



Boyd Briefs: March 6, 2014

From Dean Dan

This week we are honored to be hosting Professor Alison LaCroix from the University of Chicago Law School, who will present the 10th annual Philip Pro Lectureship in Legal History at Boyd. Judge Philip Pro serves as a federal district court judge and is a great civic leader, steering the We the People program and traveling the world as part of the State Department's Rule of Law program. He was also instrumental in the creation of the Boyd School of Law and is a great friend to the school still. We created this talk in his honor and for the past decade have been welcoming the top legal history scholars in the country. This year we are particularly fortunate to welcome Professor LaCroix, who will talk from her groundbreaking book "The Ideological Origins of American Federalism," (Harvard University Press, 2010). She will discuss how federalism became the frame through which Americans understood their political and legal world. She will also discuss her new book project about the second generation of American founders. This event is free and open to the public; no RSVP required. For more information, go to: law.unlv.edu/PhilipProLecture2014

10th Annual Philip Pro Lectureship in Legal History with Alison LaCroix

Thursday, March 6, 2014

6:00 p.m.

[Thomas & Mack Moot Court Facility](#)

A reception will immediately follow the presentation.

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: David Schwartz

The William S. Boyd School of Law relies heavily on a constellation of adjunct professors to achieve the goal of graduating successful, ethical professionals. Adjunct professors exit courtrooms and boardrooms, drive across the city, and then enter our classrooms to teach our students; this first-hand experience from the real world engages the students and enriches the classroom. Adjunct professors are often nationally and even internationally renowned practitioners in certain highly specialized fields. And, all of our adjunct professors are members of a faculty that is deeply committed to providing an intellectually rigorous education for the next generation of judges, lawyers and leaders.

One of the faculty's distinguished adjuncts is [David P. Schwartz](#). Professor Schwartz is a New York native who was a District Attorney in Brooklyn, New York, before moving to Las Vegas nearly 40 years ago. For decades thereafter, Schwartz was a prosecutor in Las Vegas, including service as the Chief Deputy District Attorney for the Major Violators Unit. Professor Schwartz handled more than 100 felony jury trials, including capital cases that received national media attention. Schwartz is a gifted leader, mentor and speaker: he has served in a number of supervisory roles and is frequently invited to lecture law enforcement agencies and citizen groups. For the past seven years

Schwartz has been one of Boyd's most popular and admired adjuncts; he teaches a wide range of courses in trial advocacy and evidence. Adjuncts like Professor Schwartz are tremendously valuable members of the Boyd faculty.

Importantly, the Schwartz family could fill an issue of Boyd Briefs by themselves. Professor Schwartz's son, Bryan Schwartz, is a distinguished 2013 graduate of Boyd and is presently a law clerk to Mark Gibbons, Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court. And Professor Schwartz's daughter, Caroline Schwartz, is an accomplished second-year student at Boyd. This legacy is a testament to the quality and value of a Boyd education.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Mike Esposito

"I have become one of those people who automatically assumes a task can be done, regardless of how daunting it may seem." So wrote Mike Esposito in the personal statement he submitted with his Boyd application. One could hardly come to law school with a better mindset. And as Mike nears graduation this May, he sees how that mindset has led to success and -- dare we say -- fun over his three-year J.D. journey.

Ironically, it was an accident that occurred as he neared graduation with a B.S. in Marketing from UNLV in 2006 that triggered Mike's can-do attitude. Having broken his back and left paralyzed for a time, he powered through months of intense physical therapy, learned to walk all over again, and moved forward to take on the working world.

And so Mike spent several years prior to his arrival at Boyd in business management, marketing, and disaster restoration. Among his experiences were stints restoring houses in fire-ravaged San Diego and serving as project leader on *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*. In addition, Mike founded One Stop Shop, Inc., a non-profit corporate trade alliance designed to establish relationships with mutual clientele, and the Business Leaders Alliance, a company specializing in the training and development of young business professionals and small business owners.

Mike is the current President of the Society of Advocates, the law school's moot court board. He also has served as Vice Justice of Boyd's Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity chapter, Juvenile Justice Clinic student attorney, and Nevada Law Journal senior staffer. Looking back on it all, Mike observes, "Boyd has provided me with so many opportunities to develop as a professional, evolve as a person, and contribute to my community. I tried to make the most of each and every one of those opportunities."



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Justin Carley '06

Justin Carley '06 has the unique distinction of being the first Boyd School of Law graduate to be elected as a partner at Snell & Wilmer. Since joining Snell & Wilmer as an associate in 2006, Justin's practice concentrated on commercial litigation--with an emphasis on contract disputes primarily related to real property, entity control, and business disputes. When Justin was in law school, his intentions were to join the FBI. But, after working as a summer associate in the Las Vegas office of the firm, his plans changed.

As Justin's caseload frequently involves work with high-rise condominium and condominium/hotel projects in Las Vegas and a significant amount of other real property litigation, he realized that his work was permanently affecting the Las Vegas skyline.

Along the way to becoming partner, Justin received sound advice from one of the deans who helped guide him with this wisdom: "Go where you

like the people, and don't worry about how much it pays." Before the summer associate position with Snell & Wilmer in 2005, he worked alongside Professor Keith Rowley as a research assistant. By taking multiple contract classes under Professor Rowley, he quickly found his niche. As a result of this mentoring by Professor Rowley, Justin pays it forward as a mentor himself by providing professional guidance to new associates who have recently joined the firm, as well as to Boyd law students as an active participant in the school's mentoring program.

"I can't overstress the importance of mentoring, both formal and informal," Carley remarks. "It helped me become partner."

Giving back to the community is foremost to Justin, too. Last year he volunteered more than 100 hours of his time to a pro bono case through the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Pro Bono Program. In 2012, he served as the Chair of the State Bar of Nevada - Young Lawyers Section's Law Suits Clothing Drive. Together with paralegal Lynse Cooper, and some Nevada attorneys outside of his firm, he led the most successful drive in the program's existence.