time on campus included a candid fire-side chat moderated by Professor Amanda L. Tyler, during which he shared anecdotes from his law school days and fielded questions from students about the current state of democracy and more.

1975

Jeanne Whiting was honored by the

Blackfeet Tribe for her vast legal advocacy on their behalf. She worked at the Native American Rights Fund, helped form a nonprofit Indian legal rights organization, was just the second Indian woman to argue before the U.S. Supreme Court, and helped secure key legal victories that stopped state taxation of tribal oil and gas royalties and yielded major water rights settlements.

1979

Mark LeHocky was again named Mediation Attorney of the Year for the San Francisco Bay Area through *Best Lawyers’* polling of top-rated attorneys. A Berkeley Law lecturer, he teaches courses on the intersection of dispute management, risk assessment, and effective decision-making.

1983

Carol Davis Zucker recently experienced a trifecta: She received her LL.M. in Dispute Resolution from Pepperdine’s Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, retired from

her labor and employment law practice at Kamer Zucker Abbott in Las Vegas, and continued her arbitration and mediation practice at Carol Zucker Dispute Resolution.

1984

Lawrence Landman has joined Lateral Link’s Bridgeline Solutions as senior vice president and director of its antitrust department. His department advises Bridgeline, an alternative legal and compliance service provider, on global antitrust compliance and also staffs antitrust projects.

1987

Vladimir Devens was confirmed as a Hawaii Supreme Court associate justice. Formerly principal at the Law Offices of Vladimir P. Devens and a partner at Meheula, Devens & Winer, he represented several labor unions, served on the Hawaii Supreme Court’s Disciplinary Board, chaired the State Land Use Commission, and directed the nonprofit Crime Stoppers Honolulu Inc.

1988

Damon Connolly

completed his first legislative session as a California State Assembly member representing District 12 (Marin and Southern Sonoma Counties). Elected in November 2022, he had been a Marin County supervisor, San Rafael vice mayor, Miller Creek School Board president, and Marin Clean Energy founding board member and chair. Damon was a Supervising Deputy California Attorney General before starting his own private practice.

1989

Mark Chalfant, who has retired to Santa Fe, New Mexico, received the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Distinguished Career Service Award and Gold Medal for exceptional federal service. Before his recent retirement from federal work, he was an EPA senior enforcement counsel and authored a comprehensive 155-page agency primer on administrative litigation for environmental enforcement.

Judith Droz Keyes '75

From Tragedy to Fulfillment

Judith Droz Keyes didn't want to be a lawyer when she walked up the hill to Berkeley Law to inquire about applying in the early 1970s. Having been widowed with a young daughter, she'd recently moved to the Bay Area and spent much of her time protesting the Vietnam War — which her late husband, U.S. Navy Lieutenant Donald Droz, had died fighting.

Keyes wanted to be a better advocate for herself and other protesters.

"I knew how he'd felt about the war, and when he died, I felt called to speak out," she says. "I and other protesters were being arrested a lot, and I realized at that point I had a master's degree and taught high school, but no idea how life worked."

The person behind the law school desk told Keyes it was too late to apply that year. She took the LSAT the following weekend and started at Golden Gate University School of Law that fall. Her new husband, David Keyes, was entirely supportive. After finishing her 1L year at the top of the class, she transferred to Berkeley Law, where her class was one of the first with a significant number of women.

"I thoroughly enjoyed law school and, at some point, it dawned on me that I could do this," she says. "And I thought, 'What the heck, I'll be a lawyer.' I haven't looked back."

A chance encounter with a National Labor Relations Board lawyer on BART nudged Keyes into labor and employment law, the field where she's spent her illustrious career. Keyes started at the NLRB after graduation — after taking Labor Law in her final semester.

She was quickly recruited by one of the firms she'd admired while with the government. Her story of the interview reflects the steady drumbeat of sexism she and her contemporaries faced, as well as her quick wit and sharp mind.

"As we were getting toward the end, one of the two partners asked me, 'So, what are your



plans for having children?" Keyes says, eyes twinkling. "And I said, 'Well, it's none of your business. But I'm so glad you asked, because now you must offer me a job.'"

Keyes quickly built a stellar reputation as a mediator, advocate, and go-to expert on California's workplace laws, consistently topping local and national "best lawyer" lists in the field over the years.

"One of the things I've loved about practicing employment law, especially in California, is that we've been on the cutting edge of society," she says. "When workers convey a need, Sacramento responds."

Keyes says she highly values her Berkeley Law classmates, many of whom are now retiring, whether they live across town or across the country.

"I remember feeling this sense of empowerment that I don't think any of us had ever felt before," she says of her law school days. "We still have a bond, men and women. My classmates have been such a source of everything: comfort, camaraderie, knowledge, and friendship."

— Gwyneth K. Shaw



1991

Steven González, chief justice of the Washington State Supreme Court, was named one of 2024's most influential people by *Seattle Magazine*. The publication called its honorees “heroes working to make our constantly changing city, state, and nation more livable, accessible, and equal,” noting that Steven embodies that commitment by furthering diversity, equity, and open access to justice for all Washingtonians. He has served on the court since 2012, and previously worked as a superior court judge, domestic violence prosecutor, and criminal and civil law attorney in the public and private sector.

1994

Heather Meeker has devoted more of her career recently to the intersection of open source licensing and business. After nearly 30 years at big law firms, she made a pandemic-motivated change in

2022. While she maintains a small law practice specializing in open source licensing at Tech Law Partners, Heather also works in venture capital at OSS Capital, which invests in early-stage commercial open source development.

1995

Nicole Berner was nominated by President Joe Biden for a judgeship on the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. General counsel at Service Employee International Union, which has two million members, she litigates cases, participates in union negotiations, and represents workers and unions before various labor regulatory bodies. If confirmed, she would become the court's first openly LGBTQ judge.

1998

Elizabeth Riles was appointed to serve as a judge on the Alameda County Superior Court. She had been a commissioner at the court and an administrative law judge for the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board after spending over 24 years in private practice, including 19 as managing shareholder at Bohbot & Riles.

1999

Shawna Parks was named chief litigation officer at Disability Rights Advocates, the nation's leading non-profit in the field. A past fellow and director of litigation there, she returns to guide its litigation programs, bringing vast experience in high-impact class action and individual cases pertaining to education, government programs and services, employment, and the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

Monique Langhorne Wilson

was nominated to an associate judgeship on the California First District Court of Appeal, Division One. A Napa County Superior Court judge since 2018, she previously served as a commissioner at that court for 12 years. Before that, she was a deputy district attorney at the county's District Attorney's Office and a family support officer at the county's Department of Child Support Services.

2001

Anna Wang was promoted to associate dean for public service and public interest law at Stanford Law School in August. She has spent

nearly 20 years at the school, including the past 14 as executive director of the John and Terry Levin Center for Public Service and Public Interest Law.



2002

Damir Arnaut received UC Berkeley's 2023 Elise and Walter A. Haas International Award, which honors an alum who is a native, citizen, and resident of another country with a stellar record of service to that country. Bosnia and Herzegovina's ambassador to Germany, Arnaut has argued landmark human rights cases before its Constitutional Court and the European Court of Human Rights. Formerly a legal adviser to Bosnia and Herzegovina's president and ambassador to Australia, he's a strong advocate

for LGBTQ equality, overturning discriminatory election laws, and removing corrupt judicial officials.

2005

Jennifer Lynch became general counsel at the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a San Francisco-based nonprofit that protects privacy and civil liberties in new technologies, where she'd worked for 13 years and led litigation challenging government abuse of search and seizure technologies. The *Daily Journal* named her to its latest Top 100 Lawyers in California list and to its Top Lawyers of the 2010s list.

2006

Shawn Bayern published a critique of the law-and-economics movement (*The Analytical Failures of Law and Economics*, Cambridge University Press) and recently wrote a general introduction to common law, emphasizing its ability to change (*Principles and Possibilities in Common Law*, West Academic). Shawn is the current associate dean for technology and a professor at Florida State University College of Law.

Mike De Vries '00

A Gratifying Ride in Victory Lane

Like a savvy athlete on a huge winning streak, Mike De Vries is quick to credit his teammates.

Sure, he and fellow Kirkland & Ellis partner Adam Alper have drawn major media attention for their remarkable courtroom success together representing plaintiffs in intellectual property (IP) disputes — a key driver in *The American Lawyer* naming their firm its Litigation Department of the Year in 2021. But to hear De Vries tell it, high-stakes trials demand full-scale involvement.

“Some people view litigation success through this narrative of a terrific lawyer making all the difference,” he says. “But in my experience, litigation requires excellence across an entire team. Depending on the case, we may have up to 30 to 40 people working together across different groups.”

Since 2018, De Vries has secured over \$2.5 billion in plaintiff jury verdicts and settlements in cases spanning myriad IP areas — and the largest defense-side patent jury verdict in U.S. history. He was a *Law360* “Trial MVP of the Year” in 2020 and 2021 and has six times been named one of California’s top 75 litigators by the *Daily Journal*.

Even though De Vries got ample IP exposure growing up — his father is a retired pharmaceutical research scientist, his brother a Google software engineer — Berkeley Law is where career inspiration took hold.

“I encountered a really tremendous IP program with phenomenal professors: Robert Merges, Peter Menell, Pam Samuelson, and others,” he says. “The talented faculty sparked my interest in a profound way.”

De Vries earned an IP certificate, got involved in the *Berkeley Technology Law Journal*, and

never looked back. These days, he leans into the breakneck speed of technology advancements — and law’s need to keep pace.

“My work touches on everything under the sun and no two days have ever been the same,” he says. “While that can be stressful at times, it’s also intellectually stimulating. The changes in tech over the past 25 years are truly astonishing. I’ve had to work hard to have a stronger and deeper understanding of those industries my clients work in.”

Exhibit A: While on a big semiconductor case early in his career, De Vries bought the book *Semiconductors for Dummies* to learn more — a seminal moment that reflected the importance of staying both nimble and humble.

Even with his hectic schedule, he remains closely engaged with Berkeley Law and is a long-time donor to fund scholarships at the school.

“Berkeley Law is one of our state’s greatest institutions,” De Vries says. “It has a very noble mission to enable people from California and all over to make their lives better and to enable them to help make the world a better place. That touched me very personally in my own life. I feel strongly about the work Dean Chemerinsky and the faculty are doing, and Berkeley Law students are among the best people I’ve met.”

— Andrew Cohen



Natalie Nardecchia was appointed to a judgeship in the Los Angeles County Superior Court. A Cherokee Nation citizen, she had been an attorney with the

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, U.S. Department of Labor Office of the Solicitor, Legal Aid Foundation of

Los Angeles, and Hadsell Stormer Renick & Dai.

2007

Ana de Alba was elevated to a judgeship

at the San Francisco-based U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals after the U.S. Senate voted to confirm her nomination. A first-generation Mexican-American and

the daughter of farmworkers, de Alba just last year became the first Latina to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California.

In Memoriam

Marvin T. Levin '55	Anita Remerowski '73
Jay R. MacMahon '55	Terry A. Thompson '74
Russell J. Bruno '58	Charles F. Adams '75
Newton R. Brown '59	Sylvia Simmons Prozan '75
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Jerome F. Coleman '61	Jim Dorskind '78
John C. Cushman '61	Denise M. Nolan '80
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	Dorothy A. Walker



Mourning a Teaching Titan

Professor Emerita Eleanor Swift, a pathbreaking Evidence scholar, trailblazer for women in legal academia, and beloved mentor to countless Berkeley Law students, died Sept. 20. She joined the faculty in 1979 and retired from teaching in 2014.

Swift won the school's Rutter Award for Teaching Distinction, UC Berkeley's Distinguished Teaching Award, and the Berkeley Law Alumni Association's Faculty Lifetime Achievement Award, and served as associate dean under Herma Hill Kay.

Over many years, she played a crucial role in the comprehensive development of the law school's clinical, professional skills, and legal writing programs. She was also instrumental in creating what is now the Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice, where students work with clients beset by poverty and racism.

Berkeley Law's fifth female faculty member, Swift became an eminent scholar, particularly in Evidence. She twice chaired the Association of American Law Schools' Evidence Section, and received its John Henry Wigmore Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2022.

For all her public achievements, Swift's devotion to creating the Clinical Program, personal inspiration of students, and mentoring of women — on the faculty, in the classroom, and across the Evidence field — made her a beloved figure throughout the school community.

Berkeley Law held a memorial service honoring her Feb. 2, and created a webpage for people to share memories.

University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School Professor Jasmine E. Harris said that Swift "inspired generations of female law professors to 'think big' and enter an area of research that has historically been shaped by the work of male law professors."

2008

Monique Berlanga, executive director of Centro Legal de la Raza, was honored by the Golden State Warriors with the organization's Impact Warrior Award for her continued advocacy for tenants' rights. A leading voice for low-income tenants in the East Bay, she was honored on the court at the team's Nov. 20 game against the Houston Rockets.

Robyn Christo was promoted to managing partner of Epstein Holtzapple Christo in San Rafael and joined the Marin County Bar Association Board of Directors. An experienced litigator, trial lawyer, and trained mediator specializing in contested matters in probate courts, she has been on the *Northern California Super Lawyers* list since 2021 after being on its Rising Stars list from 2012 through 2019.

2009

Lindsay Harris and classmate **Brian Israel** recently moved back to the Bay Area after a long stint in Washington, D.C. Lindsay is a professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law and directs its

Jesus Mosqueda '14

Still Reaping Clinic Dividends

Well before Jesus Mosqueda arrived at Berkeley Law in 2011, he knew he wanted to work at the intersection of immigration and criminal law. Growing up in Los Angeles as the son of former undocumented immigrants from Mexico, he witnessed firsthand his community's over-policing and aimed to alleviate some of that suffering.

"Either because a lot of my friends were undocumented or getting arrested, that always seemed to be in the background. Without my noticing, it just informed my path in life," says Mosqueda, the first in his family to earn a professional degree.

As a UC Berkeley undergrad, he long had his eye on the law school because of its robust Clinical Program.

Now a trial attorney with the Federal Defenders of San Diego, Mosqueda represents people accused of criminal offenses in federal court. Before that, he represented undocumented youth in the Los Angeles County juvenile justice system as an immigration attorney.

He credits his time in the law school's Death Penalty Clinic and East Bay Community Law Center's Clean Slate Clinic with cementing his commitment to representing those who have no other option — and expanding his perspective of what a lawyer can do.

"Whether you're working on helping take away somebody's conviction from 15 years ago or jumping on a death penalty case, you can make a huge impact as an attorney. The reach of the law is vast and you can help in so many different ways," he says. "Going into law school, I thought, 'I need to do A and I'm only going to do A, and that's it.' I was very focused on one thing. The clinics helped me see I could do many things with my law degree."

As a 3L, Mosqueda won the coveted Sax Prize for Clinical Advocacy, given to a graduating legal clinic student who displays excellence in advocacy and professional judgment.

In his current role, he mentors new attorneys

and can tell right away who has clinical experience. Former clinic students arrive already comfortable dealing with clients, in particular those who are incarcerated, he explains, and are more collected in their work approach than their non-clinic colleagues.

"If working with people is going to be your main focus, you want to get your feet wet as quickly as possible so you know what to expect," says Mosqueda, whose Death Penalty Clinic work included researching the demographics of Compton, California, for a jury selection project and interviewing family members of a client facing capital punishment.

His current federal defender role is rooted in his time at Berkeley Law: "What got me into law is working with people and trying to share their stories. A lot of the time no one's ever spoken on their behalf. I like telling their story with their permission, and I want them to know somebody is fighting for them even though they might be going through the worst time in their life." — Sarah Weld



International Human Rights Clinic, taking over for fellow alum and founding director **Constance de la Vega '78**, and Brian is general counsel of the AI company Anthropic.

2011

Jallé Dafa was named partner at Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein. A trial and appellate attorney for consumers in high-stakes class action litigation and part of the firm's data privacy and consumer protection practice groups, she also serves on the ACLU Foundation of Northern California Board of Directors and the Bar Association of San Francisco's Litigation Section Executive Committee.

Sean Graham was named general counsel for the Writers Guild of America West, replacing fellow alum **Tony Segall '81**, who had held that position since 2005. Previously director of the guild's agency department, Sean helped lead negotiation of the Writers Guild franchise agreement, worked on contract enforcement, and advised the union's team that shut down productions during the 2023 writers' strike.

Karlina Paredes was named by *Silicon Valley Business Journal* to its 2023 Top 40 Under 40 class. A partner at Paredes Justo, she was named a certified family law specialist last year by the California State Bar, a designation given to about 10% of family law attorneys in the state. Karlina also volunteers as a judge pro tem in Santa Clara County Superior Court.

2012

Will Melehani was promoted to partner at Orrick's San Francisco office. An intellectual property litigator who maintains an active pro bono practice, he has served on many winning Orrick teams in tech and biotech and recently helped secure a complete trial victory for Zynga in its battle with IGT over a mobile gaming technology patent.

Cora Rose received the 2023 Public Service Award from the Oregon State Bar's New Lawyers Division. An ordained deacon sister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church's Deaconess Community, she started a legal clinic "in a church basement located in a legal aid desert in rural Oregon" and provides direct services for those

experiencing deep poverty, fines and fees advocacy, and hunger alleviation.

2014

Brett Sandford was elected partner at Latham & Watkins in the Bay Area. A member of the firm's intellectual property litigation practice and litigation & trial department, he advises on IP litigation, including patent infringement and trade secret disputes, in district and appellate courts and before the U.S. International Trade Commission and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

2015

Rachael Racine was named a partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati's New York office. She represents clients in high-profile and complex antitrust litigation, focused on the technology sector, and her practice also includes civil litigation and government investigations. Previously, Rachael clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Laura Taylor Swain in the Southern District of New York.

2016

Sohan Dasgupta joined Taft, Stettinius

& Hollister in the firm's Washington, D.C. office. He also recently addressed world leaders gathered at the British Parliament in a lecture titled "The Free World Stands Together," and at the U.S. Congress in a lecture titled "Adversarial Foreign Investments and the Free World." Both confronted key questions of national security, international trade, and the rule of law.



2019

Ramla Baig (LL.M.) won the France-Americas/Berkeley Global Society Inspiring Woman of the Year Award in Paris for her wide-ranging, impactful work advocating for gender equality in her native Pakistan. A founding member of a digital platform that provides citizens free legal consultation and representation, she has produced

digital content to increase legal literacy in Pakistani citizens (especially women), co-hosts a national television show that highlights available legal options, and speaks at several educational institutions in the country to raise the legal awareness of young women and girls.

2020

Paul Balmer was appointed to the board of directors at Raphael House of Portland, an agency dedicated to ending domestic violence through advocacy, education, community outreach, and providing a safe haven. A litigation attorney at Tonkon Torp, Paul has an active pro bono practice helping clients vacate unconstitutional convictions and expunge past criminal records.

2022

Jackson Morawski celebrated three life milestones in October. He got married, honeymooned in Greece, and was sworn in to the Alaska Bar days after joining Landye Bennett Blumstein in Anchorage. As an associate attorney, he will focus his practice on corporate law and commercial litigation.

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A Spontaneous Symposium on the Steps

(From left) 2Ls Peter Mason, Shahmeer Ahmad, Cameron Washington, Anya Mansoor, Leila Hooshyar, Hyemi Park, and Adam David enjoy some conversation and fresh air.

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