

TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE INAUGURAL TJSL ALUMNI WEEKEND OCTOBER 10 & 11



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 TJSJ 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.

TJSJ 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, TJSJ 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. TJSJ is now on the Commission's Diversity Honor Roll.

All competition submissions must be made electronically to cranewritingcompetition@tjsl.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@tjsl.edu.

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

On September 22, 2014, the [third episode 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 TJSJ since 2000 and also teaches Trial Practice. Additionally, he is a member of the TJSJ 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 Lincecum. 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 TJSJ 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](#)

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.

PROFESSOR BYRNES LEADS WORKSHOP IN ST. PAUL MINNESOTA



On September 18 - 20, 2014, TJSL Associate Dean William H. Byrnes led The Working Group's fall workshop at

William Mitchell College of Law, in St. Paul Minnesota aimed at drafting best practices recommendations for online legal education. For over four years, Byrnes, often attributed with having pioneered the "online classroom," has collaborated with educators of over fifty law schools from all tiers to finalize the Best Practices for Legal Education Leveraging Distance Learning Technologies.

Byrnes, who heads the Graduate Distance Education Programs at TJSL, became involved with distance education models after he suffered a traumatic injury in a ski accident. Since then, Byrnes has developed online, multi-media teaching methodologies that effectively ignore

disability. Byrnes multi-media approach continuously incorporates the newest technologies to accommodate a wide range of disabilities, making it easier for many more individuals to achieve their educational goals.

"Students who don't suffer with disabilities also learn in different ways, some are visual learners, some are auditory learners. If we don't teach using different modalities we are leaving students behind and that is wrong," Byrnes emphasized to Authority Press Wire. "I believe that education is part of human development and we need to deliver it to all of humankind."

SOUTH ASIAN LEGAL ACADEMICS FOUNDER PROFESSOR MEERA DEO HOLDS WORKSHOP

Over the past year Professor Meera Deo has been working to organize and formalize a new professional organization of law professors, South Asian Legal Academics (SALA). The mission of SALA is to create and sustain a supportive space within which South Asian legal academics can learn and grow to achieve their maximum potential. The inaugural SALA Workshop was held on August 1, 2014. It was generously hosted by UC Irvine School of Law on their campus and attended by South Asian law professors from around California and as far away as Philadelphia.

"It was a pleasure to organize the meeting and especially to share the day with such incredible South Asian legal scholars," says Meera Deo, founder of the group and organizer of the inaugural SALA Workshop. "The group is small and growing. We hope the Workshop will be

remembered as just the first of many opportunities for members to present research, discuss their scholarly agendas and teaching interests, and interact socially in an informal setting."

This first SALA Workshop meeting featured both academic presentations and interactive sessions. Four law professors shared works-in-progress with the group; separate discussants offered commentary following each presentation, then opened the floor to further discussion from all attendees. Paper topics ranged from activism in Indian courts to "mansplaining" in legal academia; from a theoretical understanding of learning by doing, to the judicial drama associated with current stop and frisk litigation.

In addition to the academic presentations, the Workshop featured interactive



sessions where attendees discussed personal and professional trajectories, pedagogical approaches to substantive areas of the law, research agendas, and work/life balance. The 2nd SALA Workshop has been tentatively scheduled for July 31, 2015 at Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles.

REGISTER 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.](#)

AN EVENING AT PETCO PARK WITH DELTA THETA PHI LAW FRATERNITY

On Saturday, September 20, 2014, members of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity joined together for a fraternity social event which was held at PETCO Park in the Toyota Luxury Box for the Padres v. Giants game.

"We are brothers and sisters in this fraternity," said Michael Arellanez, Dean of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity. "But the Toyota Luxury Box that was reserved for the game was filled equally with competing cheers and boos for the Padres and the Giants. The event was one more opportunity to allow our members to relax before we all head into the midterm season."



and Alumni Board member Phil Shapiro '85. "Many of the faculty and staff of TJSL are members," said Randy Rivas, Tribune of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity. "We plan to continue striving to reconnect our past members with current members." The game was the fraternity's first social event of the year since being re-chartered.

mission to have a greater presence on campus. Social events like the baseball game help to remind everyone the value of fellowship," said Laura Rose Matteis, Vice-Dean of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity.

"We would like to thank all those that helped bring Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity members together for the event," said Dean Michael Arellanez. "We are positive our events will continue to make us a dynamic organization on campus."



Among the members in attendance for the event were Professors William Slomanson, Ben Templin, Tom Golden

In the spring of 2014, the fraternity was re-chartered with the help of Mr. Shapiro. "Since being re-chartered it has been our

TURKISH PROSECUTORS AND JUDGES VISIT TJSJ



Turkish prosecutors and judges visiting San Diego lawyers and judges took time out of their busy program to speak to TJSJ students on September 22, 2014,

at an event sponsored by the Criminal Expungement and Reentry Society, the Criminal Law Society, and the International Law Society.

The event moderator was Sam Bettwy, Adjunct Professor of his course on Comparative Criminal Procedure through Film. The Turkish guests spoke in detail about their career paths and answered many questions about the nature of their jobs. They were also shown clips from the 1978 American film *Midnight Express* and noted many inaccurate depictions of Turkish legal procedure, which confirmed that students should be wary of American films that depict foreign legal procedure.

The visit was hosted by the San Diego Diplomacy Council and organized by judges of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California. "I want to thank Professor William Slomanson for bringing this opportunity to our attention," said Professor Bettwy.

DISMANTLING THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE PANEL

On September 16, 2014, Professor Maurice Dyson spoke to a packed room about Dismantling the School-to-Prison pipeline, a phenomenon, he says where students of color are routinely suspended or expelled at roughly three times the rate than their white peers for the same, often minor infractions, pushing them out of high school, and leading to an increased chance of becoming incarcerated.

Professor Dyson noted beyond constitutional challenges and legislation a fundamental human need must be met. "It's about providing the tools for success as well as addressing the whole needs of students and the community that does not stigmatize them as criminals but views them as souls in need of genuine guidance, understanding and inspiration," said Professor Dyson.

"Zero tolerance policies, destructive policing methods in schools, high stakes testing that pushes students out of school without adequate remediation, lack of positive behavioral supports or pre-referral interventions and a culture that criminalizes our youth all contribute

to the problem," Professor Dyson said.

The Tuesday night event included several notables in the audience such as Laura Duffy, US Attorney; Dr. Shirley Weber, CA Assembly member; Paul Ochoa and Aida Castaneda from Assembly member Lorena Gonzalez's office; City of San Diego Commissioners Lorena Slomanson '03, Joyce Abrams, and Mark Dillon.

Professor Dyson was joined by fellow panelist Judge James Milliken (Ret.) who served on the juvenile justice court. Professor Dyson highlighted the work of the TJSJ CLIMB program, which he co-founded with Professor William Slomanson that provides mediation training, mentoring, and tutoring to Crawford High School students, reported to be the most diverse high school in San Diego County. He also pointed to the effectiveness of Teen Court and restorative justice practices where high school students are empowered to internally resolve their own conflicts, provide offender accountability while



restoring trust and repairing the relationship between perpetrator and victim.

This issue was featured on KPBS radio, KPBS TV evening edition on September, 16 and on Univision TV "Despierta San Diego" on September, 11 and was tweeted live during the forum.

The forum was sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League and several TJSJ student organizations: The Jewish Student Union, Armenian Law Student Association, Black Law Students Association, La Raza Student Association, Middle Eastern Law Students Association, South Asian Law Students Association, OUTLAW and the National Lawyers Guild.

CENTER FOR SPORTS LAW AND POLICY TOURS U.S. OLYMPIC TRAINING CENTER



By Alfredo Bustamante, 2L, CSLP Fellow

On Friday, September 12, 2014, Sports Law Fellows and other guests from Thomas Jefferson School of Law toured the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, California.

The tour began at the Visitor's Center with an overview of the history and purpose of the training center. The Chula Vista Center is the first to be master-planned from the ground up and was a gift to the U.S. Olympic Committee from the San Diego National Sports Training Foundation.

After the introduction, tour guests divided into two groups and began the journey on the mile-long Olympic Path. Currently resting on 155 acres, the Center is home to sport venues and support facilities for archery, beach volleyball, BMX, canoe/kayak, cycling, field hockey, rugby, soccer, tennis, track & field, triathlon, and cross-training for various winter sports.

While on the tour, Fellows and guests were privileged to observe a couple of BMX riders practicing on one of three state-of-the-art BMX tracks at the Center. For those who had never seen the sport live, it was a real treat to watch the athletes race through the course and complete amazing jumps in the process.

Along with training facilities for their respective sport, the Center also offers athletes housing, dining, local transportation, recreational facilities, athlete services and professional



development programs. Although some areas were off limits, tour guests got to see the dormitory buildings where the athletes stay while they train, the dining hall, and the strength/conditioning center. Guests also got a view of the ropes course on site, where athletes will

occasionally train with Navy Seals. The last stop on the tour was the archery range, which is the biggest outdoor archery range in North America. This particular range happens to be where actress Jennifer Lawrence prepared for "The Hunger Games" movies, learning to shoot from local U.S. Olympic archer Kristin Braun.

The tour wrapped up with a closing video at the Visitor Center and a visit to the Team USA Shop. The video, highlighting iconic U.S. Olympic moments from the past, was a perfect ending to a great tour and demonstrated how hard athletes train.

"I enjoyed learning about how athletes from all over the country train and

prepare to represent our country in the Olympics and other international sports competitions," said Nick Spigner, a 1L Sports Law Fellow. "The tour was a great and I'm glad I was able to have that experience."

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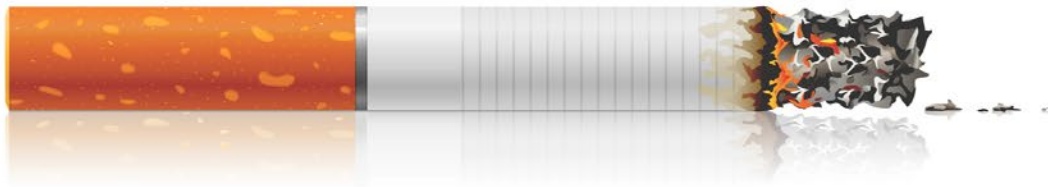
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