



Kimberly Roth is TJSJ Spring Class of 2014 Valedictorian

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

Kimberly Roth, graduating Summa Cum Laude will be addressing the audience as Valedictorian. "I'm really excited to be Valedictorian of my graduating class," said Roth. "It means all of my hard work over the past three years paid off! These

past three years have flown by, but I am eager to graduate, pass the bar, and enter the real world!"

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

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

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

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

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

Examining San Diego Homelessness and Possible Solutions

On Wednesday, March 12th from 7:30 - 8:45 p.m., a panel discussion about Downtown San Diego Homelessness: Its Implications and Solutions will take place in Room 227.

“Students in my [Global Justice, Self-Determination & the Law](#) seminar are examining legal and non-legal advocacy approaches to achieving social justice aims around their neighborhood, country and the globe,” said Professor Maurice Dyson. “As part of the seminar, each must engage in a project that raises awareness and sets out a concrete plan of action for implementing or facilitating positive social change and

empowerment to those marginalized communities in society. As part of their project, one group from the seminar chose the issue of homelessness and will be hosting this thoughtful panel.”

As a part of the class, students were asked to create a project that promotes awareness and sets out a concrete plan of action for enacting, or helping to bring about positive social change for marginalized groups. Event organizers Valen Hermiz (2L), Priscilla Askar (2L), Karen Barragan (2L) and Sam Kossack (2L) said they were inspired to create the panel because “too often, society seems to demonize homeless people. Homelessness is an issue that deserves far greater attention and understanding. We believe that we’ve identified key stakeholders in efforts to combat homelessness.”

Panelists will provide their insight, and the event will include a question and answer session.

The panelists are:

Thomas Guernsey, Dean and President of Thomas Jefferson School of Law

Todd Gloria, San Diego City Council member and Former Interim Mayor of San Diego

Chanelle Hawken, San Diego Chamber of Commerce

April Joy Galka, Director of PATH with Connections Housing a service and residential community designed to reduce street homelessness

Trong Nguyen-Dinh, Co-Owner of The District East Village Sandwich Shop

Rafael Castellanos, Port Commissioner

“One thing that Professor Dyson likes to remind us of in class, is that successful social justice movements form broad coalitions of support,” said Kossack. Helping to solve homelessness is one of those issues, and it is something that’s going to require effort from people of diverse industries and backgrounds.”

The panel is open to the public.



TJSL Director of Admissions Completes MBA Program

Congratulations to Timothy Spearman, Thomas Jefferson School of Law's Director of Admissions, on recently completing his MBA program at California State University Dominguez Hills.

"A business education provides me with a broader range of skills to approach the ongoing challenges facing legal education," said Spearman, who holds a B.A. in Communications from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Spearman is devoted to recruiting top law school candidates to TJSL.

TJSL has consistently been ranked among the most diverse law schools in the nation and has been distinguished as a "Pipeline Architect" for the Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) Summer Institute Program.

"I considered business school prior to my decision to attend law school. I'm happy with my decision to obtain a business degree at this stage of my career. The business world and the world of academia speak two different languages," he added.

Before joining TJSL in 2005, Spearman worked as a Law Clerk for the Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy, where he focused on disability and education law. He was also the Associate Coordinator of Student Services for the University of Wisconsin Law School and Admissions Counselor and Housing Coordinator for California Western School of Law in San Diego.



Professor Luz Herrera Named One of San Diego's 2014 Young Influentials

Congratulations to TJSL Professor Luz Herrera for being named as one of San Diego's 2014 Young Influentials by The San Diego Source Daily Transcript. She was one of the few selected for the award from a pool of over 90 nominees and will be featured in a special publication by the Daily Transcript on March 28, 2014.

The Young Influentials awards program highlights young entrepreneurs and successful business leaders who are the next generation of Top Influentials, San Diego County's young movers and shakers.

"I am honored by the recognition of my work in San Diego but more honored by the opportunity to work with such a great group of people: the students, faculty and staff at Thomas Jefferson School of Law," said Professor Herrera.

Professor Herrera has received numerous distinctions and recognitions for her community innovative ideas and projects in the San Diego legal community. Among them is her recent Lewis and Clark Award for Innovation and Dedication, her nomination to the San Diego U-T Latino Champions Awards in 2013, being recognized as an "Emerging Scholar" by *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* in 2013, being honored by the *San Diego Business Journal's* 19th Women Who Mean Business Awards in 2012, and being inducted into the College of Law Practice Management in Washington, D.C. in 2012.

TJSL Grad Fair: Where Graduation Begins

It's really happening! I made it! I'm graduating! Those were the overall sentiments felt by TJSL students attending the February 26, 2014 grad fair hosted by the Student Services Office which was held on the 5th floor in the Student Lounge.

"Graduating from law school represents much more than just a finish line," said Criminal Law Fellow Samantha Morales. "It's the beginning of a new life and the ultimate affirmation that anything is possible."

Event attendees said that the grad fair is when graduation suddenly seems real for the first time – when they put on a cap & gown and step in front of the camera to have their graduation photo taken.

"Graduating from law school is a truly awe-inspiring experience," said Federalist Society President Chase Victorson. "I cannot believe how quickly time went, or how much I have grown. I have wanted to go to law school since I was 6 years old, so this is a celebration a long time in the making. It is just a really cool feeling knowing that something I have wanted for so long is finally here."

"I am very excited to be one step closer to realizing my childhood dream of becoming an attorney," said Carly Surber. "It is so satisfying to finally see all of my blood, sweat, and tears pay off."

In addition to graduation photos, the grad fair also offered A.D. Live Scan finger printing (for background checks), Career Services exit interview information, Financial aid exit interview information and the opportunity to order graduation regalia, invitations and announcements. Students also had the opportunity to enter a raffle to win a Diploma frame: Compliments of Herff Jones and Graduate photo package: Compliments of Grad Images.

"Graduation is an exciting time," said Lukas Bylund. "I cannot wait to see my friends' and colleagues' dreams become their future."

"Graduating law school will be one of the most gratifying and exhilarating experiences of my life," said CJ Akselrad. "I cannot wait to walk across the stage on graduation day to accept my diploma... in a fabulous pair of shoes, of course."

The Spring 2014 graduation will take place on May 17, 2014 at Copley Symphony Hall located at 750 B Street, San Diego in Downtown, San Diego.



Bryana Carey and Lukas Bylund



CJ Akselrad



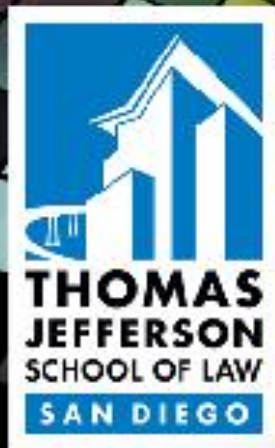
Taly Haghghi and Carly Surber



Chase Victorson



Samantha Morales



Paths to Success

**HOW TO GET FROM WHERE YOU ARE
TODAY TO WHERE YOU WANT TO BE**

MARCH 26, 2014, 4:30 – 5:45 PM, ROOM 325

Come hear some of TJSL's most prominent recent alumni as they discuss their strategies for success both during law school and following graduation. Ask the practical questions you've wanted answers to from newer lawyers who are grinding it out in the trenches daily.

PANELISTS

Eric Bernsen '12 (Knobbe Martens)

Tiffany Gilmartin '10 (Gilmartin Law)

Seth Schwartz '11 (Schwartz and Storey)

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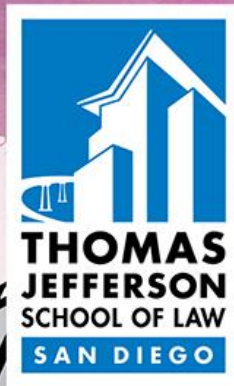
La Raza

Professional Identity Working Group

International Law Society

Native American Law Students Association

Law Students for Reproductive Justice



TJSL ALUMS WORKING IN ENTERTAINMENT LAW: *FILM, TELEVISION, & RADIO*

Saturday, April 12, 2014, 1:00-3:00 PM, Room 225

The cross-section between Sports and Entertainment Law is prevalent now more than ever. Please join the Center for Sports Law & Policy at Thomas Jefferson School of Law for an Entertainment Law panel with TJSL alums all traveling from Los Angeles to offer their experiences and advice.

PANELISTS

Mike Pastrano, Esq. '11 - Business & Legal Affairs, International at Lions Gate Films

Jakgeem Mays, Esq. '10 - Legal Affairs at NBCUniversal, Inc.

Katie Tooma, Esq. '11 - Associate Attorney at Levin Law Corp.

Maliha Haque, Esq. '11 - Warner Bros. Television Legal Affairs

Najmah Goldman-Brown '13 - Business and Legal Affairs Administrator at
Al Jazeera Media Network

Lindsey-Shannon Lee, Esq. '13 - Business & Legal Affairs at Playboy Plus
Entertainment, Inc.

Moderator: Jeremy Evans, Esq. '11 - CSLP Director, California Sports Lawyer

Introductions: Chanel Diblasi '15, Entertainment Law Society, President

RSVP <http://alumni.tjssl.edu/events/index.asp?eventid=340>

After the panel, starting at 3:30 p.m., the annual Alumni Tailgate at Petco Park will occur. Attendees are encouraged to purchase a ticket through the TJSL Alumni Association to attend. If interested, purchase tailgate/game tickets at <http://alumni.tjssl.edu/events/index.asp?eventid=336>.





THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW AT PETCO PARK

ALUMNI & FRIENDS TAILGATE **PADRES VS TIGERS**

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2014 3:30 PM

\$28 STUDENTS / **\$35** ALUMNI



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[HTTP://ALUMNI.TJSSL.EDU/EVENTS/INDEX.ASP?EVENTID=336](http://alumni.tjssl.edu/events/index.asp?eventid=336)

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50 YEARS OF TITLE VII: A FORUM ON EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION

APRIL 9, 2014, 11:30 AM - 12:50 PM, ROOM 325

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that prohibited employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, and national origin.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



Bill Lann Lee

- Lewis, Fienberg, Lee, Renaker, & Jackson, PC
- The nation's top civil rights prosecutor as Asst. Attorney General in the DOJ in the Clinton Administration
- Former attorney with the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund for 18 years
- "Northern California Super Lawyer" in the Employment & Labor, Civil Rights/First Amendment category each year from 2004 to the present

PANELISTS *(Perspectives from the Academe)*

- TJS� Professor Rebecca Lee
- TJS� Professor Susan Bisom-Rapp

MODERATOR

- TJS� General Counsel Karin Sherr



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<http://alumni.tjsl.edu/events/index.asp?eventid=333>

This event qualifies for **1 general hour of MCLE credit**. Free for all TJS� Alumni, Students, Staff and Guests. *Non-TJS� Alumni seeking MCLE credit \$25.00.* Food and Refreshments will be served.



FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

Citations Added March 2, 2014 - March 10, 2014

Julie A. Greenberg

Chapter in a Book:

Today, in LAW AND LIBERTY (with Jody LaSalle ed., Aspen, forthcoming 2014)

Marjorie Cohn

TV appearance

Televising Oscar Pistorius's murder trial in South Africa, CTV News Channel (the flagship program on Canada's #1 TV network), March 3, 2014

William H. Byrnes, IV

Books:

NATIONAL UNDERWRITER SALES ESSENTIALS (LIFE & HEALTH): MANAGING YOUR AGENCY (with Robert Bloink) (Summit Professional Networks 2014)

Books:

NATIONAL UNDERWRITER SALES ESSENTIALS (LIFE & HEALTH): PROSPECTING (with Robert Bloink) (Summit Professional Networks 2014)

Presentations:

Exchange of Information: FATCA, GATCA, BEPS, and Latin America, Tax Institute Medellin (CETA) and University of Amsterdam Centre for Tax Law, Medellin, Medellin (May 23, 2014), available at <http://www.ceta.org.co/html/principal.asp>

Presentations:

Exchange of Information: FATCA, GATCA, BEPS, and Latin America, Rosario University International Tax Seminar, Rosario University, Bogota, Colombia (May 22, 2014), available at <http://actl.uva.nl/news-events/events/events.html>

Presentations:

Prospecting in the Twenty-First Century, Novel Ideas: Literary Agents, Writers, and the Law, San Diego County Bar Association, San Diego (April 16, 2014), available at <https://www.sdcba.org/index.cfm?pg=events&evAction=showDetail&eid=15663&evSubAction=listMonth&calmonth=201404>

Presentations:

Cloning Your Clients, Sales Essentials: Prospecting and Referrals, Advisys, Orange County (April 2, 2014), available at <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/850420166>

Presentations:

A New International Standard of Information Exchange, University of Amsterdam Centre for Tax Law, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam (January 16, 2014), available at <http://actl.uva.nl/news-events/previous-events/previous-events/previous-events/content/folder/courses/2014/01/winter-course-on-i>

MEDIA WATCH

March 3, 2014

[Thomas Jefferson School of Law was mentioned in the National Jurist PreLaw section about TJSL's Merit Scholarship program.](#)

February 27, 2014

[Professor William Slomanson was quoted in a LA Daily Journal article titled Kozinski blasts Google, orders company to take down anti-Muslim video](#)

February 25, 2014

[Professor Kaimipono Wenger was cited by The Economist in an article titled Gay rights and religious freedom God damned it](#)

February 21, 2014

The 2014 Women and the Law Conference was mentioned on KUSI, NBC 7, ABC 10 and Univision 17.

February 21, 2014

[Professor David Steinberg spoke with KNX Radio in Los Angeles \(1070 AM\)](#) about a venture capitalist who feels California is too unwieldy to govern and is proposing to split it into six separate states, and Secretary of State Debra Bowen has given him the green light to start collecting petition signatures.

February 20, 2014

[Professors Amy Day and Jane Siegel conducted a radio interview about the WLC.](#)

February 20, 2014

[Jane Siegel did a television segment at KPBS about the Woman and the Law Conference.](#) Jane Siegel at 16:24 mark

February 20, 2014

[Professor Alex Kreit did a television segment for KPBS speaking on the topic of medical marijuana . Alex Kreit at 8:10 mark.](#)

February 4, 2014

[Professor Marjorie Cohn was quoted in a story that appears in The Nation](#)

January 31, 2014

[Professor Marjorie Cohn contributes to the Huffington Post](#)

January 26, 2014

[Professor Marjorie Cohn contributes to the Constitutional Law Prof Blog](#)

January 17, 2014

[Professor William Byrnes was quoted in the Wall Street Journal article titled Duly Noted: Delaying Social Security claims](#)

January 15, 2014


[Professor Marjorie Cohn was a Contributing Editor in the Jurist discussing two recent decisions on the constitutionality of the National Security Agency's \(NSA\) metadata collection program](#)

January 6, 2014

[Professor Alex Kreit appeared in the Wall Street Journal article titled New York's Puzzling Medical Marijuana Plan](#)

December 17, 2013

[Professor Kaimipono Wenger appeared in a Huffington Post segment about the recent polygamy decision](#)

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9	10 March	11	12 SE Family Law Society - "Opportunities in Family Law" 323 11:30 AM	13	14	15	
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