# **TJSL Honors our Honor Students**



(Left to Right) Michelle Mance 1L, Alyssa Casiple 1L and Cassandra Sutlif 1L



(Center) Tristan Lloyd 2L with his family and Associate Dean Beth Kransberger (Right)



(Left to Right) Travis Davis 3L, William Richards 3L, Kevin Kampschror 3L

"Today we honor our best and brightest with this Honor Roll and Distinguished Honor Roll Awards Ceremony, said Associate Dean Beth Kransberger as she greeted honor students and their families on Thursday, April 25. "Today we recognize them for their academic achievement for the Fall 2012 term."

Dean Kransberger asked students to "look around because these are going to be some of your trusted colleagues in the legal profession. These are colleagues that will refer business to you. These are colleagues that you will turn to when you are in the weeds. These are folks that will be trusted allies and support systems and in some instances co-workers and colleagues," said Dean Kransberger.

"I am honored to sit in the room with such accomplished people and to be able to count myself as one of them," said Michelle Mance (1L). "It feels great to be acknowledged for all of the blood, sweat and tears we all put into this past semester and to be patted on the back for a job well done!"

"It took a lot of hard work and dedication to achieve honor roll and it felt great to be acknowledged for it," said Alyssa Casiple (1L). "The room was full of such brilliant and successful students and it was an honor to be there with them."

"It was amazing to be recognized for the time and for the effort I put into my studies last semester," said Cassandra Sutliff (1L). "I surpassed my personal academic goal, and I cannot wait to continually strive for more with the continued support of all of those at TJSL."

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Jumping for joy Tony Matson (3L) with Dean Kransberger



(Center) Trevor Potts (2L) with family and Dean Kransberger



Ian McMenemy (3L) and Brett Bettesworth (3L)



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Travis Davis (3L) said he was impressed with the variety of honorees. "It was great to see both first year students and upcoming graduates. It shows that we all work hard from the moment we get here, and we don't let up."

Tristan Lloyd (2L) explained that although going to law school and having a family at times can be difficult, he wouldn't have it any other way. "I was excited to receive the recognition and have people ask 'how do you do it while having a family and kids?" said Lloyd. "Honestly, I think they are the only reason I have done as well as I have. They are my motivation, and they keep me sane. Getting this award is important, but being able to share the experience with my wife and daughters is what made it worthwhile."

Rachel King (2L), who has been on the honor roll every year since she started law school, says she is also proud to be a student and parent. "The award ceremony is my daughter's favorite part of law school. So I tell her that in order to be invited she has to let me study, and most of the time she listens," said King. "I wouldn't be successful in law school if it weren't for the support and patience of my husband and kids. This award has my name on it, but it really belongs to all of them."

"We all worked hard to get here, said Brett Bettesworth (3L). "Still, the best part of all of this is to be named among such an amazing group of individuals."

"My last year at TJSL is bitter-sweet but the feeling of accomplishment hopefully will be never- ending," said Kevin Kampschror (3L).

And to sum things up William Richards (3L) gave advice to all students: "Pursue your passions, work hard and the rewards will naturally follow."

Each student got their photo taken with Dean Kransberger by professional photographer Dave Siccardi when receiving their honors certificate. Photos will be provided to students by the Student Services Office.

(Center) Rachel King (2L) with husband Dan, children Adam 2, Kaya 8 and Abby (on the way) and Dean Kransberger

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# TJSL's Randy Abreu Awarded a Google Policy Fellowship

TJSL student Randy Abreu (2L) was recently awarded the 2013 Google Policy Fellowship. As part of the Fellowship, Randy was offered a paid summer internship in Washington D.C., at the National Hispanic Media Coalition (NHMC), a nonprofit, civil rights and media advocacy organization.

The Google Policy Fellowship offers undergraduate, graduate and law students interested in Internet and technology policy the opportunity to spend the summer contributing to the public dialogue on these issues. Fellows have the opportunity to work at public interest organizations at the forefront of debates on



broadband and access policy, content regulation, copyright and trademark reform, consumer privacy, open government and more. In 2013, 29 Fellowships were awarded from a pool of student applicants from around the globe.

"TJSL has never had a Google Policy Fellow, and it is an honor to represent our school at such an important stage of the legal realm," said Abreu. "Our institution does such great work on a daily basis, and it will be a privilege to use the tools I have gained at Thomas Jefferson in contributing to NHMC's agendas."

The NHMC has two fronts: In states such as California, New York, Arizona and Michigan, the NHMC has a strong presence in educating and influencing media corporations on the importance of including U.S. Latinos at all levels of employment, and it challenges media that carelessly exploit negative Latino stereotypes. In Washington D.C., NHMC staff is often called to testify before Congress and the federal agencies on various media and telecommunications policies that impact the American Latino community.

As a Google Policy Fellow, Abreu will work closely with NHMC's D.C. based Vice President of Policy and Legal Affairs, and its Policy Counsel. Abreu will work on complex legal and policy issues and may be called to draft FCC pleadings, internal memoranda, press releases, blog posts, editorials and other documents as needed. Furthermore, as a Fellow, he will be invited to attend meetings with decision makers at the FCC and in Congress, as well as meetings with media reform and civil rights activists.

Abreu recently presented his ground-breaking scholarship about racist Internet pornography during a Diversity Week event at TJSL. His presentation was based on his research paper for his class on Critical Race Theory.

Congratulations to Randy Abreu from the entire TJSL Family!

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# Two Veterans Clinic Students Receive Equal Justice Works Fellowships

Two TJSL students have been selected to receive Summer Legal Corps fellowships from Equal Justice Works and the AmeriCorps program. They are Jason Stones (2L) and Eric Schneider (3L) who will be carrying out their fellowships at TJSL's Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic this summer, according to Professor Steve Berenson, the VLAC director. The students are required to work 300 hours at the clinic this summer and in exchange will receive an education award in the amount of \$1175.

"We are thrilled that Eric and Jason will be back with the clinic this summer," said Professor Berenson. "Both have done an excellent job on behalf of their struggling veteran clients this



Eric Schneider 3L and Jason Stones 2L

semester. The Equal Justice Works fellowship is a prestigious award, and will allow Eric and Jason to continue their important work and reach an even broader range of struggling veterans that the clinic would otherwise have been able to this summer."

According to its official website: "The Equal Justice Works Summer Corps Program provides law students with the chance to spend their summer working on a legal project at a qualifying nonprofit public interest organization of their choosing. Summer Corps members expand the delivery of critically needed legal assistance in low-income and underserved communities across the country for veterans, homeowners facing foreclosure, disaster victims, and those facing other legal issues."

"I am very excited to have been selected to receive this fellowship from Equal Justice Works and to be able to carry out the fellowship at the Veterans Clinic this summer," said Schneider, who is a Navy veteran. "It is an honor to have the opportunity to give whatever help I am able to provide to those who have served our nation."

"I am thrilled to be part of Summer Corps," said Stones. "Equal Justice Works and AmeriCorps have provided a great opportunity for me to improve my practical legal skills and a chance for me to give back to the community, especially to military veterans. Working in the Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic this semester has been

a great experience. Through Summer Corps, I look forward to further providing assistance to those who deserve it most, while gaining professionalism and proficiency in my ability to represent clients in the future."

Congratulations to Jason and Eric!

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(Left to Right)Sara Denton (2L) and Jess Lockett '12



(Center)
'Dealer' Professor Joy Delman



(Right) 'Dealer' Professor Julie Greenberg



(Left to Right) Susanne Prochazka (3L), Kevin Kampschror (3L), Daphne Delvaux LL.M '12



Phil Shapiro '85 and Alonso Zavalasoto (2L)



(Right) 'Dealer' Professor Jeff Slattery



# Monte Carlo comes to San Diego

By Susanne Prochazka 3L

On April 18, James Bond came to the East Village the when International Law Society and Criminal Law Society hosted the Monte Carlo Casino Night & Poker Tournament Fundraiser event at Luce Loft. The event is ILS's annual fundraising event, with all proceeds funding student scholarships. These scholarships can alleviate costs for students studying or interning abroad during the summer of 2013. Criminal Law Society's annual Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament raises funds for local nonprofits. All proceeds from the Poker Tournament went directly to the Innocence Project, an organization committed to exonerating wrongfully convicted individuals. This year, the two student organizations joined forces and created a merged casino fundraising event.

The evening began with lounge music, wine and sushi donated by Infuzon Restaurant. During the evening, students mingled and played casino games such as poker, blackjack, roulette and craps. While others participated in the poker tournament with the top prize being a \$100 gift card.

Our celebrity dealers included Professors Ellen Waldman, Jeff Slattery, Joy Delman and Julie Greenberg. Professor Slattery captivated attendees by working the complex and engaging craps table while Professors Waldman, Delman and Greenberg adeptly delt cards at the blackjack and poker tables.

One of the main draws of the Monte Carlo Casino Night is the date auction, where brave TJSL students are auctioned off, with all proceeds going directly to the scholarship fund. Professor Slattery was the dynamic auctioneer describing the individuals and the fun dates offered. Date activities offered included scuba diving, sailing, bicycling along the beach and a picnic in the park. This year, the lucky students auctioned off were: Aria Fadakar, Bryana Carey, Zach Spear, Julie Houth, Samir Atta, Kyle Molchan, Timothy Bradford, Daven Raj, Elizabeth Chu, Kelly Hayes and Marshall Lurtz. The date auction was a fun and raucous interlude to the casino games.

The raffle prizes for the evening were provided by generous donors from around the San Diego community. Some of the exciting prizes raffled off at the end of the night included Sea World passes, San Diego Zoo passes, rock-climbing and cooking lessons, yoga passes, paintball, laser-tag and ballroom dancing lessons. The much sought-after prizes of two Hornblower cruise tickets and a two-night stay at Indigo Hotel were also raffled off to lucky attendees.

After the raffle, the night ended with a bang. Literally. At 10:30 p.m., the craps table fell to the ground, signaling the end of the evening to the revelers. Overall, the successful event raised more than \$2,000 for scholarships funding students' studies and internships abroad this summer.

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### Alternative Careers Panel

By Stephanie Marquez Development and Alumni Relations Coordinator

In an effort to offer insight into other avenues after law school, students and panelists gathered for the Alternative Careers Panel discussion on Wednesday, April 24, presented by the TJSL Alumni Association and moderated by P. Camille Guerra '04, Attorney, Casey Gerry Schenk Francavilla Blatt & Penfield LLP.

Panelists included TJSL alumni: Jeremy Evans '11, Managing Attorney/Owner, CSLlegal; John Tolla '06, Associate, Booz|Allen|Hamilton; Lacy J Lodes '08, Consultant / Attorney, LacyJLaw, Cryptozoic Entertainment; Carlos M. Martinez '09, Attorney, Law Office of Carlos M. Martinez; and Christie Edwards '07, Human Rights Advocate, Vital Voices.

Christie Edwards joined the discussion via Google + from Washington, D.C. Edwards discussed her interest in and experience with international law, human rights and work in nonprofits. She advised students to "Do as many internships as you can while in school. Everyone starts out as an intern, and that is okay." Edwards volunteered with several nonprofits while at TJSL and says that the skills she gained as an intern were invaluable. She emphasized not only how important having a legal background is but how important budgeting and program management skills are.

Jeremy Evans said he grew up loving baseball and has always had a passion for sports. If he didn't have the talent to play professional sports, he thought he would definitely want to represent athletes in some capacity. Evans explained that being a sports agent only requires a bachelor's degree. "Law students and graduates need to see that you do not need a license to succeed," said Evans. "The bar



Christie Edwards '07 via Google +





Jeremy Evans '11

Patricia Camille Guerra '04



Lacy J Lodes '08 and Carlos M. Martinez '09

license can assist and grow your business, whatever that may be, but it is not essential. Having or not having a bar license is dependent on whether you want to practice law, will need the license and whether you want to be in the courtroom," said Evans. A student later brought up the question of whether a license would even be needed at all if it isn't always necessary to have one. This sparked a conversation with the panelists on how effective and powerful having a license can be, especially with getting your foot in the door, even if it is not always used to practice law. "Hopefully law students got out of the panel that you can succeed in many areas of business and the law," said Evans. "The law degree is an access point to success, it is up to the individual whether they are successful."

Carlos M. Martinez highlighted how important it is to keep all three of his businesses separate, and noted that although at times he may not be wearing his attorney hat, having a bar license is always going to be extra beneficial. "You want credibility, your license gives you instant credibility," said Martinez.

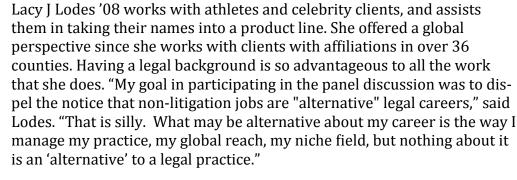
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Alternative Careers Panel continued...



Lacy J Lodes '08





Iohn Tolla '06

John Tolla '06 offered his perspective on how to market yourself, whether that be as an attorney, a legal consultant, a legal professional or anything else. "Clients have different needs, consequently their representation may be in many different forms," said Tolla. "You have to solve problems in life. Deconstruct the major problems people have and reconstruct them with solutions."

"My participation sought to bring emancipation to those facing imagined incarceration," said Tolla. "I think law students are too tethered to some illusory competition for grades, jobs, money, etc. What they really should focus on is culturing a set of elite talents, such as critical reasoning. To

that end, students should keep a strong focus on legal thinking skills – i.e. the ability to identify and isolate relevant facts – and seek to deconstruct problems, uncover their root causes and reconstruct solutions for sale



at a profit. That, to me, seems to be the essence of a successful practitioner in any field, alternative or otherwise."

The three primary themes from this discussion were what the value of being licensed to practice truly means, the global perspective that many attorneys in traditional and contemporary fields face and the fear that some students may have of not finding employment after graduation. All were fascinating topics that sparked stimulating discussion amongst the panelists and audience.

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(Center) Dave Winfield poses with TJSL students, faculty and Alumni



Michelle Allison Slaughter with 7-month-old Aaron Slaughter (awwww)





(L to R) Sabrina Green '02, Alumni Relations Director, Vanessa Vandever and Development and Alumni Relations Coordinator, Stephanie Marquez and Michael Weiner '09









# Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

It was a great day to be at the ball park on Saturday, April 27 (if you are a San Diego Padres fan that is).

In a 12 inning game the Padres beat the San Francisco Giants 8 to 7!

And the Annual Spring Alumni Tail Gate party was hopping! More than 200 TJSL students, faculty, staff and alumni attended.

Some tailgaters even got to hang out with Dave Winfield, American former Major League Baseball outfielder, Hall of Famer and current Executive Vice President/Senior Advisor of the San Diego Padres! Winfield stopped by with his agent and good friend, Randy Grossman '94, TJSL Adjunct Professor and a TJSL Trustee.

Associate Director of Admissions, Michelle Allison Slaughter brought her 7-month-old son Aaron, while also having some fun with newly Admitted TJSL students.

Each spring and fall Past Alumni Association President Sabrina Green '02 along with Michael Weiner '09 and other alumni helpers, set up the event and prepare amazing BBQ for TJSL tailgaters.

"I love doing this," said Weiner. "I look forward to doing this twice a year. It's a good time!"

One student was heard saying "This is such a nice way to spend the day now that classes are over and studying for finals is about to begin, it's good to take one day off."

The next Alumni Tailgate & Baseball game takes place on September 7 against the Colorado Rockies.

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# **Students form new club: Labor & Employment Law Association** *By Jonathan Conway and Ian Seruelo*

On April 23, 2013, a group of TJSL students joined together and became the founding members of the newly formed Labor & Employment Law Association (LELA) in campus.

"The primary mission of LELA is to promote the practice of labor and employment law among TJSL students. LELA also aims to increase awareness and appreciation on issues and developments in the areas of labor and employment among members as well as to the general TJSL community," said Ian Seruelo, (2L) who helped organized the group and who was elected its President.

Professors Susan Bisom-Rapp and Rebecca Lee, who will serve as LELA's faculty advisors, also joined the students in the assembly and shared their thoughts on labor and employment law. Professor Lee provided a background on the different sub-areas of labor and employment law and underscored that there is a growing need for practitioners in this



Standing from L to R: Professor Rebecca Lee, Co-adviser; Ian Seruelo (2L), President; Loc Nguyen (2L), Treasurer; John Young (2L), Secretary; Professor Susan Bisom-Rapp, Co-adviser; Jonathan Conway (1L), Vice-President. Sitting from L to R: Marwa Latif (1L), Director of Internal Affairs; Lucia Valenzuela (1L), Director for External Affairs.

field. Prof. Bisom-Rapp initiated a discussion on the rationale behind labor laws and provided insights into the policies underlying these laws.

Aside from the 16 TJSL students, others in attendance were Professor Michael Hayes, visiting professor from the University of Baltimore who also specializes in the field of labor and employment, Maysa Eissa, adjunct professor and Associate Director of Career Services, and Ben Lewis, a recent TJSL graduate.

"This organization is the first of its kind at TJSL centering on labor and employment law. We are excited for this new club and we are happy that several of our fellow students share our interest in labor and employment law," said Jonathan Conway, (1L) who is part of the organizing committee and now LELA's Vice-President.

During the meeting, the members ratified the association's constitution and bylaws. An election for Executive Board positions then followed. Elected were Ian Seruelo, President; Jonathan Conway, Vice President; Loc Nguyen, Treasurer; John Young, Secretary; Marwa Latif, Director of Internal Affairs; Lucia Valenzuela, Director of External Affairs; and Julie Houth, Director of Communications.

The newly formed club, upon being formally recognized by Student Services, is set to kickoff next semester in Fall 2013. Interested students should contact LELA's Executive Board at <a href="lela.tjsl@gmail.com">lela.tjsl@gmail.com</a>.

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TJSL Moot Court Honor Society Competes By Ruthanne Bergt

TJSL's Moot Court Honor Society competed in the Roger J. Traynor California Appellate Moot Court Competition April 13 – 14, in Fresno.

The team consisted of Conrad Ohashi, Monique Eniero and Katarzyna Grzechnik. The team performed well, narrowly missing the final round of competition.

About the competition, Conrad Ohashi said, "For both our rounds, actual federal and federal magistrate judges ruled in our favor.

We didn't come home with the trophy this time, but we're doing something right. I'm confident that with just a little more tweaking, we'll be in a good position to become the reigning champion. Thank you to all the professors who took time out of their busy schedules to help us prepare for this competition. The team and I are forever grateful."



(left to right) Monique Eniero (2L), Katarzyna Grzechnik (3L), Conrad Ohashi (2L), and Professor Paul Speigelman



(Left to Right)
The Top 8 - Jacqueline Nicolas (2L), Timothy Bradford (1L),
Pamela Rivera (1L), Jonathan Stahler (2L), Professor Paul
Spiegelman, Paul Hefley (2013-2014 Chair) (2L), Mahna
Pourshaban (1L), Kelly Mourning (2L), Kimberly Roth (2013-2014 Vice-Chair) (2L), Adam Spera (1L), Elizabeth Atkins (1L)

TJSL Moot Court Honor Society Holds Tryouts *By Ruthanne Bergt* 

TJSL's Moot Court Honor Society held it's annual tryout competition April 20 – 21. Twenty students competed in a grueling two-day tournament. Students were given a record and appellate briefs for both the respondent and appellant sides. Students then were responsible for creating a ten-minute oral argument for each side and presenting it in front of a panel of judges.

After the first day of competition, the pack was whittled down to the top eight. Those eight students advanced to the final rounds held on Sunday. The top eight finalists were (in no particular order): Jacqueline Nicolas, Timothy Bradford, Pamela Rivera, Jonathan Stahler, Mahna Pourshaban, Kelly Mourning, Adam Spera and Elizabeth Atkins.

The talent was unmatched this year and every round was exciting to watch! After the final round Mahna Pourshaban was declared the winner and Kelly Mourning came in second. Congratulations to all who participated! The future looks bright for TJSL's Moot Court Team!

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(L to R) are Armine Kevorkian (1L), Najda Aslanyan (2L), John Shahinyan (1L), Artak Paskevichyan (1L), and Sergey Harutyunov (1L)





Willie Blair, Bob Filner's mayoral staff



Khatchig Mouradian, Editor-inchief of the Armenian Weekly



Performer from Arahet Dance Group



# Remembering the Armenian Genocide

By Najda Aslanyan, 2L

On April 24, Armenian Law Students Association took a path back into history to honor and commemorate the millions of Armenian lives lost in 1915. That day, hundreds of Armenians gathered at UCSD and united as one to remember the Ottoman government's systematic extermination of its minority Armenian subjects from their historic homeland, present day Turkey.

Before the event began, ALSA members had a chance to look at books, paintings and displays pertaining to the Armenian culture. Once we were seated, the night started out with a prayer by Father Tatoulian, which was followed by Christine Gasparyan singing the American and Armenian National Anthems.

Then Vahe Lepedjan, an undergrad at UCSD, took the stage and moved us all by his touching speech. The massive hall all of a sudden was filled with silence as Vahe was reading the words William Saroyan, a famous Armenian author:

"I should like to see any power of the world destroy this race, this small tribe of unimportant people, whose wars have all been fought and lost, whose structures have crumbled, literature is unread, music is unheard, and prayers are no more answered. Go ahead, destroy Armenia. See if you can do it. Send them into the desert without bread or water. Burn their homes and churches. Then see if they will not laugh, sing and pray again. For when two of them meet anywhere in the world, see if they will not create a New Armenia."

That night, this quote was a reminder to all of us on how far we have come since 1915. We had not gathered just to remember the past but to celebrate our existence and accomplishments as well.

The night proceeded with a video presentation educating and remembering other minority groups such as Assyrians and Greeks, who also were massacred and sent on death marches to the Syrian Desert by the Ottoman government.

After the video, Willie Blair, who is part of Mayor Bob Filner's mayoral staff, took the stage and gave a long speech listing names of successful Armenian scientists, politicians and artists. He emphasized how significant it is for Armenians to continue fighting for the truth to be accepted by the Turkish government and concluded his speech by stating how he is proud of wearing the title "Honorable Armenian.".

Following Willie Blair's speech, Khatchig Mouradian, who is the editor-in-chief of the Armenian Weekly, spoke about how we do not need to search far to find Armenian heritage since they can be found everywhere. He spoke about his trip to Turkey and shared some of his personal experiences as he reconnected with his roots. He concluded his speech by stressing how significant it was for him to travel across the ocean in order to uncover emotional and spiritual finding.

The night continued with a dance performance by Arahet Dance Group and musical performances by Natalie Avunjian and Raffi Semerdjian.

As the night was coming to an end, the audience was instructed to congregate outdoors for the candlelight vigil to once again remember those who had lost their lives.

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# TJSL's Dean Hasl, Alumni and Faculty in San Diego Lawyer Magazine

If you haven't picked up the latest edition of the *San Diego Lawyer Magazine*, make sure you do! The March/April edition of the magazine features Dean Hasl and TJSL Alumni and faculty.

The magazine's feature story is about the beautiful new San Diego County Bar Association's "Bar Center" at 401 West A Street.

On February 6, SDCBA hosted an open house and welcomed members to view the bar association's new home. The new state of the art center located downtown in the hub of San Diego's legal community and in the heart of San Diego's business district. Associate Directors of Career Services Randy Reliford and Maysa Eissa attended the open house and are featured on page 43.

"The new space is tastefully appointed. Law students and attorneys have ample space to meet, learn and network," said Reliford.

"The new center is beautiful and very inviting for law students and newly graduated attorneys to meet with other members of the legal community. I would encourage all law students to visit the new center, sit in on CLEs and take part in upcoming events at the Center," added Eissa.

Alumni Ben Aguilar '11 and Jeremy Evans '11 also were featured in the cover story. "The new Bar Center space is incredible. I live in the Little Italy neighborhood, so this space provides a very convenient alternative space to meet with clients or colleagues," said Aguilar.

"Local attorneys are thrilled with the location of the new Bar Center. If you forget to print something or make copies when trying to file something in the downtown courts, you can just run to the bar center and use the free Wi-Fi, copiers and printers. The new Bar Center is also a great place to kill time between court hearings," he added.

Inside the magazine, you will also find by Dean Hasl's "A Renewed Call for Diversity, Law Schools Need to Welcome and Celebrate a Diverse Student Body", a column highlighting the important of minority student enrollment across law schools nationwide. "As the number of persons of color increases within our communities, there will be increased needs for lawyers of color to meet the needs to provide high-quality legal services," wrote Dean Hasl.

The magazine also featured several TJSL alumni making a name for themselves in the legal community.

TJSL alumni Renee Galente '08 and Eric Ganci '08 are identified on page 34 of the magazine as young attorneys making the leap into solo law firm dreams. The successful team of Galente Ganci LLP have established themselves as one of the most reputable and competent civil and DUI defense firms in San Diego.

As quoted in the magazine, "You can't market yourself against established lawyers unless you first determine why you should be hired and not them. You have to believe it and say it with confidence why you're a better choice," said Galente.

"You have to be your biggest cheerleader. If you don't no one else will - although it's a fine balance between confidence and arrogance," added Ganci.

TJSL Alumni Marlene Stranger '96 of Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy was featured on page 40 for receiving the Wiley W. Manuel Award for her pro bono work at Casa Cornelia Law Center where she proposed Violence Against Women Act immigration petitions.

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# Professor Luz Herrera Serves on Two California Attorney General's Advisory Panels

TJSL Professor Luz Herrera recently served on two expert panels appointed by California Attorney General Kamala Harris to make recommendations on distribution of funds to help Californians affected by the state's foreclosure crisis.

Professor Herrera served on both the Consumer Assistance Grants Panel and the Homeowner Bill of Rights Implementation Panel.

The Consumer Assistance Grant Panel reviewed grant applications for the National Mortgage Settlement Grants and provided recommendations to the Attorney General. The Attorney General's Office made the final decision on grant awards based on the panels' recommendations and awarded \$9.4 million to 21 organizations that are distributing the grant money to assist Californians affected by the foreclosure crisis.

The second panel made recommendations on how to implement the California Homeowners Bill of Rights (HBOR) that gives borrowers more opportunities to stay in their homes. As part of that, the panel made recommendations on how to use a \$1-million grant that will enable the National Housing Law Project to educate and train lawyers to implement the HBOR and help ensure that everyone gets the protection they are entitled to.

"It was wonderful to have the opportunity to learn about all the great work that organizations across the state are doing to support, help and educate those affected by the foreclosure crisis," said Professor Herrera. "The distribution of settlement funds to community organizations and consumer advocates is an important first step to creating the infrastructure that communities need to offer greater consumer protection."

According to a news release from the Attorney General's Office, AG Harris said: "The foreclosure crisis has inflicted wide-ranging and deep harm to California homeowners and communities. These grants will give homeowners and families the financial and legal tools they need to recover."

Professor Herrera will be on leave during the Fall 2013 semester to work on a related project for the California Attorney General that monitors the state's settlement with the five largest banks.



# **Success Requires Persistence**

By Diana Vasquez, 3L

On Friday, April 19, 2013, Randy Abreu visited Crawford High School as part of CLIMB's guest speaker program. Growing up in New York and having lived through many adversities, Randy decided to share his story of the challenges and the struggles he has encountered thus far as well as how he has been able to overcome each one of them.

When asked about his experience as a guest speaker, Randy remarked, "Speaking to students at Crawford High School on my experiences in life and in Law School was an inspiring experience. Though I realized I was older in age and more experienced in education, I couldn't help but notice our similarities. Coming from an underprivileged background, as many of the students I spoke with also do, I found myself connecting and engaging with them as if I were back in high school and giving myself bits of information I wish I had when growing up.

I hope I was somehow able to reach the kids and let them know that persistence and being able to push yourself the extra mile will one day have its rewards. The students at Crawford High are inspiring, funny, savvy and eager to learn interesting things that appeal to them. CLIMB is doing amazing work with these students and CLIMB's efforts in reaching out to our youth is remarkable."

CLIMB's guest speaker program allows Thomas Jefferson School of Law students and community leaders to share their stories of overcoming adversity as well as providing insight on how to meet challenges head-on that the youth may encounter in their professional endeavors.

If you would like to get involved or have any questions, please contact Diana Vasquez at vasquede@tjsl.edu.

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# **New San Diego Federal Courthouse Dedicated**

TJSL Graduate is Aide to Congresswoman Who Played Key Role in Project

A place where TJSL graduates will be practicing law for generations to come, the new downtown Federal Courthouse, was dedicated on Friday, April 18.

The planning process that began nearly 20 years ago resulted in a court-house that Representative Susan Davis called: "Stunning."

The congresswoman was a leader in getting Congress to approve the funding for the project that she described as "a powerful symbol of U.S. governance. The wheels of government may spin slowly, but when San Diegans come together to solve a problem we see it through until we get results. So for me, the courthouse will also serve as reminder of the good that we can do together."

TJSL graduate Brandon Primus '12 attended the dedication ceremony with Representative Davis – he is a congressional aide in her San Diego office. Primus was named to the position post-graduation after interning and volunteering at Davis' congressional offices while a law student.

"I wanted to use my legal experience in a non-traditional way," Primus said. He says his TJSL education "forced me to think critically," an asset in his position as liaison to several different community groups.

"I work with people and organizations at the street level," Primus says, "to understand the issues people face in their daily lives so we can create solutions at the grassroots level."





Rep. Susan Davis and TJSL Alum Brandon Primus '12



Ribbon-Cutting

Meantime, Representative Davis has introduced a bill to have the new courthouse named after two former federal judges, James Carter and Judith Keep, who were so instrumental in the early stages of getting the project underway.

The 16-story court house is "a modern beacon of justice," according to Barry Ted Moskowitz, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court. "But if John Adams were to walk into one of the courtrooms, he would know exactly where to sit and where to direct his arguments."

"It's a soaring, beautiful building," said Chief Judge Laura Taylor of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court that is housed in the Jacob Weinberger U.S. Courthouse nearby. The ceremony also celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Weinberger Courthouse.

As for the new courthouse, it was built in the hope of being awarded LEED Gold Status by the U.S. Green Building Council – a designation recently given to TJSL's new downtown campus.

In the aftermath of the recent Boston Marathon bombing, Ruth Cox, Regional Administrator of the U.S. General Services Administration, assured everyone the building was built with "rigorous standards of safety – for dignity and peace of mind."

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# Marjorie Cohn Articles:

Teaching Torture at the School of the Americas, 35 T. Jefferson L. Rev. 1 (2013)

### **Presentations:**

Drones, Murder and Targeted Killings, Monterey Bay Area Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, Santa Cruz GI Rights Hotline, Peace and Freedom Party, Code Pink Santa Cruz, People United for Peace - Santa Cruz, ACLU of Santa Cruz, and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom - Santa Cruz, Resource Center for Nonviolence, Santa Cruz, CA (April 20, 2013)

Drones, Murder and Targeted Killings, Peace Resource Center and National Lawyers Guild (Monterey Bay Area Chapter), Peace Resource Center, Seaside, CA (April 20, 2013)

### Radio:

Issues in Boston Marathon case, drones and targeted killing and Lynne Stewart case, Letters and Politics, KPFK and Pacifica, Los Angeles and national, April 22, 2013.

Legal issues in the Boston Marathon bombing case, KPFA News, Berkeley, CA, April 21, 2013.

# William H. Byrnes, IV Articles:

Taxmaggedon Averted: The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012's New Era of Tax Certainty, [Development & Highlights] Mertens L. Fed. Inc. Tax.(with Robert Bloink) (2013).

# **Chapter in a Book:**

Patents, Franchises, Trademarks and Tradenames, 4 Mertens L. Fed. Inc. Tax. 22C (with Jason A. Fiske) (Thomson Reuters 2013)



You are all invited to the Graduate Program's new *Lecture Series* that will be held live online.

Thursday, May 2, 10 a.m.

How to Avoid Bankruptcies of too Big to Fail Institutions and Governments Going Forward, Suggestions and Alternatives, Professor Jol.

Thursday, May 16, 2 p.m.

Is the Credit Union Industry Doomed? Professor Oda.

Friday, May 31, 2 p.m

Structuring Real Estate Opportunity Funds in the US, Professor Rinaldi.

Click here for login information and for more information on the presentations



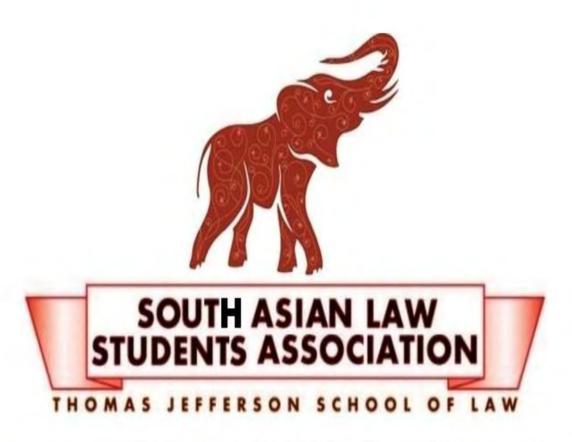
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- TURN IN THE RA WORK STUDY PACKET BY MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

  Please turn in your RA Work Study Packet to the Financial Aid Office by Friday, May
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  All Research Assistants must participate in a training to receive payment. Training will include advance research skills and other tools to help you find the information you will need to be an effective Research Assistant. Training will be for three hours and you will be paid for your time at the training. You must complete two sessions of one and a half hour of training during the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. the week of May 20-23. The sign-up sheets are available in TWEN. Log on to Westlaw and add the TWEN page Research Assistant Training. For questions, email Marie Templo-Capule at mtemplo@tjsl.edu.
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  Once you complete the training, the library staff will contact the professors who will give you your research assignment. We look forward to working with you!





# End of the year Banquet April 29th.

for more information please e-mail: SALSA@tjsl.edu

# CAREER SERVICES PRESENTS . . .



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# Tuesday, April 30 11:30-12:30, Room 323

Attorney members of the Consumer Attorneys of San Diego (CASD) will be on campus to talk about life after law school, why they love what they do, the importance of being involved in the San Diego legal community, the role trial lawyers play in the civil justice system and society, what students can do to prepare for the workplace, and the benefits of CASD membership. This is a great networking opportunity! To attend, please RSVP in Symplicity.



# THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW IS PROUD TO HOST:



# Come Celebrate the 10th Year of the ERC's "Labor Immigration Program"

Since 1999, the nonprofit ERC has provided San Diego area workers education and advocacy services to combat wage theft, gain their eligibility for unemployment insurance and improve their immigration status. The ERC represents those disadvantaged workers without union protection and without the means to hire an attorney.

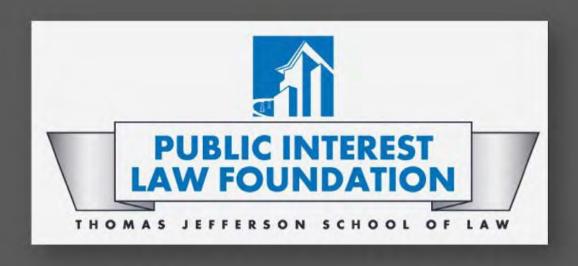
TJSL is a community partner of the ERC and Professor Susan Bisom-Rapp is a member of the ERC's professional advisory council. TJSL students also volunteer and/or do externships at the ERC, gaining valuable skills involved in processing and advocating for workers with unpaid wage claims, contested unemployment claims, workers' comp claim, immigrations problems.

Join the fun at this fundraising celebration on May  $1^{\rm st}$  to benefit San Diego's disadvantaged workers!

# **Tax-deductible Cost:**

Students \$25, Faculty and Staff \$35, General \$50

Click her to RSVP Online Or email acalderon@weberc.net



# PILF'S END OF THE YEAR MIXER!!

When: Wednesday, May 1, 2013

Where: BASIC

(Corner of 10<sup>th</sup> & J St.)

Time: 4pm-7pm

Complimentary Pizza & Beverages
To thank you for a <u>very</u> successful year
&

For raising over \$17,000 at our Annual PILF Auction!!



# TJSL SALDF Donation Drive Pets of the Homeless Last day to donate is May 1

# What is Pets of the Homeless?

Pets of the Homeless is a nonprofit volunteer organization that provides pet food and veterinary care to the homeless in local communities across the United States & Canada.

3.5 Million Americans are homeless. Between 5-10% of homeless people have dogs/and or cats. In some areas of the country, the rate is as high as 24%.

# How do I donate?

TJSL SALDF is now a donation site for Pets of the Homeless- please help us help the pets and petowners that need it most! Donations can be dropped off at SALDF desk in student organization room

# Things to donate

Dog Treats - Rawhide strips, ears, chewies Packages of food - Dry dog food or canned wet food Items must still be in their original packaging.







Are you interested to intern with a San Diego Public Interest Organization this summer? Do you have work study funds still available?



In partnership with Thomas Jefferson School of Law, Community Lawyers, Inc. ("CLI") is expanding its summer internship program to San Diego!

The 2013 Summer Internship Program, commencing Wednesday, May 29th, currently seeks independent, responsible, diligent, hardworking and entrepreneurial law students who are interested in devoting their legal career to serve low-income and moderate-income clients for its five-week summer internship program. Students may also have the option to continue their internship after the five-week program has concluded.

The internship program focuses on providing legal assistance to low-income and moderate-income clients throughout San Diego. Through a local placement at a public interest organization, law students will obtain first-hand working experience in the community-based legal services area. In addition, students will be given the opportunity to build relationship with judges, attorneys and community leaders throughout the summer.

To apply, submit your cover letter and resume to Ms. Maysa Eissa, Esq., Associate Director of Career Services, at meissa@tjsl.edu. Application deadline is 10 AM on Monday, May 13th.

# **APPLY NOW**

# The Public Law Section Student Writing Competition \$2,000 cash prize and article published in Public Law Journal Deadline May 13, 2013

The Public Law Section is seeking entries for its annual Student Writing Competition. In addition to the cash prize, the winning entry will be published in the Public Law Journal. Articles should pertain to one of the following topics: Administrative Law; Constitutional Law; Municipal Law; Open Meeting laws; Political/Election Laws; Education Law; State and Federal Legislation; Public Employment and Labor Law; Government Contracts; Government Tort Liability and regulations; Land Use/Environmental issues; Public Law Ethics; or Public Finance. Articles must be submitted and written by a student enrolled as of May 13, 2013, in good standing at a California law school's Juris Doctor program that is accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California.

The article must be submitted in a format suitable for publication in the Public Law Journal. The article should be the original work of the submitting student without substantial editorial input from others. A student need not be a member of the Public Law Section to participate in the writing contest.

Articles should have a minimum of 2,000 words and a maximum of 3,000 words (not including endnotes). Articles should include citations in either Bluebook or California Style Manual format, and citations must be included in endnotes, not footnotes.

#### **AWARD**

The author of the winning student article will receive a \$2,000 cash prize from the Public Law Section and will have his or her article published in the Public Law Journal. The winner also will be recognized at the Ronald M. George Public Lawyer of the Year Award reception sponsored by the Public Law Section at the State Bar's Annual Meeting in September 2013. The Public Law Section will pay the winner's reasonable transportation and hotel accommodation expenses for two nights to attend the award reception.

#### **DEADLINE/METHOD OF SUBMISSION**

Articles must be received by midnight (PST) on May 13, 2013 to be eligible for consideration in this writing contest. Please submit articles by email as attached Microsoft Word documents in Times New Roman 12-point font, single-spaced, with one line between each paragraph. Citations must be included in endnotes, not footnotes. Email articles to <a href="mailto:cfowler@srcity.org">cfowler@srcity.org</a> or Rachel\_Sommovilla.ci.richmond.ca.us (PST) on May 13, 2013. By submitting an article as part of this contest, the author grants the Public Law Section the right to edit (as necessary) and publish any article in the Public Law Journal.

#### **JUDGING**

Articles will be judged by the Executive Committee of the Public Law Section based on the following criteria, though not necessarily in this order: Complexity of topic, Relevancy to one or more areas of public law, Timeliness of topic to current developments in public law, Originality, Quality of writing, Compliance with contest rules.

A member of the Public Law Section's Executive Committee will notify the winner by June 14, 2013. Please direct any questions regarding this contest to Caroline Fowler at (707) 543-3040 or Rachel Sommovilla at (510) 620-6509.

# MISSION

The mission of the Public Law Section of the State Bar of California is to ensure that laws relating to the function and operation of public agencies are clear, effective and serve the public interest; to advance public service through public law practice; and to enhance the effectiveness of public law practitioners. Comprised of over 1,300 members, including law students, the Public Law Section focuses on addressing issues related to administrative law, constitutional law, municipal and county law, open meeting laws, political and/or election law, education law, water law, state and federal legislation, public employment, government contracts, government tort liability, agency regulations, land use/environmental issues, and public lawyer ethics.

The Public Law Section provides topical educational programs, seminars and resource materials; works to enhance the recognition of, and participation by, public law practitioners in the State Bar; presents its annual "Ronald M. George Public Lawyer of the Year Award" to public law practitioners who have made significant and continuous contributions to the profession; and publishes the quarterly Public Law Journal.



# THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW GRADUATION INFO

**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013** 

DOORS OPEN AT 9 AM
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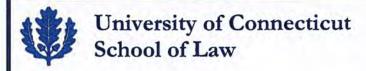
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# FOR DETAILED INFORMATION

VISIT WWW.TJSL.EDU/CALENDAR/2013/8546







# Student Legal Writing Competition

### Deadline

June 3, 2013

# Description

The University of Connecticut School of Law has established a Student Legal Writing Competition to encourage and reward original student writing on legal issues affecting persons struggling with homelessness, mental illness, addiction, or substance abuse.

### Topic

Entrants should submit a paper on a legal issue affecting persons struggling with homelessness, mental illness, addiction, or substance abuse.

# Eligibility

Papers will be accepted from any student enrolled for the 2012-13 academic year in an ABA-accredited law school in the United States or Canada. Papers must be the law student author's own work and must not have been submitted for publication elsewhere. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a student may incorporate professorial feedback as part of a course requirement or supervised writing project. All students intending to enter the competition must register by April 15, 2013 The registration form is available via

http://www.law.uconn.edu/node/9768

#### Format

Papers should be a minimum of 15 pages in length and shall not exceed 30 pages, including footnotes. They must be typed, double-spaced and with one-inch margins, on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper, in a 12-point font, such as Times New Roman. All citations and footnotes should conform to the current edition of The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation and should also be in a 12-point font.

# Judging

Papers will be judged by a panel appointed by the University of Connecticut School of Law. Judges will evaluate papers based on the substance, clarity of the proposal or thesis, logical force, support of argument, and quality of research. Grammar, syntax, and form will also be taken into consideration.





#### Submission

Entries must be received by 5pm on June 3, 2013. Entries must be submitted in two formats: (1) email an electronic version (in Microsoft Word or PDF format) to Karen.DeMeola@law.uconn.edu; and (2) mail, with a postmark dated by June 3, 2013, four copies of the paper to:

Student Legal Writing Competition University of Connecticut School of Law 55 Elizabeth Street Hartford, CT 06105

Attn: Assistant Dean Karen Lynn DeMeola

Papers are judged anonymously, and no identifying information should appear on either the original or the copies of the paper. Entrants must submit a separate cover letter listing the author's name, address, telephone number, email address, name of law school, and year of graduation.

#### Awards

Up to three cash prizes may be awarded: \$750 First Prize, \$500 Second Prize, and \$250 Third Prize. The contest organizers reserve the right not to award prizes if no papers meet quality standards. Winners will be notified by July 30, 2013. All decisions of the judges are final.



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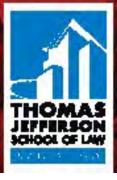


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- Visit the Chinese Supreme Court in Beijing
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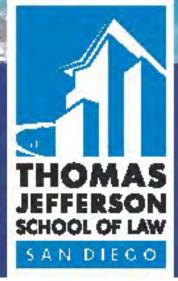
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# 2013 NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON ANIMALS AND THE LAW STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION

The Committee on Animals and the Law of the New York State Bar Association is very pleased to announce the Fifth Annual Student Writing Competition. The deadline for submission is July 1, 2013.

The Committee on Animals and the Law was established to provide information resources for the New York State Bar Association's members and the public about non-human, animal-related humane issues, which arise from and have an effect upon our legal system. This competition seeks to foster legal scholarship among law students in the area of animals and the law. This competition provides law students with an incentive and opportunity to learn more about this area of law.

Law students (which include J.D., L.L.M., Ph.D., and S.J.D. candidates) are invited to submit to the Committee on Animals and the Law an article concerning any area of Animal Law. All submissions will be reviewed by a panel of attorneys and other professionals practicing or otherwise involved in animal law. The winner will be chosen in accordance with the rules. The first place winner will receive \$1,000 and a certificate of achievement. The second place winner will receive \$500 and a certificate of achievement.

TOPIC Any topic on Animal Law.

**ELIGIBILITY**To be eligible for consideration, the submission must be written by a student currently

enrolled (full-time or part-time) in an ABA-accredited law school. Students expecting to receive their degree in 2013 are eligible for consideration. The submission must be written by one and only one student, i.e. papers jointly written by more than one student or that have been subjected to line editing by professors or advisors shall not be considered. No paper that has been previously published in any form shall be

considered. We will only accept one submission per entrant.

**DEADLINE** Papers must be postmarked no later than July 1, 2013.

AWARD CRITERIA Written submissions will be judged based on quality, clarity, originality and organization.

All essays must also meet the following criteria:

**LENGTH:** Type written, double spaced, no less than 12 point Times New Roman font, on  $8.5'' \times 11''$  paper, with 1 inch margins, and no more than 25 pages, including footnotes.

Footnotes should be single spaced and no less than 10 point font.

FORMAT: One hard copy of the written submission and one electronic copy in Microsoft Word format on a disk or CD must be submitted by mail, postmarked no later than July 1,

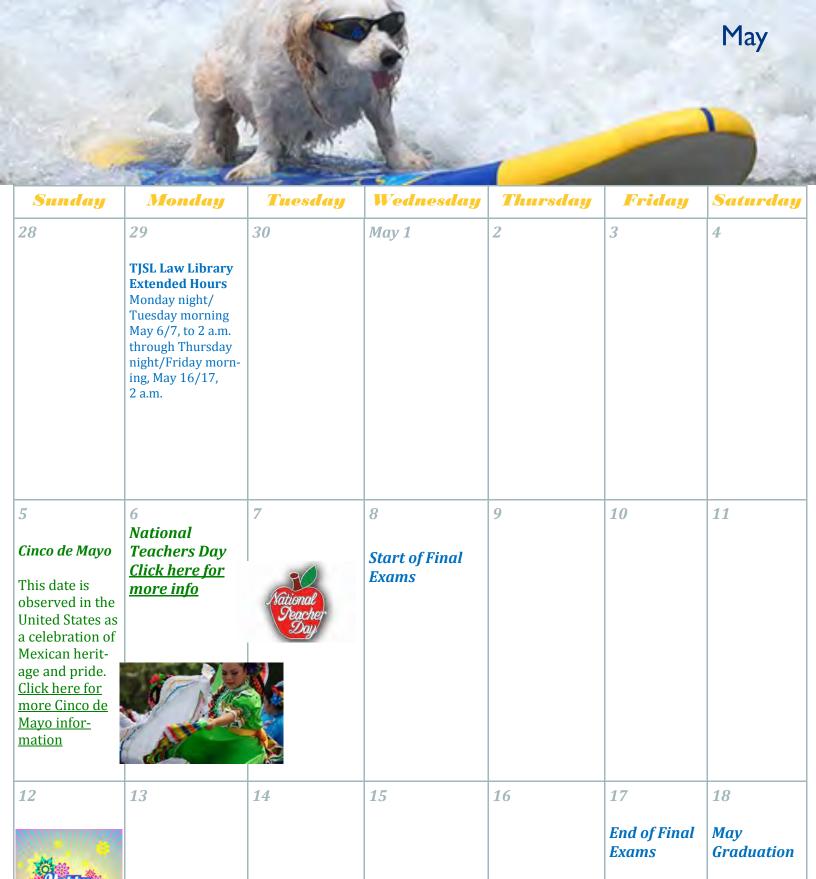
2013, and addressed to:

Kim Hojohn, Liaison
Committee on Animals and the Law
New York State Bar Association
One Elk Street
Albany, NY 12207

cover page

Entrants must submit a cover page indicating the entrant's name, law school, expected year of graduation, mailing address, email address and telephone number. All other references to identifying information, such as name, law school, and contact information

should be deleted or redacted from the body of the submission.



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