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Dear Alumni and Friends,

The recent inauguration has brought me hope that we can heal from the many devastating crises and divisions that we face. I believe our most important work at Santa Clara Law is to educate lawyers who have the skills, confidence, and courage to be a light for others.

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## Feature

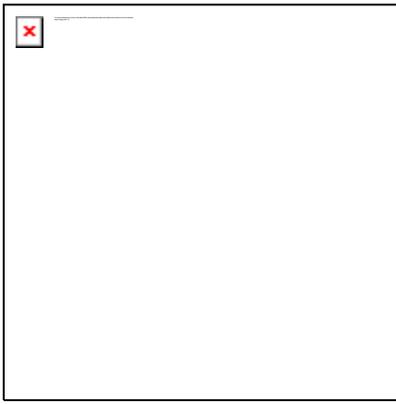


## Tried and True

Zoom's new general counsel **Jeff True JD '97** urges Santa Clara Law students to embrace the school's hands-on practical courses and clinics. [Read more.](#)

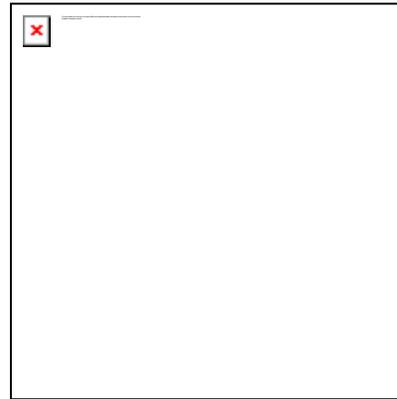
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## Spotlight



### Scholarship Spotlight: Marco Segura

At age 14, **Marco Segura JD '21** came to the US from Lima, Peru, speaking no English. He now holds a Master's degree and will graduate with his Juris Doctor this May. During his time at Santa Clara Law, he was awarded the B.T. Collins Scholarship and Faculty Scholarship, as well as the 2020 Pat Tillman Scholarship. [Read more.](#)

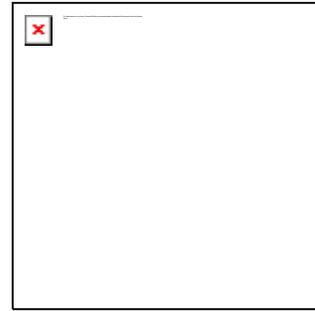


### Evangeline Abriel co-authored a new edition of the VAWA manual

In addition to her work actively filing asylum applications and co-authoring this new edition, Abriel serves as clinical professor of law and director of the Center for Social Justice and Public Service at Santa Clara Law. [Read more.](#)

## The Necessity of Expanding the Federal Judiciary

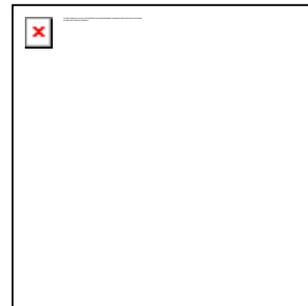
Santa Clara Law Adjunct Professor Michael Vargas argues that “Courts simply do not have the personnel to keep up with the tens of thousands of petitions they receive each year. The result is that reviewers err on the side of rejecting appeals simply to keep the process moving.” [Read more.](#)



## Law Briefs

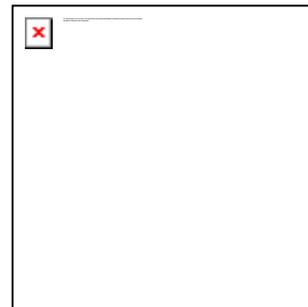
### Celebrating Diversity and Inclusion

At our 16th annual event, Santa Clara Law honored **Judge Iravani-Sani JD '93**, the National Black Law Students Association, and awarded the Thurgood Marshall Civil Rights Scholarship. This event would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors: Iron Mountain, McManis Faulkner, Schwegman Lundberg & Woessner, Duane Morris, and many others. [Read more.](#)



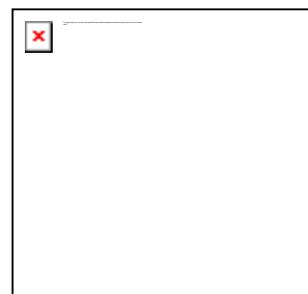
### Faculty and Students Collaborate on Amicus Brief

Santa Clara Law Professors Catherine Sandoval and Al Hammond filed an amicus brief with the US Supreme Court in the *FCC v. Prometheus Radio Broadcasters* case, with the help of students **Robert Murillo JD '21** and **Rosa Rico JD '22**. [Read more.](#)



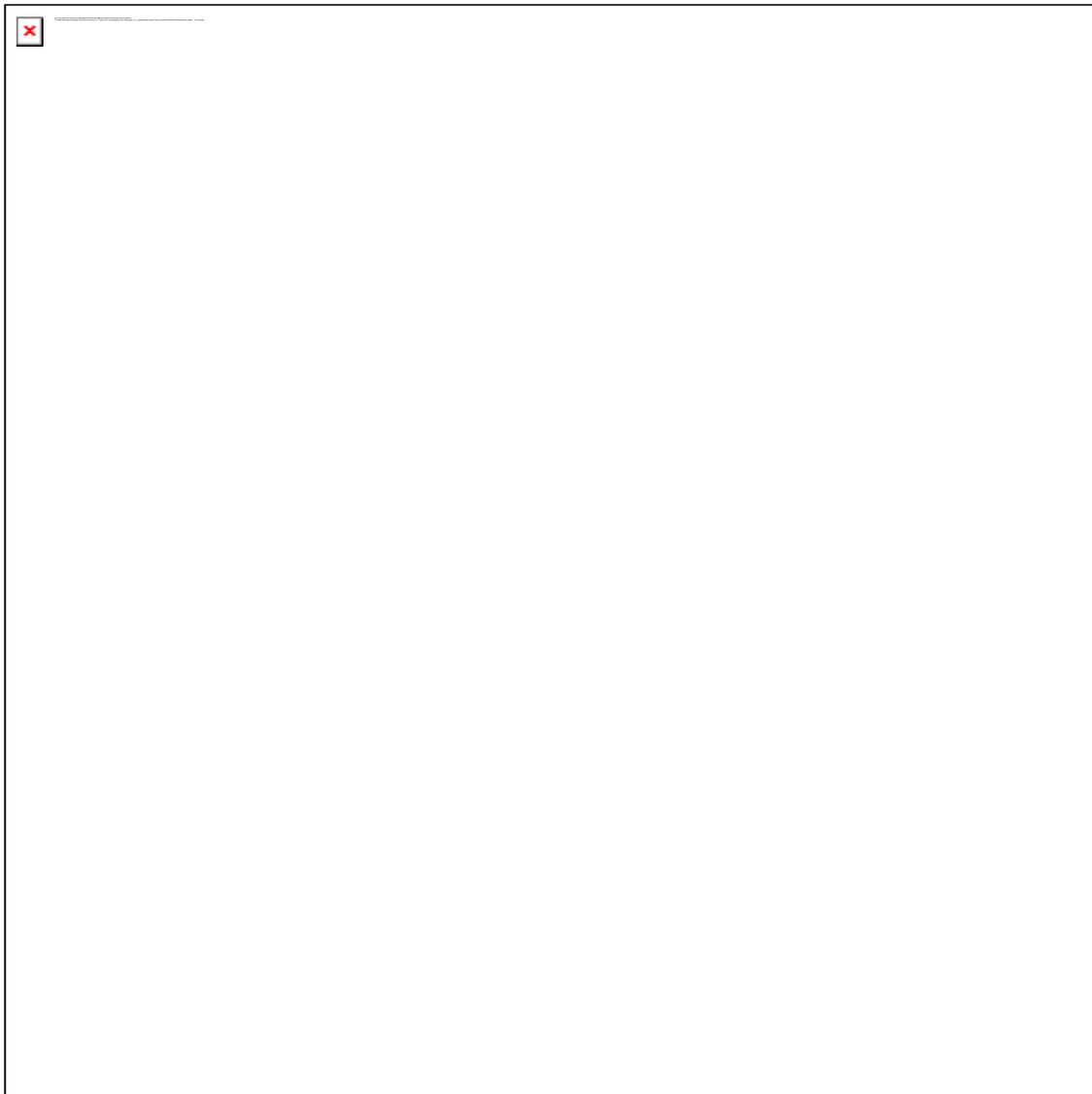
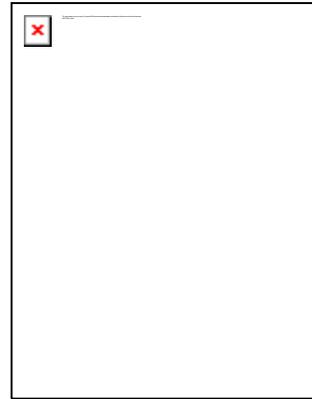
### Faculty Represent Santa Clara at National Law School Meeting

Several Santa Clara Law faculty were speakers and moderators at this year's Association of American Law Schools (AALS) virtual gathering, which had the theme: “The Power of Words.” [Read more.](#)



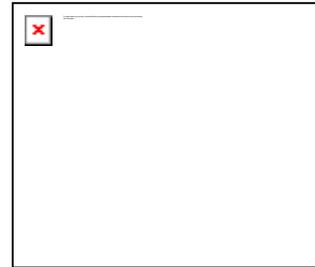
## NCIP Hosts Racial Justice Act Event

This past legislative season, Governor Newsom signed AB 2542 (The Racial Justice Act) into law. During this next phase of implementation, NCIP wants to ensure their broader communities understand this new law, what it does and doesn't do, and how it can be used to fight racial discrimination in criminal court cases. [Learn more.](#)



# External Relations Update

Law Schools: Incubators for Democracy and Champions of the Rule of Law by Steve O'Brien, Senior Assistant Dean, External Relations, Santa Clara. [Read more.](#)



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## Class Action

**82 Hon. Sheila Venable** has been named by New Jersey's chief justice to lead the Essex County vicinage, which is the state's largest vicinage effective February 1, 2021.

**01 Wallace Wu** is partner at Arnold & Porter. He is a member of the intellectual property and technology practice in the Los Angeles Office.

**11 Missy Cornejo BS '07** is now shareholder at Rossi, Hamerslough, Reischl & Chuck.

**11 Chandra Shih BA '08** is now partner at Lowenstein Sandler.

### IN MEMORIAM

**1961 Thomas E. Weisenburger**, December 31, 2020. Born in Toledo, Ohio, Tom attended college at the University of Detroit, graduated from Santa Clara Law, and was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1961. In addition to his law practice Tom served on many charitable and religious organizations including Past-President of Toledo Council of Catholic Youth, Serra Club of Toledo, and the Old News Boys. Tom's many interests included travel, bird watching, skiing, and fishing, but he mostly relished the time that he spent with both his children and grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Sandy, four sons, two daughters, 21 grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

**1964 Gabriel "Gabe" Gutierrez**, January 13, 2021. Honorable Gabriel A. Gutiérrez passed away peacefully surrounded by family at home in South

Pasadena, California at the age of 83. Born in Los Angeles, he graduated from St. Agnus High School and went on to earn a BA from Santa Clara University followed by a JD from Santa Clara Law. He joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in 1965 and moved to Washington D.C. in 1968 to serve as a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice. He returned to Los Angeles in 1969 and joined the law firm Sillas & Castillo as a partner in private practice. In 1972 he was elected Commissioner/Judge Pro Tem for Los Angeles County and was appointed to the Municipal Court in 1977 and the Superior Court in 1979 by Governor Jerry Brown. He served as Supervising Judge of the Northeast Juvenile Justice Center from 1981-84 and Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles County Juvenile Court from 1985-87. From 1987-97 he was assigned to the Civil Trial calendar for Los Angeles Superior Court Central and also served on assignment to the California State Court of Appeals, 2nd District. After retirement, Gabriel stayed active providing arbitration and dispute resolution services through ADR. Gabriel received many awards and honors including Trial Judge of the Year. CAALA Alfred J. McCourtney Memorial Trial Judge of the Year, 1998; Judge of the Year, Pasadena Bar Association, 1995; Award of Honor, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, 1987; Judge of the Year, Constitutional Rights Foundation, 1986; Hispanic Leaders Award, San Gabriel Valley, 1980 and 1983; Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Legal Profession and the Mexican-American Community" Mexican American Bar Association, 1980; and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund Achievement Award, 1975. Gabriel is survived by his wife, Ana María, four sons, and seven grandsons.

**1972 Robert E. Hales**, December 19, 2020. Born in Philadelphia, PA, George earned a BS from St. Joseph's University before serving as a First Lieutenant for the United States Air Force. Following a distinguished tour as an Air Force pilot, Bob began his career in the fields of insurance and financial planning. He started with New York Life in Philadelphia and was transferred to Hawaii in 1961 as Manager of the Honolulu office. He then became president of Kalakaua Insurance in Honolulu and a founder of the planning firm of Financial Associates of Hawaii. He was an honorary lifetime member of the Million Dollar Round Table due to his excellence in the field. After graduating from Santa Clara Law, where he later became an adjunct professor, he established the Law Offices of Robert E. Hales. In 1989 he joined daughter **Jan Hales JD '86** and William George to form Hales, Hales & George with law offices in San Francisco and Saratoga, California. For nearly 50 years, Bob devoted his career to helping thousands of clients in the fields of Estate Planning, Trust Administration, and Probate. Bob was a nationally recognized expert and author on estate planning, a highly sought-after speaker and an adored advisor to his clients for his wisdom, passion, and humor. He loved playing golf, cruising, working out, and spending time with his family and friends. His greatest joy, however, was enjoying 65 years of marriage with his co-pilot, Joanie. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, two daughters, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

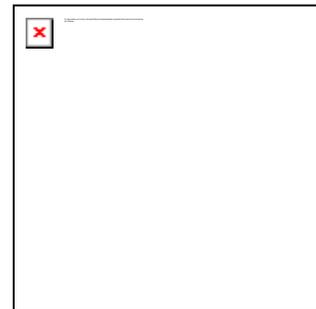
**1974 Joseph F. Ruiz**, December 7, 2020. A resident of San Jose, Joseph peacefully passed away at his Willow Glen home surrounded by family and caretakers. He attended Catholic schools his entire life, and was proud of his alma maters: St. Mary's, Bellarmine College Prep, Santa Clara University, and Santa Clara Law. Not one to venture far from home, he surprised his family by studying abroad in Rome, Italy, for his junior year at Santa Clara and shared stories about many of his shenanigans during that time. Joe entered the family business, Del Mutulo & Ruiz, in 1981 and helped his father and brother in the legal matters of their residential real estate company "The Office" on W. San Carlos Ave. up until his death. He is survived by his wife, Carole Price, his brother, three daughters, six grandchildren, two nephews, and one grandnephew.

[More alumni news can be found here.](#)

## Closing Arguments

### **Goldman: People who understand Section 230 actually love it**

"The stakes associated with Section 230 reform are enormous.... That's why it's mind-boggling when Washington, D.C., politicians treat Section 230 like a political football to be tossed around casually," argues Professor Eric Goldman in his op-ed in the *San Jose Mercury News*. [Read the piece in full.](#)



## Docket

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### **Cybersecurity & Privacy for Legal and Compliance Professionals**

Join the MLS in Compliance online program from 11 am-1 pm PST for the second of a series of privacy webinars. You can join all or one hour of this two-hour panel session of experts moderated by Virginia MacSuibhne, Chief Compliance & Privacy Officer of Roche and instructor in Santa Clara Law's Compliance Master's Program. Online from 11 am-1 pm PST. CLE available, pricing discount for alumni.

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### Benefit for Justice

Join us for a fun night of games and a live auction as we support and fundraise for our students' social justice work. Online 6-7:30 pm PST. Registration to follow.

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### Virtual Forum Series: How to Get the Job You Want

Attendees will enjoy a virtual panel of alumni speaking on the topic of "How to Get the Job You Want: A Santa Clara Law Community Approach." This talk will be of particular interest to our recent graduates and alumni who are interested in changing careers. 12 pm (noon) PST via Zoom.

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### Application Workshop

When should I take the LSAT? When should I apply? What are your median scores? What if my GPA is below your median? How am I going to pay for law school? Members of the Law Admissions & Financial Aid Office will answer these and other questions during this workshop. Online 6-8 pm PST.

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### Lawyers, Leadership, and Change

Santa Clara University School of Law and its Santa Clara Law Review are providing a national forum for the discussion of leadership in the legal profession during these times of great struggle, change and volatility. These unprecedented times require effective and ethical leadership. The Symposium will bring together some leading experts on leadership by lawyers spanning relevant areas such as national health, politics and government, crisis management, law practice, legal education, and others. Online 8 am-5 pm PST.

[More Info](#) | [Registration](#)

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### Racial Justice Act

Join NCIP and learn more about how RJA will make a difference in their work. 4-5 pm PST via Zoom. Passcode to access the meeting: 575536.

[Attend](#) | [More Info](#)

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