Honoring Our Founders
The Honorable Paul Egly Embarks on Retirement
Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Alumni magazine. This new and exciting format was the brainchild of Dean Donald J. Dunn, whose vision, along with the hard work of our Assistant Dean of Career Services & Alumni Relations, Abbie Adams-Yaffe, made this happen.

Since receiving provisional approval by the ABA in February of 2006, the College of Law has seen many positive changes. Applications by prospective students have risen by over 64%. Our Fall 2007 entering class, with 114 students, was the largest and best credentialed class we have had in over two decades. Enrollment now exceeds 300 students. We had 51 students sit for the July 2007 bar exam for the first time, the largest such group from the College of Law. Of those, 29 passed, for a first-time pass rate of 56.8%. In the past two years, we have had graduates take and pass the bar exam in Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Georgia, Washington, and New York.

The activity level at the College of Law is at an all-time high. Several new student organizations have been formed in the past two years, and our students now serve on national chapters of many such organizations, including the ABA. Law Review, long known for our Journal of Juvenile Law, will expand into a two-journal format in 2008 with both a general journal as well as the Journal of Juvenile Law. In the Spring of 2008, the College of Law will be opening two in-house live-client clinics, the Disability Rights Legal Center overseen by Adjunct Professor Heather McGunigle, and the Justice and Immigration Clinic, overseen by Assistant Professor Diane Uchimiya.

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In Memoriam
Dean Donald J. Dunn
1945-2008

As we were going to press, we learned the sad news that Dean Donald J. Dunn had died at his home in Orange County on January 5, 2008. A memorial event will be held for Dean Dunn on Saturday, March 8, at 2 p.m. at the ULV College of Law campus in Ontario. All are invited to come and celebrate Dean Dunn’s life and achievements. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Doug Frost, Director of Development, at (909) 460-2024 or at dfrost@ulv.edu.

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Johann L. Van Kolken, ’99, an attorney at Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi LLP in San Bernardino, CA, and his wife, Mylene Aleba, ’01, In-House Counsel for Travelers Insurance Company in Redlands, CA, announce the arrival of their son, John Louis Van Kolken (below), born July 17, 2007, weighing 8 lbs., 9 oz. and 22” long. They say he is the perfect combination of both of them and brings them tons of happiness. Congratulations, Johann and Mylene!

Kimberly Mall, ’06, is currently working at Tous & Gonzales, a Workman’s Compensation Defense Firm, in their Corona office. And, she has a new addition to her family, Christian Anil Mall (above), born July 31, 2007 weighing 7 lbs., 15 oz.

Cynthia N. Carrusco, ’05, published an article entitled “Colorado’s Model Courts: Innovation in the Juvenile Court System” in the October 2007 edition of The Colorado Lawyer. Cynthia serves as the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Council Court Liaison to several jurisdictions across the country. She handles child abuse and neglect cases, working closely with juvenile and family courts nationwide to facilitate systems change by providing technical assistance, consultation, research, and evaluation.

Edward B. (Woody) Ryder, IV, ’81, a Greenlawn, NY, resident and formerly of Glen Oaks, NY, and East Williston, NY, has joined the Advisory Board of the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset, NY, at the invitation of President-Elect Joseph Corace. Ryder, a member of two Kiwanis Clubs and a former Lt. Governor Barbara-Anne Lillian Ryder, Ryder is employed by print franchisor Minuteman Press International, Inc., of Farmingdale, with operations across the U.S., Australia, Canada, England, Scotland, South Africa, and Wales.

Richard “Rick” Post, ’81, was appointed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board. Dr. Post previously served as the Dean of Resource Development and Assistant to the President at the College of the Desert, where he had worked since 1974. Post has held several other positions at the college including, most recently, Dean of the Division of Applied Sciences and Business.

Jessica Alexander, ’06, and her husband, Tom, and daughter, Charis, welcomed two new little ones, twins Thomas Jesse Alexander, weighing 6 lbs., 11 oz. and 20 inches and Corinne Moriel Alexander, weighing 6 lbs., 3 oz. and 19 inches, on Monday, November 26, 2007. Congratulations to the Alexander family!

Honorable Teresa M. (Snodgrass) Bennett, ’88, informed us that her mother, Doris Lang Snodgrass, passed away January 13, 2008. She was 86. Her mother had served as a nurse during World War II with the Army Air Force in Europe and was part of the Battle of the Bulge in Bastogne, Belgium. After the war, she worked in a VA hospital in Long Beach and then with an orthopedic surgeon in Santa Ana for 30 years. The family has arranged for her to be buried at sea by The Neptune Society.
In that time, much has happened. Numerous students have passed the bar and embarked on distinguished careers in Southern California and beyond. The college has moved from its humble beginnings in the basement of Miller Hall to its own grounds in Ontario complete with a stunning library, ample classrooms, and, now, provisional ABA approval, granted February 13, 2006.

And while a larger campus and growing student body numbers are accomplishments of which to be truly proud, nothing solidifies the reputation of a school better than the brilliant careers of its alums. Out of the numerous distinguished alumni that have passed through the halls of this college, there are many whose service is exemplary, and all of them credit their success in part to the professors at the COL who challenged them to think critically and honorably.

One such graduate is Retired Superior Court Judge, Honorable Peter H. Norell. A member of the COL’s class of 1979, Judge Norell has fond memories of his time in law school and says that his instructors, many of them locally practicing attorneys who taught part-time at the College, inspired him to seek out a career in his own community. And now, nearly three decades after passing the California Bar, Judge Norell has a record of service which includes nine years of private practice and 16½ years on the bench as a Superior Court Judge for San Bernardino County. During three of those years, he held the position of Presiding Judge. Now retired from the bench, Judge Norell serves as a neutral panelist for Alternative Dispute Resolution at Inland Valley Arbitration and Mediation Services in Rancho Cucamonga.

Another graduate from the class of 1979, Selwyn Berg, also credits the COL faculty for contributing to his success as an attorney specializing in law and engineering. Mr. Berg says his education at the University of La Verne “turned out to be particularly advantageous because we had the opportunity to glean practical law practice experience from attorneys who spent the day in the cold courthouses instead of the hallowed halls of ivy.”

This practical knowledge helped Mr. Berg secure a Supreme Court win in 1992 and maintain an impressive career that included practice in Claremont and La Jolla, and consulting in Washington, D.C. Now retired, though unwilling to give up the practice, Mr. Berg resides in Portugal and retains the title of Solicitor with the Law Society of England and Wales. Citing Retired Judge Egly, the law school’s founding dean, as one of his foremost COL mentors, Mr. Berg says, “I, indeed, am very happy with where I find myself at this time of my life, and I give credit to Judge Egly’s leadership in forming a uniquely practical educational experience at La Verne College.”

Farzad Nezam, ’06, also cites Judge Egly, along with Professors Held, Exon, Prager, Hultman, and Goldstein as contributing to his success—particularly in their ability to challenge the thinking of their students and cultivate a true understanding of the law. After passing the California Bar on his first attempt, Mr. Nezam was quickly hired on at a fairly large firm and has now opened his own criminal defense practice in Encino, which, though by his own account is still in its beginnings, he is certain will thrive due to the confidence and knowledge he acquired at the University of La Verne.

Whether citing individuals, or commenting on the competency of the entire faculty, notable graduates agree that dedication of purpose and thorough instruction in the
subject of law by their instructors is what helped them succeed. John Lowenthal ’85, managing partner at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith’s Inland region office, and member of the board of directors for the San Bernardino County Bar Association states, “The school’s commitment to the traditional method of teaching law, coupled with its small class sizes, created an environment where one could not hide or remain invisible…The program demanded you learn to see the big picture, ask why, what if, and what else. That training or re-shaping of the mind to ‘think like a lawyer’ is the foundation of the ability to analyze, assess, and evaluate cases thoroughly, accurately, and with confidence, an essential skill for any lawyer and particularly a litigator.”

And, perhaps, Sacramento City Attorney Eileen Teichert, valedictorian of the class of ’93, says it best with the statement, “I owe a deep debt of gratitude to the University of La Verne College of Law for preparing me so well to join this profession that I love so much.” Words not to be taken lightly from a woman whose stellar career includes work as Supervising Deputy City Attorney for the City of Riverside, Litigation Attorney for the firms Homan & Lobb and Kinkle, Rodiger & Spriggs, and numerous awards including the City of Riverside's Raincross Award, the College of Law's Outstanding Achievement Awards for Environmental Law and Income Tax, and the American Jurisprudence Award in several categories including Civil Procedure, Professional Responsibility, and Legal Analysis.

Over the past three decades, the University of La Verne College of Law has turned out a fine number of attorneys and through them has extended its influence throughout the halls of justice, reaching the United States Supreme Court and beyond into the international community. It is a record of which to be proud—a record that could not have been achieved without you, its alums. Thank you for your support. We wish you all the continued success that you deserve.

On Wednesday, October 24, the Western San Bernardino County Bar Association held its 2007-2008 Installation of Officers & Awards Ceremony at the new clubhouse and banquet facility at the Red Hill Country Club in Rancho Cucamonga. It was an exciting event attended by over 100 local attorneys, legal professionals, and judges including Assistant Presiding Judge James McGuire and Judges Keith Davis, Janet Frangie, J. Michael Gunn, Katrina West, and David Williams. Also in attendance were Retired Judges Dennis Cole, Karl Jaeger, Joe Johnston, James Piatt, Pete Norell, Tom Nuss, Leroy Simmons, and Retired Commissioner Richard Hughes.

Awards were given to Deputy Clerk Susan Alday of the Rancho Cucamonga Superior Court, and this year marked the inception of the Jennifer Brooks Lawyer of the Year award, given each year to a local lawyer who demonstrates the finest qualities of the legal profession. This year’s honoree was Don Haslam of Haslam & Perri LLP. Haslam & Perri LLP is a premier family law firm in the Inland region that enjoys a legacy of serving San Bernardino, Riverside, and Los Angeles Counties for more than 30 years. Audrey Perri is a ULV College of Law alumna, Class of 1976.

Many University of La Verne College of Law alumni were honored by being sworn in as new Officers and Directors-At-Large of the Western San Bernardino County Bar Association including Anthony Sears, ’87, President; Beverly Sparrow, ’99, President-Elect; Laurel Hoehn, ’04, Secretary; and Gregory Paiva, ’99, Treasurer. Also, Christine Thielo, ’02, and Fernando Bernheim, ’02, were sworn in as Directors-at-Large. Many thanks go to Wende Caputo, Executive Director, and her assistant, Kathy Lopez, for a wonderful event.
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The mission of ULV’s new student organization includes supporting the continuing development of the University’s J.D./M.B.A. and J.D./M.P.A. degree programs and promoting the varying interdisciplinary opportunities available to students interested in law and business. In addition, the Society of Legal Studies & Business will foster the creation of productive working relationships with academic clubs at the University’s Ontario-based College of Law and La Verne-based College of Business and Public Management.

More than 20 students comprise the founding membership for the Society of Legal Studies and Business. Student officers include President Eric Chung, Vice President Dane Gilliam, Secretary Ladd Hoyal, Treasurer Lauren Lenza, and Public Relations Director Ace Tate.

Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity held its Fall 2007 Initiation at the College’s Moot Courtroom on September 14. Forty new members were initiated and Professor Kevin Marshall was initiated as an Honorary Member. The Initiation Banquet followed at the Buffalo Inn in Upland.

On November 9, Interim Dean H. Randall Rubin presented Stephen Messner and Tina Barsotti with Federal Bar Association scholarships that recognized their outstanding accomplishments as students at the University of La Verne College of Law. The scholarships were sponsored by the Inland Empire Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, and the presentation was part of an event that honored the federal judiciary.

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Two ULV COL teams competed at the Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition, Charles Mayr and Eric Danowitz, with Faculty Advisors Professor Kevin Marshall and Professor Kathy Garcia, and Kyoko Kanai and Thomas Hilton, with Faculty Advisors Professor Lisa Rogan and Professor Kevin Rogan. The competition was sponsored by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association Law Foundation. The 2007 California regional oral arguments were held on October 20, 2007 at UCLA School of Law in Los Angeles, California. Congratulations to Charles Mayr and Eric Danowitz who achieved finalist status and advanced to the national finals, which were held in Las Vegas, Nevada, on November 15-18, 2007.
Faculty Members

Professor Charles Doskow’s feature piece, entitled “Treaty Triage,” appeared in the October 25 issue of the Los Angeles Daily Journal. He was also interviewed on a taped segment of Time Warner Cable’s Local Edition on October 26 about the new Supreme Court term and the important decisions to be argued and decided in “Headline News.”

Professor Charles Doskow traveled to Jordan during the late Spring and early Summer, working in the Middle Eastern country under the ABA’s Rule of Law Initiative (ROLI), a public service program that sends lawyers, judges, and law professors to promote the rule of law around the world. During his three-and-a-half month stay, he had an opportunity to teach.

Professor Susan Nauss Exon’s feature article, entitled “The Ethics of Mediation,” was published in Riverside Lawyer’s June 2007 issue.

Professor Diane Klein worked over the summer of 2007 with Professor Charles Doskow to complete an article on the Ninth Circuit case about the roommate-matching website, Roommate.com. That article is forthcoming in the Golden Gate University Law Review, as “Housingdiscrimination.com? The Ninth Circuit (Mostly) Puts Out The Welcome Mat for Fair Housing Act Suits Against Roommate-Matching Websites.”

In October 2007, Professor Klein presented “Latino Masculinities Under The Microscope: Stereotyping and Counterstereotyping on CSI: Miami” at LatCrit XII in Miami, Florida. At the end of October, Professor Klein traveled to Burlington, Vermont, for the Translating Identities conference, which focuses on the experience of transgendered persons. She made two presentations to that group, one focusing on the rights of transgendered persons under Title VII and other state and federal law, and the other addressing pop-cultural representations of transgendered persons.

In December 2007, Professor Klein gave a presentation on Jewish marriage law at a conference sponsored by Inter-disciplinary.net in Salzburg, Austria.

Professor John Linarelli has been accepted as a Visiting Fellow at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law of the University of Cambridge for his spring 2009 sabbatical. At Cambridge, Professor Linarelli will continue his research on his planned article or monograph, “For Doctrinalism: In Defense of International Law.” The Lauterpacht Centre is one of the preeminent centers in the world for the research and study of international law. Cambridge maintains a long tradition of excellence in international law.

Professor Linarelli is co-organizing a symposium to be held in Washington, D.C., in November 2008, under the sponsorship of the International Legal Theory Interest Group of the American Society of International Law (ASIL). The symposium theme is distributive justice and international law. The symposium will be held at Tillar House, ASIL’s headquarters. Professor Linarelli will be co-editor of the papers from the ASIL symposium which will be published by the Cambridge University Press.
New faces at the University of La Verne College of Law

A number of our staff have moved on to other positions, and new staff and faculty have joined us at the University of La Verne College of Law this year. We extend a warm welcome to the new members of our community!

New Faculty Members

Professor Victoria Haneman joined the College of Law in the Fall of 2007. She brings significant experience in the area of corporate transactional law. Professor Haneman earned an LL.M. in Taxation from New York University, nationally recognized as the nation’s preeminent graduate tax law program. She graduated magna cum laude from California Western School of Law with a number of honors, scholarships, and awards (including five American Jurisprudence awards, the Miller, Monson & Peshel Scholarship in Taxation, the Dean’s Scholarship for Academic Achievement, and California Western’s Law Review/International Law Journal). During law school, Professor Haneman was a judicial extern to the Honorable Rudi M. Brewster at the U.S. District Court in San Diego.

Professor Haneman is presently a member of the State Bar of California and American MENSA. Her course offerings at La Verne include Federal Income Taxation, Estate & Gift Taxation, Corporate Taxation, and Wills & Trusts.

Professor Cristina Knolton joined the University of La Verne College of Law in 2007 and teaches Legal Analysis & Writing and Property. She received her Bachelor’s degree with honors from the University of California at Irvine and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She received her J.D. with honors from the University of Texas School of Law, where she was a member of the Texas Law Review. Professor Knolton practiced as a real estate attorney at the firm Akin, Gump, Strauss, Haeur & Feld in San Antonio, Texas, where she represented commercial real estate clients in the acquisition, sale, ownership, and leasing of income-producing properties.

Prior to joining the College of Law, Professor Knolton was a professor at Texas Tech University School of Law and taught Legal Research and Writing, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and Community Property. At Texas Tech, Professor Knolton also coached the ABA National Negotiation team, which placed fifth in the nation.

In 2007, Professor Knolton was nominated for the Hemphill-Wells New Professor Teaching Award.

New Financial Aid Coordinator

Stephanie Stovall is the new College of Law Financial Aid Coordinator. Formerly the University’s Named Scholarship and Student Employment Coordinator, Ms. Stovall is expected to continue to improve the financial aid services now being offered to law students.

New Law Library Staff

Ralph Aguilar is currently attending the University of Redlands, working on completion of a Master’s degree in Counseling. His Bachelor’s degree is in Human Development from Hope International University, and he has worked primarily in education as an instructor and in library services. Ralph enjoys watching sports, as well as the National Geographic and Discovery channels. Ralph lives in Riverside with his wife, Santos, and their two dalmatians, Hannah and Chip.

Tom Iamele was born in Inglewood, California, and was raised in San Pedro. His Bachelor’s degree is in Political Science from Occidental College in Los Angeles. Tom has had over 20 years experience in private law libraries serving over eight years as an Assistant Librarian at Sheppard Mullin Richter and Hampton. Tom also works as an usher at Dodger Stadium during the baseball season. He enjoys many interests outside of work, including baseball, Notre Dame football, sailing, and painting to name a few.
Terry Conway joined the staff of the University of La Verne College of Law Library after serving at Texas Tech University School of Law where she was the law library’s Head of Reference & Instruction. Before that, she was the electronic services and reference librarian at the University of Nebraska College of Law. Previous to these positions, she was a college professor, an Assistant County Attorney, and an Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. Terry has many varied interests and particularly loves the Tennessee Volunteers, the Virginia Tech Hokies, and listening to Barry Manilow.

Edith Amrine became the University of La Verne College of Law Acquisitions Assistant in April 2007. She has expertise in Interlibrary loan, reference, acquisitions, cataloging, receiving, preservation, bindery, serials, stack maintenance, and circulation with over 30 years experience in the library field. She has worked for CSU San Bernardino and the University of California system, for Santa Cruz, San Francisco, and Irvine, where she was Head of Interlibrary Loan. Although she originally retired in 2004, she loves library work so much she decided to return to work and considers it a real privilege to be working at ULV College of Law’s Library.

Deborah Schander is a recent graduate of Florida State University, where she earned her J.D. as well as a Master’s degree in Library and Information Studies. Her personal legal interests are international law and intellectual property, although she finds the librarians’ ability to stay current on many areas of law to be one of the field’s chief appeals. Before law school, she was a communications associate for a non-profit student arts organization. Originally from Pennsylvania, Deborah has also lived in Ohio, Maryland, and England, among other locations. She enjoys traveling, reading, attending live theatre, and cooking with lots of garlic.

New Faculty Secretaries

Cindy S. Chang joined the University of La Verne College of Law staff as an Administrative Faculty Secretary in August 2007. She graduated in June 2007 from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, with a Bachelor of Science in Anthropology. She enjoys traveling and hiking.

Xasha Valderrama also joined the ULV College of Law staff in August 2007 as an Administrative Faculty Secretary. Xasha graduated in May 2007 from the University of La Verne with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

Professor Marshall Publishes “The Economics of Antitrust Injury and Firm-Specific Damages” and Raises Scholarship Funds Through Sale of Book

Professor Kevin S. Marshall recently completed his book, entitled “The Economics of Antitrust Injury and Firm-Specific Damages,” which is now available through the Lawyers & Judges Publishing Company, Inc. Consisting of contributions from Professor Marshall and several nationally and internationally recognized antitrust scholars and experts, this book addresses and discusses the economics of antitrust injury, as well as a myriad of other issues typically confronted when measuring firm-specific damages. The book’s publisher plans on marketing the book to (1) the law school market as a supplemental text for antitrust courses; (2) the business school market as a companion reader in managerial economics and regulation courses; (3) to domestic and international competition law practitioners; and (4) to domestic and international economic consultants engaged in the analysis of anticompetitive behavior and its societal effects. Dr. Marshall advises that proceeds from the sale of his book will be donated to the newly-established student scholarship fund supporting the study of law and economics at the University of La Verne College of Law. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of the book and thereby making a donation to the scholarship fund, you are invited to contact Dr. Marshall directly at (909) 460-2030.
A great man, Chinese philosopher Lao-Tzu (604 BC-531 BC), was quoted as saying, “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” Many centuries later, another great man decided to take such a journey to build an ABA law school in Inland Southern California. Little did he know at the time that he would be taking many steps on this pilgrimage.

In 1969, Paul W. Egly, Judge of the Superior Court, Los Angeles County, had been serving as dean of a proprietary law school, the West Covina College of Law, and he decided to share his vision of building a law school that would qualify for ABA accreditation with, then, La Verne College President Leland Newcomer (now deceased). Egly knew that Newcomer was a man open to exciting new ideas. President Newcomer notified the Board of Trustees of the negotiations in September of that year, and on November 8, the Board voted to “proceed with the development of a law school….”

Almost a year later, on the evening of September 21, 1970, with Judge Egly serving as dean, the La Verne College Law Center began evening classes in the study of law. And, the year after that, the La Verne College Law Center received State of California Bar accreditation. As the founding dean, Judge Egly served in this capacity until 1977. From 1977-1983, he taught as a part-time faculty member, and then he resigned as Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court and began teaching full-time for the law school until his retirement in the spring of 2007…37 years after taking that first step.

Recently, Judge Egly shared some of his thoughts on this decade’s long journey.

Q: Judge Egly, why did you decide to start a law school?

A: I wanted to start and develop an ABA-accredited law school to serve the needs of the local community. At the time, I wanted to give older students an opportunity for a career change. We could see insurance adjusters, we could see accountants, and we could see salesmen wanting to be lawyers and getting a chance to change their lives by going to law school.

I found out that I couldn’t get accreditation without being connected to a college. I did an intense search, and finally I came to La Verne. Although La Verne was experiencing financial difficulties at the time, I knew President Newcomer; he had been a client of mine. I asked him if he wanted a law school, and he said “sure.”

Originally, two degrees were awarded: the Juris Doctor (J.D.) for those who entered with a Bachelor’s degree and the Bachelor of Laws (L.L.B.) for those who had enrolled without a Bachelor’s degree. Since 1977, only the J.D. has been awarded. Thirteen classes were offered the first semester by distinguished judges and attorneys from the area. Many of the early professors had received their legal educations at institutions such as Harvard, Loyola, George Washington University, Yale, Georgetown, USC, and Hastings. And today, this level of quality continues with professors from Harvard, Fordham, Emory, and Georgetown, to name a few.

Q: Where did you hold law school classes?

A: La Verne College, at the time, provided us with space on the main campus for classes. Originally, we were in classrooms in the lower level of what is now Miller Hall. We used some classrooms in the basement and on hot days in the summer, we taught outside on the east side of the building. This worked out except we had to compete with the school band!

Judge Egly, as dean of the law school, worked closely with University of La Verne liaison Dr. W. Donald Clague, dean of the Graduate School. Stephen Jones, a practicing attorney and graduate of UCLA Law School served as Judge Egly’s assistant and was promoted to Assistant Dean in the Fall of 1972. He also taught for many years at the law school. Today, Mr. Jones runs a law firm in Claremont, Jones & Brayton LLP. Also, assisting with the administration of the law school was Sandra Rae Riley, who served as Registrar. She ultimately attended and
graduated from La Verne College Law Center and today is the Chief Probate Examiner for Los Angeles County. These three dedicated individuals were the original administration of the law school.

Q Where did you get the resources to operate the law school?

A The library books we got were all donated from attorneys and estate sales. We didn’t have a very large budget for books. It was a constant drive to get books.

The journey to build an ABA-accredited law school continued. The road was not a straight one, however, but one with many twists and bends, sometimes even appearing to head backwards. Hopes ran high and then were dashed on many occasions. Through Presidents (Leland Newcomer, Armen Sarafian to Steve Morgan), through Deans (Paul Egly, Tom Reese, Charles Doskow, Kenneth Held to Donald Dunn, and now, Interim Dean H. Randall Rubin), from small classes to larger classes back down to smaller classes, to the unprecedented growth seen today, the small law school continued to build momentum.

From the basement of a campus building to the Hoover Building and then on to Ontario, California, to the state-of-the-art facility which is the current location of the law school—from borrowed law books to the new Law Library located in the lower level of the law school in over 25,000 square feet and housing the largest collection of law books and media in the San Gabriel Valley and Inland Empire, financial support waxed and waned and accreditation opportunities came and went and came again. But through it all, Judge Egly never wavered in his desire to nurture an ABA-accredited law school to serve the needs of the Inland Empire.

Today, the University of La Verne has secured financial stability and provides the necessary support for the law school. Enrollment is competitive and continues to grow. And, the need for attorneys in this region has never been greater.

Q Judge Egly, what are your concerns as you continue on this sojourn?

A My main concern is that we have a duty to serve our community…and that community is not limited to East Los Angeles and San Bernardino County but should include the areas to the east of Ontario as far as we can go. This area will be very important and active with a lot of commercial growth. Along with that, people who want to go to law school who live here will have an opportunity. We are providing a valuable institution for the students who live here.

The most important thing is that we continue to turn out lawyers who understand the law. We are fortunate that a good many of our alumni have gone into public service. I believe the practice of law is an honorable profession, and it should be practiced that way.

Since that first class, La Verne College Law Center has gone on to become the University of La Verne College of Law, receiving both State of California Bar accreditation and provisional ABA approval. It has grown from an initial enrollment of 84 students to the current enrollment of 310 and has educated over 1,216 high-quality attorneys primarily serving the needs of citizens in the Inland Empire – now the fastest-growing region of the country and significantly underserved by the legal profession.

The journey continues…. ■

Credits: University Archives; University of La Verne Wilson Library Assistant Librarian, Erin Gratz; University of La Verne College of Law Library Director, Professor Kenneth E. Rudolf; The University of La Verne: A Centennial History: 1891-1991 by Herbert Hogan and Gladdys Muir.
Clinical Programs

As any graduate of law school knows, the road to the bar exam is an arduous road. From rhetoric and writing to the thorough scrutiny of case studies, there is much to assimilate before one can walk the halls of justice with confidence and purpose. Time-honored methods of teaching the law have served students well, and the University of La Verne College of Law is proud to carry on that tradition. But, as any practicing attorney knows, there is more—much more—to practicing law than just theory. From interviewing clients to filing motions, the business of law is complex and requires skills only arrived at through experience. That is why ULV College of Law offers its Clinical Programs curricula, designed to support, solidify, and strengthen traditional teaching methods, bridging the gap between theory and practice with a number of opportunities through which students can gain valuable practical experience.

Spearheaded by the school’s founding dean, the now retired Judge Paul W. Egly, and championed by his wife, Professor Jane Egly, a full-time faculty member who serves as the Director of Clinical Programs, the components of ULV’s clinical curricula include Lawyering Skills Practicum (LSP), a highly-successful externship program, and clinical opportunities.

The program as a whole has been many years in the making, with the first LSP course offered in 1998. Unique to ULV College of Law, LSP I is now a requirement for its students. The LSP I course guides students through the evolution of a case from initial client interviews to arbitration. Grades are based on student performance, and those who discover the value of the course have the option of taking LSP II, which will see them through the entire process ending with trying their case to a jury.

Students may also gain practice experience by participating in the College of Law’s Externship Program, which places students in non-profit and public sector law practices. Students work a minimum of 45 hours in a voluntary capacity and participate in a classroom component where they share their experiences and learn ways to make the most out of their externships.

This program is not only an excellent way for students to gain valuable legal experience, it also supports the College’s overall goal of being a valuable resource to the community. Whether working in the public defender’s office or at a non-profit, students have the opportunity to learn while helping those most in need.

Professor Jane Egly oversees ULV’s clinical programs and says that students benefit in numerous ways, including building their resumes, learning professionalism, and gaining visibility within an organization that could lead to a career after graduation. Most importantly, says Egly, the Externship Program helps provide the necessary bridge from law school to practice.

With the College’s provisional ABA approval granted in February 2006 and the subsequent influx of out-of-state students, the program has grown to include externships throughout the country. Overseeing this program is no small task, and Professor Egly has gone to great lengths to verify that out-of-state firms as far away as Connecticut meet all the necessary requirements. The increasing popularity of this program among students indicates that this is an idea that has found its time, and Professor Egly is looking forward to significant expansion in the years to come.

The final and perhaps most exciting components of the Clinical Programs curriculum are the clinics themselves, which include the Disability Rights Legal Center’s Inland branch and the Justice and Immigration Clinic, both located on the College of Law campus. The Disability Rights Legal Center provides services to children and adults with disabilities including education advocacy services and civil rights litigation. The Inland Empire Branch is a welcome addition to the College of Law as it is an invaluable resource to the community and an important tool for students looking to make a difference in the lives of others while gaining experience that will serve them throughout their careers.

The Center affords students the opportunity to work individually on a case from start to finish with an experienced, knowledgeable
Open House for New Legal Clin-

Southern California Edison hosted an Open House and Reception celebrating the opening of the University of La Verne College of Law Disability Rights Legal Center Clinic and the Justice and Immigration Clinic on August 30, 2007. Members of the legal and regional communities gathered together at the University of La Verne College of Law to celebrate the law school’s partnership with Los Angeles-based Disability Rights Legal Center (DRLC) and to announce the January 7, 2008 opening of the law school’s own Justice & Immigration Clinic. Both clinics, housed on the law school’s campus, will provide students at ULV College of Law an opportunity to apply their classroom knowledge in a practical setting to assist disadvantaged clients in actual legal matters.

Professors Jane Egly and Diane Uchimiya spoke about the importance of clinical education, and the open house’s keynote address was delivered by The Honorable Stephen G. Larson, U.S. District Judge, Eastern Division of the Central District of California and a member of the law school’s adjunct faculty. In the address, Larson commented on the importance of attorneys committed to helping the advancement of civil rights and the benefits students will receive from the presence of the clinics on ULV’s campus.

“These clinics will provide law students with the opportunity to go beyond the university setting and work in the real world by developing practical skills and an inspiration to continue their work upon completion of their education,” said Judge Larson.

Los Angeles-based Disability Rights Legal Center offers a number of programs to disadvantaged residents seeking legal representation, including its Cancer Legal Resource Center, Disability Mediation Center, Community Outreach Program, Civil Rights Litigation Project, Education Advocacy Project, Options Counseling, Lawyer Referral Service, and Pro Bono Project. Open in Summer 2007 for externship opportunities, the Disability Rights Legal Center’s Inland Empire project allows students at ULV College of Law the opportunity to work on special education and civil rights cases in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

Eve Hill, former executive director of the DRLC, commented on the legal clinic’s expansion in Inland Southern California. “As a member of the Inland community, we aren’t just doing litigation, we’re filling a need by bringing together businesses, employers, and government agencies to solve legal problems.”

While students will be paired to work on legal matters in the Disability Rights Legal Center, the Center is also seeking regional attorneys for assistance with pro bono work. “We have a number of pro bono opportunities available for practicing attorneys in the Inland region, and we hope to develop stronger relationships with Inland firms out here,” added Hill.

In addition to partnering with the Disability Rights Legal Center, the University of La Verne College of Law also announced the opening of the Justice & Immigration Clinic in January 2008. Under the direction of immigration law professor Diane Uchimiya from the College of Law, the clinic offers 6-8 students per semester the opportunity to work on actual asylum cases in the Inland Empire and Eastern Los Angeles County, representing individuals who cannot return to their home countries due to persecution. University officials who attended the ceremony included President Steve Morgan, Executive Vice President Phil Hawkey, Provost Alden Reimonenq, Vice President Jean Bjerke, and ULV COL’s Interim Dean, H. Randall Rubin.


Left (L to R): Interim Dean H. Randall Rubin of the College of Law; University Provost Alden Reimonenq; M. Carmen Ramirez, Board of Governors, District 6, State Bar of California; Assistant Public Defender Jorge Alvarado, County of Riverside.
2nd Annual ULV COL RC Quakes Kick-Off Sold Out!

On Thursday, August 23, 2007, over 325 alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends of the University of La Verne College of Law were signed on to kick off the 2007 Fall semester with a private tailgate party and baseball game at the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes’ stadium. It was a beautiful late summer evening in Southern California and the enthusiastic COL attendees enjoyed being serenaded by the Trio Michoacán mariachi band while dining outdoors on their reserved patio directly on right field for spectacular viewing of the competition between the RC Quakes and the Lancaster Jethawks. **SBA President Darin Spiegel** threw out the first pitch and dedicated it to **Dean Donald J. Dunn** who was unable to attend this year due to illness. The event was co-sponsored by ULV College of Law, the ULV COL Alumni Association, and the ULV COL Student Bar Association. A special thank you goes to the ULV COL Alumni Association Board members – **Christel Schoenfelder**, ’03, **Tom Diaz**, ’94, **Jennifer Field**, ’05, **Sam Wasserson**, ’73, **Mark Peters**, ’86, and **Professor John Hultman**, ’78 – who conducted our first raffle for this event, giving away several iPods and everything from golf outings to wine tastings. Thanks, also, to the COL Student Bar Association members and other student volunteers – **Darin Spiegel**, **Nicole Shanahan**, **Nina Hawkinson**, **Candice Cromes**, **Jacqueline Dao**, and **Angela Kuo** – for their hard work and efforts in supporting this event and volunteering to assist with the registration.

And, a big thank you to **Margaret-Suzanne Tipton**, Administrative Aide for Career Services and Alumni Relations, and her new husband, **Tom Bell**, for helping us out with preparations for the event as well as registration on the day of the event! Thanks also go to past SBA President **Robert Canny**, ’07, for coming up with the original idea for this event and doing the initial work to get this year’s event on the calendar. And, a very special thanks to ULV COL alum **Roger Remlinger**, ’78, and **Professor David Goldstein** for supporting this event with a Quakes Kick-Off Challenge to bring in even more attendees than expected! And, thank you **Diana Towles**, Executive Secretary to the President of the University of La Verne, for helping us to get the ULV pom poms to cheer on our alumni!

Fall 2007 Orientation

The University of La Verne College of Law held two orientation sessions to accommodate its increase in student enrollment. At a time when American Bar Association (ABA)-approved law schools nationwide were experiencing an average 3.4% decrease in applications for admission over last year, the University of La Verne College of Law reported a 208% increase in its application rate for the first quarter of 2007, more than doubling its application intake over the past twelve months at that time. Only one other law school in the nation experienced an increase of 100% or more in its application rate.

Admissions officials at ULV College of Law typically visit more than 50 locations each year, recruiting students from the 48 contiguous states, Hawaii, and Canada. In addition, the law school works very closely with Wilkin Guge Marketing, an integrated marketing agency located in Inland Southern California, to raise awareness of the law school and increase lead generation among qualified prospective law students. Since it began working with Wilkin Guge in 2002, the law school’s student body has increased 121%, from 125 students to 277 students.

Our Fall 2007 Orientation was held on August 9 and 11. Associate Dean H. Randall Rubin led faculty and staff in welcoming the new students. After the informational sessions were held, a dinner and Orientation Fair highlighting the many services and programs available for ULV College of Law students was held on the north lawn of the campus.
On Monday, December 3, 2007, at 6 p.m., the University of La Verne College of Law held a Swearing-In Ceremony in the Michael J. & Jeanette Bidart Moot Courtroom at the University of La Verne College of Law for graduates of the Classes of 2006 and 2007 who had passed the July 2007 California State Bar Exam. After an introduction by Interim Dean H. Randall Rubin and the presentation of the candidates, the Attorney’s Oath for the California State Bar was administered by the Honorable Paul W. Egly, Superior Court Judge (Retired). The Honorable Stephen H. Larson, United States District Judge administered the Attorney’s Oath for the United States District Court. A reception was held for the new attorneys and their friends and family members following the ceremony.

Congratulations to the July 2007 California State Bar Examination Passers

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We also applaud Mylene Aleba, ’01, who was sworn in to the Federal Bar.

Best wishes for success in your law careers!
From our humble beginnings in 1970 in Miller Hall to our present-day, state-of-the-art campus in Ontario, California, the University of La Verne College of Law has been educating individuals who are making significant contributions to California’s legal system and the larger society in private practice, business, public service, government, and on the bench.

Take a trip behind the scenes as we recognize the Honorable Paul W. Egly, Stephen Charles Jones, Esq., Sandra Rae Riley, Esq., Dr. Donald Clague, and the late Dr. Leland Newcomer. Help us honor all the individuals who built our nationally-recognized law school.

Avalon at Fairplex
Pomona, California
Reception: 6:00 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
For more information, contact (909) 460-2001.