

TWO BLSA MEMBERS HONORED BY EARL B. GILLIAM BAR ASSOCIATION



By Phylcia Coleman, 3L, BLSA President

On Saturday, November 8, 2014, fourteen members of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law Black Law Students Association (BLSA) attended the 38th Annual Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association (EBGBA) Scholarship Dinner at the Westin Gaslamp Quarter Hotel. BLSA President, Phylcia Coleman 3L, aimed to get as many Thomas Jefferson BLSA members to the dinner as possible, especially 1Ls. David Offutt, Jr. 1L was honored to attend the dinner. "The dinner provided a great forum to meet practicing attorneys and judges in the San Diego area. It also exposed me to a scholarship opportunity that I was previously unaware of, which is great because I look forward to applying for the Earl B. Gilliam scholarship next year. It was a great experience and I look forward to attending next year."

This year's theme for the dinner was, "For Our Community", which is a reminder that the organization exists first and foremost to serve the members of the San Diego community. The dinner recognizes the scholastic achievements of law students

in the San Diego area. This year, two BLSA members received a scholarship: Taelor Cole 2L and Shanly Hopkins 3L. "I was delighted and honored to find out I was chosen to be an EBGBA scholarship recipient. The organization not only provides great networking opportunities but also prides itself on reaching back into the community and helping others," said Taelor Cole when asked how it felt to be an award recipient. Shanly Hopkins echoed Taelor's sentiments with, "I am very proud that the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association honored me with the SONY scholarship award this year. Paulette Brown was a phenomenal speaker, and the event proved to be a great networking opportunity for myself and other Thomas Jefferson students."

BLSA members served as volunteers to help escort guests and check them in during registration. This gave BLSA members the opportunity to speak

with and become familiar with some of San Diego's most prestigious judges and attorneys. Conversations regarding future plans were sparked among the members and attorneys during check in. "The Earl B. Gilliam Dinner was a great opportunity to see the strength of the African American legal community in San Diego. I had a lot of fun interacting with different legal professionals," said 1L, Alexandria Jones.

This year's keynote speaker was Paulette Brown, a Partner and Chief Diversity Officer of Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP. She will serve a one-year term as president-elect before becoming American Bar Association president in August 2015, reaching new heights as the first woman of color to hold this position. As Ms. Brown spoke to those present, she encouraged each individual to become and remain active within the community. Ms. Brown said, "It is important for us to mentor those who come after us in order to help guide them." BLSA's 1L Representative, Constance Perry, stated, "The Earl B. Gilliam Dinner was a great experience. It was a great opportunity to be motivated and inspired by Ms. Brown, all of the attorneys and judges, and the scholarship recipients. I cannot wait for next year!"



TJSL CONTRIBUTES TO COPYRIGHT DISCOURSE

On Friday, November 7, 2014, *"Picture This: Copyrights and Copywrongs in Visual Works From Comics to Photographs,"* brought copyright experts from around San Diego to TJSL. The two-hour long conference, produced and hosted by Professor K.J. Greene in collaboration with TJSL's Entertainment Law Society and the Center for Law and Intellectual Property, was followed by a reception for panelists and guests.

Moderated by Professor Jeff Slattery, the conference provided insight into the types of issues that arise in copyright law when dealing with artists and a variety of visual works.

Panelist David Lizerbram led the discussion by explaining how the fair use doctrine can be used as a defense to copyright infringement suits and the broadening of the defense by transformative use. Despite an open circuit split regarding what constitutes transformative use, Lizerbram noted, "The state of law seems to be that if a court finds a work to be transformative, it will qualify for fair use protection."

Marketing manager and producer for an interactive design firm, and entrepreneur turned attorney, Leslie Burns spoke about the pitfalls of stepping into the copyright process after a client has begun the process without the proper knowledge. "Taking the time to educate our clients should be our highest ethical concern," said Burns. For Burns, combining her creative background with her legal career has brought her a great deal of personal satisfaction.



Alumna Lacy J Lodes '08, current in-house counsel for Cryptozoic Entertainment, discussed the importance of risk analysis in copyright and the challenge orphaned works can create when trying to put together licensing agreements. "In business you have to take a lot of risks, but copyright is one to be wary about," Lodes said.

The final panelist of the evening is best described as a lawyer for cartoonists and a cartoonist for lawyers. Stu Rees sparked a discussion about modern trends in copyright. Rees touched upon the public's tendency to want to use copyrighted items for free, the drawbacks of transformative use, and the copyright office's policy of engaging in substantive review of applications. For

Rees, "Copyright is a raging disaster from registration to litigation."

The question and answer session that followed revisited the panels' discussions but also provided an opportunity to broaden the dialogue. Panelist Leslie Burns was impressed by the level of student engagement at the event. "There were good questions during the event itself and after, at the reception, I had several one-on-one conversations with very bright, interested, and thoughtful students," said Burns. "I was also happy to see that non-students attended and were taking notes as well. We could have gone on for hours and I think the audience could have too."

"This was a well-attended and flawless event with a truly invigorating and erudite panel of some of SD's best IP lawyers. It just shows the passion of our faculty and students for IP. And Professor Slattery is a superb moderator," said Professor Greene. "We produce high-content, cutting edge IP conferences to showcase TJSL's strengths, including an outstanding faculty, engaged and talented students like my director ELS President Michelle Ribaud and the Entertainment Law Society team, and to boost our reputation in the community."



BOWLING WITH ATTORNEYS

For the second year in a row, several student organizations partnered together with the TJSJ Alumni Association to host "Bowling with Attorneys." On November 6th, 2014, over 120 participants took over East Village Tavern and Bowl for this one of a kind event. With the goal in mind to bring together students from diverse backgrounds for this remarkable evening, mixed with a bit of professionalism, the Jewish Student Union (JSU) joined forces with: Business Law Society (BLS), Middle Eastern Law Students Association (MELSA), Phi Alpha Delta (PAD), Black Law Students Association (BLSA), Delta Theta Pi (DTP), Student Veterans of America (SVA), Intellectual Property Law Association (IPLA) and La Raza.

Bowling with Attorneys provides a unique opportunity for students to network with attorneys in a non-threatening environment. In addition to the fun of bowling and networking, participants were treated to appetizers and entered into a raffle which included many great prizes.

"Once again, Bowling with Attorneys was an incredible evening with a fantastic turnout of close to 120," said JSU President Rachel Baum (3L). It is truly a pleasure to be able to coordinate this event for the TJSJ and Legal community. Watching the student organization leaders come together to provide such a unique event for their members is extraordinarily gratifying. Bowling with Attorneys would not be possible without the help and support of all the amazing



individuals who contribute their time and effort in so many ways. Thank you Attorneys, Organization Presidents, Participants, Faculty, and Friends!"

"As President of the Black Law Students Association, it was important for me to get the organization involved because it was an easy way for my members to network," said Phylcia Coleman (3L). One of my main goals for my organization this year was to get members connected with alumni and different attorneys in the San Diego and surrounding areas. I, myself, was able to reconnect with alumni I had previously met and connect with some new alumni. It was the perfect event for anyone who is shy or hesitate about

walking up and speaking with attorneys. The atmosphere was very laid-back, fun, and informal, which is helpful for first year students."

Alumni Relations President Jeremy Evans '11 who is also the Director for TJSJ's Center for Sports Law and Policy commented, "This year's 'Bowling with Attorneys' event at East Village Tavern & Bowl presented by student leader Rachel Baum, JSU, and other organizations was the second installment and as good as the first one. It is a treat to attend this event that displays the wonderful Thomas Jefferson School of Law Alumni and Students."

Decorated Defense Attorney Phil Shapiro '85 said, "I was impressed with the number of attorneys that showed up and mixed with students as this was one of the main goals of the event. It was great to see so many Alumni Board members and various student organizations working together. This is a tradition that continues to benefit the TJSJ community."



THE CENTER FOR SOLO PRACTITIONERS ACCEPTING APPLICANTS FOR 2015

The TJSL Center for Solo Practitioners is accepting applications for its 2015 Class.

Designed specifically and exclusively for Thomas Jefferson School of Law alumni, the TJSL Center for Solo Practitioners supports new solo practitioners as they establish their own law offices. The program encourages new solos to become leaders in their community by developing ways to reach traditionally underserved populations with much-needed legal services.

Business incubation is a concept that has proved successful in launching entrepreneurs in fields as diverse as computer software, manufacturing, telecommunications, biosciences, energy and the arts. Incubators accelerate the development of start-up companies by providing entrepreneurs with instruction in financial management, marketing, networking and sound business practices. Pioneered by Fred Rooney at the City University of New York School of Law, law school incubators are beginning to flourish in law schools throughout the United States and internationally.

The TJSL Center for Solo Practitioners provides a business incubator setting to the New Solos with the goal of producing successful, public-service-oriented

practitioners. Every year, the program will welcome six to ten lawyers who have a desire to establish their own law practices. Each New Solo will develop their practice in a cooperative, shared-space environment that is easily accessible to public transportation, courts and other public services. The program will facilitate access to affordable office space, guidance in managing a legal practice, quality continuing legal education, seasoned mentors and Thomas Jefferson's network of alumni attorneys. While they are building their practices, the lawyers in the incubator are encouraged to provide pro-bono and low-bono services to increase the access to civil legal services for those in need. While providing those legal services, the incubator lawyers gain valuable legal experience and are exposed to professional networking opportunities.

To apply for the program, candidates must: Be admitted to practice in California; Be a graduate of TJSL; Have a demonstrated commitment to



access-to-justice for those in need; Be willing to engage in ongoing pro-bono and low-bono services; Work well in intimate settings with a diverse group of individuals; Be committed to establishing a solo-firm or small-firm practice; and Be committed to helping underserved populations after completion of the program.

If you are interested in applying, complete the [2015 application](#) and email it to Center for Solo Practitioners Director [Professor Lilys McCoy](#).

Applications are due December 5, 2014.

TJSL GRADUATION IS SET FOR DECEMBER 13, 2014 AT COPLEY SYMPHONY HALL



December 2014 Valedictorian Lynn Marie Morski will be one of approximately 74 Juris Doctor students scheduled to walk across the stage at Copley Symphony Hall in Downtown San Diego on Saturday, December 13, 2014.

One American Legal Studies student will receive their LL.M. (Master of Laws) degree as part of the American Legal Studies program for non-U.S. lawyers.

As a part time law student as well as a licensed medical doctor, Morski works at the Veterans Administration in Mission Valley evaluating patients in the Compensation and Pension department.

The December Valedictorian says she learned a lot from Professor Joy Delman

while working with her on projects involving law and medicine.

“I’m particularly grateful for Professor Delman, whose background is in health-related law, and who has always given me great advice on career paths and connected me with some great opportunities.”

Morski is a graduate of Webster University with a degree in Media Communication. She did her residency at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Arizona. Morski then did a Sports Medicine Fellowship at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

The law school is proud to announce that the commencement speaker will be TJSJ Board of Trustees member Morris S. Casuto.

Casuto retired in 2010 after serving for 37 years as a member of the Professional Staff of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). He was the founding Director of the San Diego Regional Office after serving in the ADL’s offices in Columbus, Ohio and Indianapolis, Indiana. During his tenure with the ADL, he developed a national reputation as an expert on hate crimes and extremist and terrorist organizations.

The doors at [Copley Symphony Hall](#), located at 750 B Street will open at 9 a.m. The Graduation procession starts promptly at 10 a.m. There are no tickets required. Seating is first come, first served.

Following the graduation ceremony, all TJSJ graduates along with their family and friends are invited to a reception that will be held at the law school located at 1155 Island Avenue where light hors d’oeuvres will be served.

ALUMNI VIDEO SERIES EPISODE 4 COMING IN DECEMBER



Those of you waiting to see who will be featured in the next Alumni Video Series won’t have to wait much longer. Eric Bernsen ‘12, and his story, will be unveiled in December.

In the meantime, watch some of the earlier episodes:

[Dean Thomas Guernsey Introduction](#)

[Episode 2: Kim Carter ‘11](#)

[Episode 1: Peter Blair ‘09](#)

[Episode 3: Randy Grossman ‘94](#)

FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

MARJORIE COHN

Presentations

Drones and Targeted Killing: Legal, Moral and Geopolitical Issues, Monterey Peace & Justice Center, Seaside, CA (November 22, 2014)

Drones and Targeted Killing: Legal, Moral and Geopolitical Issues, Co-sponsored by Santa Cruz Jewish Voice for Peace, Palestine Israel Action Committee, Resource Center for Nonviolence, and Students for Justice in Palestine, Resource Center for Nonviolence, Santa Cruz, CA (November 21, 2014)

Are the police doing a difficult job in the safest way possible, or going too far in the name of public safety?, Debate sponsored by KNSJ FM 89.1 & The San Diego Debate Society, San Diego Repertory Theatre, San Diego (November 19, 2014)

Drones and Targeted Killing: Legal, Moral and Geopolitical Issues, Mission Hills Books & Collectibles, San Diego, CA (November 14, 2014)

Which is better to reform the surveillance system: Congress or the courts?, Whistleblowers and Independent Media, St Johns Episcopal Church, Berkeley, CA (November 9, 2014)

Drones and Targeted Killing: Legal, Moral and Geopolitical Issues, Modern Times Bookstore, San Francisco, CA (November 8, 2014)

Drones and Targeted Killing: Legal, Moral and Geopolitical Issues, Peninsula Peace & Justice Center, Palo Alto, CA (November 7, 2014)

Radio

Illegal wars and commission of war crimes, Speaking Truth to Empire, Free Speech Radio, Central California, November 19, 2014.

Surveillance, USA Freedom Act, Supreme Court, Whistleblowers and the Espionage Act, The Sunday Show, KPFA (Pacifica), Berkeley, CA, November 16, 2104.

MARYBETH HERALD

Book

Your Brain and Law School (Carolina Academic Press 2014)

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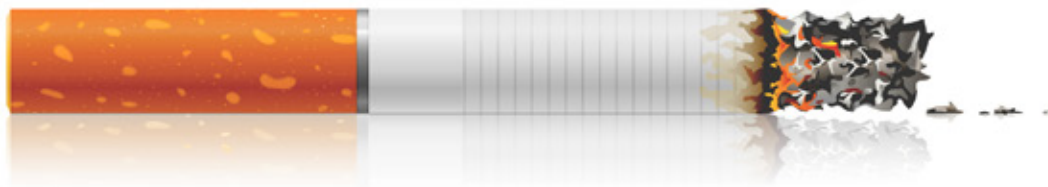
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