

neighbor to neighbor

COMMUNITY NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ORANGE

Local veterans, families and elderly find valuable help and advice at Chapman's Fowler Law clinics

Members of the military who lost homes to foreclosure while deployed. A grandmother confined to the bedroom of her own house by a drug-using relative. A veteran ravaged by post-traumatic stress syndrome denied benefits after receiving a dishonorable discharge.

These are some of the sorts of cases handled pro bono, or free of charge, for local residents and others by Chapman University's Military and Veterans' Law Institute and the Alona Cortese Elder Law Center, two of more than a half-dozen clinics that offer assistance from staff lawyers and law students at the Fowler School of Law to those unable to afford the legal help they need.

Housed in restored bungalows on the edges of campus, the clinics help solve problems for neighbors in Orange and beyond.

Kale Mosley, an Air Force combat pilot, placed a call at 2 a.m. from the middle of the Iraqi desert. He wanted to talk to Kyndra Rotunda, director of the Military and Veterans Law Institute, after learning on the day he was deployed he would be terminated shy of his 20-year pension eligibility in a measure designed to save the cost of his retirement.

After being guided through the maze of military bureaucracy by Rotunda and Chapman law graduate Joshua Flynn-Brown (B.A. '07, J.D. '11) before they handed off the case to a large firm, Mosley is one of 17 veterans who have taken their claim to federal court. It's a case that has been featured in *Time* magazine as well as the *Wall Street Journal*, in an op-ed penned by Flynn-Brown and Rotunda. The pair even advocated for a bill on



The Military and Veterans' Law Institute is dedicated to being a resource for veterans in the City of Orange and beyond.

the veterans' behalf that was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives but not passed.

"Some of the things she and Josh did, with the leverage she has on Capitol Hill and the media contacts, no way if we had gone anywhere else we could have gotten that," said Mosley, who lives in Kansas. "That was 100 percent the Chapman law clinic. No law firm could have pulled that off for us."

The elder law clinic typically handles lower profile cases, but they are of great importance to the lives of individuals and families.

"The dynamics of most elder situations are like a Gordian knot," said Sandra Skahen, J.D., an associate clinical professor of law who assists Kurt Eggert, J.D., a professor of law and director of the Alona Cortese Elder Law Center. "There are so many factors to take into consideration in terms

of the best outcome for the client."

Among the needs the elder law clinic assists with are simple wills and healthcare directives, conservatorships, elder abuse restraining orders and income maintenance, such as debt disputes or Social Security issues.

"I probably get two or three phone calls a week where they say their loved one has suffered a catastrophic fill-in-the-blank or stroke," Skahen said. "The patient can't make healthcare decisions and the hospital won't let them make decisions for them. They always end with, 'I never thought this would happen to me.' Just a few hours of planning saves literally months in the court getting a conservatorship."

Please visit NeighborsofChapman.com to learn more and read about one of the Fowler Law alumni who got her start at the legal clinics!

Need legal assistance?

Prospective clients should call the Alona Cortese Elder Law Center at (714) 628-2504 or the Military and Veterans Law Institute at (714) 628-2692. Information on Chapman's other legal clinics is available from the Fowler School of Law at (714) 628-2500.

California Preservation Foundation honors Chapman with award for preservation of Old Towne industrial building

Chapman University's Digital Media Arts Center, a historic building transformed into a unique teaching space, has been named a recipient of a 2016 California Preservation Foundation award. The prestigious awards are given each year by the Foundation to recognize California's top examples of design excellence and historic preservation.



Among the elements of the building renewal was the restoration of its original brick façade.

The Digital Media Arts Center – known on campus as "the DMAC," will be honored in the restoration category. A former manufacturing plant for California Wire and Cable Co., the DMAC underwent a complete renewal in 2014 under the direction of AC Martin Partners.

The awards are the latest honors to acknowledge Chapman's preservation activities as it adapts historic buildings and homes. In 2015 the Spirit of Old Towne Award was awarded to Chapman for the makeover of the former Mennonite Pilgrim Church at 145 W. Sycamore, now used as a residence for University staff.

In 2014 the Orange Barrio Historical Society and Chapman received the Orange Public Library Foundation's Legacy Award for their collaborative work in preserving the historic Cypress Street Schoolhouse, which once served as a segregated "Mexican school."

The foundation award is the third architectural honor for the DMAC and AC Martin Partners. The American Institute of Architects Long Beach/South Bay Chapter honored the building with a Citation Award in the Historic Preservation Category.

The institute's Orange County Chapter awarded a Citation Award in the Commercial Built Category.

Did You Know?

You can always find more news about the Neighborhood Advisory Committee, Chapman University events and community news at NeighborsofChapman.com. This month you'll find a story about Chapman's connection to the Street Fair banners and news about Jack Raubolt, vice president of community relations, and his wife, Hong, official Old Towne residents now. And be sure to sign up for our email updates at neighborsofchapman.com/signup.

Need to report a concern?

- Please contact Chapman University at 714-997-6763 or email neighbors@chapman.edu
- To report a disturbance that needs urgent attention, please call City of Orange PD dispatch at 714-744-7444.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for these engaging events at Chapman

There are many terrific Chapman University events and neighbors are always welcome. Here are just a few. Find more at the University's online events calendar, www.chapman.edu/events. Advance tickets for performing arts events may be purchased online at www.chapman.edu/tickets.

Seventh Annual Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, Oct. 1, 4-6:30 p.m., Aitken Arts Plaza in front of Musco Center for the Arts

Sample the culinary efforts of Chapman teams competing in this annual tradition that's part of The Chapman Family Homecoming Celebration. Free admission. Tasting tickets, beer, wine and other food options available for purchase on site.

Tabula Poetica Presents Alan Shapiro

Thursday, Oct. 6, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., campus locations

Pulitzer-Prize nominee and poet Alan Shapiro has won the LA Times Book Prize and a Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Writers' Award for his work exploring family, loss, domesticity and daily life. Poetry talk, 1 p.m., Wallace All Faiths Chapel in Fish Interfaith Center; poetry reading, 4 p.m., Henley Reading Room, Leatherby Libraries. Both free. For further information, visit www.chapman.edu/poetry.

University Singers in Concert

Saturday, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m., Wallace All Faiths Chapel

Thanks to support from the Office of the President of Jim Doti, acclaimed pianist Jeffrey Siegel returns to Chapman to perform great classical favorites by Rachmaninoff, Gershwin, Chopin, Mendelssohn, and others. This is classical music for everyone! Tickets \$20 to \$35. Tickets may be purchased online at www.chapman.edu/tickets.



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Party calls drop thanks to revised ordinance and outreach

The number of Chapman University student parties requiring a visit from City of Orange police officers during the new fall semester has fallen significantly this year, say City and University officials. They credit that progress to the city's amended disturbance ordinance and a heightened education effort.

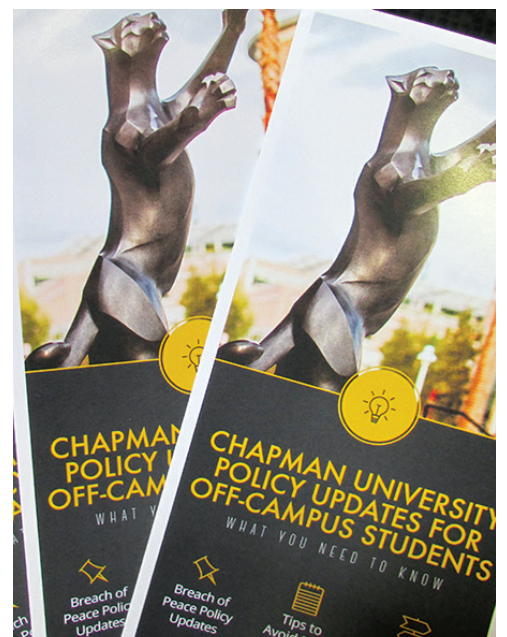
In the first six days when students return to campus for move-in, City officers responded to 46 party calls citywide, with only seven of those being Chapman related, said the City's Capt. Dave Nichols in a report to the Neighborhood Advisory Committee at its September meeting. During Labor Day Weekend and the International Street Fair, officers responded to 30 party calls citywide with eight of those being Chapman related.

Education was a key factor in the reduced numbers, Nichols said. Officers made daytime visits to student houses with a history of unruly parties to explain what the community expectations were about living in a neighborhood like Old Towne Orange. In addition, they

explained how the revised ordinance would permit officers to issue citations not just to hosts, but to anyone contributing to the disturbance. Moreover, he said officers emphasized that it wasn't their goal to write citations, but to decrease them and improve overall neighborhood safety.

In tandem with the City efforts, the University also added more neighborhood awareness programming and materials to its annual Orientation Week. Mayor Teresa Smith spoke to both students and parents; Police Chief Tom Kisela spoke to students; new and returning students were mailed a packet that included a new brochure summarizing the University's Code of Conduct, as well as letters from City and University officials and the community group Respect Orange.

Chapman created and distributed a new brochure to better acquaint students with the University's Code of Conduct and updates regarding enforcement and consequences for infractions.



More inside!