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Curriculum and Research Update

The Berkeley Law Faculty have approved a **Business Law Certificate Program** that will provide students with a strong foundation for professional practice. The program requirements were developed with extensive input from the Berkeley Law faculty and the BCLBE Advisory Board.

Robert Bartlett's paper "*Going private but staying public: Reexamining the effect of Sarbanes-Oxley on firms' going-private decisions*," and **Eric Talley's** co-authored paper, "*Going-private decisions and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002: A cross-country analysis*" have been selected as two of the **top 10 corporate and securities articles of 2009** in an annual nationwide poll of corporate and securities law faculty conducted by the Corporate Practice Commentator.

Robert Bartlett presented his paper "Inefficiencies in the Information Thicket: A Case Study of Derivative Disclosures During the Financial Crisis" at the Fourth Law and Entrepreneurship Retreat at BYU Law School. He also presented new research on the "Death of the IPO" at the University of Virginia earlier this month.

News and Events

Berkeley Law has completed a particularly successful faculty hiring season. **Two new business law professors** will be joining the faculty on July 1: **Prasad Krishnamurthy** and **Stavros Gadinis**. Prasad has a J.D. from Yale and is completing his Ph.D. in economics at UC Berkeley. His fields of interest include banking system regulation, antitrust and industrial organization. Stavros has LL.M. degrees from Cambridge and Harvard, where he is also completing his J.S.D. His research and teaching interests include securities regulation, international financial institution regulation and corporate governance.

BCLBE hosted a wide range of events for the law school community this Spring. Highlights included **Oracle President Safra Catz's** insider look at the **Anatomy of the Oracle – Sun Merger**; **James Pearl's** (O'Melveny & Myers) analysis of the **AMD – Intel antitrust dispute**; a lively panel discussion on the **Impacts and Implications of the New Credit Card Regulations**; and a presentation on **Careers in Business Law** by the representatives of the Business Law Section of the California State Bar. To view videos of these and the other events presented this year, please follow this [link](#).

Robert J. Majteles has joined BCLBE as the new **Director of our Entrepreneurship Program**. Robert is a popular lecturer at the law school and Haas School of Business. He is the managing partner of **Treehouse Capital LLC**. He also serves as an active board member for the companies in Treehouse's portfolio and as an advisory partner to a variety of investment funds.

On April 6, BCLBE Advisory Board member, **Paul T. Clark '80**, hosted a group of Berkeley Law students who are interning in Washington, DC as part of the **UCDC Law Program**. The students spend a semester in Washington, participate in a weekly seminar and work in a full-time government or NGO placement that provides an unparalleled opportunity to learn how federal statutes, regulations, and policies are made, changed, and understood in the nation's capital.

The Berkeley Center for Law, Business and the Economy is the hub of Berkeley Law's research and teaching on the impact of law on business and the U.S. and global economies.

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