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APPLY NOW FOR THE TJSL BAR STUDY SCHOLARSHIP



The Thomas Jefferson School of Law is proud to announce that it is launching the new TJSL 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 <u>studentservices@</u> tisl.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 <u>Make a Gift</u> website. Select *"TJSL Bar Scholarship Fund"* in the *"Please direct my gift to"* dropdown menu.

THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW RANKS #10 IN THE NATION FOR TOP GRADUATE PROGRAM

Aimed at providing an honest and candid look at graduate programs across the country, GraduatePrograms.com has released its Spring <u>2014 Law School</u> <u>Rankings</u>.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law ranked number ten out of 50 among the nation's graduate programs which puts TJSL above Harvard University and Vanderbilt University.

According to the GraduatePrograms. com website, the program ratings used to calculate the rankings are based on a comprehensive assessment by alumni and current students across fifteen categories including academic competitiveness, career support, education quality, faculty accessibility and support, and student diversity.

Over 70,000 alumni and students participated, from over 1,600 graduate



programs, from September 2012 through September 2014.

Along with TJSL's Juris Doctorate program, many graduates and students praised the school's LL.M. in International Taxation. Currently, TJSL also offers residential LL.M. in American Legal Studies and in International Trade & Investment, as well as multiple online programs focused on giving existing professionals a competitive edge.

ADR TEAM TEACHES IMPORTANT PROFESSIONAL SKILLS FOR FUTURE ATTORNEYS



By Michelle Evenson, 3L member of ADR

Everyone in law school knows how many hours are spent reading, writing papers, rushing to internships, and balancing friends and family. But only a few law students know what it's like to do all that and compete for one of TJSL's cocurricular teams.

Last year, ADR's teams made it to the ABA Negotiation Competition Finals, and there placed in the top ten. The ADR team consistently places in the top teams at competitions that include teams form some of the most prestigious schools in the nation.

Alternative dispute resolution is just what it sounds like; it's an alternative to litigation. ADR involves negotiation, mediation and arbitration. The team meets each week to develop the skills involved in ADR and then within the large group small teams are selected to compete at various events.

On October 11, ADR teams competed at the Southwestern Law School Entertainment Law Negotiation Competition in Los Angeles. The teams placed well – 2Ls, Harrison Gaines and Misuraca placed in the top 10, and 3Ls Alexander Green and Chelsea Grover placed in the top 20 out of 35 teams from around the country.

"I can't think of any negatives to competing, I really enjoy the opportunity," said Misuraca. "I tried out for ADR in my first semester of school because I wanted to learn how to properly negotiate. I knew that someday this skill would be invaluable as a basketball agent."

"I see ADR playing a huge role in my future as an attorney because in order to get deals done I will need to apply the strategies I've learned in ADR," said Gaines. "The Entertainment Competition is synonymous with sports. Therefore, I wanted to make sure I did the competition presented some of the same issues I would see in sports."

ADR enters about two competitions per semester. This gives 8 to 10 members of the large team a chance to compete or coach. One of the most unique things about ADR is that, while the team has a faculty advisor, the students on the team are in charge of its overall success.

Professor Ellen Waldman joined the ADR team this year as its advisor. Professor Waldman's background in negotiation and mediation help ADR members focus their skill building. But after Professor Waldman steps away, it's up to the individual teams and their coach or coaches to hone the skills and master the negotiation problem.

So while Professor Waldman plays an important role in getting the large ADR team up to speed on techniques for negotiation, it's the team's coaches who write counter facts, set up spar times, give feedback and boost competitor confidence right up until they sit down to negotiate. "The best part about coaching is seeing the transformation from the first spar to the last," said Taelor Cole, 2L member. But, Cole added with a laugh, the "worst part about coaching is dealing with the inevitable melt-down from the team."

Each member's reasoning for trying out for ADR is similar. We all want to use it later as attorneys. Whether it is as an agent, in business, or in criminal proceedings, the skills we are developing are real world applicable. These are the skills employers most want.

Coming up for the ADR team is the American Bar Association's Regional Negotiation Competition at Chapman on November 1. Theo Montgomery, Brandon Theus, Taelor Cole and Puneet Layal, all 2Ls, will compete against teams from around our region on problems that are tort related. If they make it to the next round, the teams will represent our region in Texas at the National competition in February.

If you are interested in trying out for ADR email <u>adr@tjsl.edu</u>. You must attend one of the three informational meetings Monday, November 3 from 12-1 p.m. in room 229; Monday, November 3rd from 3-4 p.m., or Wednesday, November 5 from 4-5 p.m. in room 225. Tryouts will be Saturday, November 15.

FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

JOY L. DELMAN

Ethical Issues in Surrogacy, UCSD Hospital Center Ethics Committee, UCSD Hospital Center, San Diego (August 25, 2014)

Radio

Presentation

MARJORIE COHN

'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.

Presentation

MARYBETH HERALD

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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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. TJSL'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.

