



Michael Jackson '94, Professor Slomanson, Claytrice Henderson, Louise Dunn '12, Aaron Gorman '12

Professor Slomanson's Washington D.C. Presentation

Professor William Slomanson presented a TED talk on April 4, 2014, entitled “Why Flip Your Class & Macro Design Issues.” He was the opening speaker for the inaugural Igniting Legal Education Conference at American University in Washington, D.C. As the conference notice provides: “This conference will gather leading law school educators together for a conference about law school pedagogy.” It provided a forum for professors who are experimenting with cutting edge technologies in law teaching—with the related goal of spreading their ideas to the broader legal education community. Each speaker’s on-stage video will be available on the [conference website](#).

Professor Slomanson’s presentation focused on his Fall 2013 class where he flipped his federal civil procedure class. [Click here to view a summary of Professor Slomanson's experiment.](#)

The conference organizer, Professor Michelle Pistone, provided a glowing assessment of Professor Slomanson’s presentation: “Your Flipped Class topic not only set the stage for your flipping group, but it was also an ideal inspirational message for opening this innovators’ conference, designed to change legal pedagogy. Almost 1000 people watched from the website that day and I am sure that even more will see your talk once it is published online. This is a new model for legal education conferences. I am so glad you were a part of it. We hope you’ll be back with us, and a continuing player in moving legal education to the next level. Job well done!”

The TJSL Admissions and Alumni Departments hosted a D.C. area alumni applicant event the next evening in Chevy Chase. TJSL Applicant Claytrice Henderson articulated her reaction as follows: “I just wanted to say thank you again for taking time to sit down and talk with me about the school, I really appreciate it! Your insight was very helpful for my being able to differentiate TJSL from any other school I have applied to, and I am thankful that you and the others helped me to see that. Thanks again Professor Slomanson!”

As Professor Slomanson observes: “It was an especially memorable weekend. I had the opportunity to meet leaders in the field of legal education, and our incredibly supportive D.C. area alums — Michael Jackson ‘94, Louise Dunn ‘12, and Aaron Gorman ‘12 — who have played an important role in our recruiting efforts. I also appreciated Christie Edwards ‘07 coming to the conference, given the demands on her time as the Director of International Humanitarian Law at the American Red Cross. She, and the alumni who spoke at length with Claytrice at the dinner event, exemplify the wide-ranging alumni success stories that make us all proud!”

Moot Court Honor Society Competes in White & Case Jessup Cup Regional

On February 27, 2014, the Thomas Jefferson School of Law Moot Court Honor Society sent its Philip C. Jessup team to compete in the 55th annual White & Case Jessup Cup Regional in Portland, Oregon. Representing TJS� were students Cristina Kinsella (3L), Randy Abreu (3L), Geoffrey Abram (3L), Shantelee Christie (3L), and John Stauffer (3L), with Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Linda Keller as their faculty advisor.

The International Jessup Cup comprises the world's largest Moot Court competition. It is the only competition where every law school in the world has an opportunity to compete, with participants ranging from

over 550 law schools in more than 80 countries. The competition simulates an international dispute between fictional countries before the International Court of Justice ('ICJ'), the primary judicial branch of the United Nations.

This year's competition challenged thousands of law students from around the world with a multitude of international legal issues. Our team thrived with the opportunity to work all year long on a conflict between two nations concerning: maritime development/environmental law, maritime salvage rights, criminal procedure and criminal jurisdiction on the high seas. The competition consisted of twenty Jessup teams from our West Coast law school compatriots.

In Friday's preliminary rounds the team competed against the University of Montana and Boalt Hall (U.C. Berkley), winning both rounds to enter into Saturday's prelims with a 2-0 record. Saturday morning was the toughest round against University of Denver, where TJS� Applicants defeated the University of Denver. With a 3-0 record and only one round to go, the team had (unknowingly) placed itself in a position to advance to the Quarterfinals. The final preliminary round resulted in a loss against U.C. Irvine, seeding the team 6th overall in the competition. In the Quarterfinal round the TJS� Respondents went up against none other than U.C. Irvine (3rd seed) for a highly contested rematch of Saturday's earlier round. This marked the final round of the competition, with a 6th place overall finish and 11th place for Memorial scores (Jessup's brief-writing portion to the ICJ). Both Applicants (Cristina Kinsella, 3L, and Randy Abreu, 3L) placed in the top thirty of nearly 100 oralists in the competition.

"This was my first Moot Court competition in Law School, thus I had no preconceived notions of what to do when my time came to be in front of the judges," said Randy Abreu (3L). "I kept my cool, learned as much international law and history as I could, put everything I had out on the table, and came away feeling great because I did my best. Not to mention I was just one part of an amazing team with an amazing finish!"

"My experience on the Jessup Team and during competition has reinforced the whole idea that hard work pays off," said Shantelee Christie (3L). "It was awesome to be recognized in the Top Six!"

The team was grateful for the dedication put forth by Dean Keller and TJS� professors and alumni for educating them on the subject of international law. "It was a pleasure to work with the Jessup team again," said Dean Linda Keller. "This extraordinarily dedicated group of students did a fantastic job both in advancing to the Quarterfinals at regionals and in representing TJS� at a very intense competition."

Professors William Slomanson and Aaron Schwabach devoted educational lectures and much time in helping judge practice rounds. Several TJS� Jessup Alumni and current Moot Court members helped the team prepare, along with Professors Paul Spiegelman, Jeff Slattery, Joy Delman, Marybeth Herald, Mel Schwarz, Associate Dean William Byrnes, and other local attorneys. "These professors and other practitioners gave us the opportunity to prepare thoroughly and make it as far as we did," said John Stauffer, 3L. "This competition was the ultimate test in my final year of law school. Everyone came together to give their unique and valuable input, and as a team we joined forces to put our best foot forward and make it a memorable experience."

The Moot Court Honor Society of TJS� is currently forming the next Jessup team, with high expectations for the future of the competition at our law school. Cristina Kinsella, 3L, competed for the last two years and has been at the forefront in keeping a thriving interest in the Jessup competition. Kinsella and all of the team's members will be graduating this May, but they have devoted themselves to initiating the next Jessup team which will be coached by TJS� Alumnus and former Jessup competitor Jesse Allen '13.

"This was the best finish for a TJS� team in the Portland Regional competition," said Geoffrey Abram, 3L. "We couldn't be happier that we made it to the regional quarterfinals, two arguments away from World finals in Washington D.C. We've shown future teams that with some hard work, it's within reach."

International Attorneys and Present Patent Law Survey Symposium Hosted by IP Fellows

Adjunct Professor Randy Berholtz and five IP Fellows, have been conducting research to create a patent filing strategy guide for patent attorneys practicing in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. The ambitious honors research project includes a journal publication, a survey of attorneys on their current filing strategies, and a public symposium event with patent attorneys from many of the important and developing international jurisdictions for patents.

On April 11, 2014, the Research Team of IP Fellows held their symposium for patent attorneys and students to hear from patent examiners in key jurisdictions, international patent attorneys and representatives from pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. The all-day event drew attorneys from jurisdictions including India, South Africa, Europe, Brazil, Australia and China, as well as representatives from the European Patent Office ("EPO") and the State Intellectual Property Office ("SIPO") in China.

The Team presented the results of their survey, and hosted a series of panel discussions with international patent attorneys, answering questions about filing patents in their respective countries, as well as their own opinions on what to consider when conducting an international patent filing campaign.

The presentations focused on the factors attorneys' use when deciding where to file, the countries they actually file in and their costs for filing internationally. Attorneys also participated in a panel discussing international harmonization agreements like the Patent Cooperation Treaty ("PCT") and the concept of a worldwide patent.

Professor Berholtz hopes to continue the discussion on the concept of a worldwide patent and engage a new group of students to work on a plan for further integration between the law school, its IP Fellowship program and the legal needs of entrepreneurs in San Diego and Southern California.



Novel Ideas: Literary Agents, Writers and the Law

By Jeremy M. Evans '11

Vice Chair, Entertainment & Sports Law Section of SD County Bar Association

On Wednesday, April 16, 2014, attorney and author [Vince F. Aiello](#), TJS� Associate Dean [William Byrnes](#), and [Mary Wenzel](#) '10 founder of [Write Law](#), discussed writing as a way to grow and benefit your law practice.

The event was presented by the Entertainment & Sports Law and Intellectual Property Law Sections of the San Diego County Bar Association. The program covered authorship, negotiating publishing

deals, literary agents, and content writing for client leads.

Vince Aiello gave some practical advice on what literary agents do for their clients. What literary agents do: navigate, edit, cheer lead, negotiate, and payment mitigation (their commission). What literary agents do not do: guarantee a sale, level of income, or fame; they are not attorneys and do not write contracts, and they are not ghostwriters. Vince Aiello closed by adding that there are several good literary agents in town. He should know as the author of two novels, with one more in the works.

Associate Dean Byrnes is the author of twenty books and over one-thousand published articles. He discussed how attorneys can develop and maintain client leads through leadership branding by blogging. Associate Dean Byrnes gave the advice that one should write blogs to develop leads, not to be a professor or expert in the field.

Mary Wenzel closed the discussion by describing alternative ways to grow your law practice through ghost writers with content on blogs and websites. She mentioned that writing content needs to be done ethically and efficiently to benefit the attorney's she has as clients. She smiled when discussing that she is the author of more than one-thousand articles that are not tied to her name, but very much appreciated generating leads for her clients.

In general, writing as we all know can be tedious when writing for work, but it was a breath of fresh air to explore new ways to grow your law practice by writing novels and content for blogs and websites.



TJS� CSLP

@TJSLSportsLaw FOLLOWS YOU

Thomas Jefferson School of Law, Center for Sports Law and Policy -
facebook.com/tjslcslp
San Diego, CA · tjsl.edu/sports-law-pol...

**Join the conversation.
Follow, join, and like the
Center for Sports Law & Policy at
Thomas Jefferson School of Law
on social media.**

[Website](#)

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#)

[LinkedIn](#)



The Armenian Genocide

*By President of the Armenian Law Student Association
Najda Aslanyan 3L*

Sometime last week, I was surprised when a fellow Armenian had asked me: "what is the point of having such emphasis on the Armenian Genocide?" and at the moment, I could not help or refrain myself from giving this person an infuriated look. Of course, I knew why it had such significance in my life. Not only my ancestors were one of the many who fell into that 1.5 million Armenians who were massacred, and deported on death marches to the Syrian Desert from what they considered their homeland, but also, Turkey where I grew up was letting me live a lie.

A Near East Relief nurse examining an Armenian child

Growing up in Turkey, I was clueless about the existence of such genocide. It was not taught in schools, and was a forbidden topic of discussion.

Still to this day, the Turkish Government does not recognize the Armenian Genocide and every resolution that is presented to them are condemned. Just recently, Turkey condemned a U.S. Senate committee resolution branding the massacre of Armenians by Ottoman forces during World War I as genocide and warned Congress against taking steps that would harm Turkish-American ties.

It is the non-recognition of these inhumane killings that gives the Armenian Genocide a deeper meaning and requires emphasis. As Taner Akcam, the first Turkish academics to acknowledge and openly discuss the Armenian Genocide, has said: "Armenians are suffering from incomplete mourning and they cannot complete that mourning process until their tragedy and wound is recognized by the descendants who perpetrated it."

It is this incomplete mourning that brings millions of Armenians together every April 24th to commemorate the victims of the Armenian Genocide from 1915 to 1923 and celebrate the resurrection of Armenians from such horrific event.

As Adolf Hitler, the leader of Nazi Germany who led the killings of approximately six million Jews during World War II, had said: "Who, after all, speaks today of the annihilation of the Armenians?" We do not wish the massacre of 1.5 million Armenians to be unspoken of and want to stress the importance of acknowledging unrecognized genocides around the world by saying never again. The Ottoman Empire's systematic extermination of its minority Armenian subjects and elimination of other Christian ethnic groups such as the Assyrians and Greeks during and after World War I should not go unrecognized.

For this reason, Armenian Law Students Association (ALSA), and International Law Society are co-hosting an unrecognized genocides event with keynote speaker Mark Geragos on April 24th from 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. in room 225 to discuss the definition of genocide in international law and the politics behind it.

Additionally, SDSU's Armenian Student Association is hosting a movie night on April 22nd at 7 p.m. in Templo Mayor Room at SDSU and UCSD's Armenian Student Association is hosting its annual Armenian Genocide event with keynote speaker Sam Simonian starting at 7 p.m. at the Great Hall at UCSD.

UNRECOGNIZED GENOCIDES

Come and learn about the definition of genocide in international law and the politics behind it, focusing on the Armenian Genocide.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mark Geragos

Armenian-American Criminal Defense Attorney who represented Michael Jackson, Chris Brown, NASCAR driver Jeremy Mayfield, actress Winona Ryder, politician Gary Condit, Susan McDougal, and Scott Peterson

ORGANIZED BY

ARMENIAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Co-hosted by International Law Society
at Thomas Jefferson School of Law

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Room 225

Kebob Will Be Served

Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association Scholarship Opportunity

The Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association recently announced that it will be awarding a scholarship to cover the full costs/tuition of a bar prep course. The deadline to submit all required documentation is Wednesday, April 30th.

This scholarship opportunity is available to any African American student who is graduating this spring and plans to taking on the July bar exam or to an African American student who has already graduated and plans to take the July bar exam. This is a need based scholarship.

Qualified students interested in applying must submit an application, personal statement, resume, transcript, and letter confirming current enrollment in law school, or proof of completion of law school.

The finalists will be selected for an interview and, as a condition of receiving a bar scholarship through EBGBA, you must agree to report your bar results to EBGBA within 24 hours of receiving your results. Please contact careerservices@tjsl.edu to obtain a copy of the application and instructions.



FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

Citations Added April 13, 2014 - April 21, 2014

Anders Kaye

Articles:

Excuses in Exile, 48 U. MICH. J.L. REFORM (forthcoming 2014)

Brenda M. Simon

Articles:

Rules, Standards and the Reality of Obviousness, CASE W. RES. L. REV. (forthcoming 2014)

Presentations:

Rules, Standards and the Reality of Obviousness, PatCon 4: The Annual Patent Conference, University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego, CA (April 5, 2014)

Marybeth Herald

Books:

YOUR BRAIN AND LAW SCHOOL (Carolina Academic Press , forthcoming 2014)

Meera E. Deo

Presentations:

Empirically Derived Compelling State Interests in Affirmative Action Jurisprudence, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT (March 26, 2014)

Presentations:

Racial Isolation & Diversity in Law School, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT (March 26, 2014)

Rodney Smith

Articles:

Head Injuries, Student Welfare, and Saving College Football: A Game Plan for the NCAA, 41 PEPP. L. REV. 267 (2014)

Susan Bisom-Rapp

Presentations:

Ruminations on a Half Century of Title VII: It's Complicated, Fifty Years of Title VII: A Forum on Employment Discrimination, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, CA (April 19, 2014)



KIMBERLY ROTH

JUDGE ROGER BENITEZ '78

TJSL Spring Class of 2014 Valedictorian is Kimberly Roth and the Commencement Speaker is Judge Roger Benitez

Thomas Jefferson School of Law's Spring Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014, 10 a.m., at Copley Symphony Hall located in downtown San Diego. Approximately 215 graduating students will receive Juris Doctor degrees.

Kimberly Roth, graduating Summa Cum Laude will be addressing the audience as Valedictorian. "I'm really excited to

be Valedictorian of my graduating class," said Roth. "It means all of my hard work over the past three years paid off! These past three years have flown by, but I am eager to graduate, pass the bar, and enter the real world!"

In addition to tutoring and mentoring other law students, Roth currently interns at the Attorney General's Office. She has previously interned for Disability Rights California and for the San Diego County Office of the District Attorney.

During her time in law school, Roth served as Editor for Thomas Jefferson's Law Review and Vice Chair of TJSL's Moot Court Competition Team – which Roth describes as representing some of her most memorable experiences at TJSL. "Our team is like a family to me and I have thoroughly enjoyed working hard for competitions with my fellow teammates," she said.

"I was fortunate to take classes with some of the best professors around that were enthusiastic about the subjects they taught, happy to be teaching, and willing to go out of their way to see their students succeed," said Roth – who credits Professors Susan Bisom-Rapp, William Slomanson, Aaron Schwabach, Marybeth Herald, Julie Greenberg, Anders Kaye, K.J. Greene, Jane Seigel, Carmela Simoncini and Paul Spiegelman, for helping her develop her research, writing, and oral advocacy skills.

"I owe a huge *thank you* to everyone that helped me to be successful in law school. Most importantly, I would not be where I am today without the continuous love and support from my parents, sister, and friends. Their encouragement helped me work hard and push through the late study nights at the library and all-nighters at Lestat's Coffee House," added Roth.

The doors will open at 9 a.m. at [Copley Symphony Hall](#), 750 B Street, San Diego. The graduation ceremony starts promptly at 10 a.m.

The Spring 2014 commencement speaker is Board of Trustees member Judge Roger Benitez '78. The Honorable Roger T. Benitez was first appointed to the Superior Court of California in 1997, after previously working in general practice with a law firm. He served as Presiding Judge of the Appellate Division before being appointed as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Southern District in 2001. In 2004, he was appointed to the District Judge position he now holds. Judge Benitez has sat by designation numerous times with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and also has sat on assignment in Arizona, Guam and Saipan. He is a charter member of the Wallace Inn of Court, currently chairs the Southern District's IT Committee and is a member of the U.S. Judicial Conference Committee on Financial Disclosure, having been appointed by Chief Justice John Roberts.

April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 TJ Padres vs. SF 1:10 PM	21	22 SE The Thomas Jefferson Law Review Presents - Write-On Competition Informational Session 12:00 PM SE Center for Sports Law & Policy - "Working in Sports Law: An Overview of Available Careers" 6:00 PM	23 SE Academic Success - Testing Labs 229 11:30 AM	24 SE Armenian Law Students Association - Unrecognized Genocides 225 11:30 AM SE Phi Alpha Delta - Last Meeting 323 12:00 PM TJ International Law Society, Criminal Society and Delta Theta Phi Present - Monte Carlo Night 6:30 PM	25 SE Academic Success - Winning the Finals Fight - Outlining, Scheduling and other Essential Studying 225 11:30 AM	26
27	28	29	30 SE Academic Success - Testing Labs 229 11:30 AM TJ Employee Rights Center - Annual May Day Celebration 5:30 PM	May 1 TJ Alumni Association Mixer 6:00 PM	2 TJ Padres vs. ARI 7:10 PM	3 TJ Padres vs. ARI 5:40 PM
4 TJ Padres vs. ARI 1:10 PM	5 TJ Padres vs. KC 7:10 PM	6 TJ Padres vs. KC 7:10 PM	7 SE Spring 2014 Final	8 SE Spring 2014 Final	9 SE Spring 2014 Final	10 SE Spring 2014 Final
11 TJ Padres vs. MIA 1:10 PM	12 SE Spring 2014 Final	13 SE IL - Bar Testing	14 SE Spring 2014 Final	15	16	17 TJ May 2014 Graduation 10:00 AM
18	19	20 TJ Padres vs. MIN 7:10 PM	21 TJ Padres vs. MIN 7:10 PM	22 TJ Padres vs. CHI 7:10 PM	23 TJ Padres vs. CHI 7:10 PM	24 TJ Padres vs. CHI 7:10 PM
25 TJ Padres vs. CHI 1:10 PM	26	27	28	29	30	31