

7TH ANNUAL JUDICIAL MIXER WAS A MAJOR SUCCESS



On October 30th, state and federal judges from San Diego County joined TJSJL students, faculty, staff and alumni for a unique networking opportunity.

Every year since 2008, the TJSJL Alumni Association along with Superior Court Commissioner Gary Bloch (Ret.) '81 has provided students with this chance to mingle with some of San Diego's most respected and prestigious individuals from the bench.

Alumni Association President Jeremy Evans '11 kicked off the event, that took place on the eighth floor overlooking Downtown San Diego, by recognizing Board of Trustees members, Alumni Board members, as well as Dean Thomas Guernsey.

Dean Guernsey encouraged students to take advantage of the special event. "I want to thank all of the judges here tonight, if you could please raise your hand. I would like all of the students to focus on the people who have their hands raised because this is a mixer for you to go talk to them," Dean Guernsey emphasized, before making a brief introduction of the almost twenty judges in attendance.

At this year's event, attendees celebrated the Honorable David M. Gill for his over 40 years of service to the court. "I think everyone who has appeared in front of him is impressed by his intelligence, his kindness, his thoroughness and by his commitment to justice," said Judge David Danielsen before presenting Judge Gill with an award on behalf of the Alumni Association.

"I have served on the law library board with Judge Gill for years and have always been inspired by his passion for social justice and compassion towards people who have problems accessing the legal system," said Alumni Board member

Lorena Slomanson '03. "He inspires me to be a better lawyer."

"This is my second time coming. Last year, I had an enjoyable time and this year seems to follow suit," said Janet Valenzuela 2L.

A veteran of TJSJL's judicial mixers, the Honorable Margie Woods spent valuable time with those students that approached her. "It's important for students to see judges are people. You have to remember that judges were lawyers first, and before we were lawyers we were law students," Judge Woods said.

Students were appreciative of the generous amount of time the Judges spent with them and the candor with which they answered their questions. "Meeting judges is exactly the type of networking that I wanted. Ultimately, that is where I want to end up and this was a great opportunity to get to know how they got to where they are now," said Victoria Garcia 1L. "They were all really nice, really open, and I got some business cards but also some invitations to show up and spend time with them at the court."

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MAGISTRATE JUDGE JENNIFER CARROLL '10 PRESIDES IN RICHMOND VIRGINIA

After graduating from law school and practicing law on the West Coast, Virginia native Magistrate Judge Jennifer Carroll '10 returned home. She says the experience gained as an Adjunct Professor at Virginia State University, a Litigation Associate with the Law Office of Ralph Harrison and being a solo practitioner prepared her to assume the role as Magistrate Judge in Richmond.

As a Magistrate Judge, Carroll presides over hundreds of bail hearings and hearings relating to Fourth Amendment issues for search warrants and arrest warrants for a multitude of crimes such as homicide, rape and robbery.

Judge Carroll began her career as a Litigation Associate with the Law Office of Ralph Harrison in Los Angeles where she represented clients in ERISA, mortgage fraud and 42 U.S.C. Section 1983 excessive force claims. After a few years with the Law Office of Ralph Harrison, Carroll returned to Virginia where she opened her own law practice, the Law Office of Jennifer Carroll. Her practice specialized in firearm, property and drug related offenses.

Outside of her professional endeavors, Carroll began The Foundation for Foster and Orphan Children. "It is one of my

proudest contributions to the community," Carroll said. The Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, provides tutoring, mentoring, coats and clothes to disadvantaged foster youth in Petersburg, Virginia and surrounding areas.

It has been important for Judge Carroll to give back to her hometown. She grew up in Petersburg and graduated from Petersburg High School, where she demonstrated the extraordinary potential that earned her a full college scholarship. After graduating, Carroll enrolled at Virginia Military Institute as one of the first females to attend the historically all-male college. Shortly after VMI, Carroll attended Virginia State University where she obtained a Master's Degree in English. Carroll's exceptional academic performance led to a position as an Adjunct Professor at Virginia State University before enrolling at Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

At TJSJ, Carroll continued her impressive academic path, graduating with cum laude honors in 2010. "The academic



rigor of Thomas Jefferson, the faculty support, and small classroom numbers ensured that I obtained a quality legal education so that after graduation, I was well-prepared to enter the legal profession and be successful," Carroll said.

"The best advice I could give to new TJSJ graduates is to be resilient and resourceful," Carroll said. "Inevitably, there will be hardships and obstacles that you will have to overcome such as a competitive job market, but you have to be willing to explore new practice areas and make connections with potential employers. Thomas Jefferson School of Law equips its students for such fortitude."

APPLY NOW FOR THE TJSJ BAR STUDY SCHOLARSHIP



The Thomas Jefferson School of Law is proud to announce that it is launching the new TJSJ Bar Study Scholarship.

The scholarship is designed to provide financial support for one or more

graduates who will be studying to take the California Bar for the first time. This award will allow the successful applicant(s) to devote more time to bar study.

The first award will be given after the close of the Fall 2014 semester. The application form and program description can be picked up on the 6th floor in the reception area, and can also be [downloaded here](#). The deadline to apply for the first award is **Friday, November 21, 2014**. All applications, along with related documents, must be given to Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Lisa Ferreira or emailed to studentservices@tjssl.edu.

Students who are graduating in December and May of each year may apply for the scholarship during the semester prior to their graduation. Students will be required to complete the application, provide a personal statement and supply supporting

documentation demonstrating financial need by a deadline to be determined each semester by the combined faculty-staff committee. The application information will be reviewed by the committee.

Starting with the Fall 2014 semester, Professor William Slomanson's Federal Civil Procedure students will be encouraged to donate \$25 dollars each semester, during each semester that they are in his federal civil procedure class, to go towards the Bar Study Scholarship Fund in lieu of any charge for his online course book, supplement and

outline. "This scholarship is designed to fulfill a need that I have heard about many times---including from two of my children who attended TJSL," said Professor Slomanson. "Many graduates across the country have living expenses that do not stop, at this very challenging time when they no longer have financial aid available. Many graduates thus face significant financial challenges, when residing in that "Twilight Zone" between law school and preparing for the bar--when they should be using as much time as possible to study for the bar. That is why I am contributing to this

new scholarship, via payroll deductions. It's my hope that others in the TJSL community will remember what that was like for them, and do something to help alleviate some of the financial burden for a graduate (or graduates) in desperate financial need."

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.

SAM KOSSACK REPRESENTS TJSL AT 2014 PEGGY BROWNING FUND CONFERENCE



On October 17-18, Sam Kossack (3L) represented Thomas Jefferson School of Law at the [Peggy Browning Fund's 16th Annual Workers' Rights Conference](#), which was held near Baltimore, Maryland.

"I attended workshops ranging from *The Rewards of Labor Law Practice to Sports and Labor Law*. Nancy Schiffer, a member of the National Labor Relations Board, gave an inspiring keynote address. The Peggy Browning Fund's Workers' Rights Conference is one of the country's most important gatherings of experts in the field. I'm humbled that I had the opportunity to represent Thomas Jefferson School of Law at the

conference. More than anything, it was awesome to be with like-minded law students and attorneys dedicated to the cause of workers' rights," said Kossack.

The Peggy Browning Fund is a non-profit that was established in honor of the late Margaret Browning, a prominent labor lawyer who served on the National Labor Relations Board. The Fund exists to *educate and inspire the next generation of law students to become advocates for workplace justice*. To that end, it hosts an annual conference aimed at law students, and provides funding for one student from each law school affiliated with the Fund. The funding covers airfare and accommodations.

"I would like to thank this year's selection committee Professors Susan Bisom-Rapp and Rebeca Lee, and Director of Career Services Jeffery Chinn for giving me the chance to attend the conference. I urge my fellow students to consider labor and employment law as a career option, as there are many exciting opportunities in the field!" said Kossack.

The Fund relies on each affiliated law school to select a deserving student to attend the conference. Thomas Jefferson School of Law has sent at least one student to the conference for the past several years. TJSL students have also in the past received prestigious Peggy Browning Fund Fellowship stipends for summer work with labor unions or the National Labor Relations Board.

"We live in curious times where labor unions are so frequently vilified. Attending the conference served as a critical reminder for the important role they serve for workers at all income levels. In this era where unions are demonized more than ever, I find the prospect of specializing in labor law an exciting opportunity," said Kossack.

Kossack is the president of the Labor and Employment Law Association (LELA), was vice president of LELA last year, has volunteered at TJSL's Employee Rights Self-Help Clinic, and served as a law clerk for the Employee Rights Center, an NGO located in City Heights.

TJSL STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION HOSTS ITS ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BAR REVIEW



On Friday, October 24th, the Student Bar Association hosted its annual Halloween Bar Review at Two O Seven nightclub at Hard Rock Hotel. "We wanted to throw the Halloween party of a lifetime. I made it my mission to make sure everyone had a spooktakular time," said SBA Community Events Co-Director Nima Etemadian 3L.

This year's Halloween Bar Review featured TJSL's very own DJ Kenya, Rohan Dosaj 3L. "I want to thank all the students, my friends, and SBA for the opportunity. The crowd was live that night. Can't wait to spin at the next SBA event."

It wouldn't have been a Halloween Bar Review without a costume contest. The

costume contest was separated into three categories: individual, couple, and group. Winners received a free ticket to Barristers Ball 2015.

Robert Del Junco 3L, and his direwolf Ghost, won for best individual costume. When asked what inspired him to dress up as Jon Snow from Game of Thrones, Robert said, "I wanted to make a public service announcement that Winter Is Coming."

Danielle Freitas 3L and Isaac Dawoodjee 3L, as Wilma and Fred Flintstone, took home best couple costume. "We wanted to bring the Bed Rock to the Hard Rock, Yabba-Dabba Dooo!"

Last, but definitely not least, the Ebolabusters – Wyatt Herbst 3L, Damon Booths 3L, and Kevin Shannon 2L. "CDC Warning: Ebola is a serious threat, however, the Ebolabusters are not."

"This year's Halloween Party was an absolute success! It was so wonderful to see the student and alumni turn out and everyone's costumes!" said SBA Social Events Director Michelle Ribauda 3L. "A special thank you to all SBA members

for their continual help with this event, without which, the event wouldn't have been possible."



FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

MARJORIE COHN

Radio

Torture, drones and targeted killing, sanitizing the history of the Vietnam War, World Focus, Office of the Americas, KPFK (Pacifica), Los Angeles, November 9, 2014.

'Drones and Targeted Killing: Legal, Moral and Geopolitical Issues', Law and Disorder, WBAI (Pacifica), New York, October 29, 2014.

Civilian casualties from US drone strikes, RT America News, international cable TV, October 23, 2014.

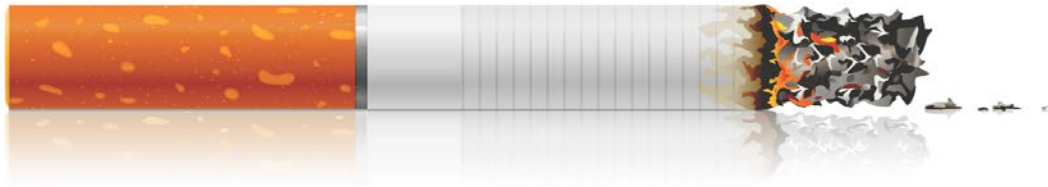
MARYBETH HERALD

Presentation

The Science of Credibility: Who Do We Believe and Why, National Association of Woman Judges, San Diego, California (October 17, 2014)

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Thank you for your cooperation.

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- **Dimensions**

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- **File Format**

PDF or JPG

- **Submit Your Flyer**

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