

TJSL TO HOLD MILITARY SPOUSE CAREER CONFERENCE



MAKING THE RIGHT MOVES

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 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.

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.



LAWYERS CLUB OF SAN DIEGO

Applications are now being accepted for the Lawyers Club Women and the Law Project Scholarship at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. The deadline to submit is Monday, September 22, 2014 by 3:00 PM. TJS� established this scholarship in collaboration with Lawyers Club, a non-profit specialty bar association seeking to advance the status of women in the law, to support and improve the administration of justice, and to promote gender equality in our society. We were very proud to have Catrina Skor selected by Lawyers Club as the first recipient of this scholarship in 2010, Elizabeth Knowles as the 2011 recipient, Amy Louttit as the 2012 recipient, and Kimberly Coulter as last year's recipient.

The scholarship provides \$2,000 to a TJS� student who demonstrates support of the mission of Lawyers Club, is academically among the top 50% of her or his law school class, and has completed one full year of law school (30 units minimum). Please be certain you meet these requirements before submitting an application. The scholarship is to be used for tuition and/or books. Also, please check with the Financial Assistance Office to determine whether this scholarship would affect your financial assistance status.

The scholarship will be officially awarded at the Lawyers Club annual Holiday Luncheon in December. Thomas Jefferson School of Law demonstrates its support of Lawyers Club as a "Benefactor" and will host a table at the Holiday Luncheon, at which our scholarship recipient will sit with Dean Thomas Guernsey and/or other members of the TJS� Community and be recognized during the program.

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Applications for the 2014 Lawyers Club Women and the Law Project Scholarship at Thomas Jefferson School of Law are due on Monday, September 22, 2014 by 3:00 PM. The completed application should be converted to a PDF and emailed, along with a resume, to Faculty Assistant Randy Ward at rward@tjsl.edu by the deadline. The applications will be screened by a TJS� committee and the most qualified of the applications forwarded for evaluation by the Lawyers Club Scholarship Committee.

Learn more about the [Lawyers Club](#) of San Diego. Lawyers Club welcomes student members and has a Student Committee that:

- Provides networking opportunities for law students and new admittees (jobs, internships, clerking)
- Coordinates a Mentor/Mentee program
- Fosters relationships among students, lawyers, and judges
- Provides a bridge into the San Diego legal community
- Provides an opportunity for Lawyers Club members to share experiences in life and the profession
- Provides an opportunity to guide student members through law school, the bar exam, job searches, and transition into practice

If you know a student who represents the ideals of Lawyers Club of San Diego and qualifies for the Lawyers Club scholarship, please encourage that student to apply for this scholarship. If you have any questions about the scholarship, please contact Randy Ward.

ANN NGO '09 NAMED AS MARCH OF DIMES NORTHEAST DIVISION DIRECTOR



Alumna Ann V. Ngo '09 recently became Executive Director of the March of Dimes Northeast Division in Florida. Ngo's successful career in the nonprofit sector demonstrates the elasticity of a J.D. "It is extraordinarily rewarding to know that I am working to advance the mission of the March of Dimes for stronger, healthier babies on a daily basis. I have always had a strong desire to make an impact in the community. I find it exciting to make a difference in peoples' lives," Ngo said of her new role.

Ngo already possessed a Master of Arts degree in Strategic Public Relations when she entered law school, "I went to law school with no intention to practice law but to obtain the ability to think strategically and advance my career potential and education."

"After graduating in 2009, I began working for the American Lung Association, as I always had the strong desire to pursue a job in the nonprofit sector," Ngo said of her easy transition into the workforce as Development Manager for the American Lung Association. "Soon after, I landed a role at the American Heart Association. Earlier this year, my fiancée landed a residency position at UF Health in Jacksonville. I searched for a new position to move to Jacksonville with him and am now the

Executive Director of the March of Dimes Northeast Division in Florida."

Ngo's investment in a legal education has served her well, "I knew that obtaining a law degree and going through the experience would only further my career. The education I received has helped me elevate my career quickly because my strategic thinking skills allow me to connect with our board members, top donors, and high-level volunteers."

Grateful for the skills she acquired Ngo also admits, "My fondest memories of TJSJ were getting to know the staff and professors. Everyone was very caring and helpful...I made long lasting friendships."

To current students or those awaiting bar results Ngo's advice would be, "You do not necessarily have to become a practicing attorney to become successful and happy. There are great alternative career paths that will still allow you to utilize your law degree."

VIK MONDER '11 TALKS SUCCESS

Vik Monder '11 is a first generation born American whom has always understood the value in excelling scholastically. His father quickly taught him that going to college and obtaining a degree is the best way to succeed and reach the American Dream.

Monder attended the University of San Diego with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and quickly thereafter pursued a law degree at Thomas Jefferson School of Law in 2011. Soon after, Monder received his masters in law (LL.M.) at California Western School of Law in Trial Advocacy.

Since obtaining his degree Monder has started his own law firm [The Monder Law Group](#), has been nationally acclaimed as one of the top 40 trial lawyers under 40 and given the recognition as one of the 2015 rising stars by Super Lawyers Magazine. Monder also sits on the board of several recognized organizations that have a significant presence in San Diego.

"The most exciting and rewarding part of my job is that I am able to fulfill my dream of helping others," said Monder. "I continue to learn more about criminal law and use this knowledge towards advancing my career as a San Diego criminal defense attorney. I have worked with top attorneys to advance my criminal trial skills. I understand the importance of networking and I am able to adapt to the ever-changing laws to get the best results for my clients."

Monder became interested in criminal defense because it was a field of law that he was passionate about. Criminal defense was a great opportunity for him to provide legal solutions to San Diegans facing tough situations.



"I have learned that knowledge is power. When one is knowledgeable in the field of law, they are more aware of their rights and better suited to protect themselves from unfair treatment and punishment. Criminal defense is a great way for me to provide my clients a service where I can fight for them relentlessly."

Monder has many fond memories of his time at TJSJ. "Thomas Jefferson professors and clinical education

programs influenced and helped shape where I am now," said Monder. "The professors at Thomas Jefferson School of Law come from some of the most astounding schools including Harvard, Stanford, and Yale. I learned a great deal from these trained professionals in order to recognize how to make great arguments and understand the law. Professor Anders Kaye inspired me to enter the field of criminal law with his elaborate discussions and great teaching

style. The Career Services Office was helpful in placing me in externships, but I soon realized that nothing is better than being your own boss." Monder gives back to his law school by offering externship opportunities to top tier law students at TJSL.

"The advice I give graduates and bar takers is to keep studying and sharpening your skills, and within time you will be awarded the success you have been

striving to attain. It took a lot of work to finish law school, pass the bar, and start my own law firm. Confidence in your law school training will get you to the goals that you are hoping to reach."

Monder serves as the Principal and Managing Attorney of Monder Law Group. He and his group are dedicated to utilizing all aspects of the judicial process to achieve positive results.

AMY LOUITTIT '13 ACCEPTS POSITION AS PUBLIC POLICY ASSOCIATE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



Professor Joy Delman and Amy Louttit '13

Amy Louttit '13, a South Carolina native, came to California fourteen years ago at the age of seventeen to "build a better life for herself." At the end of September, she will relocate to the nation's capital to help build a better future for others. "National Network for Youth (NN4Y) is the nation's leading organization advocating at the federal level to educate the public and policymakers about the needs of homeless and disconnected youth," Louttit said. "Moving from state level policy work to the federal level increases exponentially the potential impact I can make. I will have the opportunity to advise organizational members about policy strategies for advocacy in their own states, attend Capitol Hill meetings, and build relationships with policymakers and government agencies while educating them about the unique and diverse needs of our nation's most vulnerable youth."

"I knew at that time that I wanted to help adolescents in need of support, as my art teacher had done for me, so I earned my BA in Art Education. After graduating from Humboldt State University, I spent time as an Academic Mentor for homeless

adolescents through my two terms with AmeriCorps and then as a residential counselor in group homes for severely emotionally disturbed teens," Louttit said about her mindset before coming to TJSL. "I knew when coming into law school that I wanted to become a more effective and efficient advocate for unaccompanied and homeless youth. That being said, as a 1L I thought I would be an attorney working in Dependency Law or in the Criminal Juvenile Justice system."

Louttit's mentors at TJSL made her receptive to alternative careers and created opportunities, which ultimately brought her to her new position. Working closely with mentor and faculty advisor for Law Students for Reproductive Justice (LSRJ), Professor Joy Delman, Louttit began considering, "different alternative career path and looked into the possibility of being more directly involved in health care administration." By graduation Louttit had acquired significant experience as an intern with Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest's (PPPSW) General Counsel, held leadership positions in LSRJ, participated in TJSL's student chapter of the National Lawyers' Guild and participated in the legislative process in California assisting with the passage of three bills (SB 177, AB 309 and AB 1068) as Youth Director of the San Diego Unaccompanied Youth Task Force and NAEHCY board member. "I already had it set in my sights to find a career in policy work which frequently does not require

a bar license, but absolutely benefits from having a JD." Louttit recognized, "While the role of an attorney going into litigation is not an insignificant one, as they absolutely impact their clients' lives in a very direct way, this large scale impact was much more appealing to me personally."

"My advice to 1L's is to keep an open mind about your professors! Many times, the more intimidating they are, the more you can learn from them," Louttit said. "My advice to recent graduates is to keep your options open and be fluid in your ideas of who will be coming out of law school; network and explore as many career paths as you can! While you are awaiting bar results, do anything you can to keep building your skills. Be confident in those skills and take any interviews, or even informational interviews, as you can. Through many of my informational interviews, I was able to rule out some career paths altogether. Every interview, and informational interview, I participated in taught me something about my own passions and drive."

"I feel very blessed to have found the support at TJSL of such amazing, strong women that have truly been a part of paving the way for up-and-coming women like myself and so many others," Louttit said. "Professors Joy Delman, Judtbeth Tropp and Marjorie Cohn, to name a few, have been true inspirations to me. Professor Delman especially was not only our LSRJ faculty advisor, but became an important mentor in my life."

PROFESSOR COHN PRESENTS ON TORTURE AND HUMAN RIGHTS AT NLG NATIONAL CONVENTION



Professor Cohn (second from the left)

Professor Marjorie Cohn delivered two presentations at the National Lawyers Guild's annual national convention in Chicago.

On the panel titled "Pursuing Accountability and Reparations for

Torture," Professor Cohn explained the relationship between the torture conducted at Tamms Correctional Center under the direction of Chicago Police Commander Jon Burge, torture in US Supermax prisons—such as cell extraction and solitary confinement, and the

torture the US government conducted at Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo. Professor Cohn drew on themes covered in her book, "The United States and Torture: Interrogation, Incarceration, and Abuse," which was published in 2011 by NYU Press. Other panelists included a man who had been tortured in Chicago under orders from Jon Burge, and a man who had been tortured in Chile under Augusto Pinochet.

On the second panel, Professor Cohn discussed US treaty obligations, and pursuing justice at the International Criminal Court for Operation Protective Edge.

Professor Cohn testified twice before Congress about the Bush administration torture policy. Her monthly column, "Human Rights and Global Wrongs," is published by Truthout.

FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

MARJORIE COHN

Presentations

Police torture in Chicago and torture by US at Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo and US Supermax prisons, Pursuing Accountability and Reparations for US Torture, National Lawyers Guild annual convention, Chicago (September 6, 2014)

US treaty obligations and pursuing justice at the ICC, Organizing for Human Rights Accountability in the US: Using the UN & International Human Rights Law to Promote Justice, National Lawyers Guild annual convention, Chicago (September 5, 2014)

Radio

President Obama declares perpetual war, Uprising, KPFK, Los Angeles, September 11 2014.

President Obama declares perpetual war, Flashpoints, KPFA, Berkeley, September 10, 2014.

WILLIAM SLOMANSON

Book

CALIFORNIA CIVIL PROCEDURE IN A NUTSHELL (5th ed. West 2014)



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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ALUMNI WEEKEND



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2014

19th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament
Salt Creek Golf Club, Chula Vista, CA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2014

Alumni Celebration
Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, CA

MCLE Seminar

Take a closer look at ethical considerations as it relates to technology and the practice of law.

Western State University College of Law Luncheon

Reminisce about your time at WSU and reconnect with former classmates at this special luncheon solely for WSU Alumni.

TJSL Campus Tours

Sign-up to take a 30 minute guided tour of the beautiful new campus with one of our current student guides or Alumni Association Board members.

Alumni Reception and Awards

Join fellow alumni, faculty and Dean Thomas Guernsey for an evening of celebration and the presentation of the 2013-2014 Alumni Awards. Celebrating 45 years of history of Thomas Jefferson School of Law!

Reunion Giving Challenge – Make a Gift in Honor of Your Reunion Year

The central focus of the Reunion Challenge is alumni *participation*. Please know that your gift, in any amount, is important. To count your gift toward the Reunion Challenge, please make a gift by October 1, 2014 by going to www.tjssl.edu/make-gift.

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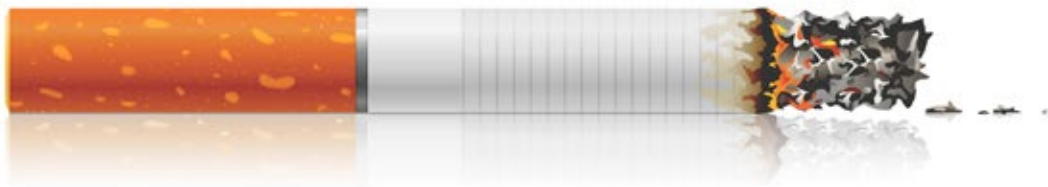
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Thank you for your cooperation.