

# 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



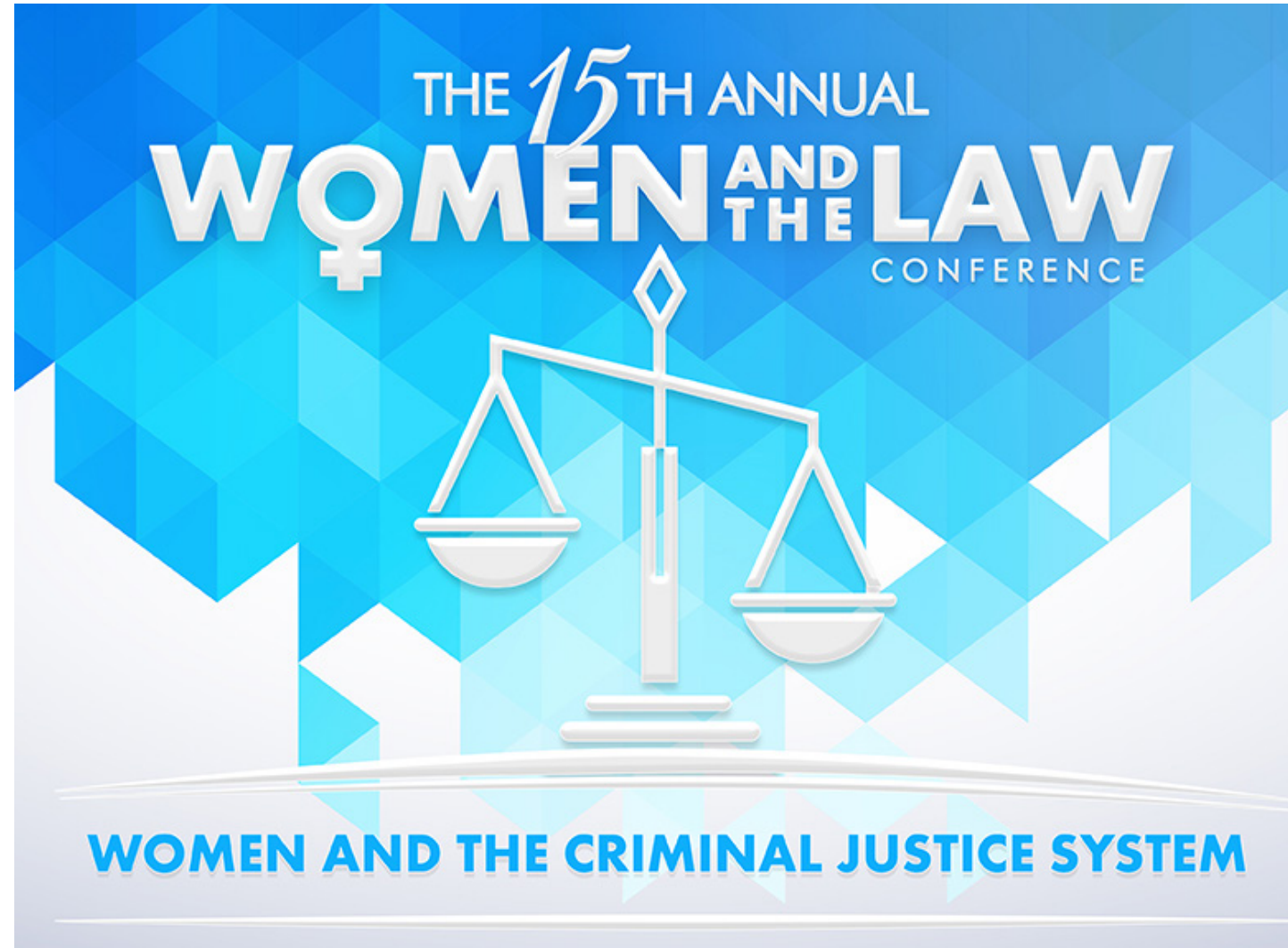
## REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE 2015 WOMEN AND THE LAW CONFERENCE IS MARCH 23

The Thomas Jefferson School of Law Women and the Law Conference 2015 will be held at TJSL in rooms 323 and 325 on Friday, March 27, 2015.

The daylong event will include prestigious panelists and a reception on the 8th floor.

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 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.

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

All TJSL 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.

[Register for WLC 2015](#)

## PROFESSOR BISOM-RAPP ATTENDS MARCO BIAGI CONFERENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MODENA



Professor Susan Bisom-Rapp spent the third week of March in Modena, Italy, where every year since 2003, the Marco Biagi Foundation (MBF) at the University of Modena has hosted an international conference devoted to international and comparative employment and labor relations. Professor Bisom-Rapp has attended the event annually since 2007, making this her ninth consecutive year as a conference participant. While in Modena, Professor Bisom-Rapp chaired a conference panel, participated as a commentator at the Young Scholars' Workshop, had discussions about furthering cooperation between the MBF and Thomas Jefferson School of Law, and attended two committee meetings.

This year's conference, "Employment Relations and Transformation of the Enterprise in the Global Economy," brought together scholars from Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas, who analyzed the challenges involved in regulating employment at a time when

more and more people work outside of traditional employment relationships. Particular attention was given to the mismatch between employment laws, which were designed for mid-twentieth century conceptions of work, and the way people work in the sharing economy of the twenty-first century.

Professor Bisom-Rapp served as chair for a panel titled "Enterprise and Structure of the Value Chain in the Transnational Dimension," which covered four papers written by professors from three countries: Russia, Poland, and Italy. The paper topics, included hard and soft law strategies for regulating multinational corporations, how to protect European workers temporarily posted by their employers to different countries, and the implications for employees of cross-border mergers and acquisitions.

Professor Bisom-Rapp also helped organize and was a commentator at the MBF's annual Young Scholars' Workshop.

### DRESS FOR SUCCESS



On March 17th, Phi Alpha Delta and Career Services combined forces to host "Dress for Success," an event that educates students on what is appropriate

attire to wear to interviews, networking events and courtroom appearances.

Associate Director of Career Services, Paula Gluzman commented, "in today's legal market, looking the part and presenting oneself in a professional manner goes a long way. It is not about being materialistic and having the best suit on, it is about the non-verbal visual impression you make about yourself in the legal community."

Nordstrom's stylist, Tim Waddle told students that shopping for a professional wardrobe is not hard nor does it need to break the bank. Mr. Waddle discussed the key pieces for both men and women

This is Professor Bisom-Rapp's fourth year of involvement with this portion of the annual conference events. "This year we heard and commented on papers from Ph.D. students from the U.K., the U.S., Italy, Hungary, and Nigeria," she said. There were seven papers presented in all. Additionally, five other Ph.D. Candidates from Germany, the Netherlands, Estonia, Italy, and Belgium participated in a poster session, where they had an opportunity to informally present their work to interested conference participants. "Creating ties with the new generation of comparative scholars is one of the most exciting parts of the conference," said Professor Bisom-Rapp.

Professor Bisom-Rapp also attended three meetings during the conference. One was a meeting of the MBF's Scientific Committee, to which Professor Bisom-Rapp was appointed last year. The Scientific Committee, which is the Foundation's academic advisory board, discussed and adopted the theme for the 2016 annual conference. The second was a meeting of the Foundation's International Council, which handles curricular issues associated with the Ph.D. program. The final meeting was a discussion between Professor Bisom-Rapp and administrators from the MBF and concerned increasing cooperation between the Foundation and Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

needing to build a professional wardrobe.

He suggests that women should invest in a jacket, skirt and/or pant suit and men should begin with either a gray or navy suit because those colors are the most versatile.

He also told students that if they need help, Nordstrom provides free personal styling assistance. "You want people to listen to what you are saying," said Waddle. "And not be distracted by what you are wearing."



## MOOT COURTERS PARTICIPATE IN THE GILES SUTHERLAND MEMORIAL COMPETITION



By Mahsa Kashkooly  
2L Moot Court Social Chair

On March 12th-15th, Pamela Rivera and Sean Russell competed in the Giles Sutherland Rich Memorial Moot Court Competition in Palo Alto, CA. This year's problem was based on Patent Law and covered claim construction and publication and required the competitors to prepare briefs as both the Appellant and Appellee. As challenging as that was, it was not the only challenge that Rivera and Russell would face. Three days before their briefs were due, the Supreme Court issued an opinion in *Teva Pharmaceuticals v. Sandoz*, with its decision directly affecting the arguments of the competitors. Nevertheless, the teams hard work and diligence helped them to succeed in the competition.

Rivera and Russell ranked 3rd in their first round of oral arguments coming neck to

neck with University of Pennsylvania in a very close round.

When asked about her experience as a Moot Court member, Rivera quoted Jerry Seinfeld, "A recent survey stated that the average person's greatest fear is having to give a speech in public. Somehow this ranked even higher than death which was third on the list. So, you're telling me that at a funeral, most people would rather be the guy in the coffin than have to stand up and give a eulogy." Rivera went on to explain that she used to be the statistic in that she too feared public speaking more than anything else. However, with the help of Moot Court and competitions such as Giles S. Rich, Rivera has not only conquered her fear but also turned it into a passion as she currently serves as the President of the Moot Court Honor Society.

Russell on the other hand shared different

sentiments. For Russell the competition was more about personal growth. He said, "The best part about working with our team was the various approaches we took during our preparation. Pamela was extremely diligent and timely with our practices and we managed to meet every goal and deadline we set for ourselves. I was also able to reflect on my own flaws and grow because I had a wonderful team supporting me." Russell was additionally grateful for Professor Brenda Simon and the several Intellectual Property Fellows who provided crucial feedback to the team at their practices.

Additionally, Michelle Ribaldo who served as the teams coach, stated, "Both Pam and Sean were extremely dedicated to this competition and as the Coach of this competition, I was able to watch both competitors grow and improve from beginning to the end. The most rewarding part of the competition was receiving the email stating that Pam and Sean were advancing to the semi-finals, making all the time, hard work, and stress completely worth it!"

As Russell said, "The old saying "hard work pays off" is certainly true with Moot Court Competitions and I realized the more work put in during the early stages will make the finishing touches much easier."

Most importantly, the team learned the important of having a strong network of individual willing to dedicate their time. With Russell hoping that one day he can help other Moot Competitors succeed just as his teammates have helped him.

## PROFESSOR SIMON'S ARTICLE RECOGNIZED BY THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW



An article written by Professor Brenda Simon has been selected for inclusion in the 2015 edition of the Intellectual Property Law Review.

According to the editor, the chosen article has been "judged one of the best law review articles related to intellectual property law published within the last year." Only about 15-20 law review articles published on the topic of

intellectual property law are selected for inclusion in the anthology published by Thomson Reuters annually.

Professor Simon's article, "Rules, Standards, and the Reality of Obviousness," was originally published in the Case Western Law Review.

## VITA TAX CLINIC AT TJSJ 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, TJSJ 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

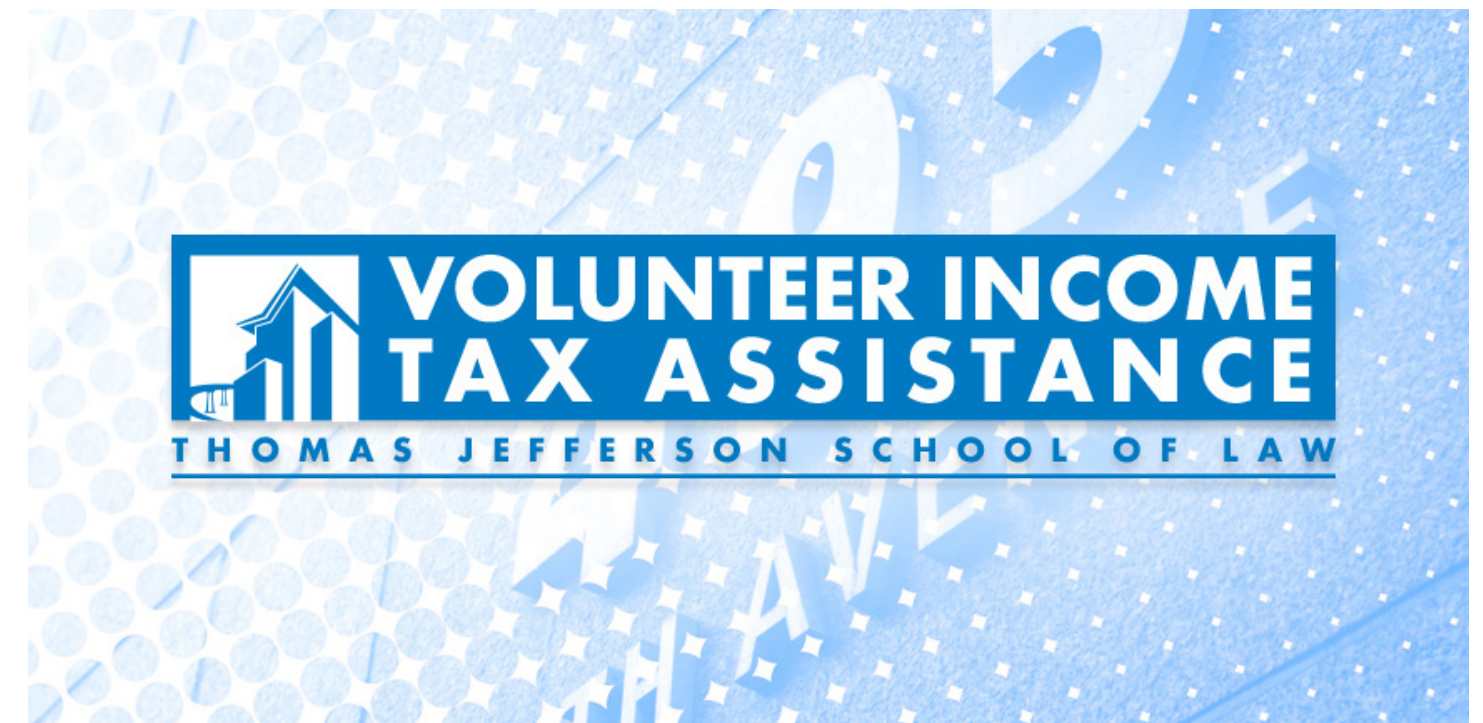
software, interview clients effectively and assemble a proper tax return. This year, approximately 15 students, who are IRS-certified will participate.

The TJSJ 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](mailto:tax@tjsl.edu).

The Tax Law Society is advised by TJSJ 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 TJSJ 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









Have you always wanted your own TJS� designed apparel? Well, now is your chance! From now until *March 31<sup>st</sup>*, 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](mailto:studentservices@tjssl.edu).

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## Want to Submit a TOUCHSCREEN FLYER?

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

- **Dimensions**  
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- **File Format**  
PDF or JPG

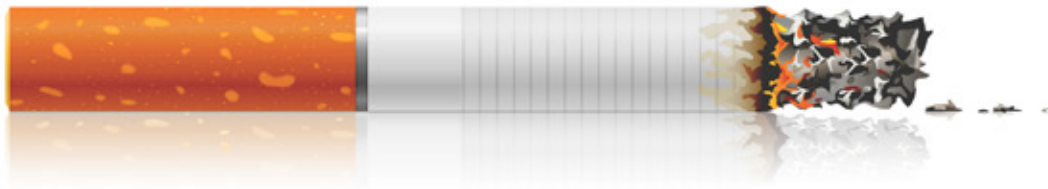
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The City of San Diego prohibits the use of e-cigarettes and vaporizers in the same locations where smoking of cigarettes and other tobacco products is prohibited. TJS�'s policy is consistent with the City's ordinance and does not condone their use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

Thank you for your cooperation.