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# 2007 Summer Brown Bag Lectures in Public Interest Law

Bring your lunch and join us for the 25th season of talks on current legal and social issues.

The LAS-ELC is a California MCLE approved provider. All sessions are approved for 1.5 hours of MCLE credit and are free and open to the public. Light refreshments provided.

Co-sponsored by the Asian American Bar  
Association—Civil Rights Committee

TUESDAYS FROM 12:00-1:30PM

## The View from Within: Women and Girls in Contemporary Afghanistan

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**Mary Lu Christie**, Women for Afghan Women  
**Maryam Miazad**, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP  
Introduction by **Richard W. Odgers**, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP  
and Vice Chair, LAS-ELC Board of Directors

Following September 11, 2001, after 25 years as a public defender and an employment lawyer in California, Mary Lu Christie left it all to join Women for Afghan Women. Together with Afghan native and Pillsbury associate Maryam Miazad, Ms. Christie discusses the hard work of advancing educational programs and human rights for girls and women in conflict-torn Afghanistan.

## Rock The Vote 2007: Strategies for Making Votes Count in 2008

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**Chris Jerdonek**, Northern California representative, The Center for Voting and Democracy  
**Robert Rubin**, Legal Director, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the Bay Area

In this critical pre-election year, voting rights pioneer Robert Rubin and Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) expert Chris Jerdonek share the latest legal and political strategies for increasing voter clout in traditionally underrepresented communities.

## Fighting for YouTubers: Copyright, Free Speech, and Participatory Media

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**Fred von Lohmann**,  
Senior Staff Attorney, Electronic Frontier Foundation

With video clips and commentary from the front lines, Fred von Lohmann of the Electronic Frontier Foundation reviews emerging legal conflicts pitting claims of intellectual property rights against the public's interest in fair use, free expression, and innovation. Von Lohmann, a 2003 CLAY Award recipient, represents programmers, technology innovators, and individuals in cases against major record labels, movie studios, and television networks.

## (Return to the Valley of) Lights, Camera, Ethics! Depicting Ethical Dilemmas on Film

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**Robert Waring**, Assistant Public Defender, Alameda County  
**Diane Webb**, Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP  
**Richard Zitrin**, Director, USF Center for Applied Legal Ethics

University of San Francisco School of Law ethics faculty Richard Zitrin and Diane Webb join returning panelist Rob Waring, co-founder of *Picturing Justice: The Online Journal of Law and Popular Culture*, to examine popular film depictions of the ethical questions working attorneys face each day. MCLE ethics credit provided.

## The Fight for Equitable Development: Winning Affordable Housing and Quality Jobs for Low-Income Families

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**Julian Gross**, Director, Community Benefits Law Center  
**Elisabeth Voigt**, Attorney, Public Advocates, Inc.  
(Additional speaker to be announced)

Attorneys Julian Gross and Elisabeth Voigt promote equitable development for working families and low-income communities. Panelists discuss emerging strategies in this area, such as securing community benefits agreements, enacting living wage and affordable housing ordinances, and challenging unjust housing policies that exclude low-income people.

## Unconscionable Conditions: Rebuilding the Social Contract with California's Abused & Neglected Children

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**The Honorable Carlos R. Moreno**, Associate Justice, California Supreme Court  
**Abigail Trillin**, Managing Attorney, Legal Services for Children  
Introduction by **Claudia Center**, LAS-ELC Senior Staff Attorney and foster parent

Over the past ten years, Justice Carlos R. Moreno was confirmed to the federal bench, joined the California Supreme Court, and became a caregiver to his niece, a foster child with autism. With Abigail Trillin of Legal Services for Children, Justice Moreno discusses California's foster care system and the systemic reforms proposed by the "blue ribbon commission" he leads.

## Supreme Court Review: Analysis and Discussion of the 2006-2007 Term Decisions

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**Pamela S. Karlan**,  
Kenneth and Harle Montgomery Professor of  
Public Interest Law, Stanford Law School

Calling upon her experiences as a former Supreme Court clerk, a professor of Constitutional Law, and Director of the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic at Stanford, Professor Pamela Karlan returns to provide her inimitable review and analysis of cases from the current Supreme Court term. This year's docket continues the Court's instructions on constitutional sentencing practices, and reviews far-ranging and controversial matters of public concern, including so-called "partial-birth" abortion, the free speech rights of students, and global warming.

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