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Chemerinsky named law school's First Amendment chair

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UCI School of Law Dean Erwin Chemerinsky has been appointed to hold the school's recently endowed chair in First Amendment law. The position, one of only a handful on the topic nationally, was created in January 2012 by a \$1.5 million gift from newspaper publisher Raymond Pryke. In accepting the gift last year, Chemerinsky said he hoped the professorship would become part of a center in First Amendment law that would attract speakers, hold conferences and conduct research in media and free-speech law. Next month, well known First Amendment lawyer Kelli L. Sager of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP is set to deliver the first Pryke lecture at UCI. Chemerinsky, who is a well-known constitutional scholar, will continue as the law school's dean. Pryke owns Valleywide Newspapers in Hesperia, which publishes the Apple Valley News, the Antelope Valley Journal, the Victorville Post Express and several other papers.

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U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit 9th Circuit dissenters oppose Facebook settlement with no money for class members

Angry Facebook users who sued over the site's now-defunct Beacon feature got a raw deal in a \$9.5 million class action settlement, dissenters at the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals complained Tuesday.

Bar Associations

State Bar seeks OK to shift to bare-bones style of writing discipline accusations

Discipline prosecutors want to abandon detailed complaints in favor of stripped-down "notice pleadings," but the defense bar is fighting back.

Litigation

Patient data breaches spur increase in litigation

Recent reports underscore a growing pattern of patient data breaches, and lawyers across California say they're seeing a corresponding influx of lawsuits against health entities over alleged leaks.

Government

Broader children's privacy rules to hit apps hard

Newly expanded federal privacy regulations that restrict how kids younger than 13 can be tracked and marketed online will be expensive to implement and may toll the knell for the thriving children's mobile apps business, lawyers say.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit 9th Circuit brands anti-whaling group a 'pirate,' orders it to stop harassing Japanese vessels

A federal appellate court has stepped into a war over whaling being waged in the distant Southern Ocean off Antarctica, calling an anti-whaling group a pirate and ordering it to stop harassing Japanese hunting vessels.

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