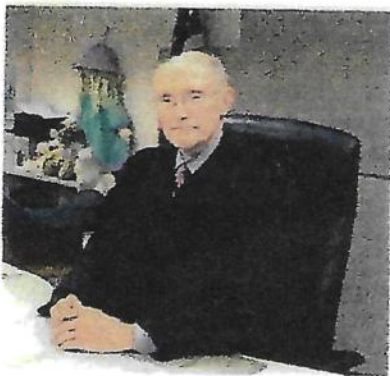


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Dear Bob,

As a Leadership Circle donor, you are part of a visionary community committed to preserving the excellence that defines Berkeley Law. Your multi-year commitment provides a stable foundation for the law school. Thank you!

Featured Donor: Bob Draper '67



Tell us about your background and legal career:

I grew up in Monterey, California, and attended Cal as an undergraduate for four years then Berkeley Law for three years. Thanks to a Ford Foundation Fellowship through the law school, I was able to study at the London School of Economics for a year.

After that, my wife and I moved to Los Angeles, I practiced for about 42 years at O'Melveny & Myers before getting good enough to apply to be a Los Angeles Superior Court Judge at the age of 71. I loved practicing law at O'Melveny and worked very hard for my clients to get the right result; the result that they wanted.

What I love even more about being a judge is that I work at least equally hard to get the right result. It doesn't matter if I'm dealing with a major international corporation or individuals in South Central Los Angeles who have a family problem. We are all human beings and will need help from time to time from people who care.

Is there a book that you have read recently that you would recommend?

Surprised by Joy by C.S. Lewis

The Art of Clear Thinking: A Stealth Fighter Pilot's Timeless Rules for Making Tough Decisions by Hasard Lee; I have found it is the best book on how to make clear decisions rationally.

Ours Was the Shining Future: The Story of the American Dream by David Leonhardt

What is your favorite memory from law school?

Without question, I really enjoyed class with Jesse Choper. At the early stages of his career as a professor, he was only a few years older than me and was just a spectacular teacher. The ideas that he taught have been extremely useful in my profession and as a judge.

I got married to my wife in the summer between college and law school, 60 years ago this coming June 20.

Why do you give to Berkeley Law?

I give now because of Dean Chemerinsky. I was very blessed to have the opportunity to attend what is now appropriately called Berkeley Law, and I owe a tremendous debt to Jesse Choper for all he has done for the school.

I am very enthusiastic about getting back involved in the alumni association and supporting the school because of my admiration for Erwin, which has increased rather than faltered in the face of recent issues by showing equal respect and regard for all sides.

In Recent News



Student-Led Digital Rights Project Helps Score a Big Privacy Victory in the Bay Area

2Ls Madison Lee, Heather Mara DeMocker, Anan Hafez, Maya Darrow, Emily Welsch, and Nina Perez-Morales engaged in hands-on legal work uncovering injustices around geofence warrants.

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First-Ever Plaintiff-Side Career Fair Helps Highlight and Foster Alternative Career Path

The Career Development Office (CDO) and the Plaintiffs' Law Association (PLA) partnered together to increase employment opportunities for law students seeking to work at plaintiff-side and private public interest firms.

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Fab Five: Standout Students and Professor Chosen for Coveted International Law Program

3Ls Heidi Kong, Sophie Lombardo, Paloma Palmer, and Angela Chen, and Professor Ayelet Shachar took part in the Salzburg Cutler Fellows program in Washington, D.C. exploring the future of international law.

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