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Special Announcements

REGISTER NOW for **March 11, 2011** BCLBE and the Berkeley Business Law Journal (BBLJ) Symposium on "Financial Regulatory Reform: Dodd-Frank and Beyond." Panelists from government, banks, private practice and advocacy organizations will join academics to discuss the restructuring of financial services regulation. The program will address managing systemic risk, consumer protection, venture finance and securitization. Registration information, the program agenda and background resources can be found here.

BCLBE and the BBLJ have launched a new online journal "The Network: Business at BerkeleyLaw" that addresses current issues at the intersection of law, business and the economy. Postings will be topical, accessible to the lay reader but relevant to the professional and policymaker, and generally keep readers up to date on new developments in the world of finance, business, regulation and entrepreneurship.

News

On Bloomberg Radio **Prof. Robert Bartlett** discusses the real life legal issues surrounding the "Social Network" battle between Zuckerberg and the Winklevoss brothers over Facebook.

Prof. Stavros Gadinis, presented research on post-crisis regulatory reforms to lawyers and officials from the Treasury Department. His talk, "Finance Ministries in Systemic Regulation: The New Players," focused on the 2007-2008 crisis and the common shock that affected many jurisdictions at once. With the passage of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, the Treasury has extensive new responsibilities with respect to many facets of financial regulation. Did other countries follow the U.S. lead of providing additional authority to finance ministries? The talk focused on developments in key foreign jurisdictions (UK, France, Germany) and presented evidence from Spain, Canada, Japan. As Prof. Gadinis' research shows, many jurisdictions turned towards the central government, but the type, scope, and extent of supervisory response varies across borders.

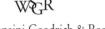
In The Wall Street Journal's, China Real Time Report, **Stanley Lubman** comments on China's recent expansion of the rights of its citizens to obtain redress for harms caused by intentional or negligent conduct by government agencies; a small but significant step.

Eric Talley joins Stacey Vanek Smith on *American Public Media's Marketplace* to discuss the SEC's investigation into the Goldman Sachs-Facebook deal.

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In a new paper, "Freedom to Trade and the Competitive Process," **Aaron Edlin** and Joseph Farrell explore the idea that antitrust courts protect the process of firms and customers forming coalitions that allow them to trade to their mutual betterment. The paper is available for here.

Prof. Stavros Gadinis comments in the *Washington Post* on the hiring boon for regulators, prosecutors and financial policymakers looking to cash in on their government experience and contacts as a result of the overhaul of financial regulations and white collar crime investigations.

Events

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

The Top 10 Things You Should Learn in Law School if You Want to Work with Great Entrepreneurs

Donna Petkanics, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati and **Robert J. Majteles,** Treehouse Capital LLC, Director the BCLBE Entrepreneurship Program
Boalt Hall, Room 110, 12:45 - 1:45 pm

Donna Petkanics of WSGR and Rob Majteles of Treehouse Capital will share their experiences and perspective on lawyers working with entrepreneurs. Ms. Petkanics has represented a wide range of growth companies with an emphasis on corporate and securities issues. Mr. Majteles is a former attorney and CEO and now manages an investment firm. Both panelists also teach courses in venture capital and entrepreneurship related topics at Berkeley Law.

On February 15, Prof. Pitman Potter of the University of British Columbia presented Law, Policy, and Practice on China's Periphery: Minority Areas and Implications for Hong Kong and Taiwan. Video of his talk is available here.

On January 27th, David C. Vladeck, Director of the Federal Trade Commission Bureau of Consumer Protection discussed **Poverty**, **Privacy**, **Health and the Environment: New Frontiers at the Federal Trade Commission** in a lecture that described the FTC's consumer protection agenda, which includes fighting predatory lending, defending online privacy, and ensuring that 'green' products are green.

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