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Curriculum and Research Update

Professor Robert P. Bartlett III will be joining the Berkeley Law faculty this summer. Prof. Bartlett's primary area of research focuses on the intersection of finance and business law, with a particular emphasis on private equity transactions. He has also written and co-authored a number of practice-oriented guides for corporate law practitioners and is an advisory board member to the National Venture Capital Association (NVCA) Model Document Working Group, a consortium of lawyers responsible for drafting and maintaining the NVCA's model documents for venture capital financing transactions.

BCLBE has helped develop **several new courses** as part of our growing **entrepreneurship** and **Business@BerkeleyLaw** offerings. These new offerings include: "**Lawyers and Entrepreneurship: Business Plans**" which focuses on business plans as a way to provide students with a deep understanding of the building blocks of any entrepreneurial endeavor. "**Capital Markets and Financial Institutions: Crisis and Regulatory Response**" will give students insights into the role that financial institutions perform in the capital markets and the current restructuring of the regulatory framework governing those markets.

Led by Research Director **John P. Hunt**, BCLBE has completed the initial data collection phase of our study of **subprime home mortgage securitization deals from 2006**. Results of the analysis should be available later this month and promise to shed light on the questions of whether securitization agreements present impediments to loan restructuring and whether Congressional action that rewrites those agreements can be expected to reduce foreclosure rates.

The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation has generously provided BCLBE with support for the ongoing operation of the **Berkeley Law VC Blog**.

News and Events

We have completed our spring semester events. A full archive of all BCLBE events, including video and audio recordings as well as links to our three-part series on the Financial Market Turmoil, can be found on our **Symposia Archive Page** or the **Speaker Series Page**.

BCLBE has moved to the new Berkeley Law Center for Research and Administration. This new building will house all the Berkeley Law research centers, as well as key administrative departments, including admissions and alumni development. The new address: **2850 Telegraph Avenue, Suite 500, Berkeley, CA 94705-7220**. All phone numbers remain the same.

Ken Taymor moderated a discussion on "Critical Legal Issues & Strategies for Successful Social Enterprises" at the Haas Business School's **2009 GSV Symposium on Social Entrepreneurship**.

Ken Taymor commented on the challenging intellectual property issues in commercializing new stem cell technology, in "**Stem cells: Fast and furious**," an article in Nature.

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