

Aces and Angels play their cards right

The poker tourney raises funds for schools, charity.

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The Irvine Public Schools Foundation and the Angels Baseball Foundation hosted the Aces and Angels Poker Tournament at Shady Canyon Country Club on Thursday evening, inviting the public to play in a charity poker tournament alongside present and former Angels, with proceeds benefiting both organizations. Tournament participants included current Angels Brendan Harris, Michael Roth, Collin Cowgill, Peter Bourjos and Steve Soliz, as well as former players Garret Anderson, Mark Langston, Adam Kennedy and Hall of Famer Rod Carew.



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Current and former Angels players and coaches join in with members of the community to play in a charity poker tournament benefiting the Irvine Public Schools Foundation and the Angels Baseball Foundation.



Former Angels pitcher Mark Langston chats while he takes his cards in the event.



Shady Canyon Country Club in Irvine was the setting for the charity poker tournament, which supported the Irvine Public Schools Foundation and the Angels Baseball Foundation.



Mark Kan, left, of Newport Beach and Michael Carroll, right, of Irvine flank Hall of Famer Rod Carew at the tournament.



Former Angel Garret Anderson, left, has trouble keeping a poker face while taking a peek at his cards.

Panel examines high court's cases

UCI's School of Law hosted academics and journalists at forum on legal issues.

BY CHRISTOPHER EARLEY
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The Supreme Court's recent decision on the Defense of Marriage Act ignited a spirited debate Friday at UC Irvine during a review of recent U.S. Supreme Court cases.

Despite the noon start time and the program's tendency toward academia, the panel of academics and journalists attracted nearly a full house at the 450-seat Crystal Cove Auditorium on campus.

The panel had plenty to say regarding some recent court decisions.

Two of the more significant cases, in the opinion of UC Irvine law professor Doug NeJaime, were those surrounding sexual orientation. He told the crowd that despite the court striking down the defining section of the Defense of Marriage Act, it passed the buck when it didn't rule on the constitutionality of state marriage bans.

"The question is, how

Who made up the panel?

- Mario Barnes** professor of law and senior associate dean of academic affairs, UC Irvine School of Law
 - Joan Biskupic** veteran Reuters journalist and author
 - Erwin Chemerinsky** founding dean, distinguished professor of law and Raymond Pryke professor of First Amendment law, UC Irvine School of Law
 - Miguel Estrada** partner, Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher and co-chairman of the firm's Appellate and Constitutional Law Practice Group
 - Rick Hasen** chancellor's professor of law and political science, UC Irvine School of Law
 - Adam Liptak** lawyer, columnist, The New York Times
 - Doug NeJaime** professor, family law, law and sexuality and constitutional law, UC Irvine School of Law
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long can the Supreme Court avoid the issue?" he said. "Can they really kick the can down the road for many more terms? But the next time the court confronts the issue, there may be more states in the marriage equality column. That may make some of the justices who favored gay marriage more comfortable intervening."

UCI Law School Dean Erwin Chemerinsky spent much of his time discussing how many cases in the court were split among traditional ideological

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UCI STUDENT

lines and how the court has also struck him as being more pro-business, echoing what fellow panelist Adam Liptak had written in a New York Times article several months ago.

"This has been the most pro-business court since

the mid-1930s," Chemerinsky said. He went on to discuss two cases in which the court ruled in favor of businesses, such as American Express and generic pharmaceutical companies over the people who sought damages against them.

The event also proved to be a thrill for law students, such as 27-year-old UCI student Brian Trinidad, who is spending his summer working as a law clerk at the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office.

He said that while he may not use the information at his summer job, it did enhance his overall awareness of current issues facing the court and the nation.

"I really enjoyed all the discussions," he said. "And this experience is really good for my personal knowledge of these cases."

It was the third time the UC Irvine School of Law has hosted a public forum on legal issues; people attending are encouraged to ask questions.

Other topics addressed at the forum included anti-trust and affirmative action cases.

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Trial attorney, founding partner of firm dies at 72

Anthony Shafton was prominent in the insurance legal field.

BY JILLIAN BECK
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Anthony Shafton, a leader in the insurance legal field and founding partner of the Irvine-based Berger Kahn law firm, died Wednesday.

A longtime trial attorney, Shafton was known for his sense of humor and work ethic.

Craig Simon, a managing partner at Berger Kahn, said Shafton practically invented casual dress in the workplace in the 1970s. When lawyers were still wearing coats in their offices, Shafton ditched his tie. Later, as lawyers moved toward business casual, Tony moved to resort wear – he would show up in jeans and tennis shoes with a Hawaiian shirt to depositions, Simon said.

"While he didn't take dress seriously, he took his cases seriously and was laser beam-focused in the proceedings," Simon said.

Simon met Shafton when Simon was just 6 years old. Shafton was a mentor to Simon throughout his time as a lawyer, giving Simon his first job as a law clerk at Berger Kahn in 1975. Simon never left.

"He was everything to me," Simon said. "He was my first employer, my mentor – he was a great guy."

Shafton leaves his wife, Jennifer, his son Brian, his daughter, Dr. Elizabeth Shafton Bias, and her husband, Jeffrey, and grandchildren Mitchell and Hallie Bias. He died on his 72nd birthday. A memorial service is planned in Los Angeles but a date and time have not yet been set.



Shafton

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