



Boyd Briefs: March 27, 2014

From Dean Dan

On April 3 at 4 p.m., Boyd is hosting the first in a new lecture series in honor of Judge Lloyd D. George. Judge George has been a leader on the bench for several decades and is a figure of historic importance in shaping the law and the legal community in this city and state. He is also a great friend of the law school and chairs our Thomas & Mack Legal Clinic Advisory Board. This new lecture series will explore the crucial issues facing our profession and will welcome nationally distinguished judges, academics and practitioners. We are honored to welcome Judge David Levi, now the dean of Duke Law School, as the inaugural speaker, who will give a talk on "The Grand Challenges for the Legal Profession and Judiciary." This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. For more information and to RSVP, go to law.unlv.edu/JudgeGeorgeLecture2014. We look forward to seeing you there.

Dean David Levi

The Grand Challenges for the Legal Profession and Judiciary

Thursday, April 3, 2014 | 4:00-5:30 p.m.

[Thomas & Mack Moot Court](#)

Reception to follow

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: Eric Franklin

One can infer a great deal about a school's priorities by examining its recent hires. The two most recent hires at the William S. Boyd School of Law are approaching the homestretch of the first year on our faculty. Professor Lydia Nussbaum was profiled in [Boyd Briefs](#) two months ago. And this week it is my pleasure to introduce [Professor Eric Franklin](#).

Professor Franklin was hired to launch the [Small Business & Nonprofit Legal Clinic](#). This clinic adds an important learning opportunity for our students because it involves transactional work (as opposed to litigation, which is the more typical diet of clinic offerings). Students in this clinic assist clients in forming businesses and organizations, navigating regulatory structures, and providing a wide range of legal advice. Professor Franklin's clinic is also an important component of the law school's ongoing effort to benefit the City and State in concrete ways—the businesses and organizations that the clinic advises and helps are engines of economic growth and community development.

Professor Franklin was hired because he was the perfect candidate for the job. He is an honors graduate of Cornell Law School with five years of corporate law experience in large law firms—first at Sullivan & Cromwell in Palo Alto, and then at Davis Wright Tremaine in Seattle. For three years prior to his joining the faculty at Boyd, he co-designed and co-taught in the Community Economic Development Clinic at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Professor Franklin is also an accomplished scholar. One of the two articles that he published in 2013 is titled *Mandating Precontractual Disclosure*. Franklin explains that as a general rule of contract law, parties do not owe one another any duty of disclosure. However, in certain circumstances, usually in response to some sort of broader crisis, courts and legislators have deviated from this general rule, and required disclosure of certain facts. Franklin canvasses the history of this practice, analyzes the costs and benefits of precontractual disclosure, and prescribes a framework for analyzing when disclosure is properly deployed as a regulatory solution.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Chandler Pohl

If you're ever hoping to get a slightly different take on... well, just about anything, here's a suggestion: have a conversation with Chandler Pohl. Since arriving at Boyd as an established filmmaker and educator, he has been a frequent source of refreshment to various law school goings on. [Professor Lori Johnson](#), for whom Chandler served as a Teaching Assistant in her Lawyering Process course, may have put it best: "Chandler is creative and has truly made law school his own."

Chandler's experiential portfolio is diverse and impressive. He has interned for the Nevada Attorney General, the Honorable Douglas E. Smith of the Nevada Eighth Judicial District Court, and the UNLV Office of General Counsel. He also participated in Boyd's Legislative externship program in Carson City and has worked as a Research Assistant in our very own Wiener-Rogers Law Library. Chandler currently interns for the LV Mobsters, a soccer team in the top developmental men's league in North America, as a compliance officer.

Moreover, Chandler truly has cast himself as a law student of the world. He took part in Boyd's International and Comparative Human Rights Law Practicum in New Delhi, India during the Winter 2011/2012 intersession. He returned to India the following summer, having been awarded a Public Interest Law Association Summer Grant, to work at the Institute of Rural Research and Development in New Delhi/Gurgaon as a Legal Policy Intern. Later, Chandler visited Turkey, eager to study a country that straddles two continents and multiple ideologies, through a course offered by the UNLV Lee Business School. And for further edification, he attended an International Association of Gaming Regulators conference in Oslo, Norway.

This May, Chandler will add a J.D to the already formidable arsenal of credentials and experience that shape the unique perspective he brings to any undertaking.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Andrew Spalding '03

The moment that best captures 2003 graduate Andy Spalding's experience at Boyd came in the fall of 2000. "I had just started my first year, and my civ pro professor invited our class to join him for the dedication of the Lloyd D. George federal courthouse. Embarrassingly, only two of us came – myself, and Briant Platt." Neither of them could have known that, one day, their professor – now the Honorable Judge Jay Bybee – would have chambers in that very building; and that both Briant and he "would have the great fortune to clerk there."

Several years later, he and Briant again sat together, across the street in the Foley Courthouse, as they watched their former civ pro professor welcome to the federal bench their former contracts professor – now the Honorable Judge Bruce Markell. "Walking out of that ceremony, we remarked to each other that ours was not a normal law school experience."

That atypical experience began at Paradise Elementary, but it was not just the humble facilities. "In my previous graduate program, there were great teachers and great scholars, and they were different people. Boyd did away with the dichotomy – the great teachers were great scholars, and vice versa. It had created that synergy between teaching and scholarship that everyone talks about, but few achieve."

After clerking for Judge Howard McKibben, and then Judge Bybee, he went to work in the Washington, D.C. office of WilmerHale. "I thought that my decision to attend Boyd would foreclose two opportunities: working at a large East Coast firm, and becoming an academic. I was wrong on both counts." He is now an Assistant Professor at the [University of Richmond School of Law](#), where he joins his former constitutional law professor, Carl Tobias. And, as if that were not enough, he teaches contracts from the very textbook Judge Markell wrote while at Boyd. "I'd love to hear from any of my classmates! Please email me at andyspalding@gmail.com."