

In the Loop

March 22 - 28, 2009

Former California Justice Reynoso Is Distinguished Visiting Scholar

Retired California Supreme Court Associate Justice Cruz Reynoso, the first Latino appointed to the court, will be a Distinguished Scholar in Residence at The John Marshall Law School the week of March 29.

Reynoso will be addressing students and faculty at special programs; he will discuss "Latinos in a Changing America" at a luncheon April 1; and he will be honored at a special reception March 31.

A 1958 graduate of the University of California-Berkeley's Boalt Hall Law School, Reynoso went on to a career in civil service and academia. He was a legislative assistant in the California State Senate, deputy director of the California Fair Employment Practices Commission in 1965 and served as a secretary to then California Gov. Pat Brown.

Reynoso served as associate general counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington, D.C., before returning to California in 1968 to head the California Rural Legal Assistance, a pioneering program of the legal services movement. He was appointed an associate justice of the California Court of Appeals in 1976 and appointed to California's Supreme Court in 1982.

Reynoso has been recognized by students as an outstanding professor. While on the faculty at the UCLA School of Law, he was selected Professor of the Year in 1995. He moved to the University of California-Davis in 2001 as the first professor for the Boochever & Bird Chair for the Study and Teaching of Freedom and Equality.

In 2003, Reynoso's students in the LaRaza Students Association at the University of California-Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law and other donors established the Cruz Reynoso Social Justice Fellowship to help Latino law students at the law school pursue public interest summer internships.

When Reynoso retired from the faculty in 2006, he was presented the UC Davis Medal, the highest tribute bestowed by the university. Other honors include the Hispanic Heritage Foundation Award in Education in 2000; the UCLA Cesar E. Chavez Spirit Award in 2004; and the Kutak Award from the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar in 2007.



Fair Housing Legal Clinic Performance Earns Perfect Score from HUD

Under the leadership of Clinical Director and Professor Allison K. Bethel and Co-Executive Directors and Professors Michael P. Seng and F. Willis Caruso, The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Clinic earned a perfect rating for its work as a Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) grant recipient from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The clinic's annual progress review measured a variety of performance areas, including quality of project management, grant activities, timeliness, and thoroughness of reports. . The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Clinic received a perfect score of 100 for its second year of the grant period ending Nov. 30, 2008.

"This perfect score would not have been possible without the fine work of our talented and dedicated students and staff. We are also fortunate to have the support of the law school and long standing partnerships with local attorneys and private organizations committed to making the dream of fair housing a reality," said Bethel.

The clinic provides fair housing advocacy, outreach and education services to individuals in the Chicago metropolitan area. Much of the Clinic's work is funded through a FHIP grant.

The clinic serves *pro bono* clients who have been illegally denied housing because of discrimination under federal, state and

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SBA's Diversity Committee Plans 2009 Diversity Week Activities

The Student Bar Association Diversity Committee has organized a variety of activities around the theme "Classmate to Colleague" to mark Diversity Week, March 23 through 27.

"The focus of Diversity Week 2009 is to emphasize the broad importance of diversity from law school admissions to firm hiring practices and retention," said Tania Luma, chair of the Diversity Committee.

The week's events open Monday, March 23, with an international lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Sargis-Miner Student Lounge hosted by all student organizations.

At noon on Tuesday, March 24, in Room 200, the program "Learning from the Past: A Panel of Lawyers Who Were the 'First' in Their Field" will be presented by David Lipschutz, Shaun Sperling and Alex Dao. The program will be moderated by Associate Dean Rory Smith, director of the Office of Diversity Affairs and Outreach.

The Women's Law Caucus has invited guests from the Women's Criminal Defense Bar Association and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office to present "Breaking the Glass Ceiling" on Wednesday, March 25, at 4 p.m. in Room 409.

A reception will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, in 3-East that will include a keynote address on "Legal Diversity: Classmate to Colleague" delivered by Jessica Arong O'Brien (JD/LLM '98), president of the Asian American Bar Association of Greater Chicago, and a look at business professional attire.

The week's events conclude on Friday, March 27, with a minority law student breakfast at the offices of Smith Amundsen LLC. Reservations are being accepted by dfernandez@salawus.com or 5luma@stu.jmls.edu.



Real Estate Guest Speaker

Kate Duncan (JD '03) was a guest presenter for the student chapter of Lambda Alpha International of the Center for Real Estate Law on March 10. Duncan addressed land use and zoning practice issues. An attorney at Daley and George Ltd., Duncan concentrates her practice in the areas of zoning and land use, commercial and residential real estate transactions and general corporate law.

Law School and Student Calendar of Events

March 23, 2009

Distinguished Lecture Series in Employee Benefits Law with Prof Jim Wooten, Room 1200, 12:30 p.m.

Diversity Week, Sargis-Miner Lounge, 1:00 p.m.

March 24, 2009

Diversity Week Speakers, Room 200, 12:00 p.m.

CSO: EMPLOYEE Benefits Alumni Career Advice Panel, Room 3East, 12:00 p.m.

Faculty Executive Committee Meeting, Room 608, 12:30 p.m.

Grill the Deans, Student Lounge, 4:30 p.m.

Latino Law Student Association Meeting, Room 216, 5:00 p.m.

March 25, 2009

CSO Professionalism, Room 1103, 12:00 p.m.

Military Law Society Veteran's Clinic Speaker, Room 201, 3:30 p.m.

Diversity Week, Room 503, 4:00 p.m.

Women's Law Caucus Panel, Room 409, 4:00 p.m.

American Association for Justice Meeting, Room 530, 5:00 p.m.

JMLS and ABA Careers in Tax Program, Room 3East, 5:00 p.m.

March 26, 2009

Ethics Seminar, Room 403, 8:30 a.m.

CSO Tax Alumni Career Advice, Room 201, 12:00 p.m.

Federalist Society Speaker, Room 201, 12:00 p.m.

Information Session on the Joint JD/LLM program International Law, Room 1102, 12:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Faculty Scholarship in Progress Presentation by Professor Schwartz, Room 1200, 12:15 p.m.

Faculty Curriculum Committee Meeting, Room 605, 12:30 p.m.

Diversity Dinner, 3East, 5:00 p.m.

R IPL Meeting, Room 605, 5:00 p.m.

IL's Casino Night, Student Lounge, 6:00 p.m.

March 27, 2009

National Undergraduate Diversity Mock Trial Competition, room 3East, 8:00 a.m.

Intellectual Property Distinguished Professor Presentation by R. Polk Wagner, Room 1200, 11:30 a.m.

IL Mock Trial Competition, TBD, 5:00 p.m.

March 28, 2009

National Undergraduate Diversity Mock Trial Competition, 3East, 8:00 a.m.

Minds Matter of Chicago, Rooms 409 & 428, 10:00 a.m.

Jack and Jill or America High School Mock Trial, Check-in on 3East, 10:30 a.m.

Admitted Students Diversity Program, Room 1200 A&B

Insights I, Room 413, 1:30 P.M.

Admitted Students Diversity Program Dinner, Room 3East, 6:00 p.m.

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John Marshall Student New ABA/LSD 7th Circuit Governor

Jennifer Furrow, a second-year student at The John Marshall Law School, was elected the 7th Circuit governor for the American Bar Association-Student Law Division (ABA/LSD) at the March meeting. She will serve through March 2010. Furrow shows off the three Bronze Key awards presented to The John Marshall Law School at the 7th Circuit meeting. The law school swept each category receiving an award for having the highest percentage of ABA/LSD members; the highest number of ABA/LSD members; and the most involved 7th Circuit law school chapter hosting events and sponsoring initiatives.

Lipschutz Finds Himself on a Chicago Movie Set

David Lipschutz missed class on Monday, March 2, but he had a good excuse—he was an actor in the movie.

Lipschutz walked a block from the law school to the Monadnock Building, at the corner of Jackson and Dearborn, to play a Lubavitcher teen in the upcoming feature film “Polish Bar,” produced by Effie Brown. The film crew used a jewelry store in the Monadnock as its set.

An actor since age six, Lipschutz had starred in local theater and independent features, but this was his first role in a feature film. A friend passed his name along to the casting crew and after an audition Feb. 25, Lipschutz was selected for the role that required him to wear a dark suit and a fake beard and speak one line.

Lipschutz, who in February tied for first place at the Animal Law Advocacy Closing Arguments Competition at Harvard Law School, said being on stage has made it easier for him to get up in front of judges. “I do get a bit anxious, but I am not afraid to speak in public. That is a benefit of my years on the stage.”

Will Lipschutz stay with acting? There is that possibility, but Lipschutz, who graduates in January 2010, knows long-term he will be using his law degree.

Alumna Remembered Through Scholarship

Beginning in the fall of next year, third-year students will be eligible for a partial scholarship recently established in the memory of Jacquelyn Forte Kidder (JD ‘81). The endowed scholarship fund was created by Kidder’s husband, Rex E. Kidder, III (JD ‘79), Rosanne J. Faraci (JD ‘81) and Robert L. Carter (JD ‘80), with additional support from other family, friends and colleagues.

The Jacquelyn Forte Kidder Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Legal Writing will benefit a third-year John Marshall student, and as the founders say, honor the late Kidder’s dedication to legal writing.

As a student at John Marshall, Kidder was executive comments editor of *The John Marshall Law Review*, a Fred F. Herzog Dean’s Scholar and the recipient of the Graduate School Scholarship as the highest ranking day division student for the entire course. But, it was her writing ability that stood out to her classmates and her husband, Rex, whom she met in college and married in 1978, the summer after his second year at John Marshall and before she began her law school career.

“Jackie was an exceptional student. She loved to write. She was an excellent writer,” Rex said. “And, of all the skills that a lawyer has – that’s the most important.”

“This would be something Jackie would want: for someone who showed excellence in legal writing to benefit from this scholarship,” he added.

Her classmate, Carter, also was an editor on *The John Marshall Law Review* at the time Kidder served. Their friendship continued into their careers, when they worked together at Ross & Hardies from 1998 to 2006.

“Jackie was one of the most remarkable writers I’ve ever known,” Carter recalls.

“What made her unique was her belief in the power of the introduction. In a 15-page brief, she might devote all of the first five pages to the introduction, and it would be filled with



John Marshall Dean John E. Corkery (left) and The John Marshall Law School Foundation President John Lee (right) welcome John Marshall graduates (from second from left) Rex Kidder (JD ‘79) and Rosanne Faraci (JD ‘81), whose generous donations helped endow the Jacquelyn Forte Kidder Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Legal Writing.

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March 30, 2009

Visiting Professor Cruz Reynoso, UC at Davis School of Law
Phi Alpha Clothing and Needs Drive for Homeless, Student Lounge, All day
Insights I, Room 1200 A&B, 11:00 a.m.
JMLS Student Lunch w/Visiting Professor Cruz Reynoso, Room 200 & 201, 12:00 p.m.
CSO: Judicial Clerkships, Room 1103, 12:00 p.m.
Academic Affairs Committee, Room 608, 12:30 p.m.
Mass Media Law from the Libertarian Perspective Lecture by Mark Rutherford, Room 3East, 5:00 p.m.

March 31, 2009

Visiting Professor Cruz Reynoso, UC at Davis School of Law
Center for International Law's Barcelona Orientation program, Room 503, 12:00 p.m.
Getting your Due, Room 1200, 12:00 p.m.
Faculty Lunch w/ Visiting Professor Cruz Reynoso Lunch, Room 3East, 12:00 p.m.
Reception for Justice Reynoso Cruz, Standard Club, 5:00 p.m.

April 1, 2009

Visiting Professor Cruz Reynoso, UC at Davis School of Law
Christian Legal Society, Room 428, 12:00 p.m.
Visiting Professor Reynoso Cruz Lecture – "Latinos in a Changing America", Room 1200, 12:00 p.m.
Alumni Association Board Meeting, Room 3East, 12:30 p.m.

April 2, 2009

Visiting Professor Cruz Reynoso, UC at Davis School of Law
National Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition, Room 3East and Courtroom, 8:00 a.m.
Faculty Scholarship in Progress Presentation by Professor Ford, Room 1200, 12:15 p.m.
LLSA and ILLSA Lunch w/visiting Professor Cruz Reynoso, Fair Housing Clinic Building Conference Room, 12:00 p.m.
Center for Real Estate, Room 529, 12:15 p.m.
Justinian Society Meatball Madness Evening, Student Lounge, 5:00 p.m.
Alternative Dispute, Room 216, 5:00 p.m.
Center for Real Estate, Room 529, 5:00 p.m.
Phi Alpha Delta, Room 201, 5:00 p.m.
Graduate Tax Society Meeting, Room 413, 5:00 p.m.

April 3, 2009

National Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition, Room 3East and Courtroom, 8:00 a.m.
Board of Trustees Distance Learning Committee, Room 1102, 10:30 a.m.
Board of Trustee Meeting, Room 608, 12:00 p.m.
Board of Trustees/Alumni Board Reception, Standard Club, 3:00 p.m.

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local fair housing laws and ordinances. The John Marshall Fair Housing Legal Clinic provides law students with an opportunity to work on fair housing cases in the federal and state courts, state and local housing commissions and courts and before the HUD administrators. The clinic staff does community outreach to inform consumers about fair housing laws and the work of the clinic.



Work by John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Clinic staff members helped earn a 100 percent score from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Staff members are (seated, left) Sonja Parks and Co-Executive Director Professor Michael Seng (seated, right) and (standing, from left) Clinical Director and Professor Allison Bethel; Supervising Attorney Kelly Keating; Visiting Professor Edward Voci; and Testing Coordinator Lillian Seymore. Staff not pictured are Co-Executive Director and Professor F. Willis Caruso, Clinical Professor Damian Ortiz, and the 2008 staff members who worked on the HUD reports Nadia Whiteside, RoseMarie Knight and Elaine Morey.

Admitted Students' Reception, Room 200 & Student Lounge, 4:00 p.m.

April 4, 2009

National Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition, Room 3East and Courtroom, 8:00 a.m.
Minds Matter of Chicago, Room 409 and 428, 10:00 a.m.
The Roads to Success 2009-Second Year Orientation, Room 300 and 503, 1:00 p.m.

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