

memorates a dismissive statement Justice Mosk made about the John Birch Society in 1961.

When we visited her chambers, Justice Werdegar showed us past issues of California Supreme Court Historical Society newsletters and encouraged us to join the organization. We asked Jake Dear about forming a student chapter soon after the tour and he put the idea before the Society's board.

Justice Werdegar also showed us her mementos, including a plaque listing the justices who occupied her office before her. She announced her retirement the week following our visit. It did not occur to me at the time that she may have also been looking at the blank space below her name, wondering about her successor.

I wonder what it would be like to contemplate retirement while showing a group of law students the chambers of a Supreme Court justice — awestruck students who only know stories about what it was like to practice law in the 1960s when attitudes towards women attorneys were different and legal research was done using library books. I hope Justice Werdegar thinks she's leaving the profession in good hands.

The tour gave me a new appreciation of how much of California life is decided here. The justices loom large in their commanding robes and their big offices and their opinions become part of the state's historical record. I imagined the weight of writing those opinions, knowing every word will be scrutinized and preserved. By forming a student group, I hope we can spread the word that UC Hastings sits in the shadow of a treasure trove.

When law school resumed in August, we publicized the new student chapter at the UC Hastings Student Life Fair, displayed the Society's newsletter and journal, and advertised the Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition in California Legal History. We also plan to invite speakers on California legal history for informal lunchtime seminars. ☆

DAN GRUNFELD TAKES LEADERSHIP ROLE AT PARDEE RAND GRADUATE SCHOOL

FORMER SOCIETY PRESIDENT and current Board Member Daniel Grunfeld has joined RAND in a newly created position with the Pardee RAND Graduate School in Santa Monica. ☆

Pardee RAND, the largest public policy Ph.D. program in the nation, is in the midst of a comprehensive effort to redesign policy graduate education and policy analysis to make it more relevant and responsive to contemporary problems. In his new position as executive vice dean for strategy and partnerships, Grunfeld will help guide that effort, working particularly to develop the school's impact, partnerships and philanthropic support.



Dan Grunfeld
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"This is a challenging time for policy makers, policy research and policy education," he noted. "I'm excited and honored by the opportunity to be part of this important endeavor."

Grunfeld had served on Pardee's governing board for more than eight years before joining the school's leadership "so RAND is an organization that I know very well and have a deep appreciation and respect for," he said.

"Dan's deep commitment to public service and his belief in the need for RAND's work and in Pardee RAND's ability to educate our graduates to thrive in a rapidly changing world will greatly enhance our efforts," said Pardee Dean Susan L. Marquis.

Most recently, Grunfeld headed West Coast litigation for Morgan, Lewis & Bockus LLP. Earlier, he had served as deputy chief of staff for policy under former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. Before that, he was president and CEO of Public Counsel from 1998–2008.

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