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# ALUMNI VIDEO SERIES EPISODE THREE RANDY GROSSMAN '94 SPORTS AGENT AND CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY



On September 22, 2014, the <u>third episode</u> of the Alumni Video Series was released. This episode features Professor Randy Grossman '94. Professor Grossman is a Sports Agent, A Criminal Defense Attorney and an Adjunct Professor at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law. He has taught Sports Law at TJSL since 2000 and also teaches Trial Practice. Additionally, he is a member of the TJSL Board of Trustees.

Professor Grossman is certified as a player agent by the Major League Baseball Players Association and represents former players such as Hall of Famer Dave Winfield and 7-time All-Star Tim Raines. During the course of his career, he has worked with players ranging from Hank Aaron to Willie Mays.

"What I do is something that I love," said Professor Grossman. "I love the practice of law, I love representing players and teaching students."

During a career in sports that spans more than 25 years, Professor Grossman began as a sportscaster for an NBC television affiliate on the nightly news. From there, he went to work for former L.A. Dodger and San Diego Padre Steve Garvey, who had a sports marketing company, where Professor Grossman was exposed to the world of corporate marketing and endorsements for professional athletes. During this period, he worked with clients such as Magic Johnson, Tony Gwynn and Robin Ventura, pairing them with companies such as Canon, Xerox and Rawlings. "Going into law school my idea was to move from marketing of baseball players to the representation of baseball players."

Professor Grossman is also the TJSL faculty advisor for the Sports Law Society, the National Sports Law Negotiation Competition, PAD Mock Trial Competitions in Las Vegas and Washington, D.C. and the National Baseball Arbitration Competition held at Tulane University Law School which, Thomas Jefferson School of Law was crowned as the National Champions in 2012.

He practices law in the areas of contract litigation and criminal defense, where he has tried many high profile cases ranging from bank theft to murder and is licensed to practice before all courts in the State of California, the United States District Court for the Southern District and the United States Supreme Court.

Professor Grossman has traveled to Africa and China on Major League Baseball goodwill tours. He has attended Major League Baseball games at 29 of the 30 current stadiums.

"I've been very fortunate to travel the world with Dave Winfield," said Professor Grossman. "I've been to the white house to meet the President of the United States in the Oval Office with Dave Winfield. It's really about the relationships you build with your clients. They become more than just clients; they become a part of your everyday life. Dave Winfield was the best man at my wedding."

To those students who have recently graduated, Professor Grossman's advice is, "Get out there and engage with people, this is especially true in the legal world. It is all about relationships and your clients."

View the entire Alumni Video Series

#### TJSL TO HOLD MILITARY SPOUSE CAREER CONFERENCE



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 <u>purchase a lunch</u> <u>ticket</u> if you would like to attend the 8th floor lunch reception). Those interested in attending should email <u>aday@tjsl.edu</u> to register for the event.



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. TJSL 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 TJSL 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 TJSL Community and be recognized during the program.

#### **Download Application**

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 <u>rward@tjsl.edu</u> by the deadline. The applications will be screened by a TJSL committee and the most qualified of the applications forwarded for evaluation by the Lawyers Club Scholarship Committee.

Learn more about the <u>Lawyers Club</u> 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.



TJSL is celebrating the Inaugural Thomas Jefferson School of Law Alumni Weekend and the 19th Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament on October 10 and 11.

The weekend will kick off with the Golf Tournament on Friday, at Salt Creek Golf Club. Faculty and students are welcome to join alumni and compete for prizes in a shotgun style golf tournament followed by a cocktail reception and awards dinner. This will be the first time reunions are held at the East Village Downtown campus for both TJSL alumni and TJSL's parent school Western State University College of Law. On Saturday, October 11, Western State University College of Law alumni will gather for a luncheon at noon. The Alumni Award Reception is open to all TJSL/WSU alumni and will take place in

the evening beginning at 6 p.m. Tours of the new campus will be conducted throughout the day and a social hour will begin at 5 p.m. at the newly opened Bottega Americano.

TJSL will also host four opportunities for participants to earn general and 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,"

TJSL'S MOCK TRIAL TEAM

we the first time<br/>are held at the<br/>age Downtown<br/>for both TJSL"To the Cloud! Ethical Considerations for<br/>Attorneys in the 21st Century" and finally<br/>a panel discussion titled "Client Intake:<br/>Ethics and Best Practices."M TJSL's parent<br/>Nestern State<br/>(College of Law.<br/>(State University<br/>of Law alumniThe Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament,<br/>which provides a great opportunity<br/>for participants to reconnect with old<br/>friends and network with new ones,<br/>will raise funds for the TJSL Veterans

friends and network with new ones, will raise funds for the TJSL Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic and the Merit Scholarship Program. 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 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.

The TJSL Mock Trial Team is on its way to a successful year. The team welcomed 14 new members, Sarah Brand 3L, Joshua Brisbane 2L, Precious Harrison Cobb 2L, Jeremy Garrett 2L, Thomas Gennaro 3L, Melanie Guillen 2L, Justin Hall 3L, Katie Jenkins 3L, Puneet Layal 2L, Ravi Mohan 3L, Kevin Retoriano 2L, Kaitlin Shelby 2L, Trini Tang 2L, and Leonel Fuentes Vargas, 3L. Most all of the new team members will compete in one of three competitions scheduled for this semester.

This year's Team Captain is Kierre Coghill 3L. She said of the new team, "Our newest teammates possess creativity, charm and an ability to speak with conviction. We are looking forward to a very promising round of competitions this year."

The team is currently preparing for three competitions this semester, which include The SD Defense Lawyers Competition, The First Annual Association of Business Trial Lawyers, and The American Bar Association Competition. New member Justin Hall, who will be joining Kierre Coghill, Drew Myers 3L and Melanie Guillen in the San Diego Defense Lawyers Competition this October 26-28, spoke of his experience so far, "This has been a rewarding experience! With only a month into the fall semester, I feel like I've unexplainably learned so much and formed a bond with my fellow teammates

in such a short amount of time." Hall went on to say, "I'm definitely looking forward to the advocacy training and competitions to come."

In addition to the new team members, the TJSL Mock Trial team also welcomed new assistant coaches, Mark Cumba, Ryan Foreman, and Cassandra Hearn who join current coaches Lilys McCoy and Lea Fields-Bernard. The new



assistant coaches bring to the team great trial experience and a love for mock trial competition as they all successfully competed on mock trial teams when they were law students.

"The chemistry between the team members and the coaches is fantastic!" said Chanel Di Blasi 3L, "One thing is true, TJSL's Mock Trial Team this year is a force to be reckoned with."

#### JANE L. SIEGEL

#### Article

Is More Better for the Uniform Code of Military Justice, 4 LAPILJ 48 (2014)

#### **MARJORIE COHN**

#### Presentations

*Free Speech, Material Support, Boycott and Divestment, Confronting Challenges to Palestine Activism, US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation, San Diego (September 19, 2014)* 

*Will Supreme Court Apply Cell Phone Privacy to Metadata Collection?, Constitution Day, American Constitution Society - Cal Western chapter, San Diego (September 17, 2014)* 

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

Truthout interviews Marjorie Cohn on racial discrimination and perpetual war, September 28, 2014

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)



# JOIN THE 45<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2014

# SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2014

19<sup>™</sup> Annual Alumni Golf Tournament Salt Creek Golf Club, Chula Vista, CA 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

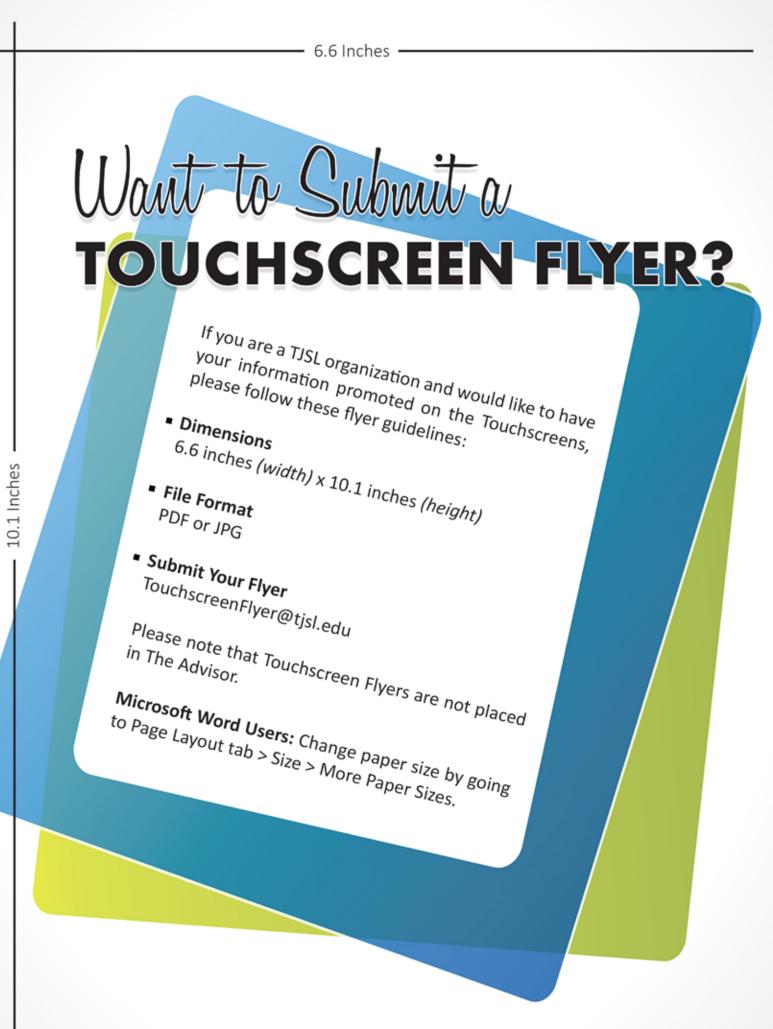
Join fellow alumni, faculty and Dean Thomas Guernsey for an evening of celebration and the presentation of the 2013–2014 Alumni Awards. Celebrating 45 years of history of Thomas Jefferson School of Law!

## 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.tjsl.edu/make-gift**.

Reunion Years - 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009

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California Government Code Section 7596-7598 prohibits smoking in an outdoor area within 20 feet of a main exit, entrance, or operable window of a public building. Smoking is prohibited at all entrances to the TJSL building as well as the 5th floor and 8th floor terraces.

Thank you for your cooperation.