

# Alumni News



The Yale Law School Association of **Washington, D.C.**, welcomed more than 200 alumni to its annual dinner during the summer, honoring United States Senator **Joseph Lieberman '67**. Senator Lieberman reminisced about his Law School days and discussed his current thoughts on energy independence and global warming. Dean Harold Hongju Koh also spoke, bringing welcome news from New Haven and sharing some amusing reflections concerning his first year as Dean.

During the fall, the YLSA of **Washington, D.C.**, also enjoyed a discussion with **Richard Painter '87**, associate counsel to the President (Ethics), Office of the White House Counsel, who met with the group on October 27 at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in D.C. In November, **Linda Greenhouse '78** MSL of *The New York Times* offered her insights on “The Supreme Court in Transition” at the home of **Chris '97** and **Jeannie Rhee '97**.

The Yale Law School Association of **PenJerDel** invited alumni and their guests to a luncheon buffet with **Akhil Reed Amar '84**, Southmayd Professor of Law and Professor of Political Science, on



September 19. He spoke on “A Philadelphia Story and Beyond: Lessons from the American Constitution.” The event was held in the Justice Roberts Room at Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads in Philadelphia.

Alumni and faculty of Yale Law School and their families were invited to attend the 3rd Annual Yale Law School **Martha's Vineyard** cocktail party on August 18, organized by John Firestone '85. **Patricia Taylor '71** hosted the party at her home in Chilmark. It was an informal gathering, and everyone enjoyed a pleasant summer evening on the Vineyard.

The YLSA of **New England** invited alumni and guests to a reception and dinner with Dean Harold Hongju Koh on December 1. The event was held at Goulston & Storrs in Boston.

**Floyd Abrams '59** spoke to the YLSA of **New York City** in July. His talk, entitled “Speaking Freely: Trials of the First Amendment” after his critically acclaimed book, was held at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

*(From far left) Alumni enjoy their time together in Washington, D.C.; Senator Joseph Lieberman '67 talks with alumni in Washington, D.C.*

John Langbein, Sterling Professor of Law and Legal History, had lunch with a small group of Yale Law School graduates while in **Pittsburgh** for a meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. The conversation ranged on topics as varied as the pernicious effect of *U.S. News* rankings on legal education, the appropriate balance between academic and professional education in law schools, and the competition among top law schools for applicants and faculty.



*Floyd Abrams '59 signed copies of his book, Speaking Freely, in New York City.*

The YLSA of **Chicago** hosted alumni and their guests for an informal dinner and conversation with **Linda Greenhouse '78** MSL, *New York Times* Supreme Court correspondent, in July. The event was held at Sachnoff & Weaver, complete with dinner from Piece Brewery & Pizzeria, which supplied New Haven-style pizza for everyone to enjoy.

Chicago-area alumni were invited to hear Dean Harold Hongju Koh deliver the keynote address at the 2005 American Bar Association Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative Awards Ceremony and Luncheon, the single largest international event at the ABA Annual Meeting in **Chicago**. The event brought together hundreds of lawyers to celebrate the ABA's fifteen years of legal reform around the globe. Dean Koh also received the "Allies for Justice Award" while in Chicago.

The Yale Law School Association of **Western Washington** hosted a dinner for alumni and their guests on September 12 with **Robert Burt '64**, Alexander M. Bickel Professor of Law. He gave a talk entitled "What Went Wrong in Terri Schiavo's Case?" The group enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres prior to the dinner, which was held at the Women's University Club of **Seattle** and organized by Karol Brown '99.

New and current students gathered in **Los Angeles** to discuss life at the Law School in August. Incoming student Shayna Parekh organized the event in an effort to bring together incoming and current students in the L.A. area prior to the start of the school year. The event was held at the Standard Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

The Italian Bar Council and Yale Law School organized a seminar in honor of the Honorable **Guido Calabresi '58**, Sterling Professor Emeritus of Law, on October 25 in **Rome**, to which YLS alumni in Europe were invited. In the afternoon, Judge Calabresi and his guests were greeted at Palazzo del Quirinale, where the President of the Republic of Italy gave Judge Calabresi the highest honors.



*Associate Dean Toni Hahn Davis '92 LLM and alumni cruising the Seine in Paris after a day of panels and court visits.*

ALL OF US ASSUME THAT SUMMER IS a time for travel and vacations away from home and work. We have rarely planned alumni events in this season of sun and slumber, except for the annual Washington, D.C., dinner, which is always a highlight for D.C. area graduates and summer associates.

Not so this past summer. Graduates of Yale Law School met in a wide range of geographic locations to participate in highly diverse events. A large group of graduates and their guests met in Chicago (over New Haven-style pizza) in the middle of July with D.C.-area graduate and *New York Times* reporter Linda Greenhouse '78 MSL to discuss her recent book on Justice Harry Blackmun. Only a few days earlier, free-speech expert Floyd Abrams '59 enlightened recent graduates, summer associates, and New York City-area graduates with narratives from his recent book, *Speaking Freely*. And just before that, another Yale Law School graduate and faculty member, Akhil Amar '84, told a roomful of Boston alumni about their own city's historical relationship with the making of the U.S. Constitution, a subject touched upon in his new book, *America's Constitution: A Biography*.

Across the country in Los Angeles, a small group of incoming first-year students met with a current Yale Law School student from L.A. to get the scoop on YLS two months before matriculation. Meanwhile, across the Atlantic you could have joined another gathering of the YLS community in Paris, where more than fifty graduates and their guests came together to discuss American law from an international perspective.

In the academic year 2004–05 alumni groups gathered fifty-two times for varied programs in cities across the U.S. and abroad. As our YLS community evolves to include a more global perspective, our regional groups have spread out across the world, with more activities than ever available for you to enjoy.

Please visit our website at [www.law.yale.edu](http://www.law.yale.edu) to learn about events in your areas of interest, or wherever you may live or travel, and check out the gatherings of our YLS community in all four seasons of the year.

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Yale Law alumni gathered in **Germany** with Dean Koh on October 26. They met at an informal luncheon in Berlin in the Library of Café Einstein, a venerable institution long frequented by the capital's university and business communities. Among those in attendance were: **Bardo Fassbender '92 LLM**; **Karin Matussek '99 LLM**; **Franz Mayer '95 LLM**; **Hans-Jochen Mengel '87 LLM**; and **Angelika Siehr '90 LLM**.



*The Yale Law School Center for the Study of Corporate Law held its ninth Occasional Breakfast in New York City in October. The event, entitled "High Crimes or Misdemeanors: The Role of Criminal Law and Civil Enforcement in the Post-Enron Environment," was held on October 18 at the Century Association. From left: **Craig M. Wasserman '86**, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz; moderator **Roberta Romano '80**, Oscar M. Ruebhausen Professor of Law; **Stephen Cutler '85**, of Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale and Dorr, and former director, SEC Division of Enforcement; and **Kate Stith**, Lafayette S. Foster Professor of Law, Yale Law School.*



Yale Law School Dean Harold Hongju Koh visited **Paris** in July. Area alumni, summer associates, and admitted students were welcomed at the event, which included a roundtable discussion entitled "The Evolving Role of American Law in the World," a luncheon with remarks by the Dean concerning YLS and "The U.S. Supreme Court and International Law," and other opportunities to visit courts and sightsee in Paris.



### Summer Institute at YLS Reexamines Culture of Law

Paul Kahn '80, the Robert W. Winner Professor of Law and the Humanities at YLS, and Ulrich Haltern '95 LLM, a professor at the University of Hanover, Germany, hosted a seminar for young scholars at YLS this summer called "The Political: Law, Culture, Theology." The eighteen fellows came from Europe and North America and from a variety of disciplines. Kahn explained that the seminar was an "exploration of the culture of law—the intersections of literature, theology, philosophy, and law." The group will reassemble next summer in Berlin, Germany, for a second two-week seminar.