Congratulations December 2012 Graduates

"This is the most euphoric feeling I've ever felt in my life," said Xavier Carr minutes after receiving his juris doctor degree at Thomas Jefferson School of Law's Fall Graduation Ceremony on December 15. "I feel like a lifelong dream has come to fruition – a dream I've had since the third grade."



L to R: Xavier Carr, Genna Nicole Weisenberg and Sajad "Mr. Sid" Husain

Indeed, it was a dream come true for all of the more than 60 new graduates at the Symphony Hall ceremony that was a

celebration of the possibilities and opportunities open to those who have a law degree.

Sabrina Strand

"I am ecstatic, euphoric and feeling magnificent," said Jessica Lockett, who is working with the Zouvas Law Group in corporate securities law while studying for the bar exam.

I "It feels amazing," said graduate Shahram Mangoli." It's all coming to an end,

but at the same time, I feel that life is just beginning."

"Through hard work and considerable effort and sacrifice, you have achieved your goal and we are celebrating your accomplishments today," TJSL's Dean and President Rudy Hasl said in congratulating the new graduates. "I



Dean Rudy Hasl

hope and pray that your professional and personal lives reflect a fervent commitment to justice and compassion in a world which so desperately needs your assistance."

"It's an honor to address such a diverse audience," said class valedictorian Vatana Lay. "And I'd like to take the time to congratulate each of you for an extraordinary achievement."

To families and friends in the audience who have been such staunch supporters of all of the graduates, Lay said: "Thank you

for putting up with all the grief we've given you." Then, he told a moving story of a young man who rejected his mother because she had only one eye, only to learn after her death that he had been born with one eye and she had given one of her own eyes to him. And the message Lay conveyed to all was "Don't take for granted the sacrifices others have made for you."



L to R: Michelle Lynn, Vatana Lay, Jessica Lockett and Joshua Goodrich



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Graduation continued...

"I stand as a proud graduate of TJSL," said commencement speaker Vince Hall '08, the newly appointed Chief of Staff to San Diego's new mayor, Bob Filner. Hall personifies the career possibilities of those with law degrees. "A significant percentage of our graduates have had successful careers outside of law," said Hall, who until recently was the Vice-President of Public Affairs & Communications at Planned Parenthood of San Diego & Riverside Counties, and has served on the staffs of such politicians as then congressman Filner

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Keynote Speaker Vincent Hall

and former California Governor Grav Davis.

"A law degree helps you understand the foundation of society and we are a nation of laws. A legal education stretches your mind and makes you see the world in new ways, no matter what profession you choose."

Hall spoke of the difficult job market some of the graduates face if they are not already employed when he urged, "Take charge of your future. Your job

search is the toughest job you will ever have. So be the toughest and best boss you'll ever have during your job search.

Unemployment is not a cause of action, but a cause for action."



Vanessa Dawn with Son

"I see a group of people who are ready to take on the world and show them that TJSL graduates are a force to be reckoned with," said Alumni Association President Renee Galente '08, in a rousing speech to welcome the graduates to the ranks of TJSL's many successful alumni. "The Alumni Association is made up of more than 6,000 graduates, spanning more than 40 years of graduating classes."

Galente went on to list major law firms at which TJSL alumni are partners and associates, such as Casey Gerry, Neil Dymott, and Thorsnes Bartalotta McGuire. She also mentioned that alumni have used their law degrees to become San Diego County's District Attorney and Public Defender, a U.S. Congressman, state senators, professional sports team owners and managers, and human rights advocates, not to mention the many judges who are TJSL graduates. "We are everywhere," said Galente.



Gary Scott and Ben Lewis

"It's a bittersweet experience," said new graduate Michelle Lynn, who posed for a photo with friends she's known since since orientation, Vatana Lay, Jessica Lockett and Joshua Goodrich. "I worked so hard to get to this point and it was the biggest test of my life," said Lynn. "It has been a journey."

"Yes, it's sad to see it end," said Joshua Goodrich. "But it's also fun and exciting."

Sabrina Strand was also both happy and sad to see her journey come to an end.

"So much hard work went into this," she said. "But I'm so glad to see all of us together like this."

As Renee Galente reminded all of the new graduates, "You are not alone. You have a support network to lean on who are ready, willing and able to help you. And we know you will succeed. So the question isn't who is going to let you succeed. It's who's going to stop you?!"



Center: William Kava with family

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TJSL's Amy Louttit 3L Honored at Lawyers Club of San Diego Holiday Luncheon

Amy Louttit stood proudly as the TJSL student accepted the Lawyers Club of San Diego Women and the Law Project at Thomas Jefferson School of Law Scholarship at the Lawyers Club's 30th Annual Holiday Luncheon on December 13th, a very festive occasion for all who attended.

"It is my distinct honor to get to introduce you to her today," said TJSL's Associate Dean Beth Kransberger. "As legal educators, we are often privy to moments of transcendence and magic as we provide opportunities for others. I am delighted to say this is one of those transcendent moments for me today."

Louttit, who is going into her third year of law school, has spent many years working with put-at-risk kids and says she has never really been recognized for any of her accomplishments.

Today was the day. She received a \$2,000 scholarship from TJSL to help with the expense of tuition and books. Louttit joins TJSL alumni Catrina Skor '11 and Elizabeth Knowles '12 as recipients of this scholarship award.

As she spoke to the large audience, Louttit said. "It is really exciting to be able to recognize my own support group here." She especially singled out TJSL Professor Joy Delman, whom she considers a mentor.

"She made me cry," said Professor Delman. "While I'm honored to serve as Amy's mentor, her passion and her success at such an early stage in her career serve as an inspiration to me! I am grateful to have a student who is not just learning law, but applying it in real-life situations that help those who need her services. She is extraordinary."

Louttit says she is honored to receive the scholarship, and her pride is justifiable after the difficult road she traveled to reach law school.

"It feels really good, said Louttit. "I've overcome a lot to be here. I've had good female role models, especially teachers, who have encouraged me to have the strength and independence to have confidence in myself. I came to California alone at age 17, after leaving a difficult household situation in South Carolina. I graduated from high school a year early, and then went to Humboldt State. I served two years with AmeriCorps and I fell in love with the homeless kids I worked with there. I developed amazing bonds with some special kids."

Louttit refers to her internship at the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth as "my dream job!" She also serves as the Event Chair for TJSL's Law Students for Reproductive Justice student organization.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law established this annual scholarship in collaboration with Lawyers Club of San Diego, a non-profit specialty bar association seeking to advance the status of women in the law, to support and improve the administration of justice and to promote equality of women and men in our society. The scholarship is awarded to a TJSL student in good standing who demonstrates support of the mission of Lawyers Club and is academically among the top 50% of his or her law school class.



Frank J. Terrazas 3L Awarded The Bonnie Reading Memorial Scholarship!

Third year student Frank J. Terrazas accepted the Bonnie Reading Memorial Scholarship on November 16, 2012 at the annual Norby Awards Dinner, which was held in the Ballroom at the San Diego County Bar Association.

The Bonnie Reading Memorial Scholarship is awarded by the Certified Family Law Specialists Committee of the San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA) to a law student who shows dedication and commitment to the area of family law and plans to practice family law in the San Diego area.

For the last six years, Terrazas has worked as a paralegal for Stanwood Johnson, CFLS and has helped organize several Family Law CLE Seminars. Not only has his knowledge in family law expanded, but he currently makes appearances as a Certified Law Student.

"I never thought I would enjoy family law but it has found me and I see the huge potential to develop as a litigator, which has always been my focus, and to connect with your clients better" said Terrazas.

Terrazas attributes this recognition to his family law coursework and being active in the family law section of the SDCBA. "It is a very prestigious award within the local family law bar," said Terrazas. "The scholarship is awarded to only one law student in the county and I beat out over 30 applicants from the area law schools."

Terrazas plans to open a solo practice in San Diego after graduating and passing the bar. "It is extremely rewarding to help guide a client through one of the most difficult times in their lives," he explained.

Summer Judicial Internship Opportunities For Diverse Students

The goal of the Judicial Resources Committee and Just The Beginning Foundation's Third Annual Summer Judicial Internship Diversity Project is to provide summer judicial internships for highly qualified minority, underrepresented, and economically disadvantaged law students. This is a national program that will place 75 students as judicial interns in federal appellate, district, bankruptcy, and magistrate judges' chambers across the country. Interns will have the opportunity to draft bench memoranda, judicial orders, and opinions on a variety of substantive matters, including motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, magistrate judge reports, and habeas corpus petitions. Applicants should possess strong research and writing skills and be prepared to handle the rigors of working in a federal court.

Details are available at www.jtbf.org. Applicants must e-mail application materials no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, January 4, 2013, to SJIDProject@gmail.com. At present this is an unpaid internship, so applicants are encouraged to seek other funding. Applicants are also strongly encouraged to apply to the ABA's Judicial Intern Opportunity Program, which has been a source of funding for Project interns. If you would like to have your application materials reviewed, please contact any of us in Career Services. If you have any questions about the program you may contact JTBF Program Director Laura Ramsey at (312) 258-4868 or lramsey@jtbf.org.

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Randy Reliford (L) of Career Services and Professor K.J. Greene (C) Posing with Admitted Students

Newest Admitted Students Visit TJSL Campus

"I'm impressed overall with Thomas Jefferson," said Kath Rogers, one of the incoming Spring 2013 class at TJSL who were welcomed to campus for a special seminar for admitted students on December 13.

"I'm impressed with the faculty and my fellow students, and I like hearing about the diversity. And of course, I love the campus," said Rogers, who was very active in the recent successful campaign in California to pass Prop 35, which strengthened laws against human trafficking.

The students were all invited to a reception afterwards in the 8th floor conference room, where they got to meet several professors and staff member and get to know their fellow students.

"I've wanted to be a lawyer ever since I was a kid," said Maria Saling. "Anyone I've met on campus has been inviting and the technology of the school seems more progressive."

Likewise, the technology was a big draw to TJSL for John Hastings, an Arizona State University graduate who has a background in Information Technology. He and his wife Jill brought long their 3-month-old son Jack to the festivities.

TJSL's flexible, part-time evening program was a big part of the reason Amanda Hall chose the law school. She received a degree in business administration and an MBA in management from the University of Phoenix in San Jose. "I want to study Environmental Law," said Hall. "Especially the laws governing water."

Vincent Batza worked as a private investigator before applying to TJSL. He decided to come here after speaking to a friend who is a TJSL student. "My friend loves it here," Batza said. "It just seems to have a stronger community on campus."



Kath Rogers (L) and her mother (C) chat with Media Relations Director Chris Saunders

As for Kath Rogers, "I'm excited to meet a Supreme Court Justice." The new students learned that Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will be appearing at TJSL's Women and the Law Conference in February.

The incoming students will begin classes in January, taking advantage of TJSL's admissions policy that allows students to start either in the Fall or the Spring.

Associate Dean William Byrnes Announces New Publications

TJSL's Associate Dean William Byrnes has announced the publication of two new books and updated supplements to two of his earlier publications.

On December 11, Lexis released the 400 page quarterly supplement for *International Withholding Tax Treaty Guide* (Release 133, December 2012). "This supplement nearly completes my re-write process of this book to re-structure the citation architecture for a modern approach to tax



treaty analysis," said Dean Byrnes. "Over the next two years, I will author an in-depth, comparative analysis of tax treaty articles, to provide practitioners and arbitrators a go-to treatise for global corporate planning."

On December 12, Wolters Kluwer released International *Trust Laws & Analysis*, the 4th supplement of 2012. "This year, our focus was to complete the analysis of the company law for 40 countries. With this final supplement of 2012 we returned to the trust law aspects, focusing on such jurisdictions as Australia, China, Hong Kong, Ireland, Gibraltar to name a few, as well as updates regarding the Hague Convention. In 2013, my attention will turn to comparatively address issues with investment funds, and offering of financial products to the public," said Dean Byrnes.

Both publications are co-authored by Associate Dean William Byrnes and Dr. Robert J Munro.

In November, National Underwriters released two tax books: *Tax Facts on Investments* (2013), and the 2 volume *Tax Facts on Investments & Employee Benefits* (2013), co-authored by Associate Dean William Byrnes and Robert Bloink. "These market leaders mark a milestone of a major re-organization of material for ease of research and understanding, also," Dean Byrnes said. Also I have included a new section on captive insurance, on reverse mortgages, as well as expanding the section on ETFs and on precious metals & collectibles." Both publications are now available as e-books, as an alternative or in combination with print.



FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

Citations Added December 2 - December 10

Marjorie Cohn

Presentations:

Government Sanctioned Torture and Human Rights: What's really going on and what can we do about it?, Human Rights Day Commemoration in Fresno - sponsored by 30 community groups, College Community Congregational Church, Fresno, CA (December 8, 2012)

William H. Byrnes, IV

Books:

LEXIS GUIDE TO FATCA COMPLIANCE (with Robert J. Munro) (with Jason Fiske ed., LexisNexis, forthcoming 2012)

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2013 TAX FACTS ON INVESTMENTS (with Robert Bloink) (with Richard Niles ed., National Underwriters-Summit Business Media 2012)

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Editorships:

Editorial Board (2012 - present), Revista Jurídica da Advocacia-Geral do Estado de Minas Gerais, REVISTA JURÍDICA DA ADVOCACIA-GERAL DO ESTADO DE MINAS GERAIS (published online, http://www.pge.mg.gov.br/comunicacao/revistas)



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Academic Success is now accepting applications for spring semester ASP Mentors

What do ASP Mentors do?

ASP Mentors are second and third year students who work with small groups of students enrolled in 1L courses, providing skill-based support and guidance to assist the mastery of legal doctrine. ASP Mentors do this by monitoring and facilitating Structured Study Groups, which use cooperative learning techniques. ASP Mentors help 1L students demonstrate subject mastery, learn test-taking skills, and practice exam writing. With the guidance of ASP Mentors, students in Structured Study Groups can better determine how well they are doing and where they need help.

Who can be an ASP Mentor?

ASP Mentors must have successfully completed all first year courses for which they are providing support and must be in good academic standing. ASP Mentors must either be eligible to receive Federal Work Study or to receive Jeffersonian Scholar funds.

Why be an ASP Mentor?

ASP Mentors have the unique opportunity to share their own knowledge and skills with other students. This not only contributes to the TJSL community, but it also affords ASP Mentors the opportunity to keep their own doctrinal knowledge and legal skills sharp, in preparation for the bar exam and for practice. ASP Mentors are paid for the time they spend attending training sessions, preparing for Structured Study Group meetings, and facilitating their small group meetings.

What is the time commitment?

ASP Mentors are expected to attend training through the Academic Success department, to meet weekly with small groups of students in Structured Study Groups, and to report regularly to ASP.

Questions? Contact Professor Harkins, Professor Cooper, or Professor Sull in Academic Success or email us at asp@tjsl.edu.

Applications are available online on the TJSL Academic Success page or from any professor in the Academic Success Program.



AMAZING EXTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR SPRING 2013 !!!

You might be asking yourself what is clinical education? Through the "clin-ed" program, you can earn academic credit while working in public agencies, selected corporations, or private law firms. Under the supervision of a practicing attorney, your externship will afford you the opportunity to appear in court in addition to doing research and drafting legal documents. Areas of practice can range from civil litigation, criminal prosecution, criminal defense, child welfare and custody, contracts, and business law.

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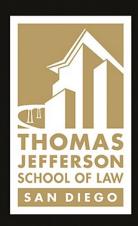
- § 30 units completed by start of externship
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The Externship Office is located at: 495 11th Avenue, entrance is on 11th Avenue The TJSL contact person is: Ms. Alexandra Rosa, Externship & Pro Bono Coordinator Email Ms. Rosa at arosa@tjsl.edu or call 619-961-4341 for further information.

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Teams are now forming for the SDCBA Basketball League, which is open to both men and women. League Rosters will be accepted through Friday, February 24 for the 2013 season, which will begin in March and continue through June.

Games are played Monday and Wednesday nights at San Diego High School, located at 1405 Park Blvd, San Diego, CA 92101.

Last year, the league consisted of 17 teams competing in three divisions.

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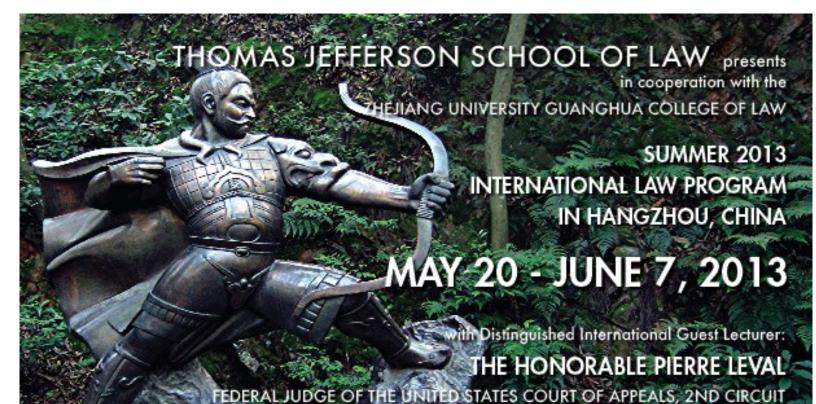
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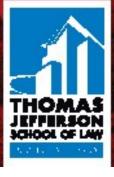
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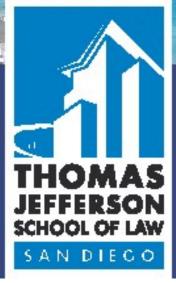
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