

Welcome

to Our Celebration of
45 years of Advocacy,
Education & Reform
& the Retirement of

Professor
Robert C. Fellmeth

February 2, 2025
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Joan B. Kroc Institute
for Peace & Justice



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Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us this morning to celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the Centers for Public Interest Law (CPIL) and the retirement of our founder Robert C. Fellmeth, Price Professor of Public Interest Law at the University of San Diego (USD) School of Law.

We gratefully acknowledge the support and assistance given to CPIL by so many over the past 45 years — such as the administration, faculty, and staff of the University of San Diego and the USD School of Law, our current and past staff, our colleagues in the public interest field, our loyal donors, our advisory board members, and last — but certainly not least — our students. We are honored to have worked with all of you over the past 45 years, and we look forward to what the next 45 years will bring.



Today's Festivities

10:30 a.m. Brunch / Meet / Mingle

11:30 a.m. Program

- ◆ Opening remarks — Ed Howard, CAI Senior Counsel/Senior Policy Advocate
- ◆ Welcome — Robert Schapiro, Dean, USD School of Law
- ◆ Consumer Protection Policy Center —
 - ◆ Video overview
 - ◆ Comments from Marcus Friedman, Administrative Director
 - ◆ Reflections from Rob Kelter, CPPC Alum
- ◆ Children's Advocacy Institute —
 - ◆ Video overview
 - ◆ Comments from Jessica Heldman, Fellmeth-Peterson Associate Professor in Child Rights
 - ◆ Reflections from the Hon. Mari Parlade, CAI Alum
- ◆ Energy Policy Initiatives Center —
 - ◆ Video overview
 - ◆ Comments from Scott Anders, Director
 - ◆ Reflections the Joe Kaatz, EPIC Alum / Senior Staff Attorney
- ◆ Tribute to Bob Fellmeth
 - ◆ Video overview
 - ◆ Comments from Robert Price, Chairman/President, Price Philanthropies
 - ◆ Presentations to Bob Fellmeth
 - ◆ Remarks from Bob Fellmeth
- ◆ Call for Contributions to the Nancy D'Angelo and Jane Fellmeth Public Interest Advocacy Endowment, by Debbie Rider, Assistant Dean, Law School Development & Alumni Relations

12:40 p.m. Champagne Toast / Dessert (Garden of the Sea)

- ◆ Toast to Bob from Amy Harfeld, CAI National Policy Director
- ◆ Guest remarks to Bob (please feel free to make a 1-2 minute tribute of your own!)

1:25 p.m. Concluding Remarks

The Nancy D'Angelo and Jane Fellmeth Public Interest Advocacy Endowment

We invite you to join Bob and Julie Fellmeth and the following donors in contributing to the future of CPPC and CAI through the Nancy D'Angelo and Jane Fellmeth Public Interest Advocacy Endowment. This Endowment, named in honor of Bob and Julie's moms, will provide a lasting source of funding to support research, public education, impact litigation, and advocacy efforts at the state and federal levels.

Your contributions to the Endowment will ensure that CPPC and CAI continue their vital work to protect vulnerable populations for generations to come.

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Center for Public Interest Law (now known as the Consumer Protection Policy Center)

In 1980, Bob founded the Center for Public Interest Law at the USD School of Law. Recognizing that state agencies were dominated by members of the trades and professions being regulated, CPIL took on the critical role of monitoring and advocating before these agencies to ensure that they act in the public interest, and not the interest of the regulated professions.

In 1980 CPIL launched its centerpiece publication, the *California Regulatory Law Reporter*, covering the activities of several state agencies. The only publication of its kind, the Reporter continues to be a valuable source of information to legislators, courts, law firms, journalists, public interest organizations, and consumers.

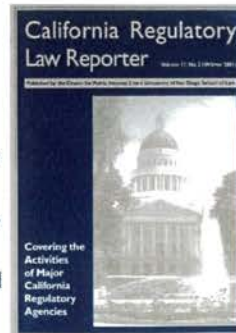
In CPIL's academic program, students learn the tools they need to create systemic change on a policy level in all three branches of government. By monitoring state regulatory agencies and writing updates for the Reporter, students have the rare opportunity to study these agencies in real-time and experience the regulatory and legislative processes firsthand.

In 1985, Bob was joined at CPIL by Julie D'Angelo, who studied under Bob while a student at USD Law School. Julie served as CPIL's Administrative Director and Editor of the Reporter for over 30 years, leading CPIL's advocacy efforts on several major campaigns. She served as the state's Medical Board Enforcement Monitor pursuant to legislation authorizing a multi-year investigation into competent physician practice and patient safety. Her reports resulted in landmark legislation altering physical discipline.

CPIL's work monitoring California's occupational licensing agencies has leveled the playing field for consumers versus doctors, realtors, contractors, attorneys, and other regulated professions.

In 2021, CPIL was rebranded as the Consumer Protection Policy Center (CPPC), to reflect the

Center's commitment to the representation of consumer interests. And in recognition of the two other public interest organizations that Bob has launched, the acronym CPIL was recast to be the umbrella name for his Centers for Public Interest Law.



Physician oversight report cites woeful flaws

Criticisms include drug abuse program

By Cheryl Clark and David Hasenauer

The process of investigating and disciplining bad doctors is woefully flawed by factors as numerous as the state's antiquated medical board, according to a report issued by the state's medical board enforcement monitor. The report, which was released last week, says that the medical board's current disciplinary process is "woefully flawed" and that the board's current disciplinary process is "woefully flawed" and that the board's current disciplinary process is "woefully flawed".

Physicians added "error" to administrative, which, presumably, could mean that the medical board's current disciplinary process is "woefully flawed".

120 Doctors, A12



Julie D'Angelo, CPIL's administrative director, is shown in a photo from the Reporter. She is the author of the report on the medical board's current disciplinary process.

Children's Advocacy Institute

In 1989, Bob Fellmeth created the Children's Advocacy Institute, an organization dedicated to improving children's legal rights and welfare. CAI quickly became one of the nation's leading academic, research, and advocacy organizations seeking to improve the lives of children and youth. CAI's policy advocacy, conducted from offices in San Diego, Sacramento, and Washington, D.C., encompasses all issues that impact children and youth, and utilizes all tools available to public interest advocates.



To help guide CAI's advocacy efforts, Bob started the CAI Council for Children, an advisory body that reviews policy decisions and helps CAI establish priorities. Its members are respected professionals and community leaders who share a vision to improve the quality of life for children and youth.

To launch CAI's academic program, Bob started teaching Child Rights and Remedies, a course covering issues such as principles in dependency and delinquency law, tort issues relevant to children, criminal law, current constitutional issues affecting children's rights, and more. Sharon Kalemkiarian, now a prominent judge on the San Diego County Superior Court, helped launch the Child Advocacy Clinic, which now offers three unique opportunities for law students to represent children in dependency or delinquency court, or by working on policy issues vital to children's interests.

Like CPPC, CAI's work doesn't stay in the classroom. Its reach extends to legislative and regulatory advocacy, impact litigation, and public education at both the state and federal levels. CAI has drafted and sponsored dozens of landmark child advocacy laws, successfully litigated to enforce children's

rights, and placed important issues on the public agenda through the research and publication of several key reports.

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A VOICE For The Children

Fellmeth's institute takes up battle for the children

By Jacqueline Gonzalez

"We are fortunate. Our civilization

with its complexity and its vast network

of institutions, law, politics and

science, is not up with the natural

order of things. It is the result of

human ingenuity and the needs of

children. And that is not a bad

thing to say."

"These generations will look back on

the next era and look back and

ask: How did we do it? How did we

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Bob Fellmeth speaking at a hearing. Photo by Bob Fellmeth.

In 2014, thanks to the generosity of donors such as Paul Peterson, Robert Price, Bob Fellmeth and others, the USD School of Law announced the establishment of the Fellmeth-Peterson Chair in Child Rights, an endowed professorship held by Prof. Jessica Heldman, who studied under Bob while a student at USD Law.

Energy Policy Initiatives Center

In 2005, Bob Fellmeth launched the Energy Policy Initiatives Center (EPIC). Unlike CPPC and CAI, EPIC's role is not to engage in advocacy. Instead, EPIC draws on its expertise in law, policy, economics, and science to provide rigorous independent research and analysis to decision makers, agencies, and the private sector in the challenging transformation toward a lower carbon society.



EPIC local, regional, and state governments on climate-related policy and helps cities and regions develop climate action plans, including greenhouse gas inventories, emission reduction measures and policies, cost-benefit analysis and ordinance development. EPIC also researches and analyzes water-related energy use and water-related greenhouse gas emissions and cooperates with states agencies in their development of protocols and methods for this relatively new area of research.

EPIC is a proud co-host of the Lesley K. McAllister Symposium on Climate and Energy Law. An annual event now in its 16th year, the symposium brings together legal and policy experts from across the country to discuss trending and emerging issues related to energy law and policy.

EPIC, along with the San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative, recently launched the San Diego Regional Energy Academy, a free, educational, and professional development program designed for a diverse community of leaders from across the region, with the goal of elevating participants' knowledge and literacy of our region's complex energy landscape.

EPIC is fortunate to be guided by a Board of Advisors, consisting of leading professionals from legal, energy, and academic fields.

In its academic offerings, EPIC brings together students, scholars and practitioners in a unique center serving the public interest.

EPIC's Energy Law and Policy Clinic provides a unique opportunity for USD Law students to work in partnership with a related state agency to conduct legal research on a topical issue.

School of Law Receives \$2.7 Million to Create Energy Policy Initiative Center (EPIC)

A \$2.7 million settlement from a lawsuit against Duke Energy will be used to establish the Energy Policy Initiative Center (EPIC) at the USD School of Law, San Diego County, District Attorney Bruce M. Dornhaus and Dean Daniel Rodriguez announced February 4.

An academic and research center, EPIC will study energy supply, costs, and opportunities and how they affect the San Diego County region and Southern California. "The EPIC will integrate research, law school study and public education and legal advocacy to provide expertise and information about future energy needs and their efficient and environmentally responsible provision," stated Rodriguez. "Our school is extremely grateful to



An EPIC beginning: Professor Robert Fellmeth, Steve Robinson, economic crimes chief deputy district attorney; Dean Daniel Rodriguez, Dave Swanson, center deputy district attorney (left); District Attorney Bruce Dornhaus, and John Marston, chief deputy district attorney (right), at the announcement of the launch of the Energy Policy Initiative Center.

The Impressive Career of Bob Fellmeth

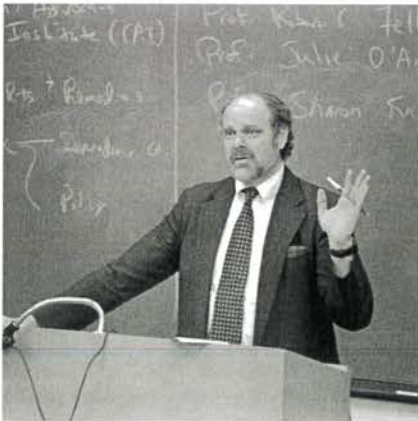
With such a long and distinguished career, it's impossible to highlight all of the accomplishments that Bob Fellmeth has had or describe all of the ways he improved the lives of those who are lucky enough to know him — not to mention the lives of the millions of people who do not know him but benefited from his tireless work. But here are a few of his many significant feats.

While at Harvard Law School, Fellmeth became one of the original "Nader's Raiders," working as part of the consumer movement of the 1960s and '70s with consumer advocate Ralph Nader. After graduating, he continued to work with Nader's Center for Study of Responsive Law and directed the Center's Nader Congress Project. Bob's work greatly contributed to the early consumer movement in the 1970s, including the enactment of several consumer safety and environmental statutes of this period.



After leaving the Nader organization in 1973, he became a deputy district attorney in San Diego County, specializing in white collar crime. From 1979-81, he was cross-commissioned to also serve as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, allowing him to file criminal or civil cases in either state or federal courts. During this time he prosecuted 22 antitrust and unfair competition cases.

In 1976, Governor Jerry Brown appointed Bob to serve on the State Athletic Commission, then a five-member body regulating boxing and wrestling, and served as chair for three of his five-year tenure. While in that role, he drafted and helped win enactment of the nation's first pension plan for boxers.



In 1978, Bob began his teaching career at the USD School of Law, focusing initially on antitrust and consumer law. He moved to full-time teaching in 1982 and won tenure as a full law professor in 1984.

This watchdog will bite

In 1990, and thanks to the generosity of Sol and Helen Price, Fellmeth was named the inaugural holder of the Price Chair in Public Interest Law, a position that allowed him to combine legal education and practical, impact-driven legal advocacy.

He has been a prolific author and researcher, publishing extensively on regulatory law, consumer protection, and child rights.

In 1987, Fellmeth was appointed to serve as State Bar Discipline Monitor by then state Attorney General John Van de Kamp. In this five-year position, he was given discovery power to review State Bar operations and investigate the Bar's discipline system. He issued nine reports and sponsored reform legislation or Bar rulemaking to implement many of them. Among other things, his work resulted in the revamping of the State of California's attorney discipline system, including the creation of an independent State Bar Court.

Fellmeth has been a powerful voice for legal reforms, testifying before legislative committees and regulatory bodies, developing and implementing innovative reform proposals, and engaging in impact litigation. In so doing, he not only taught hundreds of law students how to use their legal practice as a means of creating meaningful social change and protect marginalized communities, he showed them as well. By providing real world advocacy opportunities for his students, he produced a new generation (or two) of public interest advocates who seek systemic legal reform and advocate on behalf of underrepresented constituencies.

And if all that wasn't enough, during his remarkable 45-year career at the USD School of Law, Fellmeth created the three unique and effective centers known as the Centers for Public Interest Law – the Consumer Protection Policy Center, the Children's Advocacy Institute, and the Energy Policy Initiatives Center — and ensured that all three have endowments to carry them into the future.



A Nader's Raider Who Never Lost Sense Of Passion

*USD's Robert Fellmeth Still
Carries Lessons Of Mentor
In His Pursuit Of Justice*

Bob Fellmeth: The Early Years



Consumer Crusader Stays on Course at USD Center

Center on energy policy planned

USD, DA team up on energy policy center
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The Daily Transcript

San Diego's Business Daily
USD law students file lawsuit against car rental companies

Creating Child Advocates

Legislation sponsored by Robert Fellmeth... creating child advocates... to protect children's interests...

USD law professor to oversee State Bar

By Ron Roach
SACRAMENTO — San Diego law professor Robert Fellmeth, a non-union rights activist, is the state's new "watchdog" over the State Bar of California's often-criticized program of policing nearly 100,000 member lawyers.

Fellmeth Accepts Law School's First Endowed Faculty Chair

San Diego, Jan. 23 (UPI) — Robert Fellmeth, a consumer crusader, has accepted the first endowed faculty chair at the University of San Diego's law school.

Agencies discover USD law-student watchdogs can bite

San Diego, Monday, November 8, 1987
A group of law students at the University of San Diego has been discovered by state agencies to be a watchdog group that can bite.

Law Week

University of San Diego Law Center Fights For The Consumer

San Diego, Jan. 23 (UPI) — The University of San Diego Law Center is fighting for the consumer... through various legal actions and public awareness campaigns.

The Wonder Watchdog

Advocacy: For Robert Fellmeth, claiming a new endorsement in public interest law at USD is just a continuation of his fight to speak up for the little guy.

Children's institute turns words into action

San Diego, Jan. 23 (UPI) — The Children's Institute at the University of San Diego is turning words into action... through various programs and initiatives.

Group is racing a DMV deadline for 5,000 orders to aid children

San Diego, Jan. 23 (UPI) — A group of advocates is racing a deadline from the Department of Motor Vehicles to secure 5,000 orders to aid children.



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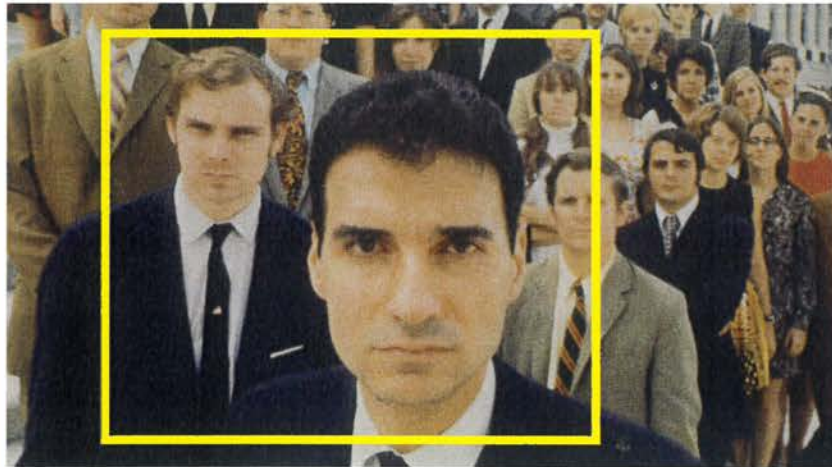
Children's institute turns words into action



The Original Changers

Bob and Julie Fellmeth

Use this QR code to learn about the dynamic duo of Bob and Julie Fellmeth, and how they came to be known as The Original Changers!



Speaking of dynamic duos, use this this QR code to view Ralph Nader's full comments, memories, and reflections about Bob Fellmeth.

POP QUIZ!

Test your Bob Fellmeth IQ

1. Before attending Stanford and Harvard Law, where did Bob go to high school?
2. What record did Bob achieve while on his high school basketball team (a record he still holds to this day)?
3. One of Bob's favorite claims to fame is writing scripts for what popular 1990s TV show?
4. In one of Bob's scripts, what did he name the judge character?
5. What does Bob use as his zoom background?
6. What kind of pets do Bob and Julie have?
7. What does Bob's family call him?
8. What's Bob's favorite dessert?
9. What's Bob's favorite Simon and Garfunkel song?
10. What's Bob's three-word explanation for his willingness to take on difficult adversaries and challenges?

Answers:

1. Kailua High School, Kailua, HI.
2. Earliest foul-out (early in the second quarter).
3. LA Law.
4. Judge Robert Fellmeth.
5. CPIL's Changemaker Wall, which features pictures and stories of many of his students who went on to practice public interest law.
6. Macaws.
7. Bobby.
8. Banana cream pie with chocolate and a graham cracker crust.
9. The Boxer.
10. "I have tenure."

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Over the past 45 years, CPIL has been blessed to have the following people on its team. It takes dedicated and caring people to work on underserved populations and interests, and we are tremendously grateful to these individuals for forgoing more lucrative employment opportunities in order to work on behalf of the public interest. We are also eternally grateful to the hundreds of students and consultants who have worked with us over the past 45 years ... too many to list, but you know who you are!

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Over the past 35 years, CAI has been honored to have had the following people serve on its advisory board, the CAI Council for Children, either as Council Members or Special Consultants. This list includes luminaries in the fields of law, medicine, education, mental health, and business, who all share our passion to improve the health and well-being of our children.

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*I am leaving,
I am leaving,
but the fighter still remains.*

—*Paul Simon
The Boxer*

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