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From Dean Dan

Here at Boyd we are delighted to announce our first Robert D. Faiss Lecture on Gaming Law & Policy. This lecture series honors Bob Faiss, a giant in gaming law and a great friend to the law school. The inaugural lecture will be given by Frank Fahrenkopf, past president of the American Gaming Association and one of the most important figures in gaming law nationwide over two decades. This lecture series highlights the law school's burgeoning programs in gaming law, and we are grateful to the Faiss family and to President Don Snyder for introducing Mr. Fahrenkopf.

Robert D. Faiss Lecture on Gaming Law & Policy with Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.
The Past, Present and Future of Gaming Law Regulation
Introductory remarks by UNLV President Don Snyder
Thursday, March 27, 2014
4:00-5:30 p.m.
Thomas & Mack Moot Court
Reception to follow
This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. For more information and to RSVP, go to law.unlv.edu/FaissLecture2014

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: Michael Kagan

Professor Michael Kagan graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 2000 and began a distinguished career in international refugee law. He held various positions in Cairo, Beirut, Ramallah, and London, before moving to San Francisco in 2009 to be the Policy Director for Asylum Access. Since the fall of 2011, when he moved to Las Vegas, the faculty and students at Boyd have enjoyed his intellect and creativity. He is a Co-Director of the Immigration Clinic and teaches Administrative Law and Immigration Law, among other subjects.

Much of Professor Kagan’s current scholarship is co-authored with UNLV colleagues, Professor Fatma Marouf at Boyd and Professor Rebecca Gill in the Political Science department. These scholars are engaged in extensive empirical research about how the federal courts adjudicate immigration appeals. Some of their research findings will appear in two forthcoming articles, Buying Time? False Assumptions About Abusive Appeals and Justice on the Fly: The Danger of Errant Deportations.

Professor Kagan also recently published a short essay about the state of international refugee law, Safe Harbor: Shoring Up the Norm of Nonrefoulement. Kagan writes that "[w]hile human rights lawyers are often powerless to shut down torture chambers directly, they are often very successful at stopping other governments from deporting people to countries where they would be persecuted. This is the principle of
nonrefoulement, and it might be the single most effective rule in all of international human rights.” Although this protection is “much less than we need,” he commends this important foundation.

Although a very successful academic, Professor Kagan is no ordinary academic. Earlier this week, for example, Kagan returned from a trip to Israel, where (in addition to teaching at Tel Aviv University) he trained legal aid volunteers to work with refugees. Professor Kagan is also one of the faculty’s few bloggers. He maintains one blog, RSD Watch, and has contributed to another, Urban Refugees.org.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Kylee Gloeckner

Get in your truck in Las Vegas and start heading north and a little east, and in two or three hours you may find yourself cruising through Pioche, Nev. The small town boasts a population just more than 1000, one of whom, dynamo Kylee Gloeckner, is a second-year student at Boyd.

Kylee has stood tall in the face of challenges. “Growing up on a cattle ranch, I have been surrounded by family members who display an old-fashioned work ethic essential to every operation of this type. I have learned never to hesitate to help others or to attack hard, laborious tasks.”

Indeed Kylee has withstood many trials by fire... literally. For five summers, Kylee was a wildland firefighter for the Bureau of Land Management. She has been certified as a sawyer and faller (i.e., she’s got chainsaw skills), has been a helicopter crew member trainee, and is licensed to drive a fire engine (how cool is that?).

Harnessing her grit and fire, Kylee was a three-sport letterperson at Lincoln County High School in neighboring Panaca, Nev. She was named First Team Volleyball, First Team Basketball, and First Team Softball, as well as State Most Valuable Player in softball. On top of that, she graduated as her high school class valedictorian.

Kylee earned her B.S. in elementary education from Dixie State College in St. George, Utah, graduating with honors. At Boyd, she is a member of the Nevada Law Journal and Vice President for Business and Finance of the Sports and Entertainment Law Association.

At some point, Kylee hopes to get in her truck and make the aforementioned drive back to Pioche. ”My career goal is to return to my hometown to serve the community, especially those who otherwise might not be fortunate enough to afford legal advice.”

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Chelsie Campbell '05

A graduate of the class of 2005, and a current member of the Board of Directors for the William S. Boyd School of Law Alumni Chapter, Chelsie C. Campbell is a big believer in giving back to the school that gave her so much. Currently, she works for NV Energy in Government Affairs where she combines her skills as an attorney and her extensive public policy experience to strengthen NV Energy’s effectiveness at the local political level.

She graduated from UNLV in 2002 with a bachelor of arts in communications, Phi Kappa Phi, with an emphasis in broadcast journalism, and a second major in Spanish literature, Phi Kappa Phi -- both cum laude. She graduated with a master of arts in justice management from UNR in 2013. She will also receive a graduate certificate in renewable energy from the UNR School of Engineering in 2014. Chelsie plans to begin her doctorate in public affairs, with an emphasis in public policy, at UNLV in the near future.
Chelsie has been a part of the La Voz “Huellas” mentorship program since its inception, and participated in Boyd’s “Dinner with a Rebel Lawyer” over the last several years.

Chelsie is currently Vice-Chair of United Way of Southern Nevada’s Young Philanthropist Society. She also is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Southern Nevada. Chelsie serves as Chairwoman for the Nevada Advisory Board for Chicanos por La Causa (CPLC) Southwest. CPLC is the third largest Hispanic non-profit in the United States and the largest Hispanic non-profit in Nevada. She is also a Board Member for the Advisory Commission on law-related education for the State Bar of Nevada, and a member of the Board of Directors for the Gary Plunkett Jydstrup Living Facility.

Chelsie recently received the Las Vegas Business Press “Rising Stars of Business” award in 2014. In 2012, she received the “Rising Star, Woman of Distinction” award by the Nevada Association of Women in Business. She was featured in the inaugural edition of Latino Leaders of Las Vegas as a distinguished community leader.