California Dreaming: Regulating the Gig Economy

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7:50-8:00: *Welcomes*

– Law Review Editors, Dean Schwartz and Professor Mootz

Session One: An Overview of the Platform Gig Economy

8:00-8:10: What's at Stake in Distinguishing "Independent Contractors"

from "Employees"?

- Professor Susan Provenzano (Northwestern University

School of Law) (recorded video)

8:10-8:50: California Legal Developments in Categorizing Workers

- Professor Francis J. Mootz III (University of the

Pacific, McGeorge School of Law)

8:50-9:00 Break

Keynote Address: The Future of AB5: Legislation and Policy

9:00-9:40 Lorena Gonzalez, former California State Assemblywoman (D-San Diego) and incoming President of California Labor Foundation.

9:40-9:50 Break

Session Two:	The Economic and Policy Features of the Gig Economy
9:50-10:30:	Economics of the Gig Economy
	 Professor Jeffrey Michael (University of the Pacific;
	Director of Public Policy Programs)
10:30-11:10:	Complexity and Variations in the Gig Economy
	 Peter Leroe-Muñoz, General Counsel and SVP, Tech
	& Innovation (Silicon Valley Leadership Group)
11:10-11:50:	Empirical Assessment of the Lives of Precarious Workers
	 Professor Veena Dubal (UC Hastings College of Law)

11:50-12:15 Lunch Break

Session Three:	Looking to the Future: Management and Labor Perspectives
12:15-12:55:	Management Perspectives
	 Professor Michael Maslanka (University of North
	Texas)
12:55-1:35:	Worker/Union Perspectives
	Caitlin Vega, Union Made (Founder)

1:35-1:45 Break

Comparative Perspectives
Comparative Perspectives: State and National
 Professor Miriam Cherry (St. Louis University)
Comparative Perspectives: EU Approaches
 Professor Valerio De Stefano (Osgoode Hall Law
School, York University, Canada)
Comparative Perspectives: International Outsourcing
 Professor Winifred Poster (Washington University)

3:45-4:00 Wrap up and virtual wine reception.