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CONGRATULATIONS TO TJSL'S 2014 DECEMBER GRADUATES



Friends, family, and faculty joined December graduates on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at Copley Symphony Hall to celebrate Thomas Jefferson School of Law's Fall Commencement.

"I'm excited for the class. I helped bring them in, so it is exciting to see them graduate and move on to the next phase of their life," said Associate Director of Admissions Michelle Allison-Slaughter as she helped assemble graduates for their walk across the stage.

Graduates spoke with friends and took pictures while they waited for the procession to begin. "I am scared and

excited," Nallely O'campo said before going on stage, "I still can't believe this journey is over." Graduate Robert Chiusano expressed joy and pride at having completed his degree, "I am happy and I am proud of my fellow graduates." Equally excited, graduate Julie Houth also noted, "It is bittersweet, I am going to miss all my friends and my professors. But it's one step closer toward my goal in life, being an attorney and helping people."

Randy K. Jones, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, introduced Dean Thomas Guernsey who awarded Summa Plaques to distinguished graduates Matthew Kenneth Baylot and class valedictorian Dr. Lynn Marie Morski. Morski then encouraged her fellow graduates to "quit" as many times as necessary by making the right decisions for them. "Don't miss out on opportunities that make you happy," Morski said. "Pass the bar, get a good job, and quit until the life you want is yours."

Board of Trustees member and former member of the Professional Staff of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), Morris

S. Casuto delivered a commencement address infused with humor while reminding graduates of the responsibility that comes along with their degree. "Go forward and protect our freedom and do the necessary work to improve our nation," Casuto said. "I wish you good luck in finding a job which will turn into a career, and finally a calling."

"It is my honor to congratulate you all on your membership today," said Sabrina Green '02, former President of

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the Alumni Board Association, as she welcomed the new group of alumni. "Our sole purpose is to support you and we would like to do nothing more than that," Green reminded graduates. "The Alumni Board looks forward to assisting you in your continuing success now and in the future."

For most graduates, the next milestone lies just ahead in February 2015. "I started school in January 2012, time has

flown by and now it's time for the bar," said Brooke Baquial. "I am taking the bar in February, and I have three days after graduation before bar prep starts." Friends Baquial and Jessica Pederson look forward to taking and passing the bar. "I am really excited that I am done with school and I am really looking forward to the next chapter," said Pederson.

Approximately 74 Juris Doctor students walked across the stage on Saturday

as well as two American Legal Studies students who received their LL.M. (Master of Laws) degree as part of the American Legal Studies program for non-U.S. lawyers.

Following the graduation ceremony, TJSJ held a reception at the law school attended by many graduates along with their family and friends.

TJSJ ALUMNI VIDEO SERIES EPISODE FOUR FEATURING ERIC BERNSEN '12



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LAWYERS CLUB HONORS ALYSSA CASIPLE WITH WOMEN AND THE LAW PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP

The Lawyers Club of San Diego honored Alyssa Casiple as the fifth recipient of the Lawyers Club Women and the Law Project at Thomas Jefferson School of Law Scholarship on Thursday, December 11th, 2014 at the Lawyers Club annual Holiday Luncheon at the Westin San Diego - Emerald Plaza.

TJSJ President and Dean Thomas Guernsey introduced Casiple, who was one of several San Diego law students to receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

Casiple joins a long list of distinguished scholarship winners. In 2010, Catrina Skor was selected by Lawyers Club as the first recipient of this scholarship, Elizabeth Knowles received the honor in 2011, Amy Louttit in 2012, and Kimberly Coulter was honored as last year's recipient.

The scholarship provides \$2,000 to a TJSJ student who demonstrates support of the mission of Lawyers Club, is academically among the top 50% of her or his law



school class, and has completed one full year of law school (30 units minimum). The scholarship is intended to be used for tuition and books.

Applications for the scholarship were solicited in early October and submitted

to the Lawyers Club Scholarship Committee for selection of a candidate to be approved by the Lawyers Club Board of Directors. TJSJ had several well-qualified candidates this year.

HAIK CHILINGARYAN 3L PUBLISHED IN MERTENS LAW OF FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION



"To release my first article in the oldest tax treatise was beyond anything I imagined," said Chilingaryan.

The Mertens article both analyzed like-kind exchanges and proposed potentially qualifying exchanges based on jurisprudence. "Since there is an ongoing debate on whether to limit or completely eliminate I.R.C. §1031, the article

Haik Chilingaryan 3L, along with Associate Dean William Byrnes and Adjunct Professor Robert Bloink, published in the October edition of Mertens Law of Federal Income Taxation their interpretation of the I.R.C. Section 1031: Like-Kind Exchanges. The article is titled, "Exploring the Extent of Like-Kind Nonrecognition Treatment (and Its Potential Demise)".

may turn out to be monumental," said Chilingaryan.

"Haik Chilingaryan is establishing himself in the United States property finance community through developing and communicating creative solutions for like-kind exchange," shared Professor Byrnes. "The Mertens article is his first

of what I expect to be several property finance pieces for other publishers in the Spring."

Chilingaryan says this accomplishment is one of many that he is proud of since beginning his journey at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. "Prior to being published in Mertens, I had already been on the Honor Roll, received the Jeffersonian Medal, and was actively involved in several student organizations. In my third year I became the Vice-President of the Armenian Law Students Association and the Alumni Relations Chair of the Business Law Society."

"In early 2015, I expect to be published in a Law Review journal," said Chilingaryan. "I also expect several publications related to property finances by mid-2015. I would like to give a special thanks to Chris Guzelian and Linda Keller for their guidance."

TAKE A VISUAL TOUR INTO THE LIVES AND EXPERIENCES OF TJSL ALUMNI

The [TJSL Alumni Video Series](#), filmed and edited by Art Director Sherwin Laranga and produced by Communications Coordinator Denice Menard, showcases a wide variety of Thomas Jefferson School of Law Alumni and focuses on their areas of expertise and experiences.

In this ongoing series, past graduates give you a glimpse into their lives and discuss their journey from law school to career.

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FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

CHRISTOPHER GUZELIAN

Articles

Required Resolution: Enforcing Contracts Without Courts, NEXUS (forthcoming 2015)

Expert Testimony in Nineteenth Century Malapraxis Actions, Am. J. Legal Hist. (with Michael A. Stein and Kristina M. Guzelian) (forthcoming 2015)

False Speech: Quagmire, 51 San Diego L. Rev. 19 (2014)

MARJORIE COHN

Presentations

The case of Rasmea Odeh, Palestinian Womens Association of Southern California, Anaheim, CA (December 7, 2014)

Drones and Targeted Killing: Legal, Moral and Geopolitical Issues, La Mesa-Foothills Democratic Club, La Mesa, CA (December 3, 2014)

Radio

Senate Intelligence Committee torture report, Swiss Public Radio, Switzerland, Dec. 10, 2014.

The grand jury system, Evening Edition, KPBS-TV, San Diego, Dec. 8, 2014.

The grand jury system, Midday Edition, KPBS radio, San Diego, Dec. 8, 2014.

The grand jury system, San Diego's Noon News, KOGO radio, San Diego, Dec. 5, 2014.

What's Next in the Eric Garner case? [Video interview by the Wall Street Journal](#), Dec. 4, 2014

Failure of grand juries to indict in Michael Brown and Eric Garner cases, The Burt Cohen Show, New England and the Web, Dec. 4, 2014.

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PROMINENT ALUMS ARE AMAZING EXAMPLES OF HARD WORK AND DEDICATION



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TJSL's 2015 Who's Who Among Students
in American Universities and Colleges

Priscilla Askar
Rachel Baum
Kierre Coghill
Steven Davies
Chanel DiBlasi
Jeremy Freedman
Christina Hebert
Sam Kossack
Cassandra Lawrenson
Sean Conor Leedom
Yana Loboda

Mark Marion
Lynn Marie Morski
Kristen O'Connor
Pamela Rivera
Maria Saling
Lisa Scarpa
Richard Schurman
Ian Seruelo
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