The Renaissance Life of the Talented Professor Buxbaum

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Many of you may be familiar with Professor Buxbaum's leading work in Corporations Law and Comparative Law, and as a pillar of the Berkeley Law's business faculty. What you may not know is that his many contributions extend far beyond shaping jurisprudence in the United States and around the world. They are also deeply rooted in public service, affirmative action, free speech, national defense, and reparations issues. He is a true Renaissance man and his service to the Berkeley Law community as well as citizens around the world is without parallel. In his final year of teaching at Boalt, please join us for a very special lunchtime talk where Professor Buxbaum will recount his experiences in the major social and political events of the 1960s and 1970s.

Three major events marked these long and pivotal decades. The youth rebellions that began with the Berkeley Free Speech Movement and moved through U.S. universities to the streets of Paris; the overlapping convulsions of the Vietnam War, and the Civil Rights struggles as the country moved from the attack on legal discrimination to the challenge of affirmative action, were highlighted at Berkeley in the rolling Affirmative Action Strike of 1969 and thereafter.

Professor Buxbaum will review his experience with these iconic events from the perspective of participant-observer. He served as criminal defense counsel for numerous UC Berkeley students involved in the Free Speech Movement, as civil counsel for participants in campus protests against the Vietnam War, and as criminal defense counsel for students charged with offenses during the recurrent pitched campus battles over affirmative action demands.

Join us for a fond look at the life and times of Berkeley Law's true Renaissance man!