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# Justice Sandra Day O'Connor To Speak at Renaming Ceremony for ASU Law School

Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor will be the honored guest at a celebration of the renaming of the Arizona State University College of Law at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17, on the South Lawn of Armstrong Hall on the ASU campus. The event is free and open to the public. The College was renamed the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law in April in honor of Justice O'Connor's career-long dedication to public service, her intellectual vigor and her sense of fair-mindedness. It is the first law school named in honor of a contemporary woman. The ceremony will include remarks from Justice O'Connor; ASU President Michael M. Crow; Patricia White, Dean of the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law; Ruth V. McGregor, Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, an alumna of the College who was a clerk for Justice O'Connor; and Robert Bulla, president of the Arizona Board of Regents.

#### LIBRARY DISPLAY



Don't miss the beautiful and informative display on Justice Sandra Day O'Connor in the cases of the Ross-Blakley Law Library. The display, in honor of Justice O'Connor's Nov. 17 visit, includes pictures and publications by and about the retired Supreme Court Justice. The display case is located at the entrance of the library.

## MEET THE CLASS

Alba Jaramillo is one of Tucson's community activists, working with youth and the Latino community. Last year, she received the Tucson YWCA's "Woman on the Move" award. This year, the Tucson Business Edge also recognized her efforts with their "40-Under-40" community leadership award. El Comite Dia-V, a community group that annually produces Eve Ensler's, The Vagina Monologues, proclaimed Alba to be a "Vagina Warrior." Prior to law school, Alba spent three years fighting violence against women. As a rape prevention educator for Tucson's rape crisis center, she educated over 5,000 youth, adults, and professionals about the facts of sexual violence. She organized many community events to raise awareness of sexual violence, including a youth-run "Take Back the Night," a march and rally in which women and their allies reclaim the night from sexual predators. Alba has been very active with the Tucson's Latino Community. Her passion for working with Latinos stems from her own experience as a Mexican immigrant. For most of her life in the United States, Alba's immigration was undocumented. She has given back to her community by increasing awareness about violence against Latina women, and by increasing understanding about Mexican-American culture through theatre arts. For the past years, Alba volunteered for Tucson's Comité Día-V. Comité Día-V is the only group in the United States



that produces Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues* completely in Spanish. *The Vagina Monologues* is a play performed in cities and on college campuses worldwide as part of V-Day, a global movement to educate communities about violence against women and girls. She volunteered with *Dia-V's* 2004, 2005, and 2006 productions of *Los Monólogos de la Vagina*. Her involvement began in 2004 as an actress, continued in 2005 as the production's Artistic Director and continued in 2006 as both the Director and the Coordinator. Through the production, she helped raise thousands of dollars for local

rape crisis centers and domestic violence shelters in Tucson that specifically serve Latina women. Alba has also served her community as a member of the Board of Directors for Borderlands Theatre Company, a professional theatre company in Tucson that is recognized nationally and internationally for producing plays about the Mexican-American border region. Alba's interest in the environmental practices of *maquiladoras* (foreign owned assembly plants, also known as sweat shops) led her to organize a reforestation project with the assembly plant workers of the maquiladora Weiser Lock. She and the workers constructed an ecological park within the perimeters of the factory that the entire community of Nogales could use. Alba co-authored a chapter describing her research in the book, The Social Cost of Industrial Growth in Northern Mexico. Alba Jaramillo graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Arizona with a dual degree in cultural anthropology and theatre arts. She is this year's 1L representative for the Chicano/Latino Law Student Association and chairperson for the Association's De Colores pro-bono program, which serves a domestic violence shelter for Latina women that is operated by Chicano's Por La Causa.

# PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT

Jason Alberts (Class of 2003) was recently appointed by President Bush to serve as Counsel to the Assistant Secretary of Water and Science in the U.S. Department of the Interior.

#### ECKSTEIN HONORED WITH APPRECIATION AWARD



Paul Eckstein, of Perkins Coie Brown & Bain, and a co-founder of the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law's Council of 100, was recently awarded the 2006 ASU Alumni Appreciation Award. "Simply stated, although he never attended Arizona State University, there has been no single better friend to this law school, and he and his wife, Flo, have provided significant service to the University as a whole," wrote Dean Patricia White, in her nomination letter. White cited Eckstein's nearly 30 years of friendship to the College. "Paul has served on the Law Society since 1978 and served as president

from 1991-1992," White wrote. "He has served as an adjunct professor at the College and taught legal ethics. He has been a guest lecturer in many classes. Our architecturally stunning Ross-Blakley Law Library building would not exist without his tenacity and support. He served as its chief fundraiser and as John Ross's executor, enabled the Ross family to make a substantial contribution toward the building." White also cited Eckstein's fundraising efforts, including spearheading drives to raise \$1,000,000 for the Jack Brown Chair, \$300,000 for the Randy Bain Scholarship, and the funding for the Jack Brown Professorship. Eckstein co-chairs the Council of 100, a new effort to enlist attorneys to provide financial support and counsel to the College. In 1997 he established the Eckstein Endowment which provides scholarships as well as unrestricted program support for the College of Law, Eckstein and his wife, Flo, are longtime supporters of the University, providing donations for KAET, the Jewish Studies department, the University President's Investment Fund, the School of Social Work, the Alumni/Foundation Activity, and the College of Fine Arts, among others. They created the Eckstein Scholar in Residence Endowment at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He was a member of the President's Club, served on the Honors College Dean's Advisory Board and the Morrison Institute's Board of Advisors. In his practice, Eckstein has handled a variety of civil litigation matters at both the trial and appellate levels, with an emphasis on contract, tort, antitrust, intellectual property, constitutional, election and media law issues. In 1988, he served as co-prosecutor in the impeachment trial of Governor Even Mecham before the Arizona Senate. He received his law degree in 1965 from Harvard Law School.

# SPEED-NETWORKING MAKES MATCHES



Thirty-four students, and 17 lawyers from 14 small firms, matched up in the 2006 Speed-Networking Event held Wednesday, Nov. 1, in the Great Hall. The event, organized by Career Services and modeled after speed-dating events, randomly matched students and firms for eight

minutes each. After eight minutes, a bell would ring, and students would shift to the next firm. Each student who participated met with four firms. The participating firms ranged from sole practitioners to 11-lawyer groups. Students received practical career advice, made great connections and developed job leads. A reception was held afterward. The participating lawyers were Bette Adelman, of Adelman Law Office, PC; Charles Bassett, of the Law Office of Charles W. Bassett, PLLC; Melinda Bird, of Ayers & Brown, PC; Jay Bloom, of Katz & Bloom, PLC; Michael Burkhart, of Shell, Nermyr, Burkhart, LLC; Ernest Calderon, of the Calderon Law Offices: Annette Cox, of Aslamy & Associ-



ates, PC; Ryann Embury, of Alcock & Associates, PC: Scott Gibson, of Gibson, Ferrin & Riggs, PLC; Trevi Harris, of Jolvon Grant, PC: Stephanie Heizer of Ayers & Brown, PC; Kesha Hodge, of Dodge, Anderson, Mableson, Steiner, Jones & Horowitz, Ltd.; Norman Katz, of Katz & Bloom, PLC; Vince Lujan, of

Rothstein, Donatelli, Hughes, Dahlstrom, Schoenburg & Bienvenu; Donald Rolfe, of The Rolfe Law Firm, PLLC; Ana Sanchez, of Alcock & Associates, PC; and Nicole Seder-Cantelme, of the Gaona Law Firm.

#### PROFESSOR KAYE AUTHORS OP-ED IN 'NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL



David H. Kaye, a professor at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, and Joseph L. Gastwirth, a professor at George Washington University in the Department of Statistics, co-authored an op-ed piece in the current issue of The National Law Journal on the recent drop in the percentage of women hired as Supreme Court law clerks. "A 'sharp drop in women' among the ranks of Supreme Court law clerks has become front-

page news," they write. "It has been reported that only seven of the 37 law clerks hired this year were women (19 percent, compared with 16 out of 43 from the previous year, or 37 percent)-a decline of nearly 50 percent." To read the entire piece, go to http://www.law.asu.edu/?id=9994.

#### **DEAN'S BROWN BAG LUNCH**

Dean Patricia White will hold a brown bag lunch at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8, in Armstrong Hall, Room 116. Take this opportunity to meet with Dean White and hear first-hand about big picture developments at the College. Ask questions about any issues that interest you.

#### **ROSE PROVIDES EXAM PREP**



Professor Jonathan Rose will lead a workshop on exam taking at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7, in Armstrong Hall, Room 105. The workshop is primarily targeted for first-year law students. Participants should bring their Contracts course book and be prepared to discuss Feinberg v. Pfeiffer (pp. 39, 91) and Fairmount Glass Works v. Crunden-Martin Wo<mark>odenware Co. (pg. 134).</mark> Lunch will be provided.

#### PERSONAL INJURY TALK SCHEDULED

Brent Peugnet, (Class of 1999) will discuss "Litigating Personal Injury Cases from Both Sides and Representing Health Care Profiders in Litigation and Administrative Procedures" at 12:10 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7, in Armstrong Hall, Room 114. Peugnet has a Doctor of Chriopractic Degree, summa cum laude, from Palmer College and graduated from this law school in 1999, Order of the Coif. He was recently elected to the Western States Chiropractice College Board of Trustees.

# **ON THE AIR**

Amy Langenfeld, associate clinical professor at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, recently appeared on the Channel 8 show Horizonte to discuss the latest proposal in Congress to split the Ninth Circuit. Arizona Republic Columnist Richard Ruelas, who recently wrote a column about the lack of Hispanic judges who would be on the proposed Twelfth Circuit, also was a guest. The show aired on Thursday, October 26.

# LIBRARY ACCESS

The growth of the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, the growth of the general University population and the increased residential presence in close proximity to the College of Law have begun to put a strain on the facilities of the Ross-Blakley Law Library. In light of our increased space limitations, and in order to ensure that the Library facilities and services are fully available to the College of Law community, including those members of the legal community who wish to use the Law Library, we will institute a limited access policy, effective Nov. 13. This policy prohibits the use of the Law Library as a general study hall for any but our law students, and those ASU students who are enrolled in law school courses. Members of the legal community and public patrons who need to use the materials of the law library will also be admitted, upon checking in at the circulation counter, and showing

identification. The doors into the library reading room, as well as the elevators on the east side (ground floor and first level) will be secured and controlled by a card reader system. Any law school faculty, staff or student with a current, activated Sun Card will be able to enter the reading room by waving a current Sun Card close to the scanning device. Therefore it is strongly recommended that all Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law faculty, staff and students carry their Sun Cards with them at all times. A circulation counter staff member can inspect your Sun Card to be sure that it is current. Those who do not choose to have or carry current, activated Sun Cards will be admitted by a staff member at the circulation counter. We also recommend that law students stop by the circulation counter and get a LAW sticker to put on your Sun Card. This will help desk staff, especially student desk staff who may not know all our law students, to identify you for quick access into the library. For the full policy, see: http://www.law.asu.edu/files/Library/Information/LimitedAccess . For questions, contact the Director: victoria.trotta@asu.edu .

# IT CUSTOMER SATISFACTION FEEDBACK

When a ticket that you submitted to the IT Help Desk, either through using the Help Desk website or by requesting event, is closed by one of the IT staff, you will receive an email telling you that the problem is resolved. We've added a message to the email, inviting you to complete a very short survey on your satisfaction with the interaction and service received from the IT staff. We'd love to know what you think about our level of service, knowledge, and friendliness. And we'd like to hear both the good and the bad - it gives us a way to keep doing what we do well and improve the rest. - Laurie Ralston

#### JURORS NEEDED

The Civil Justice Clinic is looking for first-year law students to participate in a jury selection exercise. This is an excellent opportunity to find out first hand what it would be like to take a clinical class. In addition, participants will earn pro bono credit for their participation. The jury selection exerc<mark>ise is Tuesday,</mark> Nov. 7, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Room 115 (the Ryan C. Harris Electronic Courtroom). Participants must also attend a half-hour briefing at noon on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Please contact Karen Barnett at Karen.barnett@asu.edu or 480-965-6487.

## **TECHNOLOGY VENTURES CLINIC**

The Technology ventures Clinic is now accepting applications for the Spring 2007 semester. Contact Professor Eric Menkhus at eric.menkhus@ asu.edu or 480-727-8856 to obtain an application or to learn more about the clinic.

#### CONVOCATION SPEAKER NAMED

Rebecca White Berch, Vice Chief Justice of the Aizona Supreme Court, will be the keynote speaker for the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law Convocation, which will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, in the Great Hall. More information regarding December graduation activities can be found at http://www.law. asu.edu/?id=9802.

# A CHAIR FOR MATHESON



A Diamond Jubilee is being planned for Alan A. Matheson, founding professor, dean and friend of the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, who will be 75 on Feb. 2. Please join his family, friends, members of the legal community and former and current students in a celebration from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 2, at the College. There will be refreshments and roasts. Mystery guests will expose never-before revealed details of Alan's past. Please send any tributes, stories or photos to laurie.vesco@asu.edu,

or to Helene Fenlon or Michael Berch. In addition, the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law is raising funds to establish a chair in Alan's honor. The chair will be dedicated to a professor of law who has exhibited outstanding teaching, extraordinary service to the community, and significant scholarship to the enrichment of the legal profession. To offer your support for the Matheson Faculty Chair, please contact laurie.vesco@asu.edu.

# SATURDAY FUN AT THE MOVIES/REUNION

On Saturday, October 28th, Larry Cohen entertained over 150 alumni and students in Armstrong Hall with his "Saturday at the Movies" continuing legal education program. Audience members vied for cool prizes as they raised ethical dilemmas faced by lawyers in movie clips and answered a variety of trivia questions. Panel members Trish White, Vice Chief Justice Rebecca Berch, Dan McAuliffe and wild man Berch added to the excitement. CLE has never been so much fun! Later in the evening<mark>, the Sandra Day O'Connor classes of 1976, 1981,</mark> 1986, 1996 and 2001 celebrated their anniversaries with a reunion dinner and dance at the University Club. Over 140 people attended the event, some having traveled from as far as Florida to see their old friends and classmates.