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DEAN GUERNSEY ATTENDS SEATTLE ALUMNI NETWORKING EVENT



Dean Guernsey his wife Kathe Klare and Alumni Relations Director Stephanie Marquez joined Seattle area alumni in Seattle, Washington on Thursday, January 8. The event was hosted by Eileen McNamara '05 at GroupHealth Headquarters and sponsored by Elizabeth Jamison '06.

"I was happy to sponsor this event bringing together my fellow TJSL alums in the Pacific Northwest," Jamison said, "It's so important to stay connected and I'm thrilled that TJSL is working to make these events happen around the country." With such a great response from the Seattle alumni, the group said they will continue to get together in the future for more networking mixers.

The next regional alumni event will be held on Thursday, February 19, in Washington, D.C. at The 201 Bar Capitol Hill, 201 Massachusetts Ave NE, Washington, CA 92101. [Please RSVP if you are interested in attending.](#)



ELISABETH DONOVAN '12 MAKES A DIFFERENCE PRACTICING FAMILY LAW



Shortly after graduating from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in 2012, Orange County native Elisabeth Anne Donovan opened her own family law practice in Santa Ana, California. "Practicing Family Law comes with many rewards and challenges. The most rewarding part of my career is making a difference in the lives of my clients," Donovan said. "Many of these individuals come to me during what is the most trying time of their lives. Aside from being their legal advocate, I have the benefit of walking these people through their personal challenges and acting as their counselor and friend. I also have the opportunity to present my cases in court on a regular basis, which is exhilarating."

Like many law students, Donovan did not begin law school knowing what area of law she would pursue, but she had a clear understanding of the path she wished to avoid. "When I began law school, I did so knowing that I did not want to work in a corporate environment," Donovan said. "I wanted to find a niche where I could truly connect with my clients and make an impact. During law school, I worked at the TJSJ Veterans Legal Assistance clinic and had the benefit of helping disabled veterans with their family law issues. Many of these people suffer for PTSD

and have been stigmatized by society, and those are exactly the types of people I wanted to serve. That is when I knew that this area of practice was for me."

In addition to her clinic experience, Donovan was motivated by the altruism of former TJSJ Professor Luz Herrera. "Professor Herrera, was a huge inspiration for me. For those who don't know her story, it is truly remarkable. After graduating from Harvard Law School, she decided to set up her own law practice in Compton, CA. Although she had many opportunities available to her as a Harvard alum, she followed her passion of helping people she could identify with. In doing so, she was able to provide legal services to individuals who otherwise could not afford them and made a tremendous impact on the community," Donovan said. "Professor Herrera inspired me to do what I am doing now and made me realize that opening my own law practice at the age of twenty-seven was both attainable and rewarding."

After graduating, Donovan took the bar and volunteered at The Legal Aid Society while she awaited the bar results. At that time, The Legal Aid Society launched an incubator program and Donovan was

given the opportunity to be one of the first attorneys to participate. "The Legal Aid Society's program, called the Lawyers Entrepreneurial Assistance Program (LEAP), provided new attorneys with the mentorship and guidance they need to start their own practice in exchange for providing legal services to their indigent clients," Donovan explained. "After passing the bar exam, I took a full caseload of pro bono family law cases to hone my skills. I went to court for a default dissolution of marriage case the week after I was sworn into the California Bar. In September 2013, I opened my own family law practice in Santa Ana and the rest is history. When I was not in court, I spent much of my time attending MCLEs and studying the law to build up my knowledge base. Now, I specialize in providing affordable family law services to low and middle-income clients."

Despite the success of her practice, Donovan hopes to specialize even further. "Currently, my niche is providing affordable legal services to Orange County residents," Donovan said. "In the future, I would like to tailor that niche even further and serve as an advocate for family law litigants who suffer from mental health and addiction issues. This is a commonplace problem in family court, and I don't believe there are enough lawyers who focus on the rehabilitative aspects of these types of cases. One of the most rewarding experiences in my career so far has been working with a client who suffered from bipolar disorder and alcoholism, and watching him recover from his illnesses and become a wonderful father. Now, he has joint custody of his two kids. As a family law attorney, my goal is not only to represent my client's best interest, but do what is best for the entire family."

When asked what advice she would give recent graduates, Donovan said, "Follow your heart, and tune out the negativity that currently surrounds the legal profession. Do what feels right for you and don't lose faith in yourself. If you made it through law school and the bar exam then you will find your way in this profession with hard work and dedication."

JEREMY EVANS '11 SHARES HIS ADVICE AND HIS JOURNEY



As Managing Attorney of California Sports Lawyer, President of the TJSJ 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 TJSJ 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 TJSJ 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. TJSJ 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."

PROFESSOR KEVIN GREENE GEARS UP FOR A BUSY YEAR OF IP ACTIVITY IN 2015

Thomas Jefferson School of Law Professor Kevin J. Greene, a nationally recognized scholar in the fields of Entertainment Law and Intellectual Property Law, says he is looking forward to a busy year in 2015. "Just last week, at the beginning of the new year I was interviewed on National Public Radio ("NPR") Marketplace on copyright fair use issues regarding the film *Selma*. In February, I have been invited to speak on copyright topics at USD Law School in San Diego and at Fordham Law School in New York. In May, I am scheduled to speak in Seattle on rights of publicity at the Law & Society Conference. Also in May, I have been invited to moderate a forum on trademark issues in the video game context in San Diego hosted by the International Trademark Association ("INTA"). I am hoping a bunch of students will attend INTA with me. In October, I will speak on copyright issues at a conference in Anaheim, CA hosted by LatCrit, a critical theory organization."

Also this year, Professor Greene will work with the Black Law Students Association and La Raza to produce a forum on police

practices and communities of color at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

Greene is proud to announce that his article entitled "Idea Theft as a Hollywood Business Model" was recently selected to be published in the *Hastings Journal of Science & Technology*. Also, his book chapter on rap music, innovation and copyright law in a compilation book entitled "Hip-Hop and the Law: The Key Writings That Influenced the Movement" on the most influential writings in critical race theory and IP will also be published this year.

Despite producing two IP conferences at TJSJL on Copyright and Visual works and IP Trolls (featuring Robin Thicke's attorney in the "Blurred Lines" copyright case) Professor Greene says he considers 2014 an off year. "I spoke on a panel on film rights acquisition in New York with the legal head of DC comics, secured a sponsorship with San Diego Fashion Week for TJSJL and was also a copyright law panelist at the South by Southwest Music Conference in Austin, Texas in March 2014, where I shared the stage

with funk legend George Clinton."

Professor Greene served as a copyright expert and strategist on a team of lawyers representing Mr. Clinton on a landmark copyright case involving Clinton's iconic master sound recordings. Despite these successes Greene says, "My whole year in 2014 was colored by one thing—arguing in the 9th Circuit in Seattle in February 2014, which was great—then losing the case in July—which was devastating. Even more so because the Ninth Circuit would not hear any of the copyright arguments I devised for technical procedural reasons not of our making."

"I always joke that I don't have hobbies—this is what I love doing for fun," says Professor Greene. "But all this activity comes back in some form to the classroom and our students and alums. Every presentation gets incorporated in class, and every contact is a potential contact for TJSJL students. And that is much more rewarding I suspect than collecting stamps!"

2015 WOMEN AND THE LAW CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 27



Noted criminal defense attorney Leslie Abramson will deliver the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecture at the 2015 Women and the Law Conference, which will be held at Thomas Jefferson School of Law on Friday, March 27. Abramson, now retired, handled the first Menendez Brothers trial, Phil Spector's case, and many other high-profile cases.

Abramson wrote, *The Defense Is Ready: Life in the Trenches of Criminal Law* and has a great story to tell.

"Leslie is a funny and dynamic speaker and I'm confident she will give a great Ginsburg Lecture," said event director Professor Marjorie Cohn.

The theme of the 2015 WLC is Women and the Criminal Justice System. There will be panels with experts who have worked in the criminal justice system, followed by a reception on the eighth floor.

More information coming soon.



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FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

STEVE BERENSON

Articles

Economic Windfalls and Child Support: How Should Gifts, Inheritances, and Prizes Be Treated?, 47 Suffolk U. L. Rev. 701 (2014)

The Veterans Clinic and Legal Education: A Conversation with Professor Steven Berenson, 9 U. Mass. L. Rev. 444 (with Paul Lee) (2014)

MARJORIE COHN

Presentation

Convention Against Torture, Torture Statute, Senate torture report, International Museum of Human Rights, Beneath the Blindfold, Mission Valley Library, San Diego (January 18, 2015).

Radio

Drones and Targeted Killing, Midday Edition, KPBS radio, San Diego, Jan. 19, 2015.

BRENDA M. SIMON

Presentation

Comments on Public Enforcement of Patent Law, Professors' Patent Law Workshop at [5th Annual Patent Law Conference](#), University of San Diego, San Diego, CA (January 17, 2015).

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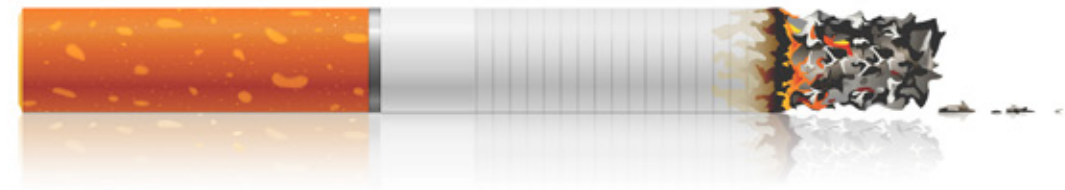
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