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Around the World in 84 Days

By Shelby Alberts, 2L
Staff Writer

Among the many doors law school has opened for me, I have to say the most exciting and rewarding opportunity was the ability to study and travel internationally during the summer of 2009. Upon learning about the study abroad programs offered at TJSJ, I was certain I would be attending the Nice program on the French Riviera in July. After attending the Study Abroad Informational Meeting, however, my plans changed. The director of the program and former students quickly convinced three friends and me that we had to do both programs.

After making this decision, planning every detail of our trip became a top priority (at ALL times (apologies to my Contracts professor...and Torts). Following hours of online research, we devised a global trip to include a three-week study session in Hangzhou, China, a two-week traveling break, a four-week study session in Nice, France, and finishing the summer off with a little vacation. We purchased most of the airfare and hotels in advance with some assistance from a student

travel agent, but we did a lot of researching and booking on our own.

Two days after finals, we boarded the first of many summer flights to Shanghai, China. After a few cab rides, a night in Shanghai, and our first taste of culture shock, we made it to the train station to attempt our journey to Hangzhou. We got very lucky in that a station employee (we assume) let us pay him to purchase our tickets for us. We had to use a piece of paper that had prewritten phrases on it such as "The train to Hangzhou, please" in order to carry on these "conversations." The next three weeks continued in that manner: using paper with prewritten phrases to get pretty much everything we needed.

Once we arrived in Hangzhou, every morning, we boarded a bus to get to the law school where our classes were International Business Transactions with the program director, Professor Susan Tiefenbrun, and China's Role in the World Trade Organization with Professor Claire Wright. These courses proved to be not only interesting, but also very significant to many

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Nice, France

An Update on the Community Committee

By Marty Stratte, 1L
Community Committee Liaison

Last semester, the Thomas Jefferson School of Law (TJSJ) Community Committee (the CC), held a networking event. The audience was comprised of San Diego attorneys, judges, TJSJ students and faculty. Through this event, the CC brought together community leaders that create and operate projects, which seek to initiate change within the San Diego community. Each of the speakers spoke on their involvement with various community projects, while detailing their personal inspiration for their involvement with their projects. Representatives from organizations such as the California Innocence Project, Father Joe's Villages, and the San Diego Housing Collaborative were able to share their experiences with the audience. Also speaking at the event were TJSJ professors who discussed projects of their own. These projects included Professor Luz Herrera's Transactional Law Clinic, Professor Maurice Dyson's Diversity Committee, and a presentation from Professor Jeff Slattery on recognizing art and culture in our community. Overall, the CC felt the event was a great success because it educated TJSJ students and faculty on existing community projects, while bringing together leaders who are striving for change in the San Diego community. Through events like this, the CC will continue to develop its connection with San Diego that lay the foundation for future success.

The CC is currently focusing on several projects allowing TJSJ students to raise social and cultural awareness, and to institute positive change in San Diego. For example, the CC has launched a Community

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"Determine never to be idle. No person will have occasion to complain of the want of time who never loses any. It is wonderful how much may be done if we are always doing."

Thomas Jefferson

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different aspects of International Law. Professor Tiefenbrun's expertise in International business made for an invaluable learning experience and Professor Wright's knowledge of International Trade really opened our eyes to important issues in the world's economy. There were also Chinese law students in our classes who gave wonderful insight on their country and were kind enough to regularly escort us to dinner and order us plenty of food and beer!

Our time in China included a weekend in Shanghai (our second trip), where we were able to meet with Chinese attorneys, and a weekend in Suzhou, where we visited a silk factory. Other highlights of the trip were a trip to the wet market, which became far more exciting when a vendor threw a frog at us. Karaoke is also a cultural staple, and you had better believe our group did an amazing job at singing Hotel California. The language barrier was always challenging, but that did not stop us from loading up on plenty of knock-off designer merchandise: Prada handbags, Louis Vuitton shoes, Burberry silk scarves, and Gucci watches.

Unfortunately, our time in China had to end with another confusing train/airport ordeal, but the four of us girls made it in one piece to the Bangkok airport where we took a bumpy

internal flight and a crowded ferry ride to the Thai island of Koh Phangan, the home of the world famous Full Moon Party, an event we just had to attend. After some time in the islands and Bangkok, we jetted of to

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CALIFORNIA.

Athens, Greece to meet up with a good friend from TJSL and check out the Acropolis and the Parthenon. We had just enough time to hike a volcano and watch the world famous sunset in the island of Santorini before we had to get back to the books.

After we lost one of our girls to summer school back at TJSL, the three remaining troopers arrived in Nice and checked into a gorgeous one-bedroom apartment with a view of the Mediterranean from our balcony. Orientation for the program was accompanied with champagne (the good French stuff), wine, and tons of authentic French snacks. My schedule for the next four weeks would be International Human Rights with Professor Tiefenbrun and

Comparative Constitutional Law with Professor Marybeth Herald. I was again ecstatic to realize that these classes would be the most exciting law classes I would see in my first year in school. Professor Tiefenbrun's

passion and experience made Human Rights one of my favorite classes. Her animation and humor did not hurt either, and it made walking to school at 7:45 a.m. bearable. Professor Herald made Constitu-

tional Law interesting and made sure that we actually learned the subject; her efforts were greatly appreciated on test day.

This program was structured so that the students and faculty were finished with classes at 12:20 p.m. Monday – Thursday with Friday's off. We all took full advantage of this by visiting Italy, Amsterdam, Spain, Paris, and Monte Carlo. We even had a long six-day weekend before finals in which three friends and I rented a car and drove to San Sebastian, Spain. We were fortunate enough to be there during the infamous Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, the single craziest event I have ever witnessed.

After two finals and a beautiful good-bye party, we all had to pack our bags and say "au

revoir" to the beautiful city of Nice. The girls and I used our rail passes to trek over to the Cinque Terre, Italy, easily one of the most beautiful, romantic and quaint places I have ever seen. After running through a train station with way too much luggage, we barely made it onto a train headed for Rome where we toured the city with a friend living there (so lucky!!). We ate plenty of pizza while touring the Eternal City on foot, learning the story of the Sistine Chapel and visiting the site of Julius Caesar's death.

Then, after visiting friends and family in Scotland and Paris, the saddest day of summer had to come. I said good-bye to Europe and began my 22-hour journey back to California. Following this experience, I have come away with more than I ever imagined. First, I am a candidate for a Global Legal Studies certificate. My experience in International Law will actually be documented and an advantageous part of my resume. I also have come away with dozens of new friends that have become closer to me than people I have known for years. And I realized that I have many great colleagues. I have seen the world while learning the law in other cultures. I cannot say that summer was anything close to cheap, but I can say that I would be willing to pay twice the cost for my experience.

2L Manifesto

By Katie Tooma

It is the "teen decade," and I am about to have a nervous breakdown. In this decade, in no particular order, I will very likely:

1. Turn 30
 2. Graduate law school
 3. Pass the bar
 4. Pay off my loans
 5. Get married
 6. Have kids
 7. Get a really awesome job
- Buy my first home


The above seem really exciting, so why am I freaking out? On Tuesday, my boss handed me a W-9 form. For those of you still dependent upon your parents, you are probably asking yourselves, "What is that?"

It is my first foray into "taxes." Sure, I have been "on the books" before, but I have never been considered an


"independent contractor," which I am at my current job. So back to the previous line of thinking – I am freaking out because I am becoming an adult!

These life-changing events sound super, great, grand, and wonderful; but responsibility comes along with adulthood. In this decade, my greatest worries will not include "can I afford this really expensive tequila?" But, it will be "can I afford these diapers?" In this decade, my greatest worries will not include "what is the happy hour special?" But, it will be "am I making my spouse happy?" Along with responsibility comes "age," and along with age comes death.

I think the fears of responsibility and death are the underlying cause to everyone's nervous breakdowns; quarter life; mid-life; whatever life crises. I suppose I should just put my seat-belt on because whether I like it or not, this decade is full of life changing moments. I just hope this ride has a sick bag.



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Starting an On-Campus Organization

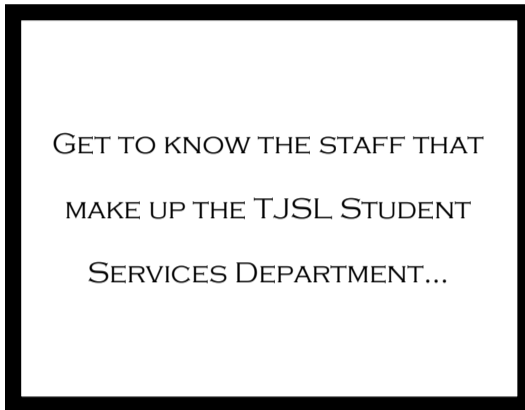
By Jenn Kish, 3L

While there are many student organizations at Thomas Jefferson School of Law (TJSL) that are dedicated to different areas of the law, many more areas of law are not represented. A student, however, is free to start a student organization if he or she is interested in an area of law that is not currently encompassed by one of the existing organizations. However, there are some limitations.

Pursuant to the TJSL Student Services Handbook, a student may not serve as an officer of an organization until the student is at least in his or her second year of study, has a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0, and is in good academic standing. In addition, starting a new organization, or re-invigorating an inactive organization, is time-consuming and requires that a strong foundation in membership be established. The point: start thinking about laying that foundation for the on-campus organization the semester before you actually start the organization. Here are some suggestions on how to begin:

* Get to know the staff that make up the TJSL Student Ser-

vices Department; they include Lisa Ferreira, Angela Bayne, Julie Garrett, and Kathryn Markey. These staff members are the people you will interact with in getting your student organization started and during the school year for event planning. Stop by Student Services and introduce yourself to Julie, Kathryn, Lisa, or Angela (if you



do not know them already). Let them know you are interested in starting/re-invigorating a new student organization and ask them for the Student Organization Handbook.

* Become familiar with the **chartering** process. Your new organization must be chartered in order for you to obtain funding, a school email account, to advertise on-campus, etc., and you must re-charter your or-

ganization every academic year. To become chartered, you must:

* **Obtain a Faculty Advisor:** Your faculty advisor will serve a practical purpose, such as approving your organization's charter, and will serve in a supervisory capacity. Your faculty advisor should ideally be someone with an interest and/or familiarity with the substance of your organization. For example, if starting an Animal Law Club, it would make sense to approach a faculty member with some knowledge or background in Animal Law. You can look to faculty profiles on the TJSL website to determine who has expertise in which areas of law.

* **Complete the Student Organization Information Sheet:** This form is available with Julie Garrett in Student Services.

* **Draft a Constitution and Bylaws:** Whether you are looking to bring a new chapter of an already established national/regional organization to our campus, or you are starting a brand new organization, you will need a Constitution and

Bylaws. Student orgs that are already established on campus usually have a TWEN page and on that page, they have their Constitutions and Bylaws posted. In addition, most officers of other on-campus organizations would not mind if you looked at their constitution/bylaws for ideas on how to draft yours (just ask them). Lastly, the SBA President also maintains samples of various organization constitutions and bylaws.

* **Submit a Current Membership List with at least 10 members:** Consider holding an informational meeting in order to get the word out about your organization and in order to gather interest in the organization. Make sure you publicize the meeting with flyers around school, through Facebook, the *Advisor*, the student-run *Informer*, and through word of mouth.

Look to next month's issue of the *Informer* for a follow-up article:

"Congratulations! You are a chartered organization! Now what?"

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Survey that will examine the impact TJSL and its students have on the businesses and residents in Old Town. Another project is a non-profit legal assistance partnership. This non-profit legal assistance partnership will seek to strengthen the connection between TJSL students and the surrounding legal community. In addition, there is the "Sick of the Homeless? So are they!" campaign, which has already been launched. This program seeks to assist with San Diego's ever-growing homeless population.

Recently, the CC planned and participated in "Father Joe's Village Christmas Day After Meal" in downtown San Diego. The meal fed over 500 guests, currently homeless, living on the streets of San Diego. The time spent setting, serving, and cleaning the tables for each set of new guests provided opportunity for volunteers to hear some of the people's stories of how they went from being active residents of the San Diego community to living on its streets. Prior to Father Joe's pre-meal blessing and after learning that the CC members in attendance were students of

law, one guest explained that just several months ago he was living happily, and employed by a company that located professionals to deliver expert testimony during trials. He told us a story of how abruptly his life changed and how he has no family to turn to for help. However, he remained optimistic about overcoming the abrasive grasp of homelessness. In addition, he was grateful to Father Joe's Village, similar organizations, and the volunteers who serve all those in this unfortunate cycle.

The CC, in conjunction with the TJSL Student Bar Association, will continue to reach out and form a student-based connection with San Diego. To accomplish this, the CC will continue to strengthen its relationships with community members. Come join The CC to learn more and help serve your community!





Professor Randy Berholtz: An Introduction to Biotechnology Law

By Michael Huynh, 2L
Staff Writer

Biotechnology law is a rich and rewarding field that should be on the radar of all law students. In order to better understand the field of biotechnology law, we were given the privilege to interview Randy Berholtz, our very own adjunct professor at Thomas Jefferson School of Law (TJSL). Professor Berholtz obtained his J.D. from Yale Law School and graduated with a B.A. degree from Cornell University *summa cum laude*, and is a Rhodes Scholar (Oxford University). Professor Berholtz teaches Biotechnology Law and leads the Technology Externship program at TJSL. In addition, Professor Berholtz is the Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of ACON Laboratories, a Chinese based medical device company.

Michael Huynh (MH): Biotechnology is such a vast area of the law. Professor, in two or three sentences, can you give us your perspective of biotechnology law?

Professor Randy Berholtz (PB): Biotechnology will touch all of our lives. We are all cus-

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tomers because it is the way that we improve the health of our population. In addition, it is a natural growth engine for the economy and a great source of jobs, especially on the intellectual property side.

MH: How has biotechnology affected you?

PB: It is my career that I dedicate myself to. It has also enabled me to deal with cancer that I have had twice. In the 1960s, people with my cancer did not survive.

MH: In this hard economic time, why should students choose to go into the area of Biotechnology law?

PB: Jobs, jobs, jobs and because it is very interesting!

MH: I believe there is a slight misconception that students should have science or technology backgrounds in order to go into biotechnology law. Would you clarify this for us?

PB: In order to file patents, you need to have a tech and science background. To do everything else, you don't. You only need a willingness to learn.

MH: What area of biotechnology law is your least favorite?

PB: Anti-trust and biotech. Very tough to decide if a company is a monopoly or just good at what it does.

MH: What can each student gain from taking your course in biotechnology law?

PB: At the least, a better understanding of the interdisciplinary role of the subject in that you need to know the science, the business, the regulation and the law. Also, who knows, you may work with me and become rich!

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to help us!

Interview with Professor Luz Herrera

By Jennifer Goldman, 2L
Staff Writer

On the first day of classes after a long, well-rested break, with New Year's resolutions in hand, I walked into Professor Herrera's office not knowing what to expect. I had read so many great things about her and was certainly excited to discuss her law school experiences, and her continued commitment to the San Diego community and the legal profession.

After graduation from Harvard Law School, Professor Herrera started in a corporate law firm practicing real estate law. She then started her own practice after only three years out of law school. She developed the non-profit Community Lawyers Inc. and is currently in the process of developing a legal clinic, at the new Thomas Jefferson School of Law campus. Recently, Professor Herrera was named one of California's Top 100 attorneys and highlighted by the American Bar Association for her "low-bono" work. Her continued dedication and involvement in serving and providing affordable legal representation to low and middle income communities is admirable and inspiring.

Jennifer Goldman (JG): Why did you choose to go to law school?

Professor Luz Herrera (PH): I wanted to go to law school to provide more access to folks who didn't understand the legal processes, in particular for folks who did not speak English, went into the courts, and didn't know what was going on.

JG: What prompted your interest and participation in legal aid clinics?

PH: Going to law school I felt very alienated from the traditional model of legal education. It seemed very removed from reality. In my second year, I enrolled in a community economic development clinic. That was the best experience of my law school career. Doing some practical skills, work made my education come to life and seem more relevant.

JG: Why did you decide to leave



the corporate law firm and start your own practice only three years out of law school?

PH: I had a good opportunity to take over this space in the City of Compton, California, where I was going to be the only private attorney and the only one who spoke Spanish in a city that had almost 70% of the Latino population. I was only one of three attorneys in private practice at the time, but during the first three years one of them retired and one of them passed away. So, for the last years of my practice, I was the only attorney in private practice in the City of Compton. Compton is one of the busiest courthouses in the State.

JG: What is the Community Lawyers Inc. and what initiated you to start this program?

PH: I started the non-profit Community Lawyers, Inc. in 2005. That was an organization to mentor pre-law students and law students that wanted to work in communities that were underrepresented with attorneys and professionals. It has a dual mission: to really train and support the professionals who are going to work in these communities, and to provide legal services to communities that have great need.

JG: How will the proposed legal clinic you are developing at Thomas Jefferson's new building be community-based?

PH: The program tends to be community-responsive. A component of the clinic program that I am proposing is a self-help project that will be available after hours. This allows a couple of things: it will provide part-time and evening students to have a clinical opportunity, and it also fills in a gap because a lot of the self-help resources that are available in the courts are only open during court hours when most people work. If you offer clinics from 4:00

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Leader:**Natalie Garcia**

By Ian Van Leer, 2L
Executive Editor

It is easy to see how this month's Student Leader, Natalie Garcia, fits the precedential criterion for the role: she is the president of a student organization, volunteers her time for various scholastic and extracurricular themed clubs and organizations, represents Thomas Jefferson School of Law (TJSL) at interscholastic events, etc.—she has the requisite impressive resume. But Natalie Garcia is more than just a student leader on paper; she is student regnant in action.

Natalie Garcia is a 3L. She is from Chicago and graduated from the University of Illinois. Before law school, Natalie worked in real estate, where she had the opportunity to hone her communicatory skills and realize her true interests.

I had the pleasure of meeting Natalie for the first time last week, and it is apparent, by her conduct and countenance, that she is a leader en route to success. Natalie speaks intelligently and with spirit, is kind but not of the sort where advantage can be had against her, is dedicated to her beliefs and interests, and imparts the welcoming air of a learned friend.

She puts her knowledge and responsiveness to fitting use when she assumes the title,

Student Spotlight

among her many, of Student Ambassador. Natalie is the perfect person to draw attention to TJSL—having extensive knowledge of the admission process and being as personable as she is—and as Student Ambassador Natalie travels to colleges in Los Angeles and San Francisco to recruit potential TJSL students. She also gives tours of TJSL's "campus" and participates in the orientation process by welcoming and educating new students.

Natalie is the president of Asian-Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA), and is an active and fierce member-participant of TJSL's moot court team. Natalie also dedicates a large portion of her time to the Bar Association, as she serves on the board for both the Pan-Asian Lawyers of San Diego and the Filipino-American bar associations in San Diego.

Besides school, Natalie has been working for the law firm Mitchell & Shea for some time. Mitchell & Shea is comprised mostly of TJSL-graduate attorneys and specializes, mostly, in premise liability and plaintiff injury suits. Natalie is the firm's most prized intern.

Beyond the realm of law school and its accompanying accoutrement, Natalie is a member of the "Yelp Elite," with extensive knowledge and star-measured opinions about your lunch. She is essentially a critic herself, but is also known for making the best dumplings in San Diego.

Natalie is the first Thomas Jefferson of School of Law Student Leader of 2010 because she has helped shape our school while building her own store of knowledge and experience. She is the responsible, commanding, and personable leader that TJSL needs, thus abroad she is the face of our school.

By Taylor Olson, 2L
International Law Society, President

What is the International Law Society About?

The purpose of the International Law Society (ILS) is to bring together students from across the globe interested in the study of international law. The areas of study in international law include, but are not limited to, human rights, tax, international affairs and business. As a student organization at Thomas Jefferson School of Law (TJSL), we try to assist and encourage the development of international careers and opportunities for the internationally minded student. ILS also tries to engage in other activities related to the development and promotion of international law, and related study and practice.

What the ILS Does?

In addition to furthering careers and opportunities in international law, ILS hosts social and professional networking events for Thomas Jefferson students and alumni. This year, ILS is in the process of creating a mentoring program for ILS members to connect with local international law attorneys and alumni. The executive board consists of me, as president, vice president Brittany Friedreich, the secretary Sarah Harty, and our treasurer Tanner Songer. As the executive board, we are given the privilege of awarding study abroad scholarships to members who show a strong participation in the society and interest in international law.

What ILS Plans to do?

On January 29, 2010 at 3:00 p.m., the ILS will co-host a discussion panel with TJSL's Center for Global Legal Studies. Panelists will discuss issues surrounding torture, as it is used by the United States. The program will bring together William Aceves, a Professor of Law and

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Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at California Western School of Law; Marjorie Cohn, Professor of Law at Thomas Jefferson School of Law; Jordan Paust, the Mike and Teresa Baker Law Center Professor of International Law at the Law Center of the University of Houston; Michael Scharf, the John Deaver Drinko, Baker & Hostetler Professor of Law; and Director of the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center at Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

On February 20, 2010, ILS will be hosting our annual "Monte Carlo Casino Night" at the San Diego Rowing Club near Pacific Beach. In addition to continuing to assist our members in furthering their international law careers, ILS will also begin planning our participation in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. This moot court competition is the world's largest, with participants from over 500 law schools from more than 80 countries. The competition is a simulation of a fictional dispute between countries before the International Court of Justice. This upcoming semester for the ILS will continue to offer events and opportunities for students at Thomas Jefferson, to further their careers and education in international law, and continue to be a socially beneficial student organization.



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p.m. -8:30 p.m., you able to serve a whole group of people who cannot take a day off to go to the court to get assistance. We are also conceptualizing student-initiated clinics in the community. These clinics will be supervised by faculty, staff & volunteer attorneys.

JG: How do we bring awareness to these clinics?

PH: You have to start them. The entire faculty needs to understand the importance of them and the institution needs to support them financially. I believe we need to integrate more practical skills into the curriculum, both in the clinic and in the classroom.

JG: How do you see your career and these clinics progressing in the future?

PH: I would like to get to a point where I see everyone at Thomas Jefferson graduate with a clinical experience that would be a requirement for graduation, because I think that's the kind of responsibility, as an institution, that we should have for our students and for the profession. I see myself developing and promoting these ideas not only at Thomas Jefferson, but throughout legal education.

New Year's Resolutions for 2010

By Danielle Mor, 1L
Staff Writer

On January 1, 2010 millions of people around the globe started working on their New Year's Resolutions. The first recorded New Year's Resolutions were made by the Babylonians around 4000 years ago. Most commonly, resolutions revolved around returning any borrowed farm equipment, as their New Year coincided with the start of their farming season. Not long after, the Romans would start the New Year by counting the stock of the previ-

ous year and setting goals to accomplish more in the coming year. In the modern world, we make New Year's Resolutions and try to achieve them. However, statistics show that only 10% of those who make New Year's resolutions ever manage to achieve them beyond a couple weeks. On the hand, it is never too late to make a New Year's Resolution and I would encourage you to do so. Good luck in 2010, make it a good one!

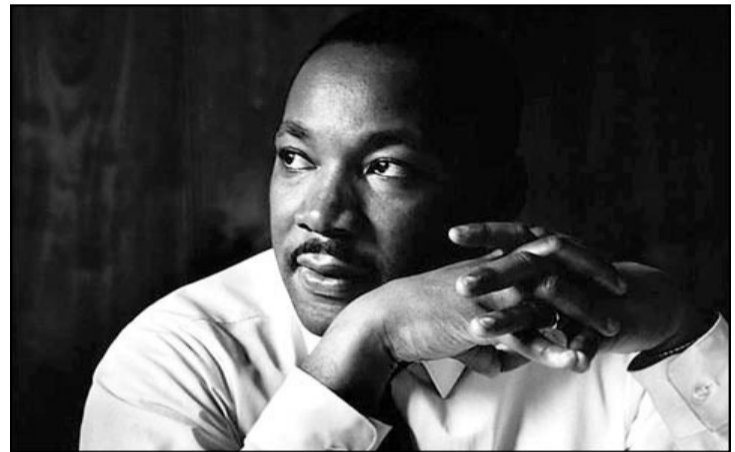
Here are some examples of TJSL Student New Year's Resolutions:
"Survive 2010, get in shape, and handle all my issues and prob-

lems" – Alex Mashiri
"Be myself, not lose perspective of what is important in life...be there for people...and volunteer more" – Brett Goda
"Worry less, focus on living in the moment and living life to its fullest" – Jenny Goldman
"Stop cussing, to be more organized and get in better shape"- Cheyenne M. Zokaie
"To do more outdoor activities and to relax" – Stephanie Ruiz
"Practice more discipline in every aspect of life" – Matan Darcy
"I want to donate some of the abundance of good looks that I have to the many in need" – Sharham Mangoli

Six Things You Probably Did Not Know About Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

By Brandi Haefs, 2L
Advertising Director

1. Despite some of his affiliations, he was actually a republican.
2. King is the only American man designated with a federal holiday that was not a President of the United States.
3. Martin Luther King Jr. Day only became a national U.S. holiday in 1986, even though he had accomplished so much for the Civil Rights Movement and sadly was assassinated in 1968.



4. Due to his assassination, both the Academy Awards and Major League Baseball's Opening Day were postponed.
5. He received the Nobel Peace Prize at thirty-five years old, making him the youngest man ever to

receive the award, and he also gave the \$54,123 prize money to the Civil Rights Movement.
6. King's efforts were not limited to fighting for civil rights; he also spoke out against poverty and the Vietnam War.

Sudoku

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If you have any questions or would like more information please email: sportslaw@tjssl.edu

CLE CREDITS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS EVENT

Our Distinguished Panelists:

Randy Grossman

MLBPA Certified Agent, representing Tim Raines and Hall of Famer Dave Winfield,
Professor of Sports Law at TJSL

Jim Miller

NFL Agent and Litigator. Off Tackle Sports Management, representing Femi
Ayanbadejo, Tyler Lorenzen, Daniel Sander, Tyler Schmitt and Corey Boudreaux.

Jack Mills

Director and past president of the Sports Lawyers Association and serves on the
Agents Advisory Committee to the NFL Players Association, Attorney specializing
in Sports Law, emphasis on football, Professor of Sports Law, University of
Colorado.

Michael Bernstein

Senior Corporate Counsel and Director of Sports Licensing and Acquisitions for the
Upper Deck Company, LLC.

Gary Barthel

Sports Attorney and Business Litigator. Specializing in negotiating contracts
involving issues related to athletes with disabilities, media production,
publication rights and preservation of amateur athlete status.

Craig Fenech

Sports Agent and Attorney, representing Jason Isringhausen, Bill Pulsipher, Tom
Henke and many other athletes and media figures since 1980.



The San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA) invites Thomas Jefferson students to take part in any of the following events taking place through February. The SDCBA's online calendar (www.sdcba.org/calendar) includes comprehensive event information, so be sure to check there if you are interested in a particular program as you will be able to download CLE flyers, read about programs and most importantly, register for seminars and events. Please keep in mind that while it is rare, changes to event times or cancellations do occur at the last minute, however, up-to-the-minute event information is maintained on the SDCBA online calendar.

SECTION & COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

2/01/2010	Children at Risk Committee Meeting	5:15 PM - 7:00 PM
2/01/2010	Ethnic Relations & Diversity Committee Meeting	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
2/09/2010	Elder Law Section Non-CLE Meeting	12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
2/18/2010	Social Security Disability Section Meeting	12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
2/26/2010	Immigration Law Section Non-CLE Meeting	12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

CLE SEMINARS:

1/21/2010	Future Shock: An Interactive Legal Ethics Program	5:30 PM - 9:00 PM
1/25/2010	Current Procedures in Family Court with Judge Lorna A. Alksne	12:00 PM - 1:15 PM
1/26/2010 PM	Part III - Bridging the Gap: Judges' Orientation Program for New Attorneys	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
1/26/2010	2009 Insurance Law: The Year in Review	12:00 PM - 1:15 PM
2/03/2010 1:15 PM	Structuring and Underwriting Life Insurance Policies for Non-Resident Aliens	12:00 PM - 1:15 PM
2/24/2010 1:15 PM	Part IV - Bridging the Gap: Judges' Orientation Program for New Attorneys	12:00 PM - 1:15 PM
2/24/2010 Discovery	CIVIL LITIGATION 101 SERIES - Part II: Preparing Your Case - Gathering Evidence Through Discovery	12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

I OBJECT YOUR HONOR

**Composed by
Sterling Williams, 2L**

No objection to a new year!

Objection to Derek Fisher getting dunked on...POSTER!

Objection to Tiger Woods treating his marriage like a joke.

No objection to a good happy hour.

No objection to being a guy and never wanting to lose to a girl.

Objection to Gilbert Arenas being an idiot.

Objection to people who are annoying and stupid when they are drunk.

Objection to having to buy books with no money.

Objection to school starting back up.

No Objection to time on the beach.

Objection to one of your best friends getting engaged without you knowing.

No Objection to getting money for the new year!

No Objection to leaving crappy weather for San Diego sun.

Objection to the women snitching on Tiger Woods and getting upset when they get media attention. Surprise...surprise

Objection to my lender not having my check in yet!

No objection to a well written prenup.

Objection to DVD's that skip.

Objection to the old guy who does the KUSI weather report. Um, where is the beautiful girl in high heels?

Objection to senior citizens taking the exit seats on airplanes. You do not need the leg room and I am positive you cannot save my life, so move it!

Objection to mean and controlling professors. There's no need for all that. Get a pet to boss around.

Objection to PR going from 3 credits to 2. So that means we get less work now right?!

Objection to Favre losing another NFC Championship game by throwing an interception.

No Objection to "bringing sexy" back to PR.

No Objection to phrases like: "My man," "Get Some," "Bam," and "Aint nothin wrong with that."

No objection to Bourbon Street, and Beignets, or Hurricanes.



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Above and below: Pictures of Community Committee volunteers during the “Father Joe’s Village Christmas Day After Meal”



Weird Legal News from Around the World

By Brandi Haefs, 2L
Advertising Director

North Face Apparel Corp. is suing a company called The South Butt – as well as the teenager who started the company in St. Louis, asking the court to prohibit the marketing and selling of the parody product line.

A Swiss court has slapped a speeder with a \$290,000 (U.S. dollars) fine because the panel of judges based the record-breaking fine upon the speeder’s wealth – estimated at over \$20 million.

Police in New Zealand recently picked up two naked men on a late night bike ride and could have hauled both of them into jail, and handed them a hefty fine, but instead let them off with a warning: put on your helmets!

A Pennsylvania man was charged with robbery and disorderly conduct after he stole \$50 from his ex-girlfriend at a local Wal-Mart, then he attempted to flee the scene on a store-owned motorized shopping scooter...all while in a hospital gown.

A Toledo woman pleaded not

guilty to a vandalism charge after she allegedly punched through a McDonald’s drive-through window because Chicken McNuggets were not available at the time.

Unfortunately, a Wisconsin teen will need legal permission to date for the next three years because he was convicted of fleeing with his 16-year-old girlfriend to Tennessee in a stolen car.

A former Arizona school district employee has resigned and may face charges after costing the district more than \$1 million by using school computers in an experiment to find space aliens.

A Salem authority caught a man in his female neighbor’s garage wearing nothing but HER underwear and has pleaded guilty to burglary.

An Ontario man is lucky to have only received a public intoxication ticket after he decided to help clear the snow from the streets with his own residential snow blower, and he was nearly struck by two passing vehicles while he recklessly walked into traffic.

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February 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 6:00 PM PAD Initiation Ceremony 6:00 PM 8th SBA Meeting	1 Crim. Law Lunch Special 11:00 AM DEAN HASL Meeting	2 GROUNDHOG DAY 1:00 PM LSRJ General Meeting	3 WRBLSA Convention Mock Trial Witnesses TYLA 10:00 AM Crim. Law Society Border Tour 12:00 PM PAD Meeting	4 PILF JOB FAIR	5 9:00 PM Bar Review	6 E-BALL 6:00 PM PAD Bowl-athon
7	8 Imm. Law Lunch Special Mock Trial Witnesses TYLA 11:00 AM DEAN HASL Meeting 12:00 PM JLR 2nd Amend. Shooting Range 5:00 PM BLSA General Meeting	9	10 BMI BRIEF DUE APALSA Mock Interview Workshop 11:00 PM LSRJ Matinee	11 ... LSRJ Matinee 9:00 PM La Rasa V-games	12 BLSA Game Night ... La Rasa V-games 9:00 PM Ent. Law Bar Review	13 E-BALL Sports Law Symposium
14 VALENTINE'S DAY CHINESE NEW YEAR	15 Outdoor Club Lunch Special LSRJ VDay Week PRESIDENT'S DAY BLSA Test Prep 11:00 AM DEAN HASL Meeting 6:00 PM 9TH SBA MEETING	16 12:00 PM APALSA General Meeting	17 BLSA Movie Night ASH WEDNESDAY	18 BLOOD DRIVE 4:00 PM APALSA Mock Interview Workshop	19 BLSA Shadow Day CO-CURRICULAR ... APALSA Mock Interview Workshop 9:00 PM Bar Review	20 E-BALL 7:00 PM ILS MONTE CARLO NIGHT
21	22 CLS Lunch Special BLSA General Meeting 11:00 AM DEAN HASL Meeting 6:00 PM Community Comm. Meeting	23 1:00 PM BLSA Interview Workshop	24 MIDTERMS	25	26 WLA Conference BLSA Poetry In The Park 9:00 PM APALSA Mixer	27 LSRJ Conference E-BALL?
28 MIDTERMS 6:00 PM 10th SBA Meeting	1 LSRJ Lunch Special La Rasa Celebration Month DIVERSITY MONTH BEGINS 11:00 AM DEAN HASL Meeting	2 1:00 PM LSRJ General Meeting	3 10:00 AM Crim. Law Society Prison Tour 12:00 PM PAD Meeting	4	5 5:00 PM ILS Panel	6 BLSA Census Outreach

THOMAS JEFFERSON BASKETBALL

GAME SCHEDULE:

January 30th
 February 6th
 February 13th
 February 20th
 NO GAMES on February 27th
 March 6th
 March 13th (if necessary)

Game times: TBA

All games will be held at Toby Wells YMCA, 5105 Overland Avenue San Diego, CA 92123

You must have a minimum of eight (8) players to sign up a team, at least two (2) of which must be women. If you would like to sign up a team but cannot get eight players, inquire about the Free Agent list!

Entry forms must be turned in via email or in person, along with the \$40 team entry fee by 5pm on January 26th—No Exceptions.

Contact: Kevin Vesely
sbaathletics@gmail.com

Looking Ahead: Socially Anyway!

By Raj Matani
 SBA, Social Chairman

Welcome back everybody to another exciting semester here at Thomas Jefferson School of Law (TJSL)! For those new students who have not met me yet, I am your SBA Social Chairman, Raj Matani. Along with better weather, spring brings with it an exciting social calendar. Expect amazing Bar Reviews every Friday night at a wide variety of local watering holes, both Downtown and in Pacific Beach.

In addition, select Bar Reviews will be sponsored by vari-

ous student organizations and we will be asking for charitable donations instead of a cover charge.

However, the brightest star in our social calendar belongs to the Annual TJSL Barrister's Ball on March 27, 2010. This year's grand affair will be held at the Hyatt Regency at Aventine in La Jolla. Tickets will go on sale in early February, but are limited, so be sure to keep your eyes out for a table outside the SBA Office selling tickets. Let us get this semester started off the right way and show the San Diego community that TJSL students know how to have a good time and yet still be responsible.

Spring Semester 2010: Important Dates to Remember

Next <i>Informer</i> Issue: Thursday, February 25, 2010	Barrister's Ball: March 27, 2010
Midterms: February 24 - March 12, 2010	Dead-week: April 29 - May 4
Spring Break: March 15-19, 2010	Finals begin: May 5, 2010

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