A Message from the Dean

Dear Alumni,

It is with great pleasure to share with you Whittier Law School's recent activities and advancements. This fall, our entering class was the largest class in its history, matriculating at 208 full-time day students. With the increased number of students, a third day section was created to facilitate an enhanced learning environment and individualized attention. The Law School’s admissions applications were up by 25% from last year and we predict similar robust applications for 2003-'04.

This year also marked the advent of two new programs in the Center for Intellectual Property Law: an Intellectual Property Legal Writing Section, and an Intellectual Property Fellows Program. Please visit “Advancements in the Center of Intellectual Property” for more details.

I am thrilled to announce that the faculty approved the Center for International and Comparative Law, which will host ABA accredited summer abroad programs in Israel and Spain, annual symposia, certificate program, exchange programs in France and Spain, and an LL.M. Degree in U.S. legal studies for foreign lawyers. Our nationally acclaimed and committed professors in international and comparative law include Michael Bazyler, Russell Covey, Denny Haythorn, Hari Osofsky, Calvin Peeler, Peter Reich and David Welkowitz. We welcome your input and support.

I look forward to meeting with many of you in the coming months.

As always, my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Neil H. Cogan
Vice President and Dean
Community Events

**Dr. John Roth**

**Paul Dubinsky**

**Rocky Delgadillo**
Los Angeles City Attorney, the first Latino to serve as City Attorney in Los Angeles history and has been instrumental in reforming one of the largest prosecutor’s offices in the country. His efforts to improve consumer protections, prosecute family violence matters, and protect children have received rave reviews. Mr. Delgadillo spoke about the activities of the LA City Attorney’s office, January 14, 2003.

**Paul Finkelman**
Chapman Distinguished Professor, University of Tulsa, presented his paper “*A Covenant With Death*: The Proslavery Constitution and Its Implications for Reparations, January 30, 2003.

**Baruch Bracha**
Professor of Law, Tel-Aviv University, presented his paper *The Tension Between Security Needs and Human Rights*, February 6, 2003.

**Kathleen Boozang**
Associate Dean, Professor of Law and Director, Health Law & Policy Program, Seton Hall University, spoke on the *Attorney General Taking on the Not for Profit*, February 13, 2003.

**Rochelle Cooper Dreyfuss**
Recent Events Recapped

Center for Children’s Rights

Whittier Law School Center for Children’s Rights Inaugural Awards Banquet

The Center for Children’s Rights hosted its first honors banquet on November 13, 2002 at the Long Beach Aquarium. Designed to celebrate the initial publication of the new *Whittier Journal of Child and Family Advocacy*, one of the few scholarly publications focusing on legal issues related to children and families, the banquet honored three distinguished children’s advocates. After remarks from Dean Neil Cogan and CCR Director Deborah Forman and a welcome by Journal Editor Maryann Nystrom, Professor John Heilman presented the evening’s first award to California State Senator Sheila Kuehl. Associate Dean Scott Wylie then presented the second award to Long Beach Mayor Beverly O’Neill. The evening concluded with a final award presented by Professor Forman to Whittier alum Kathleen Strottman, who currently works for Louisiana Senator Mary Landrieu.

Dr. Susan Hardie

Director, Stuart House, Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center

Spoke on *Meeting the Needs of Sexually Abused Children*, January 28, 2003

The 8th Annual National Juvenile Moot Court Competition

The 8th Annual National Juvenile Moot Court Competition was held on February 7 and 8, 2003 at the California Court of Appeal in Santa Ana. The judges were the Honorable Richard M. Aaronson and Presiding Justice David G. Sills, both of the California Court of Appeal in Santa Ana, and Whittier Law School Professor Deborah Forman.

The Best Overall award went to Howard University, second best went to the University of Cincinnati, and the remaining Semi Finalists were Duke and DePaul Universities. Best Oralist was awarded to Howard University, with second best going to the University of Cincinnati, and DePaul University in third. Best Brief was awarded to Duke, with both second and third place going to DePaul University. The “Best Brief” will be published in the an upcoming issue of the *Whittier Journal of Child and Family Advocacy*. 
Advancements in the Center for Intellectual Property

This year marked the advent of two new programs in the Center for Intellectual Property Law: an Intellectual Property Legal Writing Section, and an Intellectual Property Fellows Program. Entering students can apply for admission to the IP Legal Writing Section, an IP fellowship, or both. The Center currently provides five intellectual property fellowships for incoming students. The fellowships provide a partial scholarship and, for full-time students, admittance into the new IP Legal Writing section. The IP Legal Writing section, limited to twenty students, provides first year students with an introduction to intellectual property concepts as part of their Legal Research and Writing course. During the year, members of this section are given assignments based on issues that arise in various disciplines of intellectual property.

"The IP Legal Writing Section is designed to give first-year students a preview of some of the many intellectual property law issues they will study in their second and third years," said Tyler Ochoa, Whittier Law Intellectual Property Professor. "The IP Fellows Program is intended to aid deserving students to pursue the study of Intellectual Property law at Whittier," he added. This year, the Law School awarded five IP fellowships of $4,000 each, which are renewable each academic year.

This is also the first year of the Intellectual Property Seminar Series sponsored by WLS, Center for Intellectual Property Law and Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch LLP. The series is especially designed for IP practitioners seeking a comprehensive update on the important current issues in patent, copyright and trademark law. The Center for IP additionally was honored to have Professor Rochelle Dreyfuss, Pauline Newman Professor, New York University, as the Distinguished Speaker in Intellectual Property for 2003.

The Center for Intellectual Property Law faculty has also been very active with publishing, speaking engagements and appointments. Professor Richard Gruner recently completed an article entitled Everything Old is New Again: Obviousness Limitations on Patenting Computer Updates of Old Designs.

Professor Tyler Ochoa’s article, The Anti-Monopoly Origins of the Patent and Copyright Clause (with Mark Rose), was recently published in the Journal of the Copyright Society of the U.S.A. The article is an expanded version of an amicus brief which they filed with the U.S. Supreme Court in Eldred v. Ashcroft. Ochoa’s most recent article, Origins and Meanings of the Public Domain, was presented at University of Dayton Symposium on the Constitutionality of Protecting Factual Compilations on October 4, 2002, and will be published in the University of Dayton Law Review. Professor Ochoa is also currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Intellectual Property Section of the State Bar of California.

Professor David Welkowitz’s most recent publication is TRADEMARK DILUTION: FEDERAL, STATE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW (BNA, 2002), a comprehensive treatise on trademark dilution law. (A section of the book discusses the issues involved in the Moseley v. Secret Catalogue case recently argued before the United States Supreme Court.) Jane Shay Wald, well-respected partner and trademark specialist at Irell & Manella LLP in Los Angeles, spoke in honor of Professor Welkowitz’s book to alumni, community members, faculty and students.
Russell Covey
Assistant Professor of Law

Whittier Law School is thrilled to announce the recent faculty appointment of Professor Russell Covey, who becomes the newest addition to Whittier’s nationally acclaimed collection of scholars and teachers. Professor Covey received his A.B. in Political Science from Amherst College, an M.A. in Politics from Princeton University and a J.D. from Yale Law School, where he served as Essays Editor for the Yale Law Journal. Prior to joining the faculty, Professor Covey practiced law as an Associate at Williams & Connolly LLP. Professor Covey also served as a Law Clerk, United States District Court, E.D.N.Y., for the Honorable Allyne R. Ross.

Professor Covey’s scholarship focuses on international and criminal law. He is the author of *Adventures in the Zone of Twilight: Separation of Powers and National Economic Security in the Mexican Bailout*, 105 Yale L.J. 1311 (1996), and *Beating the Prisoner at Prisoners Dilemma: The Evidentiary Significance of a Witness Refusal to Testify*, 47 Am. U.L. Rev. 106 (1997). His current scholarship focuses on the law and theory of the Supreme Court’s death penalty jurisprudence. Professor Covey’s areas of interest include criminal law, criminal procedure, international law, and international human rights.

When Professor Covey isn’t in class, grading papers or working on his upcoming publications, he’s spending time with his wife and their two sons, Noah and Reuben. His wife, Julia Fayngold Covey, has also joined Whittier Law School’s distinguished faculty as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Law.

In addition to his scholarly pursuits, Professor Covey is an avid whitewater kayaker and occasional mountain climber. Covey has run rivers in virtually every part of the country, likes to tell anyone who will listen about his encounter with the "meatgrinder" on the Arkansas river, and boasts that he once summited Mt. Ranier and camped overnight in the summit crater. Also, several years ago, Covey read Winston Churchill’s, *Claims of the Restorative Powers of Painting*, which inspired him to take up oil painting, upon which Covey concluded that Churchill was quite right about the medium’s restorative powers. Churchill’s other technique for increasing productivity was the daily nap, which Professor Covey laments being unable to emulate. With their two young children, Russell doesn’t get too much time to pick up the paintbrush (and none to nap), though he admits to exercising his creative urges by occasionally sculpting playdough.
1981

Bruce G. Fagel ‘81 obtained an excellent result in Greenwell v. John Muir Medical Center. His client, a 3-year-old girl left gravely disabled at birth, was awarded $59.3 million after finding the hospital where she was born negligent.

1985

Susan L. Renton ‘85 has joined the Washington, D.C. office of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, as Of Counsel. Susan specializes in international trade law, namely, customs and export controls.

1986

Benjamin T. Garry ‘86 and his wife Nancy had their second son, Patrick Stephen Garry on September 18, 2002. Also in September, Benjamin was promoted to “Lead Attorney” overseeing those appeals to be considered by the twelve members of the NYS Workers’ Compensation Board.

1991

Karen Ackerson-Brazille ‘92 was a recent honored guest speaker on the Whittier Law School campus for an event called “No Regrets,” sponsored by PILF and Career Services. The purpose of the event was to introduce students to externship and post-graduation opportunities in the public interest and government sectors. This was the second event in this year’s Career Services series on career alternatives. The first, held in September, dealt with opportunities within the judiciary. Karen is currently Deputy Attorney General for the State of California.

1992

Robin Merrill ‘92 and his wife Joanna announce the birth of their daughter Kathryn Anne Merrill on August 21, 2002. The happy family is currently residing in New York.

Joe Madura ‘92 passed away from cancer February 23, 2003. Joe had a very successful practice as a tax lawyer. He came from a unique background, having worked as a professional chef, music industry executive and having served as a United States Navy SEAL during the Vietnam war. Joe had a wickedly funny sense of humor and could always bring a smile to the faces of all who knew him. He was an avid fly fisherman, traveling all over the globe to pursue the sport. His passing is truly a shock. Joe is survived by his sister Karen in Pennsylvania.

1993

Brian Gavin ‘93 currently serves on the district office staff of Republican Congressman J.D. Hayworth in Mesa, Arizona. Previously he was a staff member with the Buchanan for President campaign in McLean, Virginia, and before that a staff member with former U.S. Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon. In addition, Brian has been a political campaign volunteer with other candidates, including former Vice President Dan Quayle and Congressmen Christopher Cox and Stephen Horn. Shortly after graduating, Brian’s wife, Sandra, gave birth to their third child, Cory Allison, who joins Kelsey (born while Brian attended school) and their oldest child, Christian, who audited Professor Daar’s Real Property class!

1994

Richard Grimm ‘94 is a senior associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett.
1995

**Major Ian D. Brasure ’95** an attorney with the USMC who has served in Afghanistan recently spoke to alumni, community members, faculty and students at the Law School on military legal issues and the practice of law in a combat setting.

**Julie Hill ’95** was born and raised in Riverside and left for college, law school, and to practice law in Northern California (D.A. in Lassen County, family law in Alameda County.) She has returned home to practice law and contribute to her hometown community. She practices family law in Riverside and surrounding counties at: The Law Offices of Julie M. Hill, 3890 Eleventh Street, Suite 218, Riverside, CA 92501, Telephone: (909) 682-2228, Facsimile: (909) 682-2525, juliehill@ev1.net.

**Scott Wright ’95** proudly announced on February 6th, 2003, that he and his wife Heather welcomed the birth of triplets: Palmer Andrew, Tenley Tegwyn and Hogan Hughes. All 5 of them are healthy and happy. He works as Associate Legal Counsel and Project Manager for The Gallup Organization, where his wife Heather is also employed as a Senior Analyst.

**Jenni Skyner (formerly Jenni Gungl) ’95** is a Senior Tax Consultant with Ernst & Young in Australia. She lives in Perth, Western Australia, with her husband, Malcolm, and two children, Jessamyn and Mason.

1996

**Linda E. Spiegel ’96** is currently serving as Barrister President of the Beverly Hills Bar Association for 2002-2003. Ms. Spiegel’s involvement with the Barristers has been extensive. In addition to serving on the Barristers Board of Governors, she has Co-chaired the Vintage Bouquet Wine Auction and the Brown Bag Lunch Program at the Santa Monica courthouse. For outstanding contributions to the Barristers, she received the Lawrence J. Blake Award. Linda specializes in real estate law primarily in transactional practice. She has extensive experience in commercial and residential leasing, subdivision law and property management. Linda graduated in the top 20% of her graduating class at Whittier Law School, maintaining Dean’s list while raising 3 children as a single parent.

**Nicole Alpar-Spring ’96** passed away over Labor Day weekend. Donations in her memory can be sent to Flowan Kellery Cancer Center 1275 York Avenue, NY, NY 10021. Please make checks payable to MSKCC.

**Sermid D. Al-Sarraf ’96** has recently been involved in bringing legal reform to post-war Iraq - Sermid was quoted in *the Washington Post* April 5, 2003.

1998

**Kathleen Strottman ’98** was presented a distinguished child and family advocate award at the Whittier Law School Center for Children’s Rights Inaugural Awards Banquet. Kathleen is currently working as legislative counsel to U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu.
1998

Sungmee Hong '98 located to Seoul, Korea in the spring of 1999, was married in the fall of 1999 and has been working for the Law Offices of Lee & Ko since August of 1999. Lee and Ko specializes in international transaction and foreign investment works and has about 200 attorneys (Korea’s second largest law firm), 20 of whom are foreign attorneys, mostly from the U.S. and Canada.

1999 - 2000

Lance Odermat '99 and Regina Bellody-Odermat '00 welcomed their first child into the world, a son, Jacob Anthony. They reside on Bainbridge Island in Washington state.

Reginald Fleming-Peters '99 is currently working for Cohen and Rudd, 225 South Lake Avenue, Suite 403, Pasadena CA 9110, telephone: 626-449-0404.

2001 - 2002

Marisela De La Torre '01, Steve Livingston '01 and Isabel Apkarian '02 were recent honored guest speakers on the Whittier Law School campus for an event called “No Regrets”, sponsored by PILF and Career Services. The purpose of the event was to introduce students to externship and post-graduation opportunities in the public interest and government sectors. This was the second event in this year’s Career Services series on career alternatives. The first, held in September, dealt with opportunities within the judiciary. Marisela is a Staff Attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Orange County. Steve is a Pro Bono Attorney with the Public Law Center. Isabel is a Private Criminal Defense Attorney.

Yvette Dumas '01, Gary Feldman '01, Ed Garcia '01 and Robert Villhard '01 were recent honored guest speakers on the bar passage panel at the Whittier Law School. This alumni panel has been conducted at least once annually since 1989, when an alumna suggested the program to offer insight not typically offered by bar review courses.
**Faculty Activities**

**Professor Michael Bazyler**

Book: *Holocaust Justice: The Battle for Restitution in America's Courts*, NYU Press (2003); also reviewed in both the LA Times and in Book list of amazon.com

Comment: *Plaintiff against Austria hopes to recover paintings seized by the Nazis in 1939*, Los Angeles Times, December 13, 2002

**Professor Judith Daar**


Article: *Vaccine Program Against Smallpox Threatens Loss of Medical Privacy for Americans*, Daily Journal, January 31, 2003 (Prof. Judith Daar, co-author Dr. Eric Daar)


Member: Medical Ethics Committee, UCI Medical Center

**Professor Howard Foss**


**Professor Mary Ellen Gale**

Member: National Executive Committee, American Civil Liberties Union

**Professor Jacquelyn Gentry**

Presenter: College of Appellate Advocacy as part of a panel that included Justice Kathleen O’Leary and Jeffrey Calkins, Senior Research Attorney, both from the California Fourth District Court of Appeal, November 2, 2002

**Professor Richard Gruner**

Co-moderator: Public Hearings, U.S. Sentencing Commission’s Advisory Group on Organizational Guidelines

**Professor Tyler Trent Ochoa**


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Faculty Activities

**Professor Tyler Trent Ochoa (continued)**

*Amicus brief: U.S. Supreme Court in Dastar v. Twentieth Century Fox Film Corp.*, No. 02-428, on behalf of 15 Intellectual Property Law Professors

Member: Executive Committee, Intellectual Property Section, State Bar of California

**Professor William Wesley Patton**


Paper: *Role Confusion In The Representation of Juveniles*, UCLA Law School

**Professor Peter Reich**

Article: *Dismantling the Pueblo: Hispanic Municipal Land Rights in California Since 1850*, accepted for publication, American Journal of Legal History


Visiting Professor: *Latin American Law From Colonial Codes to Revolutionary Constitutions*, UCI

**Professor I. Nelson Rose**


Appointment: California Gaming Policy Advisory Commission

Consultant, Minister of Finance, revision of gaming laws, Slovenia

General Public Member: California Gaming Policy Advisory Committee

**Professor David Welkowitz**


**Associate Dean Scott Wylie**

Distinguished Service Award, Human Options, legal advocacy on behalf of domestic violence victims and their children, Dec. 2002

Orange County Human Relations Award by the Orange County Human Relations Commission, April 2003

Appointment: by the President and Executive Director of the State Bar of California to sit on the Attorney General's Task Force to review the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act. The task force was recently created by Assembly Bill 2442 (Keeley) after being signed into law by Governor Davis. His term began in January of 2003.

Appointment: Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act Task Force


Co-Chair: Host Committee for the Midyear Meeting of the State Bar of California and the Minority Attorney's Conference