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## From Dean Dan

This week we welcome Professor [Marci A. Hamilton](#) of Cardozo School of Law as our next guest in the [Dean's Speaker Series](#) at Boyd. Professor Hamilton is one of the United States' leading scholars of church and state and the constitution. Her lecture will be based on her just-released book, *God vs. the Gavel: The Perils of Extreme Religious Liberty* (Cambridge University Press), which has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize.

Professor Hamilton is also an author and lecturer on the protection of vulnerable children from institutions, and a national leader and advocate for legislative reform. She is the author of *Justice Denied: What America Must Do to Protect Its Children*. She clerked for Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Please join us on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 4:30 p.m. in the [Thomas & Mack Moot Court](#) at the law school, with a reception to follow. This event is free and open to all.



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## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: Marketa Trimble

Professor [Marketa Trimble](#) is one of the faculty's most prolific and distinguished scholars. At any given time she has a couple of articles or books that were recently published, and others in various stages of the publication process. Renowned nationally and internationally for her expertise in international intellectual property law, her comparative, doctrinal and empirical work is a very important component of the strong scholarly reputation of the law school.

One of Professor Trimble's recent articles is [The Territoriality Referendum](#). In this article Trimble expands on her work in the area of geolocation. Put most simply, geolocation refers to the identification of the physical-world location of something or someone that appears on the Internet. Trimble has been exploring various aspects of this topic in her scholarship for several years, and she is one of the world's leading authorities on its legal dimensions.

In *The Territoriality Referendum*, Professor Trimble argues that "Internet users are participating unconsciously in an informal -- but very important -- referendum on the future of the territoriality of intellectual property rights." The issue is the extent to which users of the Internet employ tools to evade geoblocking in order to access content that, because of the users' geographic location, they are not authorized to view. Geoblocking is an effort to establish borders on the Internet; and it enables Internet actors to comply with countries' territorial laws and regulations. Although Internet users are not actually voting in a referendum, Trimble describes a tipping point at which the conduct to evade geoblocking will "exceed[] the level of acceptable *de minimis* importation" and trigger an international response. Her scholarship is as consequential as it is learned.

No profile of Professor Trimble would be complete without also mentioning her indefatigable efforts on behalf of her current and former students. This occurs in the classroom, of course, where Trimble is an admired and respected teacher. But it also occurs in other college buildings on campus, in law firms across town, and in various parts across the globe -- where Trimble arranges networking events, educational opportunities, interdisciplinary exchanges, and jobs for members of the law school community. Even on a faculty loaded with committed teachers, accomplished scholars, and dedicated institution-builders, Professor Trimble is truly extraordinary.



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Tasha Schwikert

Can any of us fathom the thrill of representing our country in the Olympics? Or the commitment, sacrifice, or years of excruciating work it requires? The answer here at Boyd is yes, third-year student Tasha Schwikert can.

Tasha, you see, was a member of the bronze-medal-winning United States women's gymnastics team at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. "Competing in the Olympics was one of the most amazing experiences of my life," Tasha recounts. "Being able to represent my country was definitely a dream come true for me." As for what it took to make it all happen, Tasha says, "I may have been gifted with special gymnastics abilities, but talent only took me so far. Instead, the drive that brewed inside motivated me to keep going day in and day out through the tumultuous obstacles that arose along the way. Becoming an Olympian meant practicing 48 hours a week. But it didn't end there. I took a modified school schedule and sacrificed a normal childhood, all in an effort to reach my goal."

Tasha now channels her drive and experiences as an athlete into her legal studies and career goals. "I feel it is my duty to give back to women's sports. Female athletes are equally deserving of opportunities in all sports, and they should receive the same treatment as men and have better bargaining power in negotiations. Moreover, it would be nice to see an increased number of corporate partnerships and media coverage for female athletes. I believe this type of exposure serves to empower young women who are competing in sports or who need a positive female sports figure to look up to."

A recipient of a [Las Vegas Business Academy](#) scholarship, Tasha currently serves as treasurer of the Black Law Students Association.



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Maren Parry '05

[Maren Parry](#) is a '05 Boyd graduate and works as an associate attorney with the Las Vegas office of Ballard Spahr LLP. Maren is a member of the firm's Real Estate department. She practices primarily in the areas of land use, government affairs, and privileged licensing.

Shortly after receiving an English degree from Brigham Young University in 2002, Maren married a Las Vegas native and moved to Las Vegas from her home in Utah. She clerked for her current employer during her three years at Boyd and has enjoyed working closely with her mentor, former Chairman of the Nevada Gaming Commission Bill Curran, for now nearly 13 years.

While at Boyd, Maren took advantage of the school's Gaming Law program, studying for several years under Professor Bob Faiss. She is now a member of the school's Gaming Law Advisory Committee, and looks forward to supporting Boyd's expansion of its gaming law program to include an LL.M. in Gaming Law and Regulation.

Maren volunteers regularly for the Landlord/Tenant Ask-A-Lawyer program of the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. She also assists Nevada Legal Services as a pro bono attorney representing transgender Nevadans seeking legal name changes. She is an active participant in the Las Vegas District Council of the Urban Land Institute, and is a 2014 graduate of Leadership Las Vegas.

Maren and her husband, Brandon, have three children: Fisher (6), Sage (4), and Cache (2).