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PROPOSED LEGAL CONNECT EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM GAINS MOMENTUM



On Friday, April 10, 2015, Thomas Jefferson School of Law IP Honors Students presented 'Fulfilling the Commercialization of the Bayh-Dole Act,' a symposium illustrating the existing challenges in Technology Transfer Offices (TTOs) and how law students can facilitate the commercialization of federally funded research.

"The Bayh-Dole Act allowed universities and small businesses to elect ownership of inventions made under federal funding," said IP Honors Student 3L Jermina Landstrom. "If an organization decides not to elect title on a patent, the federal agency that awarded the federal funding has the option to take title. If they chose to elect title the inventor is guaranteed a portion of any royalties."

"What we're hoping to accomplish is to create a program called Legal Connect, where we can place our students and those of Cal Western and USD in university incubators and tech transfer offices, that is what this is about," said Professor Randy Berholtz.

The symposium consisted of four panels: the first panel provided background on the Bayh-Dole Act; the second panel explained how TTOs are meant to facilitate the commercialization of discoveries for the benefit of the public by handling patent filings, marketing, and licensing, in addition to generating income to further research; the third panel presented several approaches to resolve the challenges TTOs face; and the fourth panel described the proposed Legal Connect program.

The panelists included the heads of TTOs at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, UCSD, UCI, San Diego State University, and Emory University. Partners from Knobbe Martens Olsen & Bear, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, and Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. also provided students and attendees with valuable insight about TTOs and what law schools can do to meet their demands.

"The data shows that the new trend is law schools forming their own externship programs through which they place students. More schools want to get

involved with those programs," explained IP Honors Student 3L Alesya Nalbandyan. "TJSL Professors Troop and Berholtz have placed 3 to 5 students a year in TTOs. We are an example of a school that does not have a program but selects students for field placement."

The culmination of a year-long research project, the symposium was organized by IP Honors Students Tony Rafati, Rachelle Law, Theodore Montgomery, Alesya Nalbandyan, Tamara Marshall, Jermina Landstrom and Mark Hackmann. The result of their research is Legal Connect, an externship program modeled after a non-profit law firm that will provide university technology transfer offices and incubators with students and IP lawyers. Legal Connect will allow students to earn academic credit while developing legal and professional skills under the supervision of experienced faculty partners and volunteer attorneys. "With Legal Connect we want to bring law students into the tech transfer process, to catalyze innovation, essentially to increase innovation at universities," concluded IP Honor student 3L Tamara Marshall.

THE JUSTICE AND REENTRY SOCIETY HOSTS “KNOW YOUR RIGHTS” EVENT



By Negin Nazi, 2L, JRS Social Chair

The Justice and Reentry Society (JRS) hosted their second “Know Your Rights” event at TJSJ on Saturday March 28, 2015. The purpose of the event was to assist those with a desire to transition to becoming productive members of society but were being held back by their conviction. With an environment encouraging dialogue and interaction, the Town Hall Meeting style event, open to the community, focused on resources and rights for those with criminal records. Information was presented, followed by a Q&A session detailing the criminal expungement process, housing, employment, education, Proposition 47, and 211 resources.

Over fifty community members were in attendance representing the local formerly incarcerated population as well as representatives from various public and private organizations catered towards assisting them. The organizations present were: San Diego Dads Corps, San Diego Clean Slate Clinic, San Diego Reentry Roundtable, Volunteers of America, Amity Foundation, Exodus Recovery Agency, SDRC Pathways to Success, Center for Employment Opportunities,

San Diego Rescue Mission, The Office of Council District 8, City of San Diego Positive Gentlemen, Paralegal Group Services, and PATH.

Keiara Auzenne, Co-founder and Coordinator of the San Diego Clean Slate Clinic, Board Member Re-Entry Roundtable, and local defense attorney, assisted by answering specific questions with regards to Proposition 47 and criminal expungement. Ms. Auzenne also discussed 211 San Diego, which provides free resources and information about community and health services. In many instances an expungement of an individual’s criminal record is the first step in giving them a fresh start. It enables individuals to become productive members of the community through increased employment and educational opportunities.

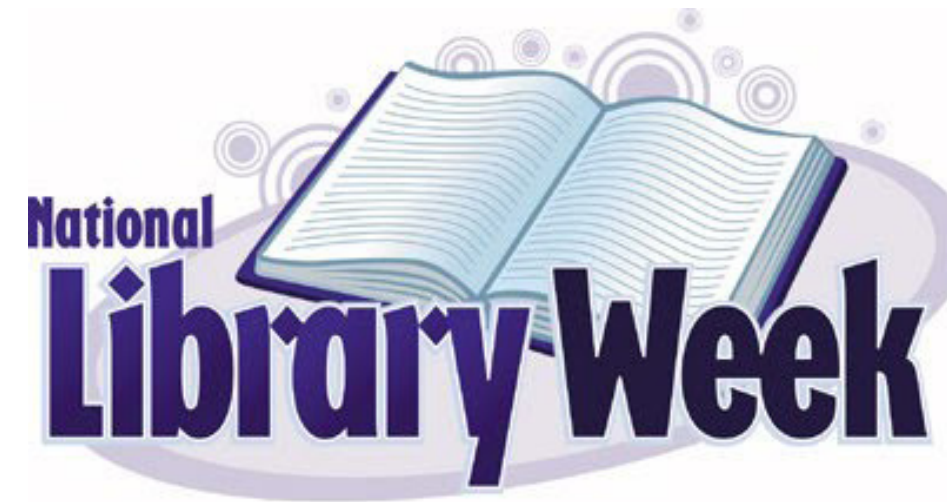
The JRS also provided information about rights to employment, job training, and education. Participants were provided job applications from prospective employers who hire individuals with criminal records. The JRS also addressed common misconceptions, such as people with criminal convictions are not eligible for student aid as well as step-by-step

instructions on how to apply for the funds.

JRS President, Nicolas Spigner, discussed recently passed Proposition 47, which reduces qualifying felonies to misdemeanors under certain circumstances. Spigner stated, “I am happy to be a part of something that can successfully help people turn their life around, these small steps are indicative of the transition these people are willing to make to separate themselves from the stigma that a felony conviction entails.”

In addition, information was provided about affordable housing resources as well as local laws pertaining to the rights of tenants with criminal records. Marvin Winters, a formerly incarcerated individual, who has now turned his life around and is working with San Diego Dads Corps to help others successfully transition into society, was also in attendance. Not only does Mr. Winters’ success story inspire similarly situated individuals but he was also able to provide valuable information to attendees facing difficulties obtaining housing stemming from their criminal record.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK



Celebrate National Library Week at Thomas Jefferson School of Law April 12-18, 2015!

This year’s theme is “Unlimited possibilities @ your library®.” The Library staff will serve cake in the library lobby on Monday, April 13 in honor of both National Library Week and Thomas Jefferson’s birthday. They will also host two events all week long, a student scavenger hunt and student survey. Complete the scavenger hunt to be entered to win a swag bag from Westlaw. Complete the survey to be entered to win one of three gift certificates for a Lexis study aid. Stop in to see what the TJSJ Library staff can do for you!

PROFESSOR MARJORIE COHN PRESENTS AT BUTLER UNIVERSITY IN INDIANAPOLIS



On April 7, Professor Marjorie Cohn delivered a presentation about drones and targeted killing at the Desmond Tutu Center, which is a joint project of the Christian Theological Seminary and Butler University in Indianapolis.

Professor Cohn explained why she invited Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Tutu to write the foreword to her new book, ‘Drones and Targeted Killing: Legal, Moral, and Geopolitical Issues.’ President Obama often refers to ‘American exceptionalism’, reflecting the view that

Americans are superior to people in other countries. This became an issue in 2013, after a secret Department of Justice white paper was leaked to the press. It listed conditions for the targeted killing of U.S. citizens. Although there had been very little opposition to the targeted killings of foreigners, when Americans heard that U.S. citizens could be targeted, they were outraged. This motivated Archbishop Tutu to write a letter to the editor of ‘The New York Times,’ in which he asked, “Do the United States and its people really want to tell those of us who live in the

rest of the world that our lives are not of the same value as yours?”

When Professor Cohn saw his letter, she invited the Archbishop to write the foreword to her book. He graciously agreed, and expanded on that sentiment in the foreword.

Professor Cohn’s lecture, which was very well-received, was attended by 95 people, mostly Butler students.



On Friday, April 10, the Center for Sports Law & Policy (CSLP) at Thomas Jefferson School of Law hosted the final installment of the 2014-2015 'Padres Speakers Series' with Padres front office executive Josh Stein, who has worked for the Padres since 2003 in varying roles.

During his presentation, Stein discussed his background and experience, what he currently oversees and what that means to the organization, staffing levels/structure, goals, and metrics, with general questions from the audience that followed.

The event was the fourth installment of the Padres Speakers Series for 2014-2015 that has featured Jarrod Dillon, former Vice President of Corporate Partnerships; Erik Greupner, Vice President and General Counsel; and team Ownership Group member Tom Seidler.

Being a J.D. himself, Stein told the Sports Law Fellows and guests that "law school will give you the opportunity to make

a career in what you are passionate about." He stressed the differences in his current role as Assistant General Manager of Baseball Operations between the administrative tasks and evaluation of baseball players' talent. Stein noted that administrative tasks consist of contract negotiations and arbitration, with evaluation consisting of scouting and evaluating talent. He said that he preferred the latter, stating it was the most difficult part of the job, the most rewarding, while carrying the most risk.

Alumnus Carlos Martinez '09 was in attendance and worked with Stein early in his career. "Josh Stein was magnificent in his discussion and insight of his duties and role as the Assistant General Manager for the San Diego Padres Organization. He captivated the audience with his stories of how he stayed in the baseball industry," said Martinez.

Sports Law Fellow Rachel Baum 3L added "Josh's determination to work in the field he had always dreamed of was inspiring.

Hearing him speak about putting aside his ego, while excelling in three unpaid internships in order to work his way to the assistant GM role, goes to show that with the right mindset and work ethic no goal is out of reach."

First-year law student Decker Cady 1L had this to share about the event "Josh Stein gave us some great insight as to the hard work it takes to break into the industry and how exciting and rewarding it can be once you do get your foot in the door."

The Padres Speakers Series was organized by CSLP Director Jeremy Evans with the help of the Padres Organization. Look for updates on the 2015-2016 Padres Speaker Series on the [Center's website](#).



On April 4th, Thomas Jefferson School of Law Los Angeles Area Alums, Lena Gurevich 08', Mona Acala 08', Sterling Williams 11', Teresa Watts 11', Ebony Sullivan 10', and Marcellous Gasper 11' made their way to Studio City for their most recent Alumni mixer where they spent time networking and catching up on old times.

If you or someone you know is interested in attending a Los Angeles Area event, please contact Sterling Williams and Mona Acala at latjsslalumni@gmail.com.

Or, if you are in the San Diego area please note that on the first Thursday of every month, all alums are invited to attend the San Diego receptions that are held once a month at Bottega Americano which is located in the TJSJ building at 1155 Island Avenue in the East Village.

FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

MARJORIE COHN

Presentation

Drones and Targeted Killing: Legal, Moral, and Geopolitical Issues, Desmond Tutu Center, Butler University, Indianapolis, IN (April 7, 2015)

Radio

Drones and Targeted Killing: Legal, Moral, and Geopolitical Issues, Top of Minds, BYU Radio, Sirius satellite radio, national, April 13, 2015.

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GRADUATION PROCESSION STARTS PROMPTLY AT 10 AM

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