



SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

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Dear Friends,

Things are really hoppin' at Santa Clara Law!

Last week, we hosted the wildly successful 18th Annual [Jerry A. Kasner Estate Planning Symposium](#), bringing together more than 500 practitioners and leading scholars in the field of estate planning and taxation, areas of expertise for which Santa Clara Law has long been renowned. Jerry Kasner was a beloved professor in the law school for more than 38 years, who combined rigorous research with professional responsibility, scholarship with service, excellence with empathy, and moral principles with effective practice.



Building on his legacy, Professor Brad Joondeph, who holds the Jerry A. Kasner Endowed Professorship, and Professor Patricia Cain, who serves our community in countless ways including as the Chair of the Faculty Senate, offered wonderful symposium presentations that were both profound and practical. We are truly blessed to have a faculty community of acclaimed scholars and dedicated teachers, who share a common calling to use their remarkable talents in the service of their students and their communities. I would like to thank all of the faculty, staff, and students who worked so hard to make this year's Kasner Symposium a smashing success, particularly the members of our Tax and Estate Planning Society, Marjorie Short, and our terrific External Relations team.

Looking ahead, I encourage you to take full advantage of the many opportunities to connect with one another and with members of the legal community outside of the classroom. We hope that you will continue to join us in fellowship on Wednesday mornings for Breakfast and Banter and for Cookies, Caffeine, and Conversation, which has become another lively space for socializing monthly on Wednesday afternoons.

I also want to draw your attention to a series of upcoming presentations and conversations that the law school is sponsoring in partnership with the [Family Action Network \(“FAN”\)](#). FAN is a non-partisan, independent, and non-profit organization dedicated to building community by offering free in-person and live-streamed presentations by the world’s thought leaders and best-selling authors in areas such as education, law, racial equity, social justice, belonging, and mental health. The first of many FAN events will be a remarkable live-streamed conversation on Thursday, September 15 at 5:00 PM PST titled, “Belonging: The Science of Creating Connection and Bridging Divides” with Geoffrey L. Cohen, Professor of Psychology at Stanford University, and Beverly Daniel Tatum, Interim president of Mount Holyoke College and author of “Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together.” Members of the Santa Clara Law Community may also join an “After Hours” interactive zoom chat with the authors. [Please consider registering for this special opportunity](#), and watch for other similar thought-proving FAN programs on complex current issues that we will be offering down the road.

Moreover, on September 23rd, the Office of Career Management will hold a [Speed Networking Event](#). On September 28th, the Katharine & George Alexander Center is hosting its [2022 Virtual Celebration](#), honoring the Community, Commitment & Courage that has gone into, and blossomed, from their work over the past year. On October 6th, our Northern California Innocence Project will be hosting their annual [Justice for All Awards Gala](#) at the Julia Morgan Ballroom in San Francisco. And keep an eye out for updates from the law school’s Spice Committee, for other opportunities for engagement and community-building right here in Charney Hall.

With warm regards and immense gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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