

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 IS THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE TJSL ALUMI WEEKEND



TJSL students are invited to join Alumni, faculty and staff on Friday, October 10 and Saturday, October 11, 2014 to help celebrate the Inaugural TJSL Alumni Weekend.

[Register now for the 19th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament](#) taking place on Friday, October 10, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Salt Creek Golf Club. Faculty, students, staff and Alumni will compete for prizes in a shotgun style golf tournament followed by a cocktail reception and awards dinner. The tournament will raise funds for the Thomas Jefferson School of Law Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic and the New Guaranteed Merit Scholarship Program.

Alumni Weekend Reunion registration is also taking place for the Western State University College of Law luncheon and the Alumni Awards Reception which will both take place on Saturday, October 11 at Noon and 6 p.m.

Western State grads are encouraged to [register for the WSU luncheon](#) taking place on Saturday, October 11 beginning at noon being held on the 8th floor of the TJSL campus. Registration cost for WSU Alumni and their guests is \$15 each. This is a private event for Western State University College of Law Alumni their guests and Faculty.

TJSL Alumni, Western State Alumni and TJSL students are encouraged to [register for the Alumni Awards Reception](#) taking place on Saturday, October 11 beginning at 6 p.m. being held on the 8th floor of the TJSL campus. Registration cost for Alumni Class of 1969-2004 is \$20. Registration cost for Class of 2005-2014 is \$10. Registration cost for current TJSL students is \$10. Guest registration is \$20. The 6 p.m. Alumni Award Reception is open to all TJSL students, TJSL Alumni, WSU Alumni and guests.

Before heading up to the 8th floor on Saturday, October 11 for the 6 p.m. reception Alumni and their guests are invited to partake in a social hour beginning at 5 p.m. at [Bottega Americano](#) located in the Lobby of the TJSL campus.

Throughout the day, participants can also [sign up to take a tour of the TJSL campus](#) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In addition to the Saturday WSU luncheon at noon and TJSL reception at 6 p.m., TJSL will also host an [MCLE Seminar](#) in room 325. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. The seminar will provide four opportunities for participants to earn two general and two ethics MCLE credits. The first one-hour session, titled *"Attorney Marketing through Social Media,"* begins at 9:40 a.m. on Saturday followed by *"Top Ten Ethical Dilemmas,"* *"To the Cloud! Ethical Considerations for Attorneys in the 21st Century"* and finally a panel discussion titled *"Client Intake: Ethics and Best Practices."*

The [MCLE Seminar](#) is free for TJSL Alumni. Non-TJSL attorneys seeking MCLE credit will pay \$50.

This year will also highlight the first ever [Reunion Challenge which invites alumni to make a gift](#) and demonstrate their class's superior commitment to TJSL's mission. The class with the most participants and highest cumulative gifts will be recognized on Saturday evening at the Alumni Awards Reception.

TJSL's Alumni Weekend promises to be exciting thanks to a number of alumni who will be joining the celebration. [Visit the Alumni Weekend site to register](#) for Alumni Weekend events and to obtain additional information.



DISABILITY AND THE LAW

Jameson Crane III Writing Competition

Thomas Jefferson School of Law Dean Thomas Guernsey announced the September launch of the [First Annual Jameson Crane III Disability and the Law Writing Competition](#). Made possible by the generous gift of TJS� alumnus Jim Crane '13, the national competition aims to encourage outstanding student scholarship at the intersection of law and medicine, or law and the social sciences. Open to currently enrolled U.S. law students, medical students, and doctoral candidates in related fields, the competition promotes understanding of legal issues related to disability, furthers the development of legal rights and protections, and improves the lives of those with disabilities.

"The Crane competition demonstrates our law school's commitment to excellence in legal and policy analysis for underserved populations," said Dean Guernsey. "Improving life for the disabled requires changing attitudes and assumptions. Our hope is that the Crane competition will provide a forum for such change," he noted.

Competition submissions may address any legal topic related to disability law, including issues regarding employment, government services and programs, public accommodations, education, higher education, housing, and health care. An independent panel of experts will judge submissions anonymously

based on originality, topic complexity, research quality, organization and analysis, and writing quality to select three winners. The first place winner will receive \$1,500, while two-second place winners will each receive \$1,000. The Thomas Jefferson Law Review will also consider the first place submission for publication.

TJS� Professor Susan Bisom-Rapp is coordinating the competition. She noted that, "disability law is a rich and complex area of the law, and one we take seriously at the law school." In fact, TJS� has recently signed the ABA Commission on Disability Rights' "Pledge for Change." The Pledge for Change commits legal employers to pursuing diversity in the profession with an emphasis on disability diversity. TJS� is now on the Commission's Diversity Honor Roll.

All competition submissions must be made electronically to cranewritingcompetition@tjssl.edu by midnight, Pacific Standard Time, January 15, 2015. Winners will be announced by April 15, 2015. Further details about the competition are [available here](#). Any questions may be directed to Professor Bisom-Rapp at susanb@tjssl.edu.

SUCCESSFUL NATIONAL SPORTS LAW NEGOTIATION COMPETITION & SPORTS LAW CONFERENCE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 19 - 21

By Alfredo Bustamante, 2L, CSLP Fellow

The 4th Annual National Sports Law Negotiation Competition was held at TJS� on the weekend of September 19-21. Hosted by the school's Center for Sports Law & Policy, the competition was another great success and continues to be an anticipated and nationally recognized event each year.

This year's competition included thirty-six teams from twenty-two different schools; each highly prepared to bring their best to the competition. In TJS�'s first year of having its own team in the competition,

the team of Jordan Mlynarczyk and Currun Arora represented the school well and gained valuable experience from participating. "It felt great being able to represent Thomas Jefferson," said Jordan Mlynarczyk, a 2L Sports Law Fellow. "Overall, we felt like we accomplished our goals and look forward to putting ourselves in a position to do even better in the future."

On Friday, guests were treated to two panels: "Sports Law: Playing to Win, Being Successful in the Sports Industry" and "Olympics: Getting to Gold." Following the conference, competitors and coaches

were invited to Petco Park to enjoy the Padres v. Giants game.

The competition began on Saturday morning and lasted until the afternoon, when the top four teams were announced on the 8th floor rooftop of TJS�. Participating teams were also presented with their Competitor Certificate for participating in the competition.

Following the first two rounds of the competition (Round One: "Preserving Torrey Pines", and Round Two: "Behind the Mask"), a mixer was held at Moonshine Flats, which allowed

competitors and coaches to relax and mingle in a fun environment located in San Diego's Historic Gaslamp Quarter.

After the final four teams competed on Sunday morning, it was the team of Joh Sedtal and David Lewis from the University of Maryland, Francis King Carey School of Law that was announced as champion. Second place was awarded to the University of Mississippi School of Law, third place to Southwestern Law School (Los Angeles, CA), and fourth place to the defending champion Chapman University School of Law (Orange, CA).

This year, the distinguished panel of judges in the final four included United States District Judge Honorable Roger T. Benitez '78, Associate Justice Honorable Joan K. Irion, and Superior Court Judge



Honorable Browder A. Willis, III '83. These judges oversaw negotiations between the final four teams that involved an athlete's use of supplements which may have led to a failed PED test. After the final round concluded, all three of the judges expressed their admiration and respect for the competitors and their performances during the negotiations.

Overall, it was a fun and exciting weekend for all participants. "The competition had great facilities, great school, and great hosts. It was very organized," said John Michael Allen, 3L from the University of Mississippi School of Law.

REGISTER FOR THE MILITARY SPOUSE CAREER CONFERENCE BEING HELD ON OCTOBER 17

Military spouse attorneys face unique barriers to career growth. At the same time, their status as military spouses offers special opportunities to serve the community and to benefit from a worldwide network of supportive mentors. On Friday, October 17, TJSL will welcome to campus the Military Spouse JD Network's annual "Making the Right Moves" Conference, which concerns career growth for military spouse attorneys and law students. The conference is an all-day professional development and leadership training

event that will focus on creating and following a successful career path tailored to the unique needs of military spouse attorneys – but it will be an important and relevant event for current and former service members as well.

Dean Thomas Guernsey will deliver the opening remarks. "MSJDN's decision to bring the event to TJSL is a reflection of our school's reputation for being a leader in educating service members and their spouses," said Dean Guernsey. "At TJSL, we respect the discipline and focus that military-connected students bring to law study. We are happy that the upcoming event will provide these students with a chance to learn from successful practitioners whose lives have taken similar paths."

Professor Amy Day is a military spouse and

the director of TJSL's new Center for the Study of Women and the Military. "Mentorship plays a vital role for military spouse attorneys," said Professor Day. "It is important for us to find other people whose experiences look like our own, and to learn from their advice on how to invest in our careers despite all the challenges that come with military service."

Professor Day will participate in the conference as part of a panel on building a career plan. Professor Steve Berenson, who runs TJSL's Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic, will participate in a panel on opportunities for military spouse attorneys to gain career experience through community service.

The Military Spouse JD Network is an international network of legal professionals who work to improve the lives of military families. Because unemployment for military spouses regularly outpaces the national average and military spouses face additional



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barriers due to the unique licensing requirements of state bar associations, MSJDN advocates for bar memberships without additional examination. MSJDN provides support and mentorship for members worldwide.

TJSL has long been a leader in educating military personnel and their spouses. The school has a flexible academic program, participates generously in the Yellow

Ribbon Program to fund the education of veterans, and offers numerous courses, clinics and centers devoted to issues of interest to the military community. Last year, TJSL's annual Women and the Law Conference concerned Women and the Military, and the school welcomed Navy Judge Advocate General VADM Nanette DeRenzi to campus for the event.

[View the Agenda](#)

The Making the Right Moves conference is free for TJSL faculty, staff and students (though you must still [purchase a lunch ticket](#) if you would like to attend the 8th floor lunch reception). Those interested in attending should email aday@tjsl.edu to register for the event.

TJSL'S SAIPAN CONNECTION CONTINUES TO GROW



TJSL has an established history of alumni finding opportunities in Saipan. Most recently, Melissa Dempsey, a May 2014 TJSL graduate, was selected by Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja of the Superior Court for the Northern Mariana Islands as his judicial law clerk. The Northern Marianas Islands are located on the Pacific island of Saipan, an unincorporated territory of the U.S.

Working as a judicial clerk had been a goal for Dempsey since her 2L year. "Professor Rierson advised me that a clerkship would be the best option while I await my bar results because it would help me hone my research and writing skills while learning the court system. I followed her advice and I think this clerkship will be a great step in my goal to become a civil litigator."

During law school Dempsey worked hard to develop her research and writing skills working as a research assistant to Professors Sandra Rierson and Joy Delman. "The research and writing skills I learned from them are invaluable and I believe those experiences put me in the best possible position when I graduated."

Beginning in her 3L year, Dempsey began sending out applications. "I sent out countless job applications during my third year just hoping to land something and eventually I did and I love my job."

She encourages students looking for jobs to "put in the work and don't get discouraged." She also credits TJSL for helping her carve out her career. "TJSL has assisted me a great deal in my career path. I actually learned of this clerkship through Career Services' Symplicity."

Dempsey started her position in August 2014 after taking the California bar exam. Since beginning, Dempsey has been exposed to a variety of matters. "The Superior Court here in the CNMI is a court of general jurisdiction so on any given day I may have to draft an Order in regards to a criminal matter and then an hour later I'll be working on a summary judgment order for a civil lawsuit. It's always changing and the job definitely keeps me on my toes."

TJSL has maintained a strong track record of alumni landing clerkships with the judges in Saipan. According to Career Services, at least 12 other TJSL Alumni have worked in Saipan and several of those continue to work there.

Students interested in obtaining judicial clerkships should contact Paula Gluzman, Associate Director of Career Services, pgluzman@tjsl.edu.

REGISTER BY OCTOBER 24 FOR THE 7TH ANNUAL JUDICIAL OFFICERS MIXER ON OCTOBER 30TH



All TJSL students are invited to participate on Thursday, October 30th in this unique opportunity where you will network with State and Federal Judges from around San Diego.

Every year since 2008, the TJSL 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.

This year's event will pay tribute to the Honorable David M. Gill who began his career in the US Army

JAG Corps and has sat on the San Diego Superior Court bench for over four decades.

"Judge Gill is being honored for his many years of outstanding service to the bench," said Alumni Board President Jeremy Evans. Judge Gill is a very worthy recipient. It is a privilege for the Alumni Association to host the Judicial Mixer."

This event proves to be very popular each year so you will want to register early. The 7th Annual Judicial Officers Mixer is free to TJSL students and will take place on the 8th floor at 5:30 pm. [Please RSVP no later than October 24th.](#)

PROFESSOR DEO PRESENTS AT MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL SYMPOSIUM

Professor Meera Deo was a featured speaker at the recent University of Michigan Law School Symposium celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Michigan Journal of Race & Law. She returned to Ann Arbor to join Michigan Law School alumni from around the country participating in the Symposium. One of the highlights of the event was the keynote speech by Michigan Law School alumna and President Clinton's Civil Rights Commission Chairperson Mary Frances Berry. Professor Deo presented "Trajectory of a Law Professor," an Article drawing from her Diversity in Legal Academia (DLA) project revealing barriers to entry and advancement for non-traditional law faculty.

DLA is the first, formal, empirical study of legal academics, utilizing an intersectional lens to investigate how



race and gender affect the law faculty experience. As the Principal Investigator of DLA, Professor Deo is responsible for all aspects of the study, from data collection through coding, analysis, and dissemination. She is currently analyzing the data and disseminating findings through presentations around the country and publications in leading law journals.

"I enjoyed a wonderful reunion in Ann Arbor with a community of like-minded law teachers," says Professor Deo. "I am so proud of my participation in the Journal and the

incredible scholarship that it continues to produce. It was especially gratifying to reunite with some of my favorite Michigan Law School professors."

The event took place on Friday, September 19 in Ann Arbor, MI. Professor Deo flew there directly from a separate invited presentation to the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, which took place the day before. In addition to these two presentations, she also shared DLA findings with members the South Asian Bar Association of Los Angeles on September 25 and is scheduled to present again at the UCLA Critical Race Studies Symposium on October 5.



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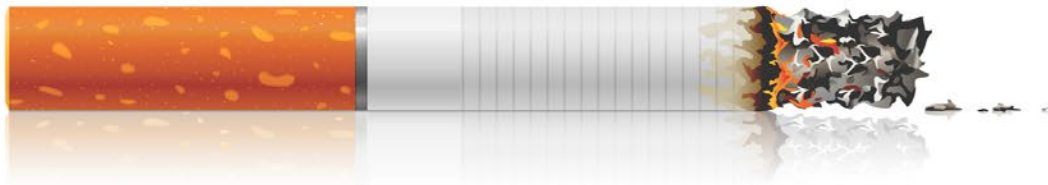
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Thank you for your cooperation.