

"It gives a sense that the government ought to be engaged in rescuing borrowers in this particular category. It also conveys the message that foreclosures are a bad thing or unhealthy. Foreclosures are a natural part of market discipline. If you take out the impact of foreclosures, you have reduced the stick that stands behind the commitment to pay on the mortgage. I would think this would make the markets nervous. This is very interventionist, even to the extent it's voluntary." G. MARCUS COLE, Wm. Benjamin Scott and Luna M. Scott Professor of Law, in a December 9 *San Francisco Chronicle* article, "Loan bailout is not likely to help many homeowners," about the subprime rate freeze plan announced by the Bush administration



"It's a tradition of science to not get involved in the messiness of policymaking... But we want to make sure that the work that we're doing within the center and across these institutions is not only offering up practical solutions but also helping to bring them to fruition." Senior lecturer in law MARGARET "MEG" CALDWELL

'85 in a January 10 *San Jose Mercury News* article, "Group Including Stanford, Monterey Bay Aquarium form center to protect oceans," discussing the creation of the Center for Ocean Solutions

"You know, beer commercials imply that drinking their beer will make beautiful women fall all over you. I think the genetic genealogy companies don't go below the normal standards of the marketplace. But they don't go above it either." Deane F. and Kate Edelman Johnson Professor of Law HENRY T. "HANK" GREELY (BA '74) in an October 7 interview with Leslie Stahl for a *60 Minutes* segment, which analyzed the emerging field of genetic genealogy

". . . Racism hasn't gone away. We have real racial injustices and we have old school racism that's still a problem in our society. But accusing people of racism when they're not racist is bad for race relations for a number of reasons."

George E. Osborne Professor of Law RICHARD THOMPSON FORD (BA '88), on the February 13 episode of *The Colbert Report*, discussing his book, *The Race Card*



# ALUMNI AND FACULTY SPEAK OUT

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"I have to say I'm frankly astonished that apportionment has been this controversial. . . I can't think of a straight-faced argument that you as a patent owner are entitled to more than your invention has contributed to a product." MARK A. LEMLEY (BA '88), William H. Neukom Professor of Law, quoted in a January 13 article in *The New York Times*, "Two Views of Innovation, Colliding in Washington," about proposed patent reform legislation that would change the formula for damages



"I have a lot of very wise-ass friends. . . Why would I believe that someone [else] would send me something with the return address Guantánamo?" Leah Kaplan Visiting Professor in Human Rights BARBARA OLSHANSKY '85 in an October 21 *New York Times Magazine* article discussing

the leak of detainees names at Guantánamo Bay, a copy of which Olshansky received in a Valentine's Day card sent to her

"One, you sue. . . Two, you look for a legislative fix that would require Congress to clarify. . . Three, you wait for the next administration." BARTON H. "BUZZ" THOMPSON JR, JD/MBA '76 (BA '72), Robert E. Paradise Professor of Natural Resources Law and co-director, Woods Institute for the Environment, in a December 21 *New York Times* article, "E.P.A. Ruling Puts California in a Bind," examining whether 17 states have the right to sue the government over automobile emissions standards



“We’ve been under the radar, if you will, with government and certain industries. . . . As we’ve grown, we’re engaging a lot more. We’ve had to put a lot more emphasis on engaging.” Google senior vice president and chief legal officer DAVID C. DRUMMOND ’89 in a January 14 *New Yorker* article, “The Search Party”

“To view this as a feminist litmus test is a mistake.” DEBORAH L. RHODE, Ernest W. McFarland Professor of Law, quoted March 2 in the *San Jose Mercury News*. The article, “Obama-Clinton race creates feminist split,” focuses on how women feel divided between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

“What you have today are 32,000 plaintiffs standing before this court, each of whom have received only \$15,000 for having their lives and livelihood destroyed, and haven’t received a dime of emotional distress damages.” JEFFREY L. FISHER, associate professor of law (teaching), in a February 28 *Washington Post* story, “Justices Assess Financial Damages in Exxon Valdez Case,” which recounts Fisher’s oral argument in the Exxon Valdez hearing in the Supreme Court

“This is a hugely important case about a third party’s right to create a new reference book that is designed to help others better understand the original work. . . . No one is going to buy, or indeed make sense of, the Lexicon unless they have read the Harry Potter books.” Lecturer in law and executive director of the Fair Use Project ANTHONY FALZONE, quoted in a *Guardian* article “Harry Potter: The last battle,” discusses whether a publisher the Fair Use Project is representing has a right to sell a reference guide to the Harry Potter series of books and movies.

“Perhaps at the end of all these months of peering in the mirror, we can stop looking for the candidate who embodies every slight and insult we’ve ever encountered and contemplate which of them is better suited to govern.”

DAHLIA LITHWICK ’96 in a March 17 *Newsweek* column, “Enough About Us. What About Them?” in which Lithwick discusses women voters and how their identity politics are reshaping the 2008 presidential race



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“The process is following a reasonably well-known mating ritual. . . . If the telephone call doesn’t work, you send flowers. Then you send candy. And if that still doesn’t work, you might suggest that you are carrying a gun. But the question then is whether you are willing to pull it out and whether it is indeed loaded.”

JOSEPH A. GRUNDFEST ’78, W. A. Franke Professor of Law and Business, as quoted in a February 12 *BusinessWeek* story about Microsoft’s proposed acquisition of Yahoo!

“Because Barack was so smart, he was pretty serious when we were in our thirties. I’d poke him and say, ‘Come on, let’s talk about the last movie you saw.’ . . . At some point in our forties, I said to Michelle, ‘You know, I think he’s so much grown into who he is now. He’s so much more light-hearted.’” CINDY MOELIS ’87 in a March 10 profile of Michelle Obama in *The New Yorker*

“Something like this is the unique convergence of the right person and the right time. A lot of it is about Obama, a lot of it is about the moment, and a lot of it is about who came before him. . . . In many ways, Barack’s candidacy is possible because Jesse Jackson ran (in 1988). Because Shirley Chisholm ran (in 1972). Because America was at least exposed to someone who is African American running for the highest office in the land. That gave him, in part, the ability to be someone who can transcend race.” TONY WEST ’92 in a March 1 *San Francisco Chronicle* article, “Obama point man connected, respected,” about West’s role as financial co-chair of the Obama campaign in California