



New Faculty

Pardo joins SU Law faculty



Rafael Pardo

Professor Rafael Pardo joins the Seattle University School of Law faculty in 2006. During the past three years, he was an Associate Professor of Law at Tulane Law School.

Professor Pardo received his J.D. from New York University School of Law, where he served as Executive Editor of the *New York University Law Review*. While at NYU, he was also the recipient of the Judge John J. Galgay Fellowship in bankruptcy. Upon graduation, he clerked for the Honorable Prudence Carter Beatty of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. After his clerkship, he worked as an associate in the business reorganization and restructuring group at Willkie Farr & Gallagher in New York, New York.

In recognition of his research interests in bankruptcy, Pardo was selected to attend the educational program of the Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges in 2005 as an American Bankruptcy Law Journal Fellow.

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CASE NOTES

Law School welcomes visiting professors

Tayyab Mahmud, Visiting Professor is Professor of Law and Chair, Global Perspectives Group, at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, where he has taught in the areas of Comparative Law, Contracts, International Law, Legal History, and Philosophy of Law since 2004. He received his B.A. from the University of Punjab, M.Sc. from the University of Islamabad, Ph.D. from the University of Hawaii, and his J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of Law. Before joining the faculty of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 1989, he practiced complex litigation with the San Francisco-based firm Pettit & Martin. He was a Visiting Scholar at Harvard Law School in 1997-1998, and a Visiting Professor at Seattle University School of Law in 2003-2004. Professor Mahmud serves on the editorial boards of several academic journals, is a member of the Board of Governors and Co-President-elect of the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT), and a member of the Board of Directors of Latina/o Critical Legal Studies (LatCrit). He has published extensively in the areas of comparative constitutional law, human rights, legal history, and legal theory. He will teach Contracts, Legal History, and Law of War for us this year.

Sean Pager, Visiting Professor was most recently a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Indiana—Bloomington School of Law where he has taught Intellectual Property and International IP. He was previously a Visiting Scholar at the UC Berkeley Center for the Study of Law & Society and a Visiting Professor at the University of San Francisco School of Law, where he taught Comparative Law, Law of the European Union, and International Trade Regulation (WTO). Professor Pager received his A.B. magna cum laude from Harvard University, his J.D. from UC Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law, Order of the Coif, and an LL.M. in International Law from the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. He will teach Torts, International IP, and International Trade for us this year.

Susan Rozelle, Visiting Professor is an Associate Professor of Law at Capital University School of Law in Columbus, Ohio, where she teaches courses in Criminal Law, Evidence, and Criminal Procedure. Professor Rozelle received her B.A. summa cum laude from the University of Central Florida, and her J.D. magna cum laude from Duke University School of Law, where she was the Paul B. Williams Merit Scholar. Prior to entering the legal academy, she clerked for the Massachusetts Appeals Court and the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, and was a litigation associate with the firm of Nutter, McClennen & Fish in Boston. Professor Rozelle writes in the area of criminal law, and she will teach Criminal Law, Evidence, and Criminal Responsibility Seminar for us this year.

Elizabeth Townsend-Gard, Visiting Professor comes to us from the London School of Economics, where she taught intellectual property as a visiting professor. She received her B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in Modern European History from UCLA, and a J.D. and LL.M. in International Trade and Intellectual Property from the University of Arizona. Professor Townsend-Gard currently holds three fellowships: the Leverhulme Trust Visiting Research Fellowship at the London School of Economics, a Visiting Research Scholar fellowship at the AHRC Research Centre for Studies in Intellectual Property and Technology Law at the University of Edinburgh School of Law, and a non-resident fellowship at Stanford Law School's Center for Internet Society. She is teaching Intellectual Property this summer, and will be a visiting faculty member with us for the 2006-2007 academic year, teaching IP, Copyright Law, and Property.

Around Sullivan Hall

Access to Justice Institute earns national award

The American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law selected [Seattle Unemployment Insurance for Battered Women Project](#) of the [Access to Justice Institute](#) for the 2006 Frances Perkins Public Service Award. The award recognizes “those who have gone above and beyond what could be expected of diligent attorneys in making legal services available to low-income clients.”

The Unemployment Insurance for Battered Women Project is maintained by ATJI in conjunction with the Unemployment Law Project, a nonprofit legal services organization in downtown Seattle. It was established to help ensure that victims of domestic violence or stalking are able to obtain unemployment insurance benefits in cases where they need to leave their jobs in order to protect themselves or an immediate family member. In these cases, unemployment insurance provides critical financial assistance to help victims escape further abuse.

The program is headed by ATJI staff attorney Carrie Gargas. She will speak at the pro bono workshop and receive the award at the ABA's national convention in Honolulu in August.

Law School's Academic Resource Center receives award for diversity

The Washington State Bar Association will award the 2006 Excellence in Diversity to Seattle University School of Law's programs and professors who work toward creating a more diverse legal community.

The award will go to Professors [David Boerner](#), [Paula Lustbader](#) and the School of Law's Alternative Admission Program and [Academic Resource Center](#). This award is given to a lawyer, law firm or law-related group that has made a significant contribution to diversity in the legal profession's employment of ethnic minorities, women and persons with disabilities. It will be presented at the WSBA Annual Awards Dinner September 14.

The only law school program of its kind in the state, the Alternative Admission Program allows a number of promising students who don't meet traditional admission requirements to be admitted to the law school. They attend an intensive seven-week summer program that integrates a traditional Criminal Law course with legal writing and study skills.

Statistics show the program is meeting its purpose of helping diverse students excel. In

Murder on a Sunday Morning, a post-orientation invitation

After 5:00 pm on August 18, we will gather in Campion Ballroom on the Seattle University campus for dinner, after which the Academy Award-winning documentary *Murder on a Sunday Morning*, by acclaimed French director Jean-Xavier de Lestrade will be shown. At the conclusion of the movie, we invite you to join our faculty in small group discussions during which we will explore compelling questions on the meaning of justice, the role attorneys play as guardians of the legal system, the transformative power of law and legal narrative, and the ways in which race, class, and culture can impact the provision of justice in our society.

Be on the lookout for further orientation scheduling in your registration packet and we hope you will join us for the movie!

fact, two ARC students were faculty scholars, one graduated number one in his class, and several ended up in the top 20 percent of their class. In addition, ARC students have made significant contributions to the law school community by serving on student committees and participating in student government.

“Our 550 alums are doing amazing things, and they are people who would not have been admitted into law school without this program,” said Lustbader, director of the Academic Resource Center. Among them are a county prosecutor, a Superior Court judge, federal court clerks and lawyers working in both the public and private sectors.

Professor plays crucial role in national voting rights case

Professor Joaquin Avila assisted with the arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court in the Texas redistricting case, which the court ruled on June 28.

The Court rejected arguments that the 2003 congressional redistricting plan was an unconstitutional political gerrymander, but found that Congressional District 23, a congressional district encompassing a heavily concentrated Latina/o community, was modified to dilute the opportunity of the Latina/o community. Such a modification constituted a violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

“This case has national ramifications,” Avila said. “Basically, governmental entities in the redistricting of election districts cannot dismantle an election district where racial and ethnic minorities have an opportunity to elect a candidate of their choice in favor of a district that does not provide that opportunity.”

Avila served as coach to attorney Nina Perales, who was arguing on behalf of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund that represented the American GI Forum. He was the second chair attorney for the oral argument before the court.

Avila's litigation accomplishments include two previous successful arguments before the United States Supreme Court. In the

legislative arena, he spearheaded the efforts to secure the passage of the 2001 California State Voting Rights Act, the only state voting rights act in the nation.

Center for Professional Development has new leader, high aspirations for students

To better prepare students for careers in the legal field and meet the needs of the legal community, Seattle University School of Law has revamped its career services division and named a new director.

Now the [Center for Professional Development](#), the office will provide all students with the tools and coaching they need for success after graduation; increase opportunities for work-related experience as students; strengthen and expand relationships with alumni to increase networking opportunities; and enhance and create connections with employers in the local area, the state, and major domestic and international cities. Further, the center will feature expanded programming in such areas as leadership and business development to assist students in their growth as ethical leaders devoted to justice and the common good.

Shawn Lipton, who has served as interim director, has been named director of the center after an extensive national search.

“Shawn stood out among an impressive group of candidates as our top choice to lead an aggressive expansion of the career-related support that we provide to students and alumni,” Dean Kellye Testy said.

Lipton will be building on the impressive work he started as interim director as the law school accelerates an ambitious transformation of the department that will broaden the scope of services. He started the [Continuing Legal Education](#) program at the law school and was director of the program for four years before starting his own Chinese language, culture and business etiquette education company. He is a graduate of University of Connecticut School of Law.

Faculty for 2006–07 IL Courses

Faculty teaching during the regular academic year are assigned to first year sections with careful attention to their teaching styles. Entering students are assigned to sections randomly.

More complete biographical sketches on these professors appear on our Website at www.law.seattleu.edu/faculty/profiles.

Janet Ainsworth, Dean's Distinguished Scholar

Torts/Section A

B.A. *magna cum laude* Brandeis University 1974; Phi Beta Kappa. M.A. Yale University 1977. J.D. *cum laude* Harvard Law School 1980.

Joaquin Avila, Assistant Professor

Civil Procedure/ Section A

B.A. Yale University 1970; J.D. Harvard Law School 1973; Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review case and comments editor.

Marilyn Berger, Professor

Civil Procedure/Section C

B.S. Cornell University 1965. J.D. University of California/Berkeley 1970

Mark Chinen, Associate Professor

Contracts/Section E

B.A. *cum laude* Pomona College 1981. M.Div. *magna cum laude* Yale Divinity School 1984. J.D. *cum laude* Harvard Law School 1988; *Harvard International Law Review* associate editor

Margaret Chon, Professor

Civil Procedure/Section E

A.B. Cornell University College of Arts and Science 1979; M.H.S.A. University of Michigan School of Public Health 1981; J.D. *cum laude* University of Michigan Law School 1986

Sidney DeLong, Associate Professor

Contracts/Section C

B.A. Vanderbilt University 1969. J.D. Yale University Law School 1974

Joseph Henke, Visiting Professor

Property/Section E

B.A. Amherst College 1960. J.D. University of Washington 1964. LL.M. New York University 1971

Natasha Martin, Associate Professor

Torts/Section B

B.S. *cum laude* Xavier University of Louisiana: AT&T Merit Scholar. J.D. University of Notre Dame 1994

Rafael Pardo, Associate Professor

Bankruptcy, Contracts/Section B, Payment Law

B.A. 1998, Yale University; J.D. , 2001, New York University. Executive editor of law review. Admitted to practice in Washington.

Julie Shapiro, Associate Professor

Civil Procedure/Section B

B.A. Wesleyan University 1977. J.D. *magna cum laude* University of Pennsylvania School of Law 1982; *University of Pennsylvania Law Review* associate editor

Gregory Silverman, Associate Professor

Property/Section C

A.B. *cum laude* Vassar College 1978. Graduate Fellow Massachusetts Institute of Technology 1978-79. M.A. (1984), M.Phil. (1991) and J.D. (1987) Columbia University

John Strait, Associate Professor

Criminal Law, Section B

B.A. University of California/Davis 1966. J.D. Yale Law School 1969.

John Weaver, Professor

Property/Section B

A.B. Dartmouth College 1966. J.D. *magna cum laude* University of Michigan Law School 1969; *Law Review*.

Important Notes

Fall class assignments Many professors require substantial advance preparation for the first day of class. To find your first day class assignments, go to students, academics and then class assignments at www.law.seattleu.edu and also check the TWEN website after August 1 as information is posted daily.

Notice to students with disabilities In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Seattle University School of Law provides reasonable accommodations for disabled students, including those with learning disabilities and those with health impairments. Appropriate accommodations are determined on a case-by-case basis, and full documentation of the disability is required. For more information, contact Associate Dean Donna Deming at (206) 398-4307 or dcdeming@seattleu.edu

Character and fitness Many state bars expect a candidate to reveal all criminal or disciplinary charges, *even if expunged*. Therefore, when in doubt, you should always err on the side of *full disclosure*. Failure to fully answer any question related to your character and fitness may result in expulsion from law school or denial of the opportunity to take a state bar examination. Questions regarding this issue should be directed to the specific State Bar Association and/or to Associate Dean Donna Deming.