

THE ADVISOR

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TJSL'S BARRISTERS BALL 2015 TO TAKE PLACE AT PETCO PARK ON MARCH 28



Grab your best evening wear and get ready for this year's Barristers Ball being held at Petco Park on Saturday, March 28 beginning at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$85.00 and include a 3-course chicken or vegetarian dinner, a drink ticket, wine at the table, photo booth, live music performed by *The Innocent Bystanders*, a chance to win prizes with a free raffle drawing and entry into the after party. "This year, there will be 3 locations for the after party to ensure that everyone is guaranteed free entry and event specials," said SBA Social Events Director Michelle Ribaud. "The venues hosting the after parties are Fluxx, Sidebar, and F6ix. All venues are

providing free entry and a separate line for the Thomas Jefferson School of Law."

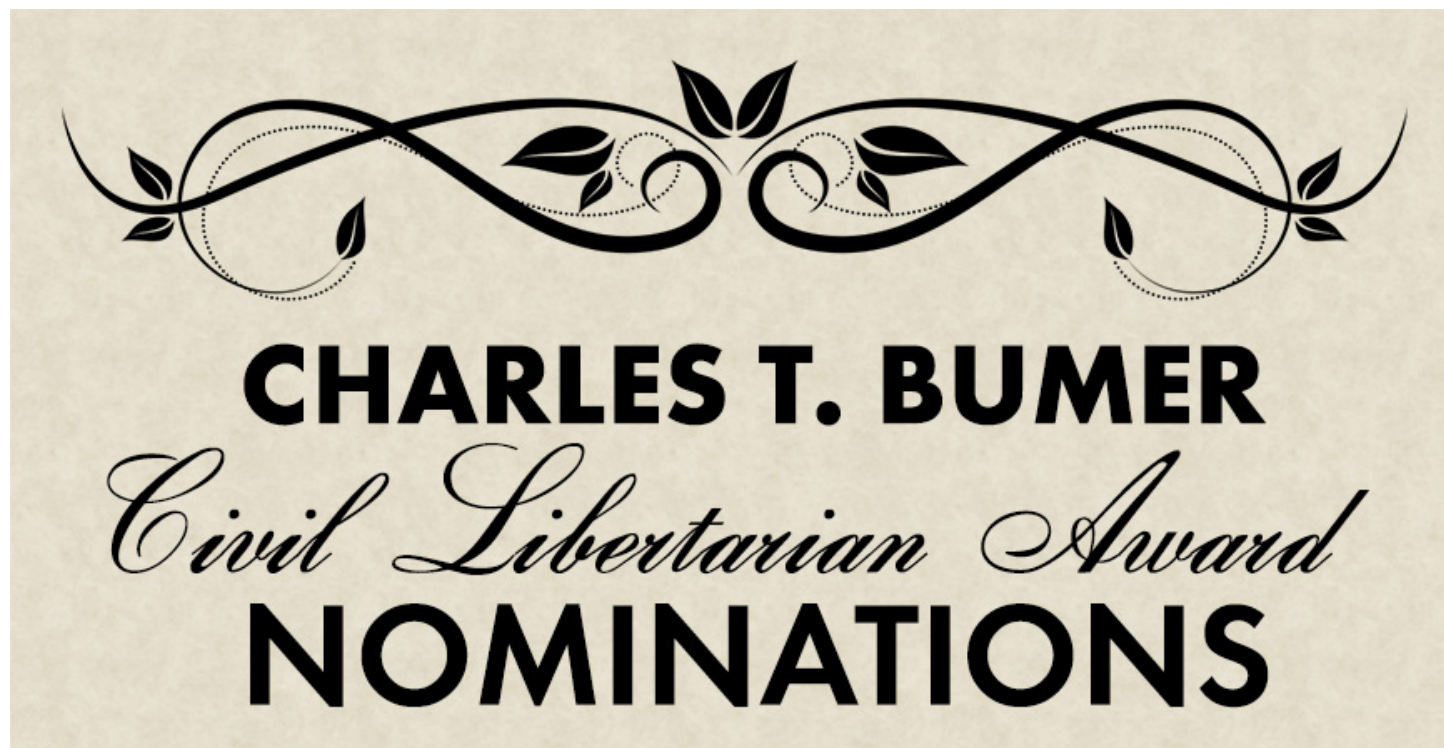
The Barristers Ball is SBA's annual awards ceremony and reception honoring students, faculty, staff and alumni. It is an opportunity for the entire law school community to come together and celebrate achievements in a fun and formal setting.

[Purchase Tickets Here](#)

Throughout the evening, awards will be handed out for:

- 1L, 2L and 3L Professor of the Year
- Adjunct Faculty Member of the Year
- Staff Member of the Year
- Student Organization President of the Year
- SBA Appreciation Award
- Lewis and Clark Award for Innovation and Dedication
- Thomas Golden Alumnus of the Year Award
- Charles T. Bumer Civil Libertarian Award

CHARLES T. BUMER CIVIL LIBERTARIAN AWARD NOMINATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 17



At the 2015 Barristers Ball being held on Saturday, March 28, former president of the National Lawyers Guild Professor Marjorie Cohn will present the Charles T. Bumer Civil Libertarian Book Award to a TJSJ student who best personifies the ideals of Mr. Bumer.

Mr. Bumer considered himself a "First Amendment Freak" and was a San Diego criminal defense attorney who performed pro bono work in support of civil rights

and the anti-war movement. He was a long-time Guild member and the highly prestigious award was initiated following his death in 1996 and is given on behalf of the National Lawyers Guild.

The book awarded each year is *Lawrence Tribe's treatise on constitutional law*, which was Mr. Bumer's favorite book. His daughter, Elizabeth, is a 1983 graduate of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

Students may nominate themselves or may nominate other students. Charles T. Bumer Civil Libertarian Book Award nomination forms may be downloaded or picked up at the Students Services reception desk located on the 6th floor.

[Nominee Statement](#) | [Nomination Form](#)

Completed forms must be returned to the Students Services reception desk no later than noon on **Tuesday, March 17**.

thanks to the support of Associate Justice Ginsburg of the U.S. Supreme Court, who visited and lectured at the law school twice.

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.

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 conference is FREE for all registered students with photo ID, TJSJ faculty, and TJSJ staff.

[Register for WLC 2015](#)

All TJSJ alumni, Lawyers Club Members and attorneys in practice less than 5 years not seeking MCLE credit will be charged \$30.

The cost for the general public (Not seeking MCLE credit) is \$40.

All others (Seeking MLCE credit) will be charged \$45.

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR TJSJ BAR STUDY SCHOLARSHIP



The Thomas Jefferson School of Law is proud to announce the second installment of the TJSJ 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 TJSJ 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 TJSJ'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.**

All members of the TJSJ community can donate to this fund online through **TJSJ's Make a Gift website**. Select "TJSJ Bar Scholarship Fund" in the "Please direct my gift to" dropdown menu.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE 2015 WOMEN AND THE LAW CONFERENCE IS MARCH 23



The 2015 Women and the Law Conference will be held at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in rooms 323 & 325 on Friday, March 27, 2015. The daylong event will include prestigious panelists and a reception on the 8th floor.

Topics 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,

CYBERLAW FIELD TRIP TO LOS ANGELES



For the past three years, Professor Aaron Ghirardelli has taken students on a Cyberlaw field trip to leading intellectual property intensive companies. On this year's trip, the students visited three LA-based companies: Hulu, Tinder, and eHarmony.

At Hulu, the students met the senior counsel and five other attorneys, visiting the company's offices and spending an hour with the in-house attorneys. The students had the opportunity to ask questions in a group setting as well as meet one-on-one to discuss each attorney's specific areas of practice.

While at Tinder, the students met the general counsel who flew in from Dallas just to meet with them. Tinder is now part of IAC which is a big group of companies that owns dating websites and apps. The Tinder attorneys offered to advise students who plan to move to Dallas after graduation about the legal market in the Dallas area.

Several students spent time at eHarmony with the general counsel and one of the company's in-house attorneys. The students in attendance said that "It was a truly unique learning and networking opportunity."

In 2013 and 2014, students travelled to Silicon Valley, meeting with in-house attorneys from Facebook and numerous other companies.

ADR SOCIETY COMPETES AT REGIONAL REPRESENTATION IN MEDIATION COMPETITION



On the weekend of February 28, TJSL sent two teams to compete in the Regional Representation in Mediation Competition held at the University of LaVerne College of Law.

The ADR Society is a unique competition team that challenges competitors to advocate zealously for clients in the context of a collaborative process. The Representation in Mediation Competition evaluates students' abilities to engage in value creating, interest-based negotiation in a mediation presided over by a neutral third party.

Students are judged on their team-work, ability to advance their client's interests, ability to identify and facilitate opposing team interests, the construction and

execution of a mediation plan as well as the capacity to insightfully self-evaluate performance.

Taking on the roles of client and attorney in this particular tournament requires verbal acuity, creativity, problem-solving aptitude and top-notch communication skills.

Team one, made up of Philip Mauriello 1L and Nick Spigner 2L, performed admirably, finishing in 6th place out of 12 teams. Spigner commented, "I feel that the competition was a great experience. We learned that no matter how well you are prepared going into a negotiation, you must be ready to adjust your strategy on the fly in order to be successful." While Spigner hoped that

his team would have placed higher in the rankings, ADR Society President Chelsea Grover could not have been more proud of both teams, "I am so excited for the future of the ADR Society. I am proud of everyone's dedication and commitment in preparing for the competition, and to the ADR Society as a whole."

Team two, made up of Kally Mullett 1L and Mark Marion 3L blazed their way to a 4th place finish. Marion stated, "I am so grateful to everyone who helped both teams prepare for this competition. It truly is a team effort. While we would have liked to qualify for Nationals, the ADR Society is in a better place today than it was even a month ago. We have laid a great foundation for members who are returning next year, and I am excited to see all the success I am confident they will earn in the coming competitions."

The ADR Society now turns their attention to the State Bar of California's 16th Annual Student Environmental Negotiations Competition which will be held on March 13th at Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco. The ADR Society is sending two teams: Will Burkett and Frances Maldonado, and Dane Watson and Puneet Loyal.

VITA TAX CLINIC AT TJSL IS OPEN

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

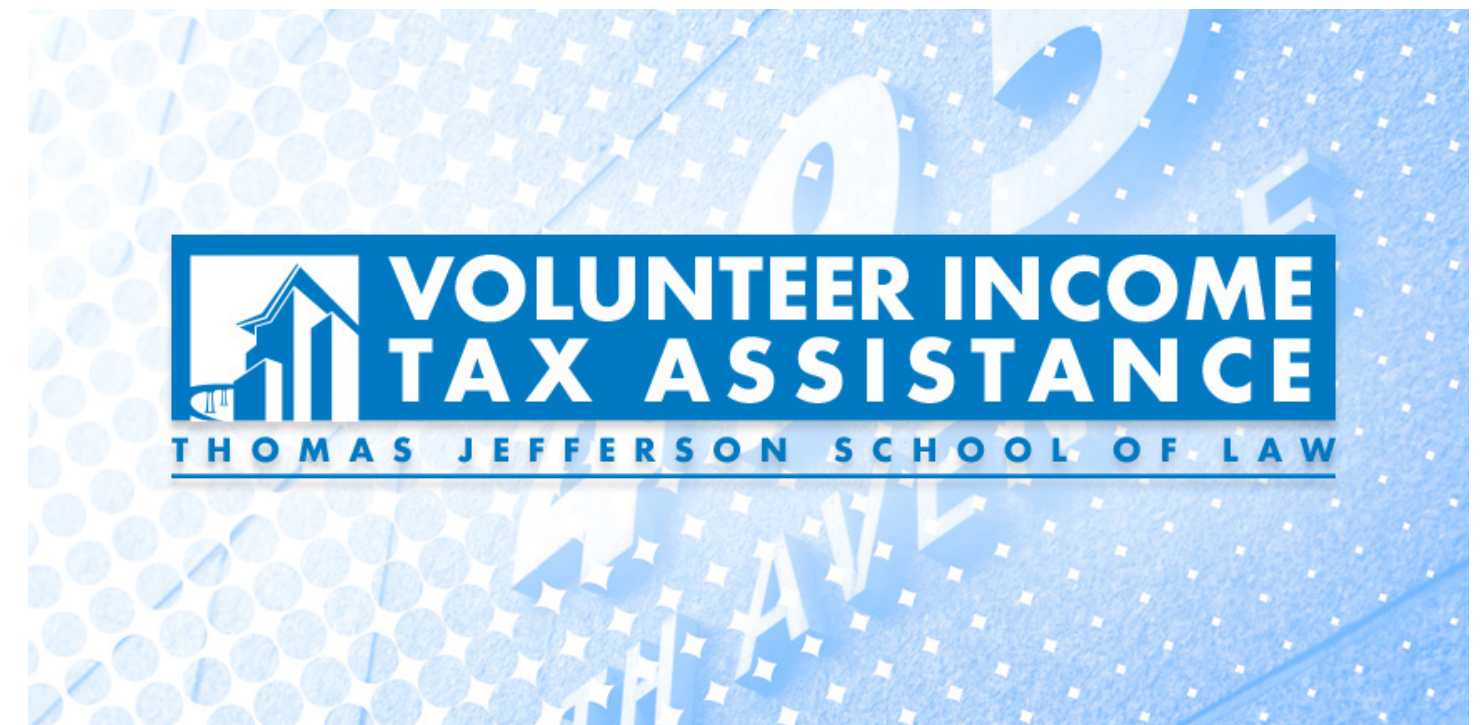
software, interview clients effectively and assemble a proper tax return. This year, approximately 15 students, who are IRS-certified will participate.

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@tjsl.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



THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW GRADUATION INFO

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015

DOORS OPEN AT 9 AM

GRADUATION PROCESSION STARTS PROMPTLY AT 10 AM

COPLEY SYMPHONY HALL

750 B STREET

SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

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[View the TJS� Event Calendar](#)

[View Scholarships](#)



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@tjssl.edu.

6.6 Inches

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

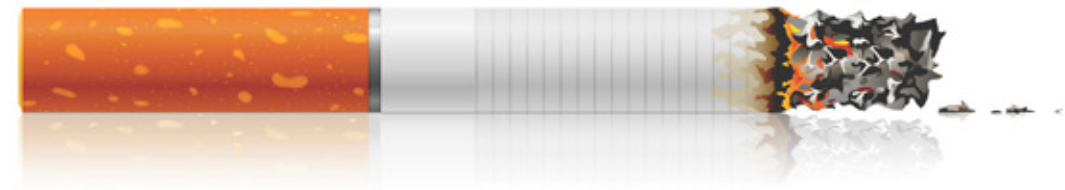
- **Submit Your Flyer**
TouchscreenFlyer@tjsl.edu

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NO SMOKING



California Government Code Section 7596-7598 prohibits smoking in an outdoor area within 20 feet of a main exit, entrance, or operable window of a public building. Smoking is prohibited at all entrances to the TJSJL building as well as the 5th floor and 8th floor terraces.

The City of San Diego prohibits the use of e-cigarettes and vaporizers in the same locations where smoking of cigarettes and other tobacco products is prohibited. TJSJL's policy is consistent with the City's ordinance and does not condone their use outside the designated smoking areas.

Thank you for your cooperation.