



Gathering Three Decades of Law School Leadership

On June 21, 2017, the Yale Law School Association of Washington, DC hosted alumni and friends at the National Press Club for a special evening celebrating the continuing legacy of the Law School's leadership. Heather Gerken, who on July 1 began her tenure as the Sol and Lillian Goldman Professor of Law and the School's seventeenth dean, was joined by former deans and Sterling Professors (from left) Guido Calabresi '58, Anthony T. Kronman '75, Robert C. Post '77 and Harold Hongju Koh.

Throughout the year and in cities across the country, alumni gather for events organized by Yale Law School's Office of Alumni Affairs. Here is a sampling of the events that have taken place over the past six months. Events details are posted on our website law.yale.edu/alumni. Please contact the alumni affairs office if you want to update your contact information, by phone at (203) 432-1690 or by email at alumni.law@yale.edu.



Life on the California Supreme Court

On April 4, 2017, Southern California alumni enjoyed a chance to gather at the First Street Federal Courthouse in Los Angeles where they were treated to a fascinating discussion of life on the California Supreme Court from current justices **Goodwin Liu '98**, **Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar '97**, and **Leandra R. Kruger '01**. The conversation—moderated by **Laura Seigle '93**, judge on the Superior Court of Los Angeles County—spanned a range of topics, including the justices' experiences at Yale Law School and the day-to-day work and procedures of California's highest court. **John Kronstadt '76**, district judge on the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, welcomed alumni to the new building with interesting stories about past members of the California Supreme Court.



(above) John Kronstadt '76, district judge on the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California; (right, from left) Laura Seigle '93, Leandra R. Kruger '01, Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar '97, and Goodwin Liu '98.



Tenth Annual Summer Gathering for the YLSA of Southern California

More than one hundred alumni and guests from the Southern California region gathered at the home of gracious hosts **Christine Adams '94** and Jim Asperger in Pasadena on June 3, 2017. Featured speaker

Ian Ayres '86, William K. Townsend Professor at Yale Law School, presented a talk, "Libertarian Gun Control and Voluntary Taxation." Professor Ayres discussed how freedom-enhancing government policies can be adopted that might save hundreds of gun deaths a year and induce millions of Americans to volunteer to pay additional taxes.



The Evolving Law of Business and Human Rights

On May 17, 2017 alumni and guests joined the Yale Law School Center for the Study of Corporate Law for breakfast and a panel discussion about "The Evolving Law of Business and Human Rights." The program was held at The Century Association in New York City. Moderated by Roberta Romano '80, Sterling Professor of Law and director of the Center for the Study of Corporate Law, the panel included Oona A. Hathaway '97, Gerard C. and Bernice Latrobe Smith Professor of International Law; Ariel Meyerstein, senior vice president, corporate sustainability, Citibank; David W. Rivkin '80, co-chair of the International Dispute Resolution Group, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP and immediate past president of the International Bar Association; and John F. Sherman III, general counsel and senior advisor, Shift.

NEW ENGLAND



Health Reform, Law and Policy under the Trump Administration

More than fifty alumni, current students, incoming students, and their guests joined the Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy at Yale Law School for breakfast and a panel discussion on health law and policy at Ropes & Gray in the Prudential Tower in Boston on June 1, 2017. Moderated by **Abbe R. Gluck '00**, professor of law and faculty director of the Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy, the panel included William Baer, former acting associate attorney general and former assistant attorney general for the Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice; Roberta Herman, executive director of the Massachusetts Group Insurance Commission; and **Peter Leibold '88**, chief advocacy officer for Ascension Health.

Thanks to the Solomon Center Boston Alumni Executive Committee for their leadership in planning the event: **Mark Barnes '84**, **Mary Beckman '93**, **Troy Brennan '84**, **Brent Henry '73**, **Wendy Warring '83**, and **Stephen Weiner '68**, and thanks to Ropes & Gray for generously donating event space.



Immigrants' Rights and American Values under the Trump Administration

Boston-area alums and their guests gathered on May 4, 2017 at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius for a reception and dinner, followed by a fascinating presentation by **Matthew R. Segal '02**, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Massachusetts. Segal's remarks addressed the hot topic of immigrants' rights in the current political moment; he was joined by panelists **Sameer Ahmed '09**, counsel at Wilmer Hale; **Kristin Macleod-Ball '12**, litigation attorney at the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild; and **Michael J. Wishnie '93**, William O. Douglas Clinical Professor of Law and director of the Law School's Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization.

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee convened on March 30-31, 2017, offering opportunities for members to participate in a variety of events, including alumni-student dinner connections, class visits, tours of the Yale Center for British Art and the Beinecke Library, the spring business meeting and luncheon, presentations by the SFALP and WIRAC student clinics, a happy hour at the Law School, and dinner at ROIA Restaurant. The business lunch featured an update on the Law School from Robert C. Post '77, as well as a chance to hear from incoming dean Heather Gerken about her vision for the School.

ATLANTA

Reflections on 9/11 and the War on Terror

Nearly thirty alumni joined the YLSA of Atlanta at the Piedmont Driving Club for a reception and discussion with **Chris Wray '92**, partner at King & Spalding, who spoke about his experiences as assistant attorney general in the U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, during the administration of President George W. Bush. A very special thank you to **Allegra Lawrence-Hardy '96** for hosting the event.



New Haven photos by Harold Shapiro

REGIONAL HAPPY HOURS

Regional happy hour events are a convenient and casual way for alumni, current students, and—during the spring and summer months—recently admitted students to make new friends and connect with old ones. (Cheers! to our alumni who help organize these events!)



DENVER Approximately thirty alumni gathered on January 31, 2017 in Denver at the Renaissance Hotel. The Denver alumni group is growing quickly and is very active.



BAY AREA On June 7, 2017 approximately sixty alumni in San Francisco enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and drinks at a happy hour at Novela Bar.



HOUSTON More than two dozen alumni came out for the happy hour at Lawless Spirits & Kitchen on April 26, 2017. (Cheers! Mark Trachtenberg '98, Travis Torrence '05, and Rebecca Phillips '11.)



AUSTIN On April 27, 2017 fifteen alumni met up in Austin at a great event at Boiler Nine Bar & Grill. (Cheers! Kristina Baehr '08.)

MIAMI The Yale Law School Association of Miami hosted a lively happy hour at Batch Gastropub on February 16, 2017.



SEATTLE On January 20, 2017, alumni in Seattle met up at L'Oursin. This was the first event hosted by the School for alumni in the Seattle areas in several years!

PENJERDEL

The Future of the Supreme Court and the Constitution

Alumni from the PenJerDel region gathered on April 3, 2017 at Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads LLP in Philadelphia for lunch and a presentation by **Jeffrey Rosen '91**, president & CEO of the National Constitution Center. Rosen discussed the Center's wide range of bi-partisan work on constitutional scholarship, including its interactive website, *constitutioncenter.org*, and its accompany mobile app (keywords "Interactive Constitution"), where constitutional experts from multiple perspectives interact with each other to explore the Constitution's history and what it means today.

WASHINGTON, DC

Talkback at World Premiere of the Drama, Roe, at the Arena Stage

More than eighty alumni attended the talkback after the February 10, 2017 production of Lisa Loomer's play *Roe*, whose subject is the landmark 1973 case *Roe v. Wade*. The talkback, exclusively for YLS alumni, featured **Sarah Lipton-Lubet '06**, vice president for reproductive health programs at the National Partnership for Women & Families, and **Kelli Garcia '06**, senior counsel at the National Women's Law Center.