



Professor Rebecca Lee Receives Distinguished Honor

Professor Rebecca Lee is being congratulated by members of the TJSL community after being named the new chair of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Labor Relations and Employment Law.

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“I am so pleased that Professor Lee is receiving this well-deserved honor,” said Professor Susan Bisom-Rapp. “The AALS Section will benefit from her expertise and vision.” “Beyond that,” Professor Bisom-Rapp noted, “I cannot think of anyone I’d rather partner with in building TJSL’s labor and employment law program.”

Professor Lee previously served on the Section’s Executive Board, as Secretary, and then as Chair-Elect of the Section. “It is an honor to be the new chair of the AALS Section on Labor Relations and Employment Law and I am so appreciative of everyone’s congratulatory and supportive wishes,” said Professor Lee. “The Section had a fantastic panel at the 2014 Annual Meeting, and I am excited to put together next year’s panel in collaboration with the Executive Board.”

As Chair Professor Lee will be selecting the theme for the Section’s panel at the 2015 Annual Meeting, selecting panelists, and managing the Section’s budget, among other duties.

Justin Cruz Appointed to LSAC Diversity Committee

Justin Cruz, TJSL’s Assistant Director of Admissions, has been appointed to the Law School Admission Council’s (LSAC) Diversity Committee for a two year term.



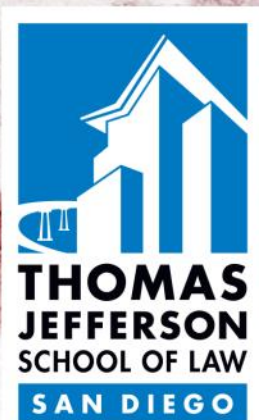
“I am honored to serve on the LSAC Diversity Committee with other administrators, professors and law school deans from across the country in its efforts to create programs to help expand the representation of minority law school applicants and enhance their opportunities for law school admission and beyond,” shared Cruz.

Cruz is an advocate of increasing minority representation in law schools. He is the current Vice-Chair for the American Bar Association’s Minorities in the Profession Committee and also serves on the Law School Diversity Professionals Executive Committee. In addition to recruiting prospective law students around the country and welcoming the entering classes at orientation, Cruz actively supports TJSL’s La Raza Law Students Association and TJSL’s Crawford Legal Institute Mentorship Bond (CLIMB) Program throughout the year.

As a member of the Diversity Committee, Cruz will help develop law school retention workshops that focus on meeting the needs of law students of color. “In my new appointment I hope to bring new ideas to identify and memorialize best practices for recruitment of underrepresented African-American, Latino, Native-American, Asian & Pacific Islander, and LGBT students,” he said.

Cruz is a 2010 graduate of Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, MO and is an active member of the State Bar of Missouri. Prior to entering academia, Cruz worked as Contracts Counsel in the Legal Department at Life Technologies Corporation in Carlsbad, CA. He also held summer associate positions for Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP in San Diego, OR and at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP in Portland, OR. Before attending law school, Cruz earned his Bachelor’s degree from Georgia Tech in Industrial and Systems Engineering and worked as an Engineer at Caterpillar, Inc. for five years.

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The 2014 Women and the Law Conference gathers together a slate of luminaries in military leadership to explore the unique forces shaping women's access to power in the U.S. military. The conference focuses on a number of issues, including whether new statistics on sexual assault in the military warrant legislative changes to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and explores the topic of women serving in elite combat units. The conference will be of interest not just to those with a military connection, but to anyone who seeks to gain insight on leadership and success from some of the nation's most powerful lawyers in uniform.



For more about the conference and to register, please visit us at
www.tjssl.edu/conferences/wlc

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“It’s always a highlight of the academic year to go through orientation,” said Thomas Jefferson School of Law Dean and President Thomas Guernsey on Monday, January 6 as he welcomed TJSL’s incoming students during the Week One orientation program that helps prepare students for the demands of law school. “You have just made one of the most important decisions of your life. You’ve chosen to become a lawyer, to take on a role and a set of responsibilities that will truly change you forever.”

“You are about to embark on a rewarding yet also very challenging endeavor here at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law,” said Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Linda Keller. “We will definitely challenge you. We will push you to work harder, to think more critically, to write more clearly but we will also be here to provide the tools and the support for you to do that.”



Dean Thomas Guernsey



Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Linda Keller

Associate Director of Admissions Michelle Allison-Slaughter explained to the 2014 incoming class that during Week One, they will participate in sessions to learn strategies for approaching their doctrinal coursework. “The sessions are led by TJSL professors who are knowledgeable about what it takes to succeed in law school,” said Allison. “We understand that transitioning into law school is never easy but we try to give you as much information as possible.”

from English to Romanian and come from different types of occupational experiences spanning from real estate to farming. “You all bring a lot of skills and talents and backgrounds to the school, and this is an opportunity to bring those experiences to the classroom,” said Spearman. “You breathe life into the building, and I want to congratulate you and welcome you and wish you the very best while you are here and I look forward to partnering with you over the next several years.”

Director of Admissions Tim Spearman pointed out that TJSL’s newest students are from 9 states, 34 different undergraduate institutions, speak 6 languages ranging



Associate Director of Admissions
Michelle Allison-Slaughter



Director of Admissions Tim Spearman

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Assistant Dir. of Admissions Justin Cruz

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During Week One, students learn how to read case law and write case briefs and how to prepare for law school exams.

“I realize that you are getting a lot of information coming at you,” said Assistant Director of Admissions Justin Cruz. “But what I encourage you to do is try to soak up as much as you can and then if you find yourself having questions, please know that myself and all of my colleagues are willing and available to chat with you at any time.”

Students also participate in a doctrinal class session to become familiar with the Socratic Method, and they take and grade a simulated law school exam. Because of this intensive introduction to law school, students begin the academic year with confidence in their ability to succeed and with an understanding of the basic skills necessary to do so.



William Byrnes and Rebecca Purdom

Professor Byrnes Attends AALS Conference

The American Association of Law Schools (AALS) President reported at the Sunday morning Section Officers’ breakfast on January 4, attended by Associate Dean William Byrnes of Thomas Jefferson School of Law, that this year’s conference had the second highest registration in AALS history.

During the AALS annual conference in New York City, LexisNexis sponsored the breakfast held at the Hilton Midtown for the Workgroup on Distance Education for Legal Education. The sit down breakfast, filled at room capacity of 50 stakeholders from among law schools, is the third annual breakfast during AALS and seventh meeting of the workgroup.

The Lexis sponsored breakfast provided Professor Rebecca Purdom, renown environmental law academic and leader of Vermont Law School’s Environmental online program, the opportunity to lead a stakeholder discussion on the Workgroup’s Report of Best Practices before the second edition publication in March. Professor Purdom also presented the agenda of the March 2014 three-day Workgroup meeting sponsored by Washington University School of Law (St. Louis). Professor Purdom stated, “The Workgroup evolved from a 2011 project presented at the Harvard Law School – New York Law School initiative of conferences ‘The Future of Legal Education 2.0’. Over the past two years, law schools’ interest has substantially grown in the workgroup’s best practices and case examples output as the schools leap forward into providing online courses and programs for their JD and LLM students.”

William Byrnes, as chair of the Report subgroup, has been coordinating input from academics from a representation of backgrounds, law school rankings, and regions, discussing and organizing contributions from workgroup members. Replying to the question: “What were some of highlights of the AALS conference this year?” Professor Byrnes answered, “The most significant “wake up” call of the AALS conference was the presentation about the variance granted William Mitchell College of Law for a flexible hybrid, distance delivered JD degree. The newly announced hybrid short residence - online JD degree combines intensive, one week on-campus seminars once a semester with online course work during the semester. This variance is a game changer regarding thinking about delivery of U.S. legal education and I expect Mitchell’s program to be wildly popular.”

“As the pioneer of distance learning delivered law degrees by ABA institutions, I am glad to see other law schools finally understanding the strengths offered by technology. At Thomas Jefferson, my understanding of distance education pedagogy has deepened, and is frequently called upon by other schools, promoting Thomas Jefferson an academic leader among the ABA schools.”

“Quality of education was a concern on many minds which I think will in turn increase interest in the workgroup’s best practices project and report. I also expect several more variances and online programs to be applied for in 2014”. Professor Byrnes continued, “The March 2014 distance education workgroup meeting has opened a third day to address requests from law schools to provide practical online course examples of tools and techniques.”

Immigration Attorney Dobrina Dobрева '11

Dobrina Dobрева '11, has had great success finding a fun and challenging career after law school. She is an in-house immigration attorney for ZeOmega Inc, an IT company developing healthcare management software. In her free time, she also takes pro bono and "low bono" immigration work assisting teachers and professionals with extraordinary ability in the arts, science, business and athletics.

According to Dobрева, the most exciting part of her job is, "the everyday interactions with employees, HR representatives, managers and company leaders." She became interested in immigration when she first moved to the United States. "It took me over 11 years to become a permanent US resident. After going through the process, I decided to become an immigration attorney, and help others who want to come to the US." She believes that immigration law can have one of the biggest impacts on peoples' lives. Dobрева stated, "Being a part of this change is what makes me wake up every day."

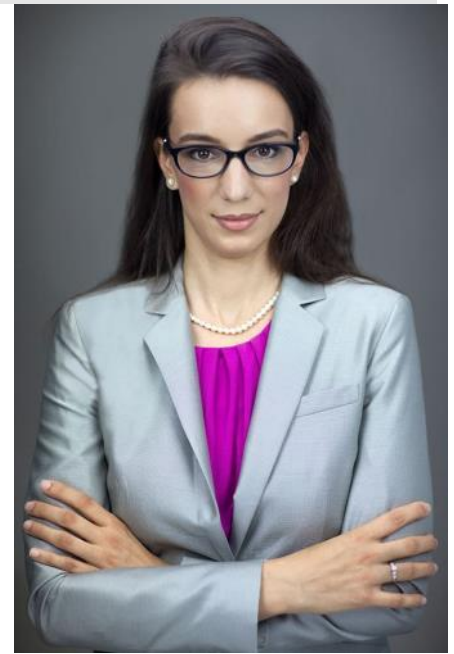
To find her career, Dobрева utilized the resources available to her at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. According to her, "the school's career service center was extremely helpful in providing me with the tools necessary during my job search. We all know that the legal job market is not what it used to be before 2008. More often than not, traditional job application process where the applicant submits their resume online does not result in securing an interview."

Dobрева also advocates utilizing creative approaches to networking with potential employers. In 2012, she applied for an in-house immigration attorney position with one of the biggest IT companies in the US. After she submitted her application, she used social media to research, find and connect with the manager. She added him as a contact and sent him a personal message, expressing her interest in the opportunity and asking if the company was still hiring. That worked. Dobрева stated, "in a few hours he replied and told me to e-mail him my resume. In a few weeks, I was hired. He told me that he liked the initiative I displayed by contacting him personally."

Dobрева stated she wants to encourage students to utilize the Career Services Office as much as they can. "The advice and support the Career Services Office provides are invaluable." She also states, "the purpose of the Career Services Office is to provide the students with the tools they need to be successful in their job search. But at the end of the day, it is the student's responsibility to take the initiative and the extra step necessary to land their dream job."

She has some great advice for law students. "During law school, make sure you network as much as possible and meet as many people as possible. Even if you do not get a job though networking, you will be exposed to invaluable information others will share with you. Set up a goal to personally meet at least 2-3 new people and to learn at least 1-2 new facts or useful information at every networking event. Also, depending on the area of practice you are interested in, it is always helpful to attend non-lawyers networking events, If you are interested in immigration, find out where the local immigrant or international organizations and communities get together, and get involved."

"Please join us in congratulating Ms. Dobрева on her successful job search," said Randy Reliford, Associate Director of Career Service. "We wish her well in her new career."



Criminal Law Litigator Alex Ozols '12

Recent graduate Alex Ozols '12 is a criminal law litigator and has started his own practice at the Ozols Law Firm and he also works for The Law Office of Bradley Corbett. He has always wanted to be a criminal defense litigator.

Mr. Ozols stated, "I have always wanted to do criminal defense since I was a young child. My goal is to make sure no one is ever wrongfully convicted, to make sure they are all seen equal under the law and to make sure they have the best legal representation possible."

Ozols is proud of his practice and has experienced great successes. "In the past year I have got to close over 100 cases, including misdemeanors, felonies, co-defendant cases, and a highly publicized federal case which was featured on the front page of the Union Tribune. I was recently named Rising Star by Attorney Journal Magazine and nominated for the Top Young Attorney of 2013 by the Daily Transcript."

During his time in law school, Ozols enjoyed the clinical placements he received from the externship department. According to Ozols, the "externship program forced me to go out there and look for a job. I called attorneys at every firm I could, I eventually found an attorney who I bonded with and he hired me right out of law school." Ozols valued all of the work experience that he obtained in law school and believes that is the most critical piece of the job search puzzle.

Ozols advises students to obtain as much work experience as they can while in school. "Every person in my graduating class that worked and did whatever they could all throughout law school have not had problems getting jobs. I worked at the Public Defender and at a private law firm every semester I was in law school. I shadowed other attorneys whenever I could, I was the second chair on trials and I was in court whenever possible. The same day I was sworn in, I was in the courthouse and ready to go. It was all because of the hard work I did during my time at Thomas Jefferson School of Law."

"We congratulate Mr. Ozols with a successful start to his career," said Associate Director of Career Services, Randy Reliford.

For more information about Alex Ozols firm, visit www.thesandiegocriminallawyer.com.



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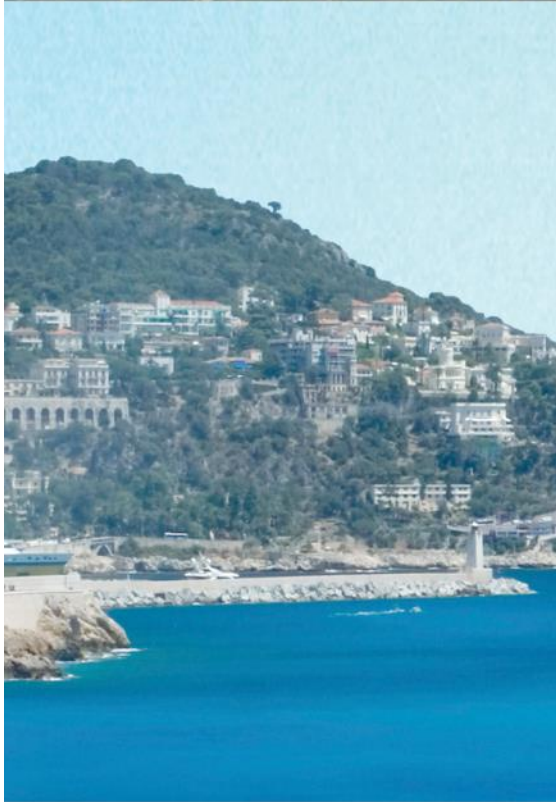
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MEDIA WATCH

January 6, 2014

Professor Alex Kreit appeared in the Wall Street Journal article titled New York's Puzzling Medical Marijuana Plan <http://blogs.wsj.com/law/2014/01/06/new-yorks-puzzling-medical-marijuana-plan/>

December 17, 2013

Professor Kaimipono Wenger appeared in a Huffington Post segment about the recent polygamy decision <http://live.huffingtonpost.com/r/segment/utah-sister-wives-polygamy/52ab39fe78c90a4e4900048b>.

December 10, 2013

TJSL awards JSD to Richard Gendler story appeared in The Daily Transcript <http://www.sddt.com/News/article.cfm?SourceCode=20131210tjc#.UquRcfRDt8F>

December 3, 2013

TJSL launches website for military story appeared in the SD Daily Transcript <http://www.sddt.com/News/article.cfm?SourceCode=20131203tje#.UqZDxfRDt8G>

November 26, 2013

JURIST Guest Columnist [Alex Kreit](#) of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law says that 2014 is going to be a truly groundbreaking year for marijuana policy in the US, when Colorado's and Washington's marijuana legalization takes effect <http://www.jurist.org/forum/2013/11/alex-kreit-marijuana-legalization.php>

November 25, 2013

TJSL was mentioned the SD Daily Transcript story titled Bar results feature highest pass rate in 4 years http://www.sddt.com/News/article.cfm?SourceCode=20131125czf&_t=Bar+results+feature+highest+pass+rate+in+4+years#.UqZBxPRDt8E

November 21, 2013

Professor Deven R. Desai was quoted in the New York Times in a story titled Beyond 3-D Printers' Magic, Possible Legal Wrangling. http://www.nytimes.com/2013/11/24/business/beyond-3-d-printers-magic-possible-legal-wrangling.html?_r=0

November 21, 2013

TJSL collecting money, supplies for Typhoon Haiyan victims story appeared in the SD Daily Transcript <http://www.sddt.com/News/article.cfm?SourceCode=20131121czc&t=TJSL+collecting+money+supplies+for+Typhoon+Haiyan+victims#.UpOz3cRDt8F>

November 19, 2013









Thomas Jefferson School of Law's Shannon Laoye was mentioned in SD Daily Transcript story titled the Earl Gilliam Bar awards scholarships at annual event <http://www.sddt.com/News/article.cfm?SourceCode=20131119tja#.UpPeAcRDt8E>

November 16, 2013

Professor Marjorie Cohn appeared on C-Span discussing Legal Challenges to Drone Strikes <http://c-spanvideo.org/program/DroneStrike>

November 5, 2013

TJSL employee rights clinic set for this Saturday article appeared in the Daily Transcript <http://www.sddt.com/News/article.cfm?SourceCode=20131105tje#.UoFxtfIDt8E>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	13  Spring 2014 Classes Begin	14	15	16	17	18
January 2014						
19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday No Class TJSJ Library will be open	21	22	23  Career Services - Writing an Effective Legal Resume and Cover Letter 11:45 AM Room 323  Career Services - Writing an Effective Legal Resume and Cover Letter 5:15 PM Room 318	24	25
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2	3	4	5	6  Alumni Association Mixer 6:00 PM Location: Craft & Commerce, Little Italy	7	8  UCSD Mock Trial Competition  Employee Rights Self-Help Clinic 9:30 AM
9  UCSD Mock Trial Competition	10	11	12  Faculty Colloquium Committee Speaker: Orly Lobel 11:30 AM	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17	18	19	20	21  14th Annual Women and the Law Conference: Women and the Military 8:00 AM	22
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