

VETERANS CLINIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES JERMINA LANDSTROM 3L AND TOM JARBOE 3L

Students Jermina Landstrom 3L and Tom Jarboe 3L have been awarded TJSJL Veteran's Clinic Scholarships. Appreciative of the honor Jarboe said, "First and foremost I want to thank my fellow clinic peers whom I think were as equally deserving of recognition. Secondly, I would like to thank Clinical Administrative Assistant, Martha Moran for being available to answer questions and being there for all our logistical needs. Last and certainly not least, I would like to thank Professor Berenson and Professor Nieman for leading such an integral program within the San Diego community and teaching us how to resolve problems for so many that are struggling."

"Tom was an asset to the clinic and the clients, said Professor Nieman. "His legal work while in the military provided a wonderful foundation for which to create relationships with his clients, as well as provide a context from which to work when dealing with the legal issues in the clinic space. His positive attitude and permanent grin brought encouragement to the clinic space."

No less grateful, Landstrom seconded Jarboe's sentiment stating, "I would like to extend my gratitude to Professor Berenson and Professor Nieman for their patience and guidance throughout the semester."

"Thomas and Jermina both did outstanding work in the clinic this summer," said Director of the Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic Professor Berenson.

"Jermina worked effectively and efficiently in the clinic," said Professor Nieman. "She was confident in her case work and her genuine care for her clients showed throughout the semester."

The Veterans Clinic has served San Diego veterans in need of legal assistance for nine years. Every semester a TJSJL professor and a clinic fellow operate the clinic along with eight students who are given the opportunity to counsel clients, draft legal documents, conduct legal research, and represent clients in court. The clinic offers a dynamic learning experience and provides vital services to the San Diego area which the clinic identifies as "home to more "recently returned" veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan than any other county in the nation."

"The VLAC is an excellent opportunity to gain hands on experience because several cases and clients are assigned to each student to handle independently. It is up to the student to take the initiative to meet with the supervising attorney to ensure s/he is on the right track with each case," Landstrom said of her experience.

"From client interviewing, preparing for hearings, to standing before the judge at the Superior Court with the client at your side, the Veteran's clinic gives you an unequal amount of hands on experience. I would recommend the Veteran's clinic to anyone that wants to get real life experience and give back to the community at the same time," Jarboe said. "I feel honored to be a part of a clinic that does so much for our community. As a veteran myself, I feel like I'm giving back to those that served before me. I was excited from the onset to even get a chance to meet and serve our clientele."



(Left to right) Tom Jarboe 3L and Jermina Landstrom 3L with Professor Steve Berenson

All students must commit twenty hours a week to participate and scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate extraordinary dedication and exemplary performance. "Thomas was able to bring his experiences as a member of the Coast Guard and as a paralegal with the Judge Advocate General's office to bear on his cases, and to the benefit of all of us in the clinic. Jermina's legal work product was always excellent - timely and precise. It was a pleasure working with each of them," Professor Berenson said.

Jarboe added, "Overall I could not say enough about what a great program the TJSJL Veteran's clinic is not only for our school and students, but also for the greater San Diego community."

Funding for the Veteran's Clinic Scholarship is raised by the [Alumni Association's Annual Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament](#) which will take place this year on Friday, October 10, 2014, at Salt Creek. Students are welcome to register.

WATCH PROFESSOR VANDELDELDE'S VIDEO ON HOW TO EXCEL ON A LAW SCHOOL EXAM



With the start of the new academic year, TJSJ Professor Ken Vandeveldelde has taken the initiative to talk to students about how to succeed in law school and, more particularly, about how to write a law school exam answer.

“Law professors share a pretty strong consensus about what constitutes a good law school exam answer,” he explains, “but many law students have the impression that we are all looking for something different. I thought that I would start a public conversation that will demystify law school exams and tell students what constitutes a good law school exam answer, so that they can focus on the substance of what they should be learning rather than on the exam process itself.”

The topic of how to write a law school exam answer comes naturally to Professor Vandeveldelde, who began working on a book on legal reasoning during his first year as a law professor. “The first year that I taught,” he recalls, “I had a two hour commute each way and, rather than waste all that time, I carried

a small tape recorder with me in my car and started dictating a book. I worked on the book for six years. This included a process of asking a number of my former students to read and comment on the manuscript to ensure that it was accessible and helpful to them. It also included incorporating comments from Stanford Law Professors Robert Gordon and Margaret Jane Radin, who selected the manuscript for publication as part of a series of books that they were editing.”

The result was his book [Thinking Like a Lawyer: An Introduction to Legal Reasoning](#). The book was originally published in 1996, but a couple of years ago, at the request of the publisher, he wrote a second edition, adding new material on the role of cognitive bias in decision making and on several other topics. The book has also been translated into Portuguese for use in Brazil. He has been approached about a Chinese translation as well.

According to Professor Vandeveldelde, “the purpose of a law school exam is really to test your ability to think like a lawyer.

Thinking like a lawyer involves using legal rules to construct and evaluate arguments about the possible legal consequences of various combinations of facts. Knowing the law is a necessary foundation for writing even a mediocre answer, but to excel you need to go beyond learning the rules of law and really develop the skill of legal reasoning.”

“[In the video](#),” he continues, “I can’t go into nearly the level of detail that I do in the book about how to construct and evaluate arguments. But I can explain what their answers should look like so that students at least are clear about what their goal is. That way, they can concentrate on learning the legal doctrine and really nurturing their legal reasoning skills.”

GETTING TO KNOW THE TJSL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS



A week into the semester, TJSL's Organization Fair, on August 25, provided incoming and returning students a study break and a great opportunity to become involved in over thirty organizations on campus.

"The organization fair is important because it provides incoming students a chance to become familiar with continuing students and activities outside of studying for exams," said President of the Black Law Students Association Phylcia Coleman, "A lot of incoming students are either unsure of what they want to do or have absolutely no idea. Seeing and hearing from the different organizations and their missions and goals can help students discover their interests within the law."

"Student organization fairs are important because they provide students with the opportunity to receive general information about the various student organizations on campus while being in one convenient location," said Immigration Law Society President Vanessa Valenzuela.

"The org fair allows students to choose an area of the law that interests them and also exposes them to an area that they might not have known existed," said ELS President Michelle Ribaud. "The fair also allows the members of the orgs to meet new like-minded individuals and recruit new members who are passionate about the same area of law as you are. I thought the org fair was a huge success and we have a very bright and eager 1L class this year!"

Phi Alpha Delta, had over sixty students show interest. "The purpose of Phi Alpha Delta being at the organization fair is to spread the word to new students about the great organization that we have," said Phi Alpha Delta Justice Mark Marion. "We enjoy reaching out to new prospective members and showing them that we are here to help them through this "traumatic experience" that is called your 1L year. At the org fair we were able to explain to 1L students of the benefits that come along with joining such a large and great organization. It was a great time this year!"

"The Business Law Society greatly appreciated the presence and enthusiasm of our fellow classmates at the annual student organization fair," said Treasurer of the Business Law Society Scott Smith. We used the org fair to meet with and learn about our new 1Ls and to reinvigorate our relationships with our colleagues from last year. We remember last year, when a few of us were 1Ls. The student org fair was the first chance to meet and converse with people who have similar hobbies, political views, or future interests. The support gained from these like-minded individuals really helped us feel comfortable and welcomed. Thanks to all in attendance for supporting our TJSL family."

Like other organization board members, International Law Society President Rose Kabir found this opportunity important for students to explore their interests, "The student organization fair is important because it allows students to personally explore a number of

different areas of law and find their passions. It enables students to engage in one-on-one conversations to learn about different career paths and create personal connections with those of similar interests."

"Sharing an interest and a passion with others is the best way to make a connection. At ILS, we realize that networking doesn't always have to be a serious affair - that's why we try and host at least one event yearly where we can loosen our neckties and have a bit of fun," Kabir added, highlighting and previewing for students the importance of networking and the role organizations like ILS play. "This year, we promoted our Monte Carlo Casino Night at the Org Fair, which is our annual fundraiser, with all of the proceeds raised from this event going towards a study abroad scholarship for ILS student members. We have celebrity appearances from your favorite law school professors as dealers, craps, roulette, blackjack, a Poker Tournament, "date auctions" with your possible law school crush or even a professor! And there will be raffle drawings to win prizes and much more. This event was something that people really were excited about."

The organization fair is held at the beginning of each semester, but students are welcome to contact any organization for more information or attend a meeting to learn more about their organization of interest.

THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI VIDEO SERIES UNVEILED

On June 16th, the first episode of the [Alumni Video Series](#) was launched. “Thomas Jefferson School of Law Alums are very important to us,” said Dean Thomas Guernsey in his introductory video. “They are the reason we exist.”

The purpose of the series is to showcase a wide variety of Thomas Jefferson School of Law Alumni and focus on their area of expertise, experiences and hear their advice. It is because of Dean Guernsey’s vision and dedication to TJSL alums that the Alumni Video Series has come to fruition.

In episode one, you heard from Defense Attorney Peter Blair ‘09. Blair opened his criminal solo practice in 2013 where he now handles mostly serious and violent felonies, narcotics possession and sales, domestic violence, fraud and simple misdemeanors such as DUI and petty theft. “I am thankful for my success in my short career as a Defense Attorney solo practitioner, and I am determined to secure continued success in the future,” said Blair.

In episode two, TJSL Alumni Kim Carter ‘11 discussed her experience in law school. She has learned for any recent bar passer it is important to know your strengths and avoid second guessing yourself. “You have all the tools you need to succeed, except for maybe confidence. Confidence is not something that can be taught in a book. It comes by experience. Take advantage of every experience you have and learn from each. Ask lots of questions and learn from the experience of others. Constantly reevaluate your performance and be honest with yourself. And, above all, collect mentors for various aspects of your career and personal development, take their advice, really take their advice, and be appreciative. I have found people are willing to help those who help



themselves,” Carter concluded.

She enjoys practicing law as an associate at the distinguished labor, employment, and immigration firm Carothers DiSante & Freudenberger LLP. “I love that every day is different,” she states as she reflects on the personal and professional experiences that brought her to where she is today.

The third episode in the series will air in September.

PROFESSOR SUSAN BISOM-RAPP RECOGNIZED BY ELDER LAW PROF BLOG



“It’s Complicated: Age, Gender, and Lifetime Discrimination Against Working Women”, co-authored by TJSL Professor Susan Bisom-Rapp and Middlesex University Business School Professor Malcolm Sargeant, continues to attract

attention this time in the Elder Law Prof Blog.

[The Elder Law Prof Blog](#), one of many in the Law Professor Blog Network, is dedicated to posting scholarly commentary on innovative legal works. Professor Katherine C. Pearson, of Penn State Dickinson Law, posted the article’s “tantalizing” introduction.

Professor Bisom-Rapp noted that “law professor blogs are a great source of information on cutting edge legal issues. Elder Law Prof Blog consistently provides that kind of coverage. I very much appreciate the ‘shout out’ from Professor Pearson.”

“It’s Complicated” offers a comprehensive analysis of the lifetime disadvantages faced by women in both the U.S. and the U.K. that increase the likelihood of falling into poverty at retirement as opposed to men. Pearson, whose scholarly works focus on legal issues facing the elderly, notes the article “examine[s] the long-range impact of discrimination against women during the course of their working lives.”

“It’s Complicated: Age, Gender, and Lifetime Discrimination Against Working Women” was recently published in the Elder Law Journal. It is available on the [Social Science Research Network](#).



By Alfredo Bustamante, 2L, CSLP Fellow

The Center for Sports Law and Policy (CSLP) will be hosting the 2014 National Sports Law Negotiation Competition and Sports Law Conference on Friday, September 19, through Sunday, September 21, 2014, at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law (TJSL). This will be the 4th year that TJSL has hosted the highly anticipated NSLNC, which has been a huge success since it began in 2011.

Created by sports and academic professionals, the NSLNC presents incoming teams and guests with a valuable and unique opportunity to meet future lawyers, agents, and current sports professionals from across the nation and the world, while also showcasing their skills and knowledge of issues faced by today's sports professionals. "The NSLNC is a great opportunity to network with fellow law students interested in sports law and also attorneys both in and out of the sports industry," said Shana Avery, a 2L Sports Law Fellow at TJSL. "The NSLNC is something I look forward to every year and love being a part of."

The mission of the NSLNC is to provide the sports profession with a body of able and ready legal minds, through negotiation and training of law students

with the use of real-life issues affecting athletes, sports franchises, teams, like businesses and entities.

The fact patterns given during the competition focus on current issues in the sports world, and allow students to negotiate more than one area of sports law topics, including: contract negotiation, trading of players, salary demands, endorsement contracts, athlete and sports professionals family and personal issues, and intellectual property. Even for those watching and not participating, the competition can provide some insight on what working in the sports world can be like. "Being a spectator during one of the competitions was a valuable experience, as I was able to observe what negotiation tactics worked well or not so well," says Charles Barwald, 2L Sports Law Fellow at TJSL. "It felt like being a fly on the wall during a real negotiation."

On Friday, September 19 attendees will get to enjoy two sports law panels and a San Diego Padres game on Friday night, which will be held at Petco Park in the Western Metal Supply Suites. On Saturday, September 20, the competition begins and teams will compete for a spot in the final round on Sunday (only the top

four teams will qualify). The Competition will consist of three rounds, with the first two rounds consisting of a morning and afternoon session on Saturday. There will also be a Gaslamp Quarter Mixer at Moonshine Flats on Saturday night.

Sunday will be the final day of the competition, consisting of one final round (sessions A and B) and beginning with four teams. Once the final competition comes to a close and a winner has been announced, teams and guests will be able to enjoy the rest of their Sunday afternoon and explore "America's Finest City," San Diego, California.

Going on its fourth year, the National Sports Law Negotiation Competition looks to continue its tradition of excellence and will most certainly present an educating and exceptional experience for anyone interested in sports. "Looking forward to meeting the teams and have an all-around terrific weekend," says Jeremy Evans '11, CSLP Director and founder of the NSLNC. "This is a special time of year."

Log onto the [NSLNC event page](#) to see a list of teams that are registered to compete in this year's competition as well as the conference schedules and registration information.

TJSL ALUMNA ANNA ROMANSKAYA '07 IS ELECTED TO ABA YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION



Congratulations to the ABA Young Lawyers Division's newly elected secretary, and future Chair of the Division, TJSL Alumna Anna Romanskaya '07.

Romanskaya, whose candidacy was endorsed by attorneys across the country, won the election by a landslide and will serve as the ABA Young Division's secretary for the 2014-2015 bar year after which she will ascend to Chair the

Division for the 2016-2017 bar year.

The Young Lawyers Division is comprised of ABA members under 36 years old or admitted to practice for five years or less and provides unique resources to young attorneys. Known as the largest young lawyer organization in the world, the ABA YLD sponsors events, publications, public service projects, and ultimately provides great opportunities for young lawyer. In addition to organizing ABA activities the YLD links its members to over 300 young lawyer organizations around the globe.

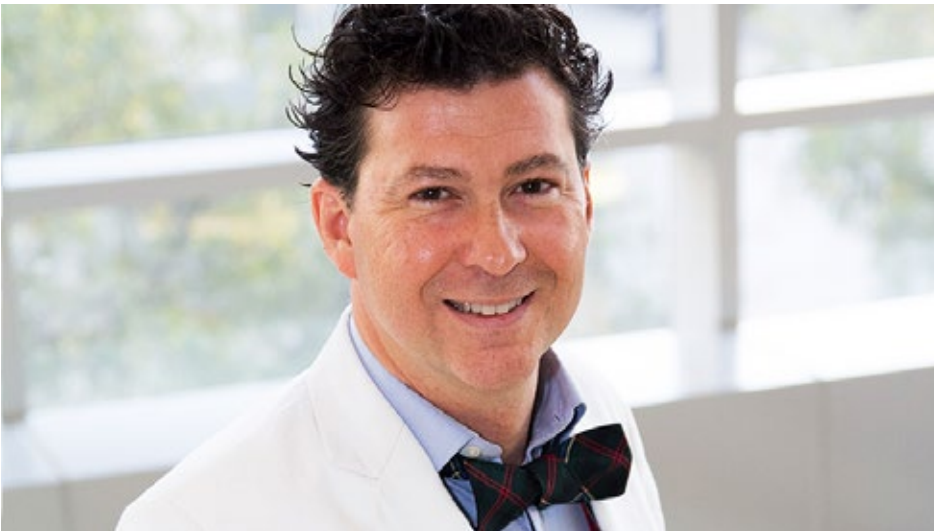
Romanskaya's talent, leadership and work ethic has been recognized on multiple occasions by various agencies, most recently by her inclusion in the Top 10 Attorneys under the age of 40

by the National Academy of Family Law Attorneys, Inc.

Currently a partner at Stark & D'Ambrosio, LLP, Romanskaya's dedication to the ABA began early and has continued throughout her career, "I have been active with the ABA since law school where I was an ABA Representative and a Lieutenant Governor of Public Interest for the 9th Circuit of the Law Student Division. I am also a past president of the SDCBA New Lawyer Division."

Romanskaya summed her campaign proposals under a slogan of "Relationships, Relevance and Resilience." "The legal profession is one of service, and the ABA is the national source. It is my goal to help young lawyers develop strategic relationships, hone their relevance, and practice with resilience. I am very excited and humbled by the opportunity to serve our profession in this capacity," Romanskaya said.

PROF. BYRNES TO DELIVER PAPER ON PIONEERING DISTANCE LEARNING FOR LEGAL EDUCATION



Professor William Byrnes, Associate Dean for Graduate and Distance Education Programs at Thomas Jefferson School of Law released his observations, drawn over 20 years of experience, for alternative methods for delivery of legal education, in the form of a white paper [Alternative Methods of Teaching and](#)

[The Effectiveness of Distance Learning For Legal Education](#). He will present his observations at the upcoming [Work Group for Distance Learning in Legal Education September 18-20](#).

William Byrnes shared, "Over the past couple years, interest in distance

learning at law schools has surged. Over 20 law schools now offer online graduate degrees. George Town and USC have most recently joined the mix, with a Tax and an American Legal Studies degree respectively. The first hybrid online JD will be offered by an ABA school from January 2015."

"For the past four years, the Work Group for Distance Learning in Legal Education has met to discuss and develop recommended best practices to assist in the discussion among faculty members and the faculty with the administration," Byrnes said. "The Work Group is a collaboration effort of faculty members, deans, and other stakeholders from at least fifty ABA member law schools, that has met thrice annually. Thomas Jefferson School of Law hosted the meeting in 2012."

William Byrnes continued, "Our next event of 'state of industry' presentations, pedagogical, administrative, and

policy discussions, before finalizing for publication our recommendations of best practices is September 18 – 20 in St. Paul. We hold an annual AALS breakfast and the Spring meeting will be hosted by Hastings in San Francisco.”

“We are discussing with CALI merging into its long standing organization,” disclosed Professor Byrnes. “John Mayer and CALI have been working to blend technology

with legal education since the 1980s. With the recent ABA liberalization of distance education opportunities for JD students, I foresee a large expansion of interest in CALI past the 300 who already attend.”

In his white paper, Professor Byrnes contends, “Distance education technologies present opportunities for professors to enhance student learning,

such as through a ‘flipping the classroom’ model, especially when combined with the in-classroom environment,” said Professor Byrnes. “Not without its controversy, but I think that learning may be optimized by using multiple forms of media to match the wide range of students’ personal learning styles.”

FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

MARJORIE COHN

Radio

Criminal accountability in International Criminal Court for Operation Protective Edge, From a Women’s Point of View, WMNF, Tampa, FLA, September 2014.

Prosecuting war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity during Operation Protective Edge in the International Criminal Court, Talk Nation Radio (Pacifica), national, August 29, 2014.

SUSAN BISOM-RAPP

Chapter in a Book

Cause, Effect, and Solution?: The Uneasy Relationship Between Older Age Bias and Age Discrimination Law, in *The Multi-Generational Workforce: Challenges and Opportunities* (with Malcolm Sargeant) (Ronald Burke, Cary Cooper, and Alexander Antoniou eds., Edward Elgar, forthcoming 2015).

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- **File Format**
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