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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Western State Alumni,

It gives me great pleasure to announce to you what stands out as a key benchmark among so many good things signifying Western State's moving into a new era: new building, nationally recognized excellence in Bar Exam performance, our thriving Immigration Clinic, increased enrollment and diversity, and now at long last, our **NONPROFIT STATUS!**

Over the past several months, you may have heard rumors of the proposed sale by Education Management Corporation (EDMC) of all of its active education systems (including Argosy University and Western State) to the Dream Center Foundation. I am pleased to be able to tell you now that all the many approvals required by various accreditors and the Department of Education have been obtained and the transfer of ownership became official on October 17, 2017.

Please rest assured that this sale does not change anything at Western State—except in a positive way. It does not change the composition of our faculty and staff. It does not change the dedication to hard work and commitment to excellence of our students. What it does change, to our huge benefit, is that it moves us from the for-profit to the non-profit environment.

Even though, from our perspective at Western State, this is a relatively simple change of ownership two levels above us, with our ultimate parent shifting from EDMC to the Dream Center Education Holdings, LLC (www.dcedh.org), the number of approvals required by various accreditors and regulators before the transaction could close was astounding. You may be interested to know that our accreditor, the ABA, was the very first to sign off on the proposed sale last June.

This is a huge opportunity for Western State. It took a little longer than we all hoped it would to gain all the required approvals, but I am pleased that it is done and thrilled for the future of this great law school.

Sincerely,



Allen K. Easley
Dean & Professor of Law
Western State College of Law





ABOUT **WESTERN STATE**

Founded in 1966, Western State College of Law is the oldest law school in Orange County, Southern California, and is fully ABA approved.

Noted for small classes and personal attention from an accessible faculty focused on student success, Western State maintains bar pass rates consistently in the top half of California's ABA law schools.

Western State's 11,000+ alumni are well represented across public and private sector legal practice areas, including 150 California judges and about 15% of Orange County's Deputy Public Defenders and District Attorneys.



Institutional Advancement

The Office of Institutional Advancement provides resources, programs and events to support the academic and professional aspirations of the members of the Western State community. We serve as a conduit for donor support, volunteerism and stewardship which all feed the vibrancy and continued growth of the College of Law.

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The Western State Colleagues in Law Scholarship Committee is pleased to accept your nominations for 2018 Western State Hall of Fame induction. Please submit nominations for both the Hall of Fame and/or Lifetime Achievement Award electronically via email to jcheydleur@wsulaw.edu by April 12th, 2018.

Please provide a brief written statement detailing the reasons why your nominee is worthy of Hall of Fame induction or the Lifetime Achievement Award (Lifetime Achievement honoree must already be in the Hall of Fame). We will further research each nominee.

To be eligible for consideration, a nominee must have demonstrated excellence in the fields of law, education, politics, government, business or public service.

2016 HALL OF FAME

Please enjoy these photos from the 2016 Hall of Fame Gala.

We invite you to share in the excitement as we plan to pick up from where left off in 2016. Under our new nonprofit organizational leadership, The Dream Center Foundation, The 2018 Hall of Fame Gala and induction of new Hall of Fame honorees promises to be bigger and better, while celebrating Western State's tenure as the oldest law school in the OC. **Questions — Contact Us: jcheydleur@wsulaw.edu**



2016 HALL OF FAME PHOTO GALLERY



2015 HALL OF FAME



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2013 HALL OF FAME



ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENT

Western State has over 11,000 Alumni. Its members include judges, district attorneys, public defenders, city attorneys, corporate counsel, and private practitioners, along with individuals of every conceivable professional endeavor throughout the nation.



STEVE BELL

(Western State Class of 2015) traveled to Washington D.C. this past weekend to accept a

national Outstanding Program Award from the American Inns of Court at a dinner and ceremony held in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Steve received the award for a legal ethics presentation that he put together earlier this year entitled, "Twelve Angry Tweeters." The presentation focused on the ethical use of social media in jury selection and in uncovering juror bias.



GREG BENTLEY

(Western State Class of 1990 | Hall of Fame | Dean's Counselor) was recently named a Top 30

Plaintiff Attorney by "The Daily Journal."

Greg could also be seen earlier this year as a special guest on The Dr. Oz Show, discussing the dangers of E-cigarettes.



KEVIN CALCAGNIE

(Western State Class of 1982 | Hall of Fame) was just named by Best Lawyer as 2017 Lawyer of

the Year for Orange County in Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions.



THE HONORABLE DENISE TRAGER DVORAK

(Western State Class of 1985) was recently elected to the

Superior Court of San Bernardino for a six-year term beginning January 3, 2017. She will preside at the Fontana Courthouse.



THE HONORABLE MARIA D. HERNANDEZ

(Western State Class of 1992 | Hall of Fame) received the "Judge of the

Year" award at the 42nd Orange County Women Lawyers Association on September 14, 2017. Judge Hernandez currently teaches Juvenile Law at Western State.

*Photo courtesy of Orange County Women Lawyers Association.



THE HONORABLE RICHARD T. FIELDS

(Western State Class of 1983 | Dean's Counselor) was recently appointed to

Division Two of the Fourth District Court of Appeals by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.



CYNTHIA HACKLER FLYNN

(Western State Class of 2010) has been selected by Super Lawyers

as one of their 2017 Southern California Rising Stars, an honor reserved for those lawyers who exhibit excellence in practice. Only 2.5% of attorneys in Southern California receive this distinction.



CHRISTOPHER MONTES DE OCA

(Western State Class of 2006 | Dean's Counselor) has been selected by

the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles (CAALA) as the 2017 Rising Star Trial Attorney of the Year. He will be honored at CAALA's 69th Annual Installation & Awards dinner on January 13, 2018.

Montes de Oca also recently recovered a \$10,778,626 verdict for his client who was severely injured in a motor vehicle accident.



NEIL PEDERSEN

(Western State Class of 1988 | Hall of Fame | Dean's Counselor) spoke to the Los Angeles County

Bar Association Intellectual Property Section on the topic, "Ethical Issues Presented by the Cyber-Security Threat to the Small Firm or Solo Practitioner," on October 19. The program discussed the attorneys' duties of competence and confidentiality as they relate to the unique risks that arise by the use of technology in the law office, followed by practical tips to avoid or minimize those risks.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Western State would like to wish **ROBERTA SCHARLIN ZINMAN** (Western State Class of 1978) a happy retirement.

Roberta, a former Los Angeles City Deputy Attorney, is best known for her role in taking on the California State Bar Committee of Bar Examiners in 2004.

A staunch advocate for Jewish rights, Roberta, along with attorney Baruch Cohen, took notice that the California State Bar Committee of Bar Examiners was not observing the Jewish holiday, Tisha B'Av. After many letters and going to State Legislature, it was decided that accommodations would be made for religious holidays.

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Please let us know about your accomplishments, in and out of the legal community. Your fellow alumni and classmates want to know.
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Our Alumni Network LinkedIn group is the official online social network where our alumni connect as legal professionals and affirm our mutual connections through Orange County's original law school. The Alumni Network provides support to our alumni through continuing legal education courses, and networking events throughout the year.

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STUDENTS OUTSTANDING



WESTERN STATE TAKES FIRST PLACE IN THE NATIONAL SPORTS LAW NEGOTIATION COMPETITION!

Western State students, Steven Alvarado and Melissa Padilla, coached by Adjunct Professor Paul Smith, won first place in the National Sports Law Negotiation Competition, edging out 39 other teams from the U.S. and Canada.

"It was an honor and privilege to represent Western State College of Law this past weekend at the competition. We had lots of fun and finished in first place out of 40 teams," Melissa Padilla posted on her LinkedIn profile. Western State's team edged out competitors from Georgetown, Berkeley, and Fordham among others.



WSCL IMMIGRATION CLINIC STUDENTS ALFONSO MALDONADO AND CRISTEL MARTINEZ WIN NINTH CIRCUIT REMAND



On April 4, 2017, Alfonso Maldonado ('17) and Cristel Martinez ('17) became the first pair of Western State

College of Law students to argue before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals as students participating in the WSCL Immigration Clinic's Ninth Circuit Project. Representing noncitizen Juan Beltran in his petition before the federal appeals court in *Beltran v. Sessions*, No. 16-70937, Alfonso and Cristel had researched and written Mr. Beltran's opening brief in the fall, followed by a reply brief in the spring. They argued that their client's waiver of his right to appeal an immigration judge's order of removal against him was not considered and intelligent because the immigration judge had failed to properly advise Mr. Beltran of his eligibility for certain forms of relief from removal, and had also argued that the federal regulation addressing the finality of his order of removal was ultra vires of the federal immigration statute.

WSCL STUDENT PUBLISHES OP-ED ON IMMIGRATION AND LAW SCHOOL



Western State College of Law student Gabrielle Gilberston has published an op-ed entitled, "How Law School Changed

My Views on Immigration," in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, a regional newspaper based in her hometown of Fairbanks, Alaska. In the op-ed, she describes how her work representing a client through the WSCL Immigration Clinic challenged her views on immigration. Writes Gilberston, "Although I wasn't passionate about immigration [at

the beginning of the semester], the more I learned about my client's life, the more I began feeling passionately about the injustices my client faced in immigration detention."

WESTERN STATE COLLEGE OF LAW AT THE 2017 UC DAVIS ASYLUM & REFUGEE LAW NATIONAL MOOT COURT



In March 2017, a team from Western State College of Law consisting of Jennifer Pyka and Luz Ayala, coached by Professor

Cheyanna Jaffke, competed in the 2017 UC Davis Asylum & Refugee Law National Moot Court Competition.

As the team advanced to the quarterfinals, as Ms. Ayala was repeatedly told by the judges that she was well composed when it came to questioning and that they appreciated her calm demeanor. Additionally, one judge told Ms. Pyka's that he never would have thought of her answer and was very impressed with it and her "quick thinking."

Notably, the team they were up against in the quarterfinals is the team that ended up winning the competition. The Western State College of Law team received the Best Brief Award which is based solely on the students' efforts. It is a great testament to their hard work and dedication.

WESTERN STATE STUDENT COMPLETES IRONMAN 70.3



October 11, 2017 - Tempe AZ Western State student, Blaine Brown, completed an Ironman 70.3

event, which is comprised of a 1.2-mile swim, a 56-mile bike, and a 13.1 mile run. Successful completion of an Ironman 70.3 denotes a course time under 8.5 hours. After overcoming a few "hurdles," Blaine

finished the Ironman 70.3 in just over 7 hours. Well done, Blaine!

WESTERN STATE BLACK LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS HOSTS NETWORKING BRUNCH



On Saturday, October 21, 2017, The Western State Black Law Student Associations (BLSA) hosted a networking brunch.

With many students and alumni in attendance, Judge Fred W. Slaughter spoke about the value of networking and diversity in the legal field.

WESTERN STATE STUDENT RECEIVES D.A. SCHOLARSHIP



Western State student, Heidi Kim, was recently presented with a scholarship from the Korean Prosecutor's

Association (KPA) at their 2017 awards dinner. The KPA is non-profit organization that supports students who wish to pursue a career as a prosecutor.

Heidi has devoted much of her study to becoming a prosecutor and is currently employed at The Los Angeles District Attorney's Office. She is also a member of the school's Mock Trial team, which recently competed in San Francisco, CA.

WESTERN STATE IMMIGRATION CLINIC RELEASES FAMILY RESOURCE GUIDE

In June 2017, the Clinic released, "Protecting and Planning for Children: A Family Resource Guide for Orange County, CA Families at Risk of Deportation and Detention."

This resource guide, authored by Clinic students Nathalie Cedeno and Alizabeth Ramirez, is designed to provide information for immigrant families that wish to make arrangements for their children to remain in the U.S. in the event that they are subjected to immigration detention and deportation. The guide specifically discusses Caregiver Authorization Affidavits, powers of attorney, and guardianships in the State of California. The guide is available for download here: <https://www.wsulaw.edu/academics/immigration-clinic>

WESTERN STATE STUDENT WINS O.C.D.A. FELLOWSHIP

Sharon Tekolian was accepted into the Orange County District Attorney's 2017 - 2018 Fellowship Program. The program recruits from approximately 10 to 12 California law schools participating with students vying for 10 fellowship positions as part of an O.C.D.A. fellowship program for 2017-2018. Except for the period when the Fellows are certified Law Clerks (pending Bar results), the Fellows function as entry level prosecutors.

THE WESTERN STATE MOCK TRIAL TEAM COMPETES IN BUFFALO, NY

The Western State Mock Trial team, led by Professor Robert Molko, competed at the Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Competition in Buffalo, NY. The team advanced to the "Sweet Sixteen," but were unfortunately knocked out in the following round.



FACULTY ACCOLADES



LORI ROBERTS PUBLISHES ON CONSUMER REVIEW SITE BULLYING



Professor Lori Roberts' article, "Brawling with the Consumer Review Site Bully," has been published in the

University of Cincinnati Law Review, at 84 U. Cin. 633 (2016). Professor Roberts' article explores the seedy underbelly of crowd-sourced consumer review sites, examines the relationship between consumer review sites, reviewers, and the businesses being reviewed, and outlines the legal landscape for businesses brawling with the consumer review sites. The Article proposes a solution that includes enforcement of non-disparagement clauses in consumer contracts while acknowledging the critical importance of free speech and public debate, the policies behind anti-SLAPP laws, and the bad public policy of enabling businesses to offer inferior products and service while secretly tucking non-disparagement clauses into their terms of service.

ANDREW KNAPP AND JENNIFER KOH CO-AUTHOR AMICUS BRIEF TO NINTH CIRCUIT COURT APPEALS



On November 14, 2016, Professors Andrew Knapp and Jennifer Koh co-authored an amicus brief to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Szonyi v. Lynch, a case involving the immigration consequences of crime.



The amicus brief addresses the application of the doctrines of Chevron deference, constitutional avoidance and void for vagueness to the Board of Immigration Appeals' interpretation of a "single scheme of criminal misconduct." The brief was submitted on behalf of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)'s Amicus Committee.

Professor Knapp is currently counsel to Respondent James Dimaya in Lynch v. Dimaya, a Supreme Court case that will be argued in early 2017 involving whether the definition of "crimes of violence" in the

immigration context is unconstitutionally vague. Professor Koh has authored an article, forthcoming in the December 2016 volume of the Wisconsin Law Review, entitled "Crimmigration and the Void for Vagueness Doctrine," which explores the void for vagueness doctrine in the context of crime-based removal statutes in more depth.

NEIL GOTANDA PRESENTS AT YALE LAW SCHOOL



Professor Neil Gotanda spoke on October 11 at Yale Law School on Korematsu Revisited: "Other Racializations"

and the Black White Racial Paradigm. He was invited by the American Constitution Society, Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, South Asian Law Student Association, OUTLaw, Black Law Student Association and Alliance for Diversity. The presentation was part of a planned series of Critical Race Theory commentaries on well-known constitutional law cases.

JENNIFER KOH INTERVIEWED FOR BLOOMBERG BNA PODCAST ON IMMIGRATION CASES BEFORE SUPREME COURT THIS TERM



Professor Jennifer Koh was interviewed for Bloomberg BNA's "Cases and Controversies" podcast.

Episode 11 of the podcast, entitled "Immigration Evolution," focused on two immigration cases before the United States Supreme Court this term—Jennings v. Rodriguez and Lynch v. Morales-Santana—and the implications of those cases for traditional deference that the Court extends to Congress in the area of immigration. Other immigration law scholars featured in the podcast were

Jason Cade (University of Georgia), Gabriel Chin (UC Davis), Kevin Johnson (UC Davis), Nancy Morawetz (NYU), and Hiroshi Motomura (UCLA).

EUNICE PARK PUBLISHES ON CULTURAL COMPETENCE IN AALS SECTION ON TEACHING METHODS NEWSLETTER



Professor Eunice Park's article, "Establishing Learning Outcomes Under ABA Standard 302:

Cultural Competence," was published in the Association of American Law Schools Section on Teaching Methods Fall 2016 newsletter. Professor Park discusses how legal writing courses offer opportunities to raise awareness of the importance of sensitivity to diverse cultural mores, and how to assess students' cultural competence, in order to prepare students "for competent and ethical participation as a member of the legal profession."

PAULA MANNING PRESENTS ON FEEDBACK FOR STUDENT SUCCESS AT MCGEORGE



Professor Paula Manning's presentation, "It's What You Say AND How You Say It: Autonomy, Supportive

Feedback, Mindset, and Motivation," was held at McGeorge School of Law on October 18. In this presentation, Professor Manning discussed how faculty at McGeorge can provide feedback to students in ways that increase motivation, foster a growth mindset, and lead to greater student success.

STEPHEN MORAN NOMINATED FOR OC BUSINESS JOURNAL'S GENERAL COUNSEL AWARD

Adjunct Professor Stephen Moran, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of

CalAmp in Irvine, is a nominee for the Orange County Business Journal's 7th Annual General Counsel Awards. Professor Moran joined CalAmp in 2013 as its first general counsel and has been instrumental in the company's transformation. Founded in 1981, CalAmp today is a pure-play pioneer in the connected vehicle and broader Industrial Internet of Things marketplace. The General Counsel Awards Gala & Program were held on November 2 at the Hotel Irvine, with UC Irvine School of Law's Dean Erwin Chemerinsky serving as master of ceremonies.

JENNIFER KOH SPEAKS ON STATE BAR PANEL ON IMMIGRATION AND DISCRIMINATION



On September 30, Jennifer Koh spoke on a panel at the State Bar of California's Annual Meeting entitled,

"22 Lewd Chinese Women: Immigration and the Inherent Underlying Issues of Discrimination." The panel followed a re-enactment of *Chy Lung v. Freeman*, an 1875 case about Chinese women being detained at the Port of San Francisco as "lewd women" because they were traveling without their husbands. The panel examined the issues of immigration and federalism, as well as the polarizing issues of sexism, racial profiling and human trafficking. Professor Koh was joined on the panel by the Honorable Elizabeth Lee (San Mateo Superior Court), the Honorable Ashley Tabaddor (Los Angeles Immigration Court), and civil rights attorney Kevin Kish (Director, California Department of Fair Employment and Housing). The Honorable Marguerite Downing (Los Angeles Superior Court) moderated the panel.

SUSAN KELLER PUBLISHES OPINION PIECE ENCOURAGING NON-SEX-SEGREGATED PUBLIC RESTROOMS



Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Susan Keller has written an opinion piece that addresses

the assumption that gender is binary, an assumption that lies behind some of the challenges to the Obama Administration guidelines on access to public restrooms. Dean Keller's article confronts the notion of a binary categorization system and suggests the alternative of offering facilities that are not sex-segregated, urging that this would provide both obvious and subtle benefits. "What If We All Used The Same Bathroom?" was published in the Boston Globe's September 6 issue.

TRACIE PORTER PUBLISHES ARTICLE ON TAX BURDENS FOR UNDERWATER HOMEOWNERS



Professor Tracie R. Porter has recently published her article, "The Quagmire of Mortgage Short

Sale Transactions Under Current Homeownership Tax Policy in a Time of Crisis," in the Akron Law Review, the University of Akron School of Law's flagship journal, annual Tax Edition. Professor Porter's article addresses the onerous burden on taxpayers selling underwater properties created by current tax laws and policy related to Mortgage Short Sales Transactions. In particular, the article addresses the potential, unavoidable tax liability created by federal and state tax laws for forgiven indebtedness, which is considered taxable income, that homeowners incur.

STACEY SOBEL PRESENTS AT GENDER, WORK AND ORGANIZATION CONFERENCE IN STAFFORDSHIRE, UK



Professor Stacey Sobel spoke on a panel regarding lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT)

activism in the new millennium at the Gender, Work and Organization (GWO) Conference held at Keele University, Staffordshire, UK, June 29 – July 1. The GWO Conference provides an international forum for debate and analysis of a variety of issues related to gender studies. More than 400 international scholars from 38 nations attended the interdisciplinary conference. Professor Sobel's presentation, "Culture Shifting at Warp Speed: How the Law, Public Engagement, and Will & Grace Led to Social Change for LGBT People," was based on her recent article in the St. John's University Law Review.

PHILIP MERKEL PUBLISHES ARTICLE ON IMPORTANCE OF PRACTICE EXPERIENCE FOR TENURE-TRACK HIRING



Professor Philip L. Merkel recently published Scholar or Practitioner? Rethinking Qualifications for Entry-

Level Tenure-Track Professors at Fourth-Tier Law Schools, 44 Capital University Law Review 507 (2016). The article is based on an empirical study of recent law school tenure-track hiring patterns, with particular emphasis on the experience of fourth-tier law schools. It challenges these schools, whose mission is to train practicing lawyers, to hire individuals with significant, relevant practice experience for tenure-track positions rather than following the current trend of basing hiring decisions mainly on a candidate's law school pedigree and the ability to produce academic legal scholarship. The

article appears in an issue of the Capital University Law Review devoted to current topics in legal education.

GLENN KOPPEL PUBLISHES IN CAMPBELL LAW REVIEW



Professor Glenn Koppel recently published "The Case for Nonmutual Privity in Vicarious Liability Relationships:

Pushing the Frontiers of the Law of Claim Preclusion in the Winter 2017 issue of the Campbell Law Review. The article addresses an evolving area of preclusion law: nonmutual claim preclusion," and the related issue of privity between parties to a vicarious liability relationship. This corner of preclusion law became the subject of a controversial sample multiple choice question published in 2014 by the National Committee of Bar Examiners. Scholarly commentary on the Civil Procedure listserv agreed that two out of the four choices were arguably correct, but presented an array of differing views as to the correct answer. The article presents a national survey of state and federal case law of claim and issue preclusion, and proposes that derivative liability relationships should be added to the recognized categories of substantive legal relationships commonly referred to as "privity" to support the application of nonmutual claim preclusion, rather than the narrower concept of nonmutual issue preclusion.

EUNICE PARK PUBLISHES IN HASTINGS CONSTITUTIONAL LAW QUARTERLY



Professor Eunice Park published "The Elephant in the Room: What is a 'Nonroutine' Border Search, Anyway?

Digital Device Searches Post-Riley" in the Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly, 44:3 Hastings Const. L.Q. 277 (2017). The article proposes an approach that

obviates distinguishing between routine and nonroutine electronic device border searches, and rethinks the applicability in the digital era of notions of ingress versus egress, and imminent versus ongoing crime, in balancing the tension between law enforcement interests and individual privacy rights.

NEIL PEDERSEN PRESENTS ON RUNNING LAW PRACTICE, TIPS FOR NEW LAWYERS



On April 22, Adjunct Professor Neil Pedersen participated as a panelist at a workshop at UCLA Law School

entitled "The Nuts and Bolts of Opening and Maintaining a Law Office." Professor Pedersen spoke about a variety of subjects including the decision to open a firm, impediments to expect in the process, business development, and maintaining work-life balance when running a law practice.

ROBERT MOLKO PARTICIPATES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT USE OF FORCE AND LIABILITY CONFERENCE



Professor Robert Molko was a panelist at the California State Bar's Law Enforcement Use of Force & Liability

Conference at the USC Gould School of Law on June 2, 2017. His panel addressed the criminal and civil liability of officers for the use of excessive force and the most recent 2017 U.S. Supreme Court decisions on the subject, including discussions of qualified immunity and the recent rejection of the Ninth Circuit's provocation rule.

JENNIFER KOH AND SABRINA RIVERA AUTHOR AMICUS BRIEF ON BEHALF OF AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION



Professors Jennifer Koh and Sabrina Rivera recently filed an amicus brief on behalf of the American

Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) Amicus Committee in *Matter of S-C*, a case pending before the Board of Immigration Appeals.

The brief addressed the statutory eligibility requirements for a lawful permanent resident to seek relief from deportation under former section 212(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act in light of prior Board and Supreme Court precedent. AILA is the largest national association of immigration lawyers and has more than 14,000 members throughout the United States.

JENNIFER KOH GIVES KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT WOMEN FOR: ORANGE COUNTY SUFFRAGE DAY LUNCHEON



On Sunday August 27, 2017, Professor Jennifer Koh delivered the keynote address for Women For: Orange

County's annual Suffrage Day Luncheon, which honors Orange County individuals who embody the spirit and characteristics of those who have struggled courageously for women's suffrage and other Human Rights. The title of her speech was, "Re-imagining Political Activism in Orange County." This year's honorees were Peggy Thompson, Felicity Figueroa, Martha Milichek, and Ana Gonzalez.

SABRINA RIVERA PRESENTS AT HNBA'S ANNUAL CONVENTION



Immigration Clinic Staff Attorney Sabrina Rivera recently presented at the Hispanic National Bar Association's

(HNBA) Annual Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, attended by more than 700 attorneys and legal professionals. She served as a panelist in a seminar entitled, "Stand Up, Fight Back! Advocating for Vulnerable Immigrant Populations Through Community Lawyering Under the Trump Administration," which addressed the current administration's executive orders and immigration enforcement priorities, community lawyering principles, and advocacy tactics for vulnerable immigrant populations. HNBA is the largest national association of Latino legal professionals, comprised of lawyers, law professors, students, legal professionals, state and federal judges, legislators, and bar affiliates operating across the country.

JENNIFER KOH PUBLISHES ON IMMIGRATION COURT REMOVAL UNDER TRUMP



Professor Jennifer Koh has published, "Anticipating Expansion, Committing to Resistance: Removal in

the Shadows of Immigration Court under Trump," in the *Ohio Northern Law Review*, 43 *Ohio N.U. L. Rev.* 459 (2017). This invited symposium essay discusses the early indications of the Trump Administration's plans to expand what Professor Koh has called the "shadows" of immigration court, referring to mechanisms in which the government deports people with little to no involvement from immigration courts and judges.

It considers the implications of such an expansion for immigrant communities and for advocacy in the immigrants' rights field, with a focus on the potential for both legal and non-legal interventions. It concludes by calling on lawyers, organizers and allies to consider the explosion of shadow removals in resistance efforts. The SSRN link is available here: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3042908

MONICA TODD AND EUNICE PARK PRESENT AT ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY



Monica Todd and Eunice Park presented at the 17th Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Legal



Writing Conference on "Settlement: A 1L Exercise to Prepare for Appellate Advocacy." At the conference,

held from March 10-11 at Arizona State University, Professors Todd and Park discussed how a settlement negotiation exercise can allow students to experience a practical introduction to persuasion before launching into the appellate brief assignment for the semester.

PROFESSORS JENNIFER KOH AND NEIL GOTANDA, RECENTLY HELD AN MCLE AT WESTERN STATE



The MCLE titled, "Reflecting on Race, Law and White Supremacy: Asian-American & Muslim-American Experiences," explored the relationship between race and the law, with a particular focus on



the past experiences of Asian-American communities and the present challenges facing Muslim-Americans.

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