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WELCOME SPRING 2015 WEEK ONE STUDENTS



"You are about to join a profession that many, including myself, believe provides a cornerstone for the stability of this country and actually much of the world," said Thomas Jefferson School of Law President and Dean Thomas Guernsey on Monday, January 5, 2015 as he welcomed TJSL's incoming students during the Week One orientation program. "You have made one of the most important decisions in your life. You've chosen to become a lawyer, to take on a role and a set of responsibilities that will truly change you forever."

Before law school classes begin, TJSL's Week One program helps prepare students for the demands of law school by introducing basic law school skills. The mandatory Week One program helps bridge the gap between undergraduate studies and the demanding reading, analysis and writing required in law school.

"We have admitted a group of students who we believe are going to work hard, study hard, take their obligation to the profession seriously and graduate and distinguish themselves," said Dean Guernsey.

During the Week One program, students participate in group sessions to learn strategies for approaching their coursework. These sessions are led by TJSL professors who are knowledgeable about what it takes to succeed in law school. Students learn how to read case law and write case briefs and how to prepare for law school exams.

"I believe that this law school community here consists of a group of people who

take their obligation very seriously," said Dean Guernsey. "We have a faculty that I believe is as good as any in the country, and we strive to maintain an excellent faculty and we continue to work to make Thomas Jefferson School of Law a dynamic, strong, close-knit intellectual community that delivers a superb legal education."

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Linda Keller, Director of Admissions Tim Spearman, and Associate Director of Admissions Michelle Allison-Slaughter also welcomed and provided additional information to TJSL's incoming students.





Watch Episode 4 and Read About Eric Bernsen '12



As Managing Attorney of [California Sports Lawyer](#), President of the [TJSL Alumni Association](#) and Director of the [Center for Sports Law & Policy](#), former SBA President Jeremy Evans '11 has accomplished what he considers to be the American Dream. "What is the American Dream but to live free and make your own decisions?" Evans said of running his own practice where he represents athletes, businesses, and models. "Being a solo practitioner provides me the opportunity to better serve my clients and the community."

Evans has always loved sports and movies. "Because of that it seemed appropriate for me to work in a field where I represent individuals and companies in the sports and entertainment industries. I played baseball in high school and Days of Thunder with Tom Cruise is one of my favorite movies so it makes sense that I specifically represent baseball players and race car drivers. Representing female models is an added bonus," he added jokingly.

"I took the path like many before me and went from undergrad to law school to various internships, but my focus has always been that of service and leadership." Which is something that Evans, who is the youngest of eight siblings says his mother instilled in him at a very early age. "After graduation, while working as a law clerk for the Superior Court of California, state budget cuts forced me to leave that position. I remember my supervisor coming into my office to inform me of my last day and I had a smile on my face. She asked, "Why are you smiling Jeremy? We love you, but we have to let you go." Evans replied, "You just gave me the kick in the pants that I needed. I am going solo, I have been thinking about it for a while. She returned the smile and the rest is history."

Within the San Diego legal community, Evans has made a name for himself as founder and director of the TJSL National Sports Law Negotiation Competition, Chair of the Entertainment and Sports Law Section, Director of the Diversity Fellowship Program, and Co-Chair of the Career Development Program at the San



Diego County Bar Association. He serves on the Editorial Board and is a contributor with the San Diego Lawyer Magazine. He is also the official legal correspondent for ESPN Radio on the "The Tirey Show."

Evans's dedication has earned him numerous awards, including being named Top Attorney 2014, Best at Bar 2014, and most recently one of San Diego Super Lawyers Rising Stars 2015.

In light of his accomplishments, Evans says what matters most is the journey. "What I have learned while obtaining my goals is that the goal itself is not the end game. The goal is the experience. What brings a smile to my face is looking back on the people I have met: the humor, the good times, and the feeling of a job well done. Today, I say with great confidence, that I have been blessed by the Man Upstairs by being placed in the company of great people."

Evans's advice to current students and recent graduates is, "There is nothing more important in this world than relationships: genuine relationships with family, friends, colleagues, and your community. You should ask yourself, who

did you help? Who did you encourage? What mark did you leave on this world? Always be respectful and professional. Find your passion, go after it, and do not let up."

As a TJSL student, Evans honed his leadership skills as the Student Bar Association President, being a member of the Sports Law Society, Christian Legal Society, and the San Diego County Bar Association.

Looking back at his journey through law school, what stands out for Evans are the great memories. "Thomas Jefferson School of Law consists of smaller class sizes therefore allowing closer relationships to form with fellow students, faculty, staff, and alumni," Evans said. "What Thomas Jefferson School of Law does best is focus on the individual student and shines a light on what makes those individuals great. TJSL will forever hold a special place in my heart for the opportunity the law school provided me to become the attorney I am today and to meet some of my very best friends."

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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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Tsarnaev case (Boston Marathon bombing), Uprising, Free Speech TV, KPFK (LA), KPFA (Berkeley), Jan. 6, 2015.

Part II, Senate torture report, Talk of the Town, KNSJ 89.1 FM, San Diego, Jan. 6, 2015

Senate torture report, Talk of the Town, KNSJ 89.1 FM, San Diego, Jan. 5, 2015

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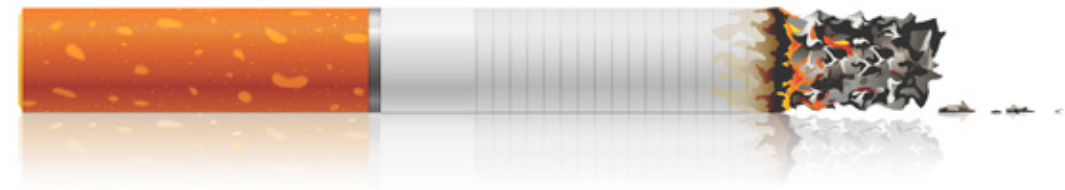
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