

The Advisor

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW



Left to Right:
Ms. Allison Slaughter
Mr. Cruz
Mr. Spearman
Dean Kransberger
Ms. Kay-Davis
Ms. Koumaras
Front Row:
Ms. Retoriano

Congratulations & Welcome to the Fall 2013 Class!

Welcome Admitted Students to TJSL's new downtown campus! Dean Rudy Hasl explains, "We have tried to create a welcoming and comfortable environment – our physical plant is designed to reduce the frustrations and stresses of a law school to allow you to concentrate your energies on your legal studies."

Dean Hasl understands that most law schools have the same basic JD curriculum, "what varies is the internal culture that has been created. So look at the cultures of the various law schools and determine which one is the best fit for you."

An integral part of TJSL's culture is diversity, says Dean Kransberger. Dean Kransberger is proud of the leaders of her admissions team which consists of; Admissions Director Tim Spearman, Michelle Allison, Justin Cruz, Amy Koumaras, Mary Retoriano and Pamela Kay-Davis.

"This is the beauty of diversity," Dean Kransberger says because "You will find somebody you'll connect with."

Things to Do & Dates to Remember

First Week "Orientation" Dates: Monday, August 12 - Saturday, August 17. Attendance is mandatory and will provide an overview of the curriculum for all incoming students.

Formal classes begins on Monday, August 19.



Seat Deposit Deadline - Remember to submit your \$400 seat deposit by mail, fax or over the phone by April 1.



Apply for Financial Aid/Loans - Visit the Financial Aid web-page and follow the 3 easy steps to apply for aid at <http://www.tjssl.edu/student-life/financial-aid/how-apply>.



Order Official College Transcript - After you submit your seat deposit, request a copy of your official sealed transcript from the college where you received your Bachelor's degree. Have it mailed directly to the Office of Admission at the law school. Note, the transcript sent to LSAC does not satisfy this request.



Secure Housing - Check out *Entrada*, a high-end apartment complex a mere one-block from the law school. Each unit is equipped with a washer dryer, walk-in closet and a private patio. For more information on *Entrada*, please contact Justin Cruz, Assistant Director of Admissions at jcruz@tjssl.edu or log onto <http://www.tjssl.edu/entrada>. For additional housing options in the local San Diego community, please contact the Office of Student Services at studentservices@tjssl.edu.



Relax and Enjoy - The start of classes will be here before you know it, so why not take in a movie or read a good book. May we suggest *Guerrilla Tactics For Getting The Legal Job Of Your Dreams: Regardless of Your Grades, Your School, or Your Work Experience!*, a book geared towards teaching important networking skills, or the movies *A Civil Action* (1998) or *Twelve Angry Men* (1957). All three choices are popular and are suggested to incoming students every year.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law Dedicated in a Moving and Joyous Ceremony

Written by Chris Saunders Director of News & Media Relations



At the Podium Master of Ceremonies Beth Kransberger

It could well have been the most glorious evening in the history of Thomas Jefferson School of Law, the first event in a joyous three-day celebration of the law school.

"We are here to both formally dedicate the new, extraordinary building, but also to mark a ritual in the development of this law school," said Master of Ceremonies, Beth Kransberger, TJSL's Associate Dean for Student Affairs. "We are thrilled that you all have honored us with your presence."

The pride in everyone's eyes was evident, as TJSL held the formal dedication ceremony for its new downtown campus at the Historic Balboa Theater on February 7. There was a stage full of luminaries led by U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and an audience of proud, cheering students, faculty, alumni, trustees, the legal community and friends of TJSL. Special guests also included the retired Chief Justice of Brazil Carlos Ayres Britto, and former French Supreme Court Justice No elle Lenoir.

"I am glad to be with you this evening to celebrate Thomas Jefferson's brand-new facility," said Justice Ginsburg. "To make a fine law school, of course, it takes more than just legal state of the art housing and equipment. It takes a dedicated creative faculty – determined to educate students to regard law not simply as a trade but as a public calling." [See Justice Ginsburg's Full Remarks](#)



U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

"This is a day of celebration for Thomas Jefferson School of Law," said Randy Jones, chairman of the TJSL Board of Trustees. "Let it stand as a lasting tribute to those who worked tirelessly to create the facility we are dedicating today as a symbol of our ongoing commitment to the rule of law in our society."



At the Podium Honorable Randy Jones

In his remarks, Dean Rudy Hasl likened the conception to completion of the law school with Homer's Odyssey, a journey that faced many of the same challenges Odysseus faced - the Sirens, Cyclops and Scylla and Charybdis (the clashing rocks and whirlpool.)

"Our odyssey began in 2005 when I

arranged for our then Board Chair, Sandy Kahn, to come up to Seattle for an ABA Conference on law school architecture, called Bytes, Bricks, and Continuous Renovations. That conference set in motion a series of events that culminated in our dedication today. "

The school now stands as a monument to the mission of TJSL to create a "diverse, welcoming atmosphere," as Dean Hasl put it.



TJSL Dean and President Rudy Hasl



Chantal Duisters & Richard Younger

Barristers Ball Masquerade Party

TJSL students call it the “Law Prom”, but the annual Barristers Ball is always so much more than that – especially this year. The 2013 edition, “Masquerade”, was held on Saturday, February 9, and was an elegant affair, held at the Hilton Bayfront Hotel, just blocks from the law school, and was an evening for students, faculty, staff and alumni to party and celebrate!

One of the highlights of the evening is the awards ceremony and the first award of the evening had two winners! Amy Louttit 3L and Susy Prochazka 3L were both recipients of the highly prestigious Charles T. Bumer Civil Libertarian Award, named for the legendary San Diego defense attorney. The award was presented on behalf of the National Lawyers Guild by former NLG president Professor Marjorie Cohn.



Susanna Prochazka and Professor Marjorie Cohn



L to R: Jennifer Cooper, Karen Harkins and Leah Christensen

Adjunct Faculty Member of the Year was Director of Academic Success Karen Harkins Staff Member of the Year was Jennifer Cooper, the Associate Director of Academic Success and the Lewis and Clark Award for Innovation and Dedication went to Professor Leah Christensen.

As the program came to a close, SBA president Gabe Baldini presented a special award to TJSL Dean Rudy Hasl, who is retiring at the end of June. The presentation was followed by a very moving video tribute to thank Dean Hasl for his eight years of service and his monumental achievements and accomplishments as leader of the law school.



Dean Rudy Hasl

TJSL National Mock Trial Team Wins TYLA Regional Competition



The Winners: Professor Lea Fields-Bernard, Robert Sagerian, Jay B Campbell, Michael Fabinski, Professor Lilys McCoy

For the first time in school history, the TJSL National Trial Team won the 2013 regional competition of Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) in Tucson, Arizona which took place on February 16 and 17. Coached by Professors Lilys McCoy and Lea Fields-Bernard, teammates Robert Sagerian 3L, Jay B Campbell 2L and Michael Fabinski 3L will compete in the national round of TYLA April 3-7, 2013 in San Antonio, Texas.

After defeating Western State, Pepperdine, Loyola Marymount, and Pepperdine again in a second bout, Sagerian, Campbell and Fabinski were crowned champions of Region 14.

“This is a remarkable achievement for our team and our law school,” said Robert Sagerian, TJSL’s Team Captain. “There has been so much support from the student body, the administration and members of the San Diego legal community leading up to this competition.”

The TYLA regional competition included 28 teams from Southern California, Arizona, and Hawaii. The TJSL team competed in five trials against Western State, Pepperdine and Loyola Marymount over the course of four days before being crowned Regional Champions. The TJSL team never lost a round and received the highest point total of all the teams.

TJSL Student-Business Mixer a Huge Success



“This is phenomenal - so well put together,” said Justin Hall 1L at the business mixer held Friday evening February 1 at TJSL. “A lot of hard work and dedication was put into this and it is so beneficial for the students.”

The event was designed to give the more than 80 law students who attended an opportunity to network with the owners of more than 30 downtown businesses and forge relationships. But it turned out to be much more than that and included a visit from San Diego Mayor Bob Filner.

The highly successful mixer was also a celebration of the involvement the law students already have with so many of the businesses surrounding the law school and, just as important, a chance for those businesses to support the students.

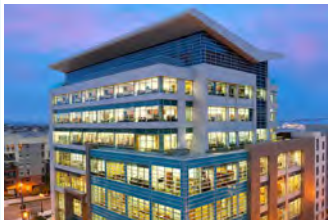
“These are very important relationships for law students to have,” Amy Buchanan 2L said. “Not just to support their businesses as customers, but to be possible attorneys for them after law school.”

That was the very purpose of the event – to show the businesses owners that TJSL students can be valuable to them as attorneys and even employees because of the skills their law degrees provide.



Mayor Bob Filner

TJSL Awarded LEED Gold Certification for its Green Building



TJSL Dean and President Rudy Hasl announced on Tuesday, January 22 that the law school’s new downtown campus has achieved Gold Certification under the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Program. “Going for the Gold” has been Dean Hasl’s goal from the moment the new building was conceived.

“From the beginning of the construction process, the School sought to achieve LEED Gold status as a statement of its commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility,” said Dean Hasl. “Our achievement of this status stands as a symbol of our commitment to responsible energy management and our leadership within the legal education community. We have demonstrated with our investment in this project that we have backed up our rhetoric with tangible commitments.” The new law school was designed and built to be as energy efficient as possible, to reduce the school’s environmental footprint and to generate solar electricity for the San Diego Gas & Electric grid.

There is a 49 kilowatt photovoltaic energy system on the roof, owned and operated by SDG&E, that will generate clean electricity to be fed directly back into the grid – enough clean energy at peak production to power the law school and up to 32 homes. This renewable system was worth one point toward the 39 points needed to qualify for Gold Level LEED certification. In recognition of these “green” efforts, SDG&E presented the law school with an incentive check for \$111,199 in March 2011 for its participation in the company’s “Sustainable Communities Champions Award” and “Savings by Design” programs.

The building’s mechanical equipment requires less energy to operate because of the building’s lower heating and cooling demands. A “Cool Roof” membrane on the main roof reflects heat from the sun and reduces cooling loads on the building. The school’s new server and network infrastructures also are saving on energy.

TJSL Helps San Diego and São Paulo Bar Associations Join Hands



Ellen Miller-Sharp and George Niaradi Sign the Agreement

The San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA) and Brazil's São Paulo Bar Association have come to a new cooperation agreement that was arranged by Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

The agreement was signed on Friday, January 25 at the bar associations' beautiful new offices at 401 West A Street by the SDCBA Executive Director Ellen Miller-Sharp and George Niaradi, the Counsel for International Affairs of the São Paulo Bar Association.

TJSL has very a strong connection to the Brazilian legal community, and hosts groups of Brazilian attorneys twice a year at the law school to study the U.S. legal system, under the Legal Education and Exchange Program (LEEP.) "Thomas Jefferson School of Law and LEEP have given all the support to make this cooperation agreement possible," said Carla McEwen, director of the LEEP Program at TJSL. "This agreement will reinforce LEEPs' philosophy that aims to minimize the stress in the legal cross culture differences also expands San Diego and São Paulo Bar members' legal knowledge."

The two bar associations will be hosting events and exchanging lawyers to promote both knowledge and understanding of member of both bar associations of each county's legal systems – which are very different, with Brazil's system being based on Napoleonic Law.



Top Row: Carla McEwen and Assoc. Dean William Byrnes Bottom Row: Ellen Miller-Sharp and George Niaradi

Tim Purpura '91: From Law School to Major League Baseball's Executive Suite



TJSL alumnus Tim Purpura '91 and Former SBA President and Event Organizer Jeremy Evans '11

TJSL alumnus Tim Purpura '91 has had a lifelong love affair with baseball. It led him to his current position as the Senior Director of Player Development for the Texas Rangers, his former position as General Manager of the Houston Astros and many other positions in baseball as well.

His career story was an inspiration to those who heard him speak at TJSL on January 24, as he talked about his pathway from law school to baseball's executive suites, during a lunchtime event presented by the TJSL Alumni Association and the law school's Center for Sports Law and Policy.

Purpura says a bit of advice from his mentor, former Orioles and White Sox general manager Roland Hemond is what made up his mind to go to law school. Hemond told him that "someday lawyers are going to run baseball.

Those were prophetic words, and today Purpura feels that not only are there a myriad of opportunities for lawyers in baseball, but in all professional and amateur sports. "Law school was my entrée into sports that I would not have had otherwise," he said.

TJSL Solo Practitioner Center has International Ties



“The incubator concept is spreading like wildfire,” said Fred Rooney, who developed the first incubator program at CUNY Law School in New York, and who helped start the incubator programs at both Thomas Jefferson and California Western schools of law.

The latest incubator program Rooney has established is in Santo Domingo, the Dominican Republic, where he is doing a Fulbright Scholarship this is the first incubator program in Latin America and the first outside the U.S.

On Monday, January 28, Rooney brought three Dominicans to San Diego to visit the Center for Solo Practitioners, TJSL’s incubator program, which has been in operation since November 1. The visitors and the lawyers from the CSP met in a round table session to learn about each other’s programs, with TJSL alumnus and solo practitioner Ben Aguilar '11 acting as the translator.

“San Diego is now an international hub for incubators, having two incubator programs,” said Rooney, whose program in Santo Domingo is being funded by the U.S. State Department.

“This is a great opportunity for people about to graduate,” said Dominican law student Luis Sosa. “It is also giving back to the community,” he added, referring to the Santo Domingo center’s mission of providing access to justice for people who can’t afford lawyers.

Student Organization Fair Brings Students Together



Sara Denton 2L of Outlaw and Neda Shoushtari 3L of MELSA

The student organization room on the 5th floor was buzzing with excitement on Thursday, January 24, as students gathered at the Spring semester Student Organization Fair. Over two dozen student organizations showcased to new members how they each enrich student life at TJSL.

The Women's Law Association and the Native American Law Students Association are two re-emerging student organizations that participated this semester.

“It was beneficial to have a few hours to hang out with the other organization's leaders and to meet some of the future leaders of TJSL,” said Public Interest Law Foundation President Kelly Hayes 3L, who was very excited that Public Interest Law Foundation was able to recruit 15 new members.

Black Law Students Association Vice President Jay B Campbell 2L praises the fellowship within his organization. “BLSA provides a great opportunity to meet fellow students. We provide great networking and a strong support system.”

La Raza Law Students Association and the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association also provide their members with support programs.

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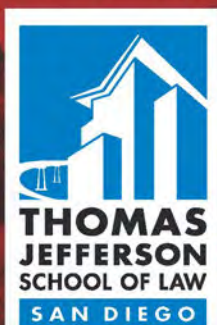
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**Thursday, February 14
11:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.
Room 323**

**French Judges Jean-Louis Bruguiere
and Caroline Charpentier
will talk about terrorism in Europe and
legal responses to this serious problem.**



Judge Caroline Charpentier



Judge Jean-Louis Bruguiere

Jean-Louis Bruguiere will speak about Terrorist Threats and Judicial Responses to Terrorism in France, especially Mali today. **Judge Bruguière** was the leading French investigating magistrate in charge of counter-terrorism affairs. He was appointed in 2004 as vice-president of the Paris Court of Serious Claims, *Tribunal de Grande Instance*.

Caroline Charpentier, Examining Magistrate of Tribunal de Grande Instance of Marseille, will speak about her experience in Marseille with regard to the fight against crime and the judicial system in France. **Judge Charpentier** worked for three years in a European RULE OF LAW Mission in KOSOVO, Balkan region, as criminal judge (2009 - 2012). She was seated on criminal panels that dealt with war crimes, organized crimes and human trafficking cases.

The event is co-sponsored by CGLS and the International Law Society.

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