

USD School of Law Announces Seven New Faculty Appointments



Howard Abrams Warren Distinguished Professor of Law & Director of Tax Programs

A renowned expert in partnership and corporate taxation and member of the American Law Institute, Howard Abrams will join the USD faculty in 2015 from Emory Law School. Abrams, who was a visiting professor at USD School of Law in the fall of 2012, is currently visiting at Harvard Law School and has been a visiting professor at Cornell, Berkeley and Yale law schools. Abrams graduated *cum laude* from Harvard Law School and clerked for Judge Theodore Tannenwald, Jr., former Chief Judge of the U.S. Tax Court. His book, *Federal Income Taxation of Corporations and Partnerships* (Aspen, 2008) (with R. Doernberg and D. Leatherman), is widely used both in law schools and by tax practitioners.



Miranda Perry Fleischer Professor of Law

Miranda Perry Fleischer joins USD from the University of Colorado Law School. Fleischer graduated from the University of Chicago School of Law and received an LLM degree in Taxation from New York University. She clerked for Judge Morris Sheppard Arnold of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. She has also taught at NYU and the University of Illinois law schools. Fleischer teaches and writes in the areas of individual taxation, federal estate and gift tax, and tax-exempt organizations. Her recent articles, which focus on the design of the charitable tax subsidies, have been published in the *Boston University*, *Washington University* and *Minnesota law reviews* and the *Tax Law Review*.



Victor Fleischer Professor of Law

Victor Fleischer comes to USD from the University of Colorado Law School. He graduated from Columbia Law School and clerked for Judge M. Blane Michael of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and Judge Alex Kozinski of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Fleischer teaches and writes in the areas of partnership and corporate taxation, deals, tax policy and private equity. His articles, "Two and Twenty: Taxing Partnership Profits in Private Equity Funds" (*NYU Law Review*) and "Taxing Founders' Stock" (*UCLA Law Review*), address the hotly debated topic of the tax treatment of carried interest. Fleischer's "Standard Deduction" column runs regularly on dealbook.nytimes.com, the financial blog of *The New York Times*.



Adam Hirsch Professor of Law

Adam Hirsch, a leading authority on wills and trusts and an academic fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, comes to USD from Florida State University School of Law. Hirsch was a visiting professor at USD School of Law in 2012-13. A graduate of Yale Law School, he also holds a PhD in history from Yale University, where his doctoral dissertation received the George Washington Egleston Prize and was expanded into a book, *The Rise of the Penitentiary Prisons and Punishment in Early America* (Yale Historical Publications, 1992). Hirsch teaches and writes in the areas of wills and trusts, creditors' rights and American legal history.



Horacio Spector Professor of Law

Horacio Spector is the founding dean of the law school at the Universidad Torcuato Di Tella in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Spector has been a visiting professor at USD School of Law regularly since 2008. He has been a visiting scholar at the universities of Oxford, Heidelberg and Mannheim and a visiting professor at Louisiana State, Toronto, and Alicante. Spector received his law degree and doctorate in legal philosophy from the University of Buenos Aires. He is the author of *Autonomy and Rights, The Moral Foundations of Liberalism* (Oxford University Press, 2008). His current scholarship focuses on concepts of freedom, theories of rights, and causation in morality and law.



Dov Fox Assistant Professor of Law

Dov Fox joins USD from Georgetown University Law Center, where he was an academic fellow and earned his LLM degree. Fox has lectured and published on legal topics in behavioral economics, biotechnology and health law and is a regular contributor to the Huffington Post. Fox received his JD degree from Yale Law School and his DPhil in political theory from Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. Fox clerked for Judge Stephen Reinhardt of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. At Yale Law School, Fox was twice recognized for teaching excellence and was awarded the Gruter Prize for the best paper in law and bioscience three times.



Sharmila Sohoni Assistant Professor of Law

Sharmila Sohoni comes to USD from NYU School of Law. Sohoni graduated *cum laude* from Harvard Law School, received an MPhil with distinction (first class) in the history and philosophy of science from Cambridge University, and graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard College with a degree in chemistry. Prior to attending law school, she was a science and technology editor for *The Economist*. Sohoni clerked for Judge Judith W. Rogers of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and was an associate at Jenner & Block LLP in Washington, D.C. Her areas of teaching and research focus on civil procedure, administrative law and legislation. Sohoni has published articles in *Duke*, *Northwestern* and *Fordham law reviews*.

"Our banner year in hiring demonstrates our faculty's commitment to the quality and reputation of USD School of Law. We have strengthened our core curriculum, especially in the areas of tax, business law, administrative law and trusts and estates. We have also invested in areas of legal specialization where we are seeing expanding employment opportunities for our graduates, including regulatory law, biotech and health law."

— Dean Stephen C. Ferruolo



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