

## **Society of American Law Teachers—SALT**

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### **SALT Issues Questions to Senate Judiciary Committee for Nominee Elena Kagan**

With hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee starting today, SALT released a series of questions to members of that Committee to help explore three areas of concern about the nominee's actions as Dean of Harvard Law School and as Solicitor General: executive power; national security; Solomon Amendment; and diversity in higher education.

“As law professors, we understand the enormous and lasting influence a Supreme Court justice will have on the interpretation of law. In choosing the cases to be heard by the Supreme Court and in its decisions, the Court mediates the balance of power among the three branches of the federal government; defines the relationship between the federal government and the various states and municipalities; resolves the tension between liberty and equality, the individual, the corporation, and the state; and gives meaning to statutes, treaties, and constitution.”

“We submit the following questions to the Senate Judiciary Committee to help guide the inquiry into the nominee's qualifications to serve.”

[Read the questions posed to the nominee.](#)

### **US Supreme Court Issues Decision in CLS v. Martinez, Upholding Hastings Open Membership Policy**

In a 5-4 decision today, the US Supreme Court upheld the reasonableness of UC Hastings College of Law's decision to withdraw recognition of the Christian Legal Society when CLS changed its by laws to deny membership to active homosexuals. SALT had filed an amicus brief, drafted by a litigation team at Schulte Roth & Zabel, LLP. **Thank you Schulte Roth!** [Read the full decision.](#)

## **SALT Members in the News**

SALT board member Camille Nelson has been appointed as the first woman and first African American to serve as Dean at Suffolk University School of Law.

Congratulations to Camille! [Read the press release.](#)

## **Update on Justice Cruz Reynoso**

Last week SALT founding board member former California Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso was in a car accident in Virginia, in which he, his wife Elaine, and his grandson were injured. Justice Reynoso and his wife remain hospitalized although his grandson has been released after suffering only minor injuries.

One week after the accident, they are both doing better. Cruz is improving daily and they expect he will be released from the hospital sometime this week, but will remain in Virginia for the time being--for rehab and because he cannot travel. Two of his children are with him and Elaine's son and daughter are with her. She also continues to improve but since her injuries were more severe, they are still in a wait and see mode.

A fund has been set up to help defray the cost of travel for the children:

Checks can be made out to CRLA Foundation with Reynoso and Rowen Family Fund written in the memo line and sent to:

CRLA Foundation  
2210 K Street  
Suite 201  
Sacramento, CA 95816

SALT member and Reynoso biographer Abby Ginzberg is in touch with the family members who are there and will keep us updated.

## **Calls for Proposals**

*August 16 Deadline:* AALS Pro Bono and Public Service Opportunities: BEYOND EXTERNSHIPS AND CLINICS: BEST PRACTICES FOR INTEGRATING ACCESS TO JUSTICE EDUCATION

*July 30 Deadline:* The American Society of International Law (ASIL) International Economic Law Interest Group, will hold its next biennial conference at University of Minnesota Law School. The conference is called: International Economic Law in a time of Change: Reassessing Legal Theory, Doctrine, Methodology and Policy Prescriptions.

The Columbia Journal of Race and Law (CJRL) is now accepting submissions of articles, essays and other original works for possible publication in the Fall 2010 edition of the Journal.

### **A Request to Renew Your SALT Membership**

Receiving the weekly electronic newsletter does not mean that your SALT membership is current. Elizabeth Luzzi in the SALT office has been systematically going through the listserv and emailing lapsed SALT members, reminding them to renew their memberships. With SALT vigorously engaged in issues affecting the legal academy, the rule of law, and the judicial system, don't you want to show your support by being a current SALT member?

[Renew on line today and your membership will extend through August 2011!](#)