

# Alumni News

The YLSA of **Northern California** invited all Bay area alumni to a series of Bay Area Alumni Casual Dinners in September and October. The dinner series allowed graduates to meet other YLS alumni living in the Bay Area in informal settings, where they enjoyed several featured speakers. The first get-together was an Alumni Barbecue in early September at the home of **Kyle '01** and **Emmeline '01 Graham**. **Kevin Tierney '67** LL.M. spoke on "Challenges in Statutory Revision." Also included in this dinner series were a talk by **Vikram Amar '88** on the timely subject of "California Recall Campaigns" on September 25 and a

discussion by **John Oakley '72** on "The American Law Institute" on October 9.

The YLSA of **New England** held a summer harborside reception on June 19 on the deck of **Barry Green's** ('89) law firm Goulston & Storrs to welcome new and recent graduates and YLS summer associates to the Boston area (see photo at right). **Peter H. Schuck**, Simeon E. Baldwin Professor of Law, discussed his most recent book, *Diversity in America: Keeping Government at a Safe Distance*. Area alumni were also invited to



Fenway Park on September 11 for a dinner and reception with **Larry Lucchino '71**, president and CEO of the Boston Red Sox (see photos on opposite page). Boston-area alumni and their guests came out in force—some traveling from Maine, Rhode Island, and western Massachusetts—to spend an enjoyable evening with Larry. **Jimmy Golen '99** MSJ helped coordinate the event.

In September, **Cleveland** area alumni had the opportunity to meet **Stephen L. Carter '79**, William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law and author of *The Emperor of Ocean Park*, at a luncheon event at the City Club of Cleveland. The YLSA of Cleveland offered seating for alumni at designated YLS alumni tables. The event marked the book's receipt of the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award for Fiction.

Continuing with the highly stimulating Yale Law School Diaspora Series that the YLSA of Cleveland started a few years ago, the group got together once again in October at The City Club of Cleveland for a provocative discussion on the topic, "When Stare Decisis Goes Global: Should American Courts Care What Courts in



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Other Countries are Saying?" Leading the discussion was Case Western Reserve School of Law Visiting Professor Melissa Waters. Professor Waters served as senior adviser to Yale Law School's Gerard C. and Bernice Latrobe Smith Professor of International Law **Harold Hongju Koh** when he was Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor in the Clinton administration.

The YLSA of **New York City** hosted a record number of alumni and guests at a roundtable discussion and reception at the U.S. (Moynihan) Courthouse on September 18, despite hurricane-related winds and rain. The discussion, titled "The Art of Judging," touched on the topics of summary judgment motions, motions to dismiss, pleadings, discovery proceedings, and "dos and don'ts" for litigators. Participants included the Honorable **Harold Baer, Jr.** '57, SDNY; the Honorable **Charles S. Haight, Jr.** '55, SDNY; the Honorable **Victor Marrero** '68, SDNY; the Honorable **Sonia Sotomayor** '79, Second Circuit; the Honorable **Sidney H. Stein** '72, SDNY, moderator and event coordinator; and the Honorable **Robert W. Sweet** '48, SDNY. A delightful reception with the panelists followed the discussion. The group found the evening to be informative, enlightening, and very enjoyable.

Also on September 22, the University of **Maine** School of Law invited area alumni to the Edward S. Godfrey Scholar-in-Residence Lecture Series with **Carol Rose**,

Gordon Bradford Tweedy Professor of Law and Organization. Her talk, "Selling Nature? Commerce, Property, and Environmental Protection," was preceded by a lovely reception outside the school's Moot Courtroom.

The Yale Law School Association of **Chicago** invited alumni and guests to attend a reception welcoming new graduates to the area and honoring YLS graduates pursuing academic careers in Chicago. The reception was held on October 15 at the Elephant & Castle Pub, where graduates mingled over hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and drinks.

The YLSA of **Washington, D.C.**, held its annual dinner on July 21 at the National Press Club Ballroom. This year's honoree was **Lloyd N. Cutler** '39, White House counsel during the Clinton and Carter administrations, and founding partner of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering. Dean **Anthony T. Kronman** '75 gave remarks as well. The D.C. group also welcomed alumni to a discussion on October 30 with **Gene Sperling** '85, who was the White House National Economic Adviser and director of the National Economic Council from 1997 to 2001. Among other current projects, Gene is a consultant and contributing writer for NBC's award-winning television series *The West Wing*. Gene's talk, "The White House and Economic Policy," was held at the home of **Chris** '97 and **Jeannie** '97 **Rhee**. And, back by popular demand, area alumni got together for a

comedy show by the Capitol Steps on November 22.

Alumni in the YLSA of Central **Connecticut** warmed up this past November at Hot Tomato's in Hartford, Connecticut, where they had an informal lunch with Elizabeth K. Dollard Professor of Law **Dan Kahan**, who spoke on "Shame: A Novel Approach to Punishment." The lunch featured a short address and plenty of time to discuss Professor Kahan's theories.

The Yale Law School Association of **New Jersey**'s fall meeting featured guest speaker the Honorable **Victor Marrero** '68, U.S. District Judge, SDNY, at its dinner in Ho-Ho-Kus in November.

The YLS Alumni who vacationed on **Martha's Vineyard** held a reunion at the home of **Pat Taylor** '72 on Aug 27, 2003. The Law School provided a logo which was put into an ad in the *Vineyard Gazette*. A dozen people responded to the ad, and a wonderful party followed. **Arnold Zack** '56 and Pat served as chairs of the affair which is planned as an annual event. The party for 2004 will be held on August 3 at a site to be announced.

*(Above, from left) Professor Harold Hongju Koh and Boston-area alumni chat with Red Sox CEO Larry Lucchino '71; alumni (and their children) enjoyed hearing about their favorite baseball team.*