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REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2015 WOMEN AND THE LAW CONFERENCE

TJSL's Women and the Law Conference 2015 will be held at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in rooms 323 and 325 on Friday, March 27, 2015. The daylong event will include prestigious panelists and a reception on the 8th floor terrace. All participants must register.

The conference will explore *Women and the Criminal Justice System*. Noted criminal defense attorney and author Leslie Abramson, who handled the Menendez Brothers trial and the Phil Spector case, will deliver the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecture.

Since 2003, the WLC has featured the annual Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecture, thanks to the support of Associate Justice Ginsburg of the U.S. Supreme Court, who visited and lectured at the law school that same year.



A dynamic speaker, Abramson promises to give a spirited presentation. "Leslie is a funny and dynamic speaker and I'm confident she will give a great Ginsburg Lecture," said conference organizer Professor Marjorie Cohn.

Other notables speaking at the conference include retired U.S. District Court Judge Irma Gonzalez, Alumna San

Diego District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis '76, and Santa Clara law professor Gerald Uelmen.

Panels will focus on timely and controversial subjects, including: *Are Women Treated Like Men in the Criminal Justice System?*, *Pathways to Power: Trailblazing Women in Criminal Law*, and *Women in Prison*.

The WLC is organized by the Women and the Law Project at TJSL. The popular annual conference is open to the public and regularly draws a large audience of academics, legal practitioners, and other professionals as well as students from local universities.

[Register for WLC 2015](#)

ORGS PROVIDE FORUM TO EXAMINE DYNAMICS BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT & COMMUNITY



By Lilia Rodriguez 2L
BLSA and La Raza member

In light of Black History Month and the growing national concern about the nature of law enforcement's interactions with community members of color, TJSL's Center for Law and Social Justice, the Black Law Students Association (BLSA), La Raza, Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association (EBGBA), and the Diversity Committee under Crawford Law Institute Mentorship Bond Program (CLIMB) sponsored "Bridging the Gap between Police Practices, Youth, and Communities of Color: A Vision for Change."

The interactive panel, held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, brought together students from Crawford High School and community figures for a candid discussion about their experiences and thoughts on local law enforcement practices. The discussion began with an introduction by Professor K.J. Greene and was moderated by co-founder and Chair of the Diversity Committee of the CLIMB Program, Professor Maurice Dyson.

After playing a portion of FBI Director James B. Comey's recent remarks on the assumptions veteran police officers make regarding citizens of color, panelist, former criminal defense attorney, and international human rights scholar and advocate, Professor Marjorie Cohen

noted, "Racial profiling starts at the stop. Who do they stop? They stop people of color. That racial profiling infects the system from the beginning to the end. Who is charged with crime at a greater rate? People of color are arrested, charged, convicted, and receive the death penalty at a greater rate."

Panelist 3L Devendra Raj Ghandi Rajan proposed a closer examination of the implicit biases that affect both law enforcement and communities as a whole.

Panelist Kellen Russoniello, a staff attorney with the ACLU of San Diego, introduced to the conversation the controversial implementation of body cameras on police officers. Panelist Mack Jenkins, Chief Probation Officer for San Diego County, responded, "There is a significant movement...to equip officers with body cameras, so that they can see that officers are delivering their services in the way that they've been trained."

In addition to discussing law enforcement training and the need to combat implicit biases by law enforcement officers, panelists addressed how citizens can help contribute to bridging the gap.

Panelist and executive officer of Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board, Patrick Hunter explained, "We

accept complaints against the San Diego Sheriff's Department and the Probation Department. We try to make sure that what happened was that the officers involved followed the departments' policy, their procedures, and the law." Former New York state police officer and vice-chair of the Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board, Jason Kaplan '11 added, "We review the whole process that the police department's internal affairs department conducts. If we disagree we have an opportunity to sit down with internal affairs and work out some sort of agreement, occasionally we cannot work something out and in that case the disagreement will go to the mayor's office. We receive nothing for our service; we are just individuals interested in holding the police accountable."

Discussion also branched out into the programs, such as Shop with a Cop, available to the community to help transform the implicit biases that are formed against law enforcement officials.

"I was very excited about having students from Crawford High School participate in the panel discussion," said Black Law Students Association President Phylcia Coleman 3L. "Because they are the future, this was the type of panel I felt was extremely important for them to hear. A few of the students made very enlightening comments that added to the overall discussion. It just goes to show that they are aware of what is going on, and they have opinions about it. They simply need the proper avenue to be able to voice those opinions freely. I've worked with the students through volunteering with CLIMB, and they're brilliant kids who have the ability to break cycles and bridge the gaps that our discussion concerned."

"The forum allowed for some honest moments that highlighted challenges but also helped bridge concerns," said Professor Dyson. "Students of CLIMB and TJSL law students alike looked at the issues with nuance, recognizing good policing practices where they exist yet remaining vigilant to eradicate systemic and individual harmful biases to building mutual trust between communities of color and law enforcement."

LSRJ SPEAKER GIVES PERSPECTIVES ON CHOICE

On Tuesday, February 10, the Law Students for Reproductive Justice (LSRJ) hosted an annual discussion "Pro-Faith, Pro-Choice!" This year's speaker was Reverend Madion Shockley who is the Pastor of the Pilgrim United Church of Christ in Carlsbad, California, a member of the San Diego ALCU Board, and a national author.

During the event, Reverend Shockley sparked an animated discussion that emphasized the need to continue the dialogue on the sensitive topic of choice. "To make a free choice one has to be free of the stigma that is attached to having an abortion, to being pregnant, for being sexual...that is the work that lies ahead of us," Reverend Shockley stated. "We have to start thinking about it in a more holistic way, because it is an issue that impacts all of us."

Aided by Professor Joy Delman, TJSL is in the forefront of reproductive rights education as the only law school in San Diego to offer a course on the subject. As the faculty advisor for LSRJ, Delman said, "Reverend Shockley inspired the audience to consider reproductive justice as a faith based imperative, grounded on Constitutional principles of every person's right to believe, worship, and act in ways that are best for that individual. He stressed that reproductive



rights are not only women's rights, but are the fundamental human rights of men and women to make informed decisions about medical care and family planning, with the concomitant need for access for all to health care. Those in attendance were clearly stimulated by Reverend Shockley's message, and his presentation ended with a thought provoking discussion that was both engrossing and enlightening."

The event attracted many students, with varying viewpoints who were able

to ask Reverend Shockley questions. "I completely agree with the Reverend that this subject, although focused on women's rights, should consist of an open dialogue with both women and men," said Vice-President of the Family Law Society and secretary of the Women's Law Association, 2L Janate Valenzuela.

"LSRJ's event was interesting," said 3L Jarvis Curry. "Reverend Madison Shockley skillfully outlined his perspective of the role of religion as an influence on reproductive rights."

GRAD FAIR MAKES IT ALL SEEM REAL FOR MAY 2015 GRADS

On February 19, TJSL 3L's lined up to get their graduation photos taken, gather information about ordering graduation regalia, and receive Career Services and Financial aid exit interview information.

The conversation amongst students was that being at the grad fair made it all

seem real for the very first time.

SBA President Katie Smith shared the same sentiment as she put on her cap and gown and posed for her graduation photo. "I am ready and excited to graduate," said Smith. The students attending the grad fair, hosted by the

Student Services Department, will walk across the stage at [Copley Symphony Hall](#) located at 750 B Street in Downtown, San Diego on Saturday, May 16 at 10 a.m.

The Spring 2015 valedictorian is Yana Loboda.



MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL OWNER AND GM MAKE UP CSLP PANEL



By Alfredo Bustamante, 2L, CSLP Fellow

On Friday, February 6, 2015, the TJSL Center for Sports Law and Policy (CSLP) hosted a panel featuring Len Simon who is the Co-Owner of the Lake Elsinore Storm, a Class A baseball team and affiliate of the San Diego Padres and Assistant General Manager/Director of Corporate Sales Raj Narayanan.

Moderated by CSLP Director Jeremy Evans '11, the panel covered a variety of topics, including duties within the organization, staffing levels and structure, and goals. The panelists began by explaining their respective backgrounds. Mr. Simon is a graduate of Duke University School of Law and has been a litigator in San Diego since 1983. Mr. Simon explained that he had always loved sports which is why he sought a way to get involved in the sports industry. In early 2002, he purchased the Lake Elsinore Storm with Gary Jacobs.

Mr. Narayanan, who joined the Storm in October 2009, attended the University of Connecticut and Rutgers University. Prior

to joining the Storm, he worked for the Inland Empire 66ers for four years and as a Financial Services Professional in New Jersey for six years.

Next, the panel discussed the general differences between a Minor League team and a Major League team, as well as the relationship between the two. Unlike Major League teams, the Storm does not have control over the players on their roster. Although they sometimes have big name players join their program, he explained that it is not in their best interest to promote those players as part of their team because it is possible that they will be called up to the Major League at any time. Therefore, Mr. Narayanan and his staff are responsible for coming up with new and creative ideas to promote the team and attract fans to come watch their games.

When trying to come up with new, fresh ideas for promotions, Mr. Narayanan explained that it's important to know what is going on in the world at that time and what's being talked about. "You have to ask yourself, how can we capitalize on this? What's trending right now?" An example that he mentioned is the current NFL scandal known as Deflategate. However, Narayanan said before going forward with promotions involving public figures or trademarks, it is important to protect against legal issues through licensing and approvals. He added that although a promotion may seem innocent enough, you never know when a legal issue might arise.

Besides coming up with creative promotions related to trending topics, the Storm also focuses on promoting their mascot, special events like fireworks and giveaways, and discounts on food and drinks. The panelists also discussed the importance of finding ways for the team to tie their promotions to good causes, such as charities and cancer research.

Along with learning about what it's like to own and be a General Manager for a Minor League Baseball team, guests of the panel were also given advice on how to someday earn an executive position with a team. "Just work hard," said Mr. Simon. "Work hard, learn how to do whatever task you are given, and be a smart worker." Mr. Simon discussed the importance of being technologically savvy by explaining your social media skills considering the role that social media has today. In a world where everything is becoming digitalized and imprinted on social media, having that kind of knowledge and skill is very valuable.

Mr. Narayanan advised guests to work hard, as well as constantly be learning. "No matter what position you get into, learn as much as you can. When I first started, I tried to get involved with everything I possibly could, and that's how you can make yourself stand out." He also referenced the movie *Drumline* by saying "You have to learn how to follow before you can lead."

by explaining his role in securing the financing for billion-dollar income based housing projects in New York City. "The NYC Housing Development Corporation is a government agency that is a public corporation, we issue bonds for the development of affordable housing. We are very entrepreneurial and work with the city, bank lending, private lending, and make a lot of money through differential lending. Affordable housing is a national issue, we are unusual in the amount of resources that we put into affordable housing and other people

often look to us." Froehlich said. "People in affordable housing really enjoy it because we are making a difference in people's lives."

As an eviction defense attorney with the Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Catherine Rodman noticed that clients in overpaid substandard housing inevitably returned within an eight month period. "So I looked around for things that would affect some systemic change." Rodman then focused on engaging agencies in litigation in order to enforce redevelopment statutes that target replacing affordable housing. "Housing is the biggest share of anyone's budget, especially for poorer people, so you have a greater ability to impact poverty by getting housing costs affordable and better people's quality of life."

In addition to being Chairman of the ABA forum, panelist Sherrod Banks owns a thriving affordable housing and community development law practice in North Carolina. Banks describes his

practice as multidisciplinary, combining business and corporate law, real estate law, public finance and legislative representation. "As Chairman of the ABA forum we put on educational events for lawyers and students throughout the year about the industry," Banks added. "For students membership is free and you can make some wonderful contacts if you decide to practice in this area."

Local attorney Andrea Carter '08 specializes in small business, contract, and land use. "I was never really satisfied with the Band-Aid approach to practicing law, I wanted to use my law degree as a means to an end to get to the underlying root causes of issues," Carter explained. "My practice is related to my purpose in life and what I find to be meaningful work. I think that is key. Whether you go into this area of law or not, it is important to find something that is purposeful, something that motivates you."

The ABA provided informational materials and encouraged attendees to

get involved with the Affordable Housing and Community Development Law Forum and writing competition in March.

"The panel was truly inspiring as we had a diverse group of speakers who are solo practitioners, small firm owners and government counsel. I enjoyed hearing that panel members had a common goal regardless of the side they represent and regarding their practice outside of California," said 2L Christina Gonzalez.

"It was an honor to have the ABA Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law ask Thomas Jefferson School of Law to host this amazing panel," Professor Nieman said. "The panelists provided such a unique perspective on an area of law that is unknown to many students. It opened the students' eyes in seeing that their legal training can take them in a multitude of directions. It was also educational from a practitioner's viewpoint to hear how various attorneys are working on these issues across the nation. Overall, it was a great event!"



TJSL HOSTS ABA AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LAW FORUM

On Thursday, February 12, 2015, the TJSL Community Economic Development Clinic, Career Services, and the ABA Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law sponsored "Careers in Affordable Housing and Community Development Law." Moderated by Adjunct Professor and supervising attorney of the Community Economic Development Clinic, Rebecca Niemen, the panel brought together attorneys from across the country to share their experiences in the field.

The panelists included: Richard M. Froehlich, CFO and General Counsel of the New York City Housing Development Corporation; Catherine Rodman, Director and supervising attorney at Affordable Housing Advocates; Sherrod Banks, principal at the Banks Law Firm, P.A. and Chairman of the ABA Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law; and Andrea Carter '08, TJSL alumna and solo practitioner.

Representing the government sector, Richard Froehlich began the discussion

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TJSL BAR STUDY SCHOLARSHIP

The Thomas Jefferson School of Law is proud to announce the second installment of the TJSL Bar Study Scholarship that provides financial support to graduates studying to take the California Bar for the first time.

The scholarship is designed to enable successful applicants who demonstrate financial need and academic achievement to devote more time to pre-bar study.

Tony Nguyen and Alexander Green were the charter recipients of the first awards. "I would be remiss not to express my sincere gratitude for your selection of my receiving the TJSL Bar Study Scholarship for the February 2015 Bar Exam," said Nguyen. "As a recent graduate enduring the studies of the bar exam, this

scholarship has not only been a financial alleviation for my Barbri Bar Study Course, but it has also served as TJSL's continuing emotional support for my career endeavors as a future education law attorney."

The awards are funded by contributions from faculty, staff, alumni, and students. "I would like to express my immense gratitude for your having elected to award me with a scholarship towards my bar study for the February 2015 California Bar Exam," said Alexander. "I am incredibly grateful that you looked favorably upon my application as well as to each and every one of the faculty, alumni, and students who donated to this cause."

The next scholarship will be awarded after the close of the spring 2015 semester. [An application form can be downloaded](#) or picked up on the 6th floor reception area. A combined faculty-staff committee will review all applications. **The deadline to apply for the May 2015 graduation award is Friday, April 10.**

Students and other members of the TJSL community can donate to this fund online through [TJSL's Make a Gift website](#). Select "TJSL Bar Scholarship Fund" in the "Please direct my gift to" dropdown menu.

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From February 21 to April 13, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program operated by Thomas Jefferson School of Law's Tax Law Society will provide free income tax return preparation for students, low-income families, senior citizens and others who can't afford professional tax services or are unable to complete their own tax forms.

Since 1998, TJSL students have annually offered this service to the San Diego community. The clinic's student volunteers receive training to become IRS-certified, operate the TaxWise

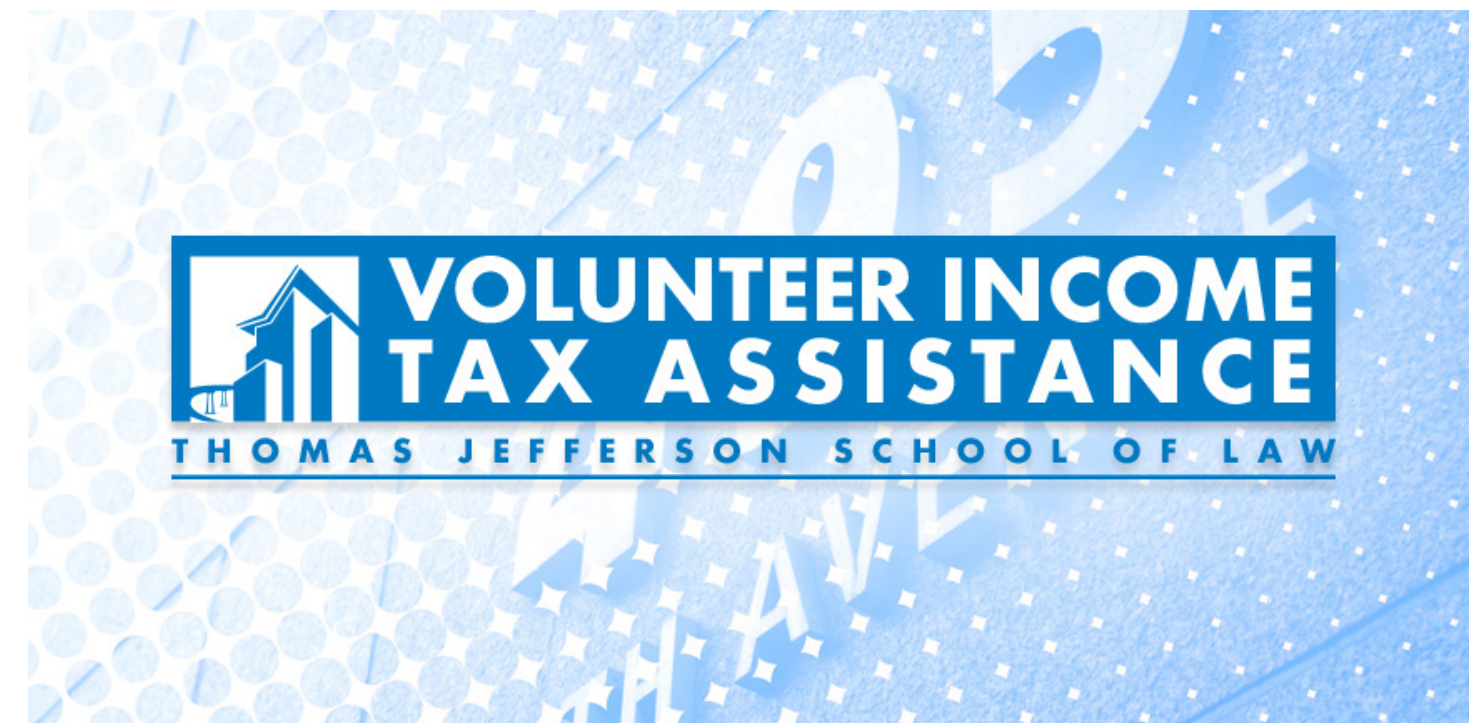
software, interview clients effectively and assemble a proper tax return. This year, approximately 15 students, who are IRS-certified will participate.

The TJSL tax clinic is open to appointment only clients on Mondays from 5 – 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 – 5 p.m. The clinic will be closed on Monday, March 2, Saturday, March 7, Monday, March 9 and Saturday, March 14. Appointments can be made by emailing tax@tjssl.edu.

The Tax Law Society is advised by TJSL Professor Richard Winchester, a former attorney in the national tax office of

PricewaterhouseCoopers, who is a national authority on employment tax policy and the taxation of the closely held business.

The tax clinic is located in the Law Clinic office at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in the East Village area of downtown San Diego. The entrance to the clinic is at 495 Eleventh Avenue. The Park & Market Trolley station is adjacent to the law school and there are commercial parking lots available nearby as well as limited on-street parking.



Items you need to bring to the TJSL Tax Clinic to have your tax returns prepared are:

- Proof of identification
- Social Security Cards for you, your spouse and dependents and/or a Social Security Number verification letter issued by the Social Security Administration
- Birth dates for you, your spouse and dependents on the tax return
- Wage and earning statement(s) Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, from all employers
- Interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099)
- A copy of last year's Federal and State returns, if available
- Bank Routing Numbers and Account Numbers for Direct Deposit
- Total paid for day care provider and the day care provider's tax identifying number (the provider's Social Security Number or the provider's business Employer Identification Number)
- To file taxes electronically on a married filing joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms
- If you rented your home, the name and address of your landlord or property management company and their phone number

FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

MARJORIE COHN

Presentations

Bridging the Gap between Police Practices, Youth, and Communities of Color: A Vision for Change, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego (February 18, 2015)



Drones and Targeted Killing: Legal, Moral, and Geopolitical Issues, Peace Resource Center of San Diego, National Lawyers Guild San Diego chapter, San Diego Veterans for Peace, Church of the Brethren, San Diego (February 22, 2015)

Radio

Obama's proposed AUMF, Counterspin, Fair.org, 130 stations in US and Canada, Feb. 19, 2015.

Obama's proposed AUMF, Night Call, WRIF radio (Detroit) and America Radio Network (national), Feb. 18, 2015.

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Have you always wanted your own TJS� designed apparel? Well, now is your chance! From now until *March 31st*, any member of the TJS� community can submit a T-Shirt design. We are planning to have the winning design available for sale on the Shop TJS� site.

DESIGN GUIDELINES

1. Design must be original work.
2. Submit design as JPG or Vector file.
(JPG resolution should be 300 pixels per inch or higher)
3. The design should be universal and one-sided so that anyone can wear the design.
4. Please do not include the TJS� logo *(the Shop already has the logo)*. We would like something new and creative.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR DESIGN

Send your electronic file with your name and contact information to studentservices@tjsl.edu.

Want to Submit a **TOUCHSCREEN FLYER?**

If you are a TJSJL organization and would like to have your information promoted on the Touchscreens, please follow these flyer guidelines:

- **Dimensions**
6.6 inches (*width*) x 10.1 inches (*height*)
- **File Format**
PDF or JPG
- **Submit Your Flyer**
TouchscreenFlyer@tjsl.edu

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