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Curriculum and Research Update

The Fall term includes some new and updated courses. While Congress debates overhauling the nation's financial system, our new elective, **Capital Markets and Financial Institutions: Crisis and Regulatory Response** provides students with an in depth understanding of the institutions that comprise and the regulatory framework that governs US capital markets. **Eric Talley** has expanded his **Corporate Finance and Law** class in which students develop an understanding of how financial economics answers "real world" problems of legal significance in topics such as M&A, securities litigation, and corporate governance. We have continued to expand our Business@BerkeleyLaw opportunities with a new course on business planning and entrepreneurial ventures.

This summer, BCLBE initiated its **Innovation and Entrepreneurship** research program. BCLBE is assembling a team of experts in innovation finance and policy, patent law, and venture capital who work with scientists to illuminate the path to commercial development of biomedical and cleantech inventions. The project aims to lower barriers that impede the venture capital and entrepreneurial communities from pursuing the commercialization of these innovations.

News and Events

Congratulations to BCLBE Faculty Director **Eric Talley** for his appointment as the inaugural holder of the Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Chair in Law, Business & the Economy.

BCLBE kicked off the first Speaker Series Event of the academic year Wednesday, September 9, 2009 with "**Legal Reform in China: The Domestic Debate**" presented by Thomas Kellogg, *Open Society Institute & Soros Foundation* at 12:45 in Boalt Hall, Room 110. Video recording of the talk is also available on our website.

Eric Talley discussed "**Allocating Risk and Uncertainty in M&A Agreements**" as part of the Ross Parsons Corporate and Commercial Series at the University of Sydney.

We will be continuing our Global Financial & Economic Crisis panel series with "**Global Unemployment**" on **Wednesday, October 28th** at 12:30 in Booth Auditorium. Despite recent upticks in the economy, the U.S. and worldwide employment picture continues to be bleak. Are we facing a "jobless recovery?" Did the international economic collapse in 2008-09 alter the labor market permanently? What employment patterns and prospects should we expect as global markets and economies recover? A panel of distinguished UC Berkeley scholars will discuss these questions, explore the role of international organizations such as the G20 in addressing them, and offer proposals to prevent protectionism and promote a global solution. This event is open to the public and will be webcast. Check the BCLBE website for details and to view the past year's programs.

We invite all law school alumni participating in the 2009 All-Alumni Reunion to attend our program on Saturday, October 10: "**Rebuilding the U.S. Financial System: The Causes, Consequences and Regulatory Reform and Restructuring Responses to the Credit Crisis.**" More information is available at: <http://www.law.berkeley.edu/3468.htm> .

Berkeley Endowed Law & Economics Lecture

Monday, October 26, 2009; Goldberg Room, Boalt Hall - 4:30 pm

"Transitions into -- and out of -- Liberal Democracy"

Presented by: Stephen F. Williams, Senior Circuit Judge, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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