

## Congratulations TJSL Spring Graduates

Thomas Jefferson School of Law's Spring Commencement on May 18 featured one of the most diverse group of graduates in the school's proud history. The ceremony, at Copley Symphony Hall in downtown San Diego, was both joyous and energetic – with a standing room only group of family and friends filling the 2,200 seat hall to cheer on the graduates.

And for the graduates – it was a day of “dreams come true.”

“Dreams really *do* come true,” said Nicole Heffel, a Navy veteran. “Ever since I was a little girl I have wanted to be a lawyer.”

“I want to thank TJSL for helping me fulfill my dream of becoming a lawyer,” said Najmah Brown, who will start a new position soon as a lawyer at the Al Jazeera USA network.

“My dreams came true,” said graduate Nastaran Parvizi. “Ever since I came to the U.S. from Sweden seven years ago I’ve been waiting for this day and it feels amazing!”

“Finally! I’m so excited! I finally get to wear a cap and gown,” said Jennifer McCollough a former Navy helicopter pilot, who will begin a clerkship with Federal Judge John D. Love in Texas after graduation. “I love my school!” she added.

“This is icing on the cake after four years of hard work,” said Bardia Pourfallah. “This is the end of one chapter and the start of another. From the academic to the professional.”

Heading a graduation procession for the final time in his illustrious career was TJSL Dean Rudy Hasl, who is stepping down on June 30 after being the longest serving law school dean in America – 32 years at four different law schools.

The ceremony began with a stirring version of the Star-Spangled Banner, sung by two of the graduates, Kevin Kampschror and Sarah Felong.

Then Dean Hasl welcomed the 210 juris doctor graduates to what he called a “noble and learned profession.” He asked the graduates to “find your opportunity for service and leadership while fervently practicing justice and compassion in a world that so desperately needs your services.”

Dean Hasl received an honorary degree from Thomas Jefferson School of Law and was also given the honor of delivering the commencement address for, as Board of Trustees Chairman Randy Jones put it, “his immense contribution to the law school.”

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**Lindsay Demery and  
Michael Donaldson**



**Dean Rudy Hasl**



**Antionette Scott,  
Professor Thomas Golden and  
Najmah Brown**



**Gabriel Baldini**



**Andrew O'connell, Evan Garcia,  
Ian Mcmenemy, and Katie Hanes**



**Dean Rudy Hasl and  
Valedictorian Walter Araujo**



**Chantal Duisters and Noel Heard**



**Sevy Fisher, Evan Garcia**



**The Ceremony Filled the 2,200 seat  
Symphony Hall to Capacity**

### *Graduation story continued*

"I have been privileged to shape the future direction of an institution – especially in challenging times," said Dean Hasl.

"We are seeing changes in the way legal services are delivered. And you are more practice-ready than earlier classes. The only limitations on your accomplishments are those you place on yourselves."

After a heartfelt and sincere thank you to his family for the "sacrifices they all made to make possible my career," the Dean said, "Thank you and God-speed. I am proud to join you today as a graduate of Thomas Jefferson School of Law."

Dean Hasl was visibly moved by the standing ovation that followed his remarks.

"Today, we reflect on how we got here. Today we give thanks, and look to the future," said class Valedictorian Walter Araujo, who was the Editor in Chief of the *Thomas Jefferson Law Review* in his third year. "We dedicated hundreds of hours developing the skills for our profession. The professors are fantastic. They worked us. Even scared us and sometimes bored us – but not to death."

After a moving thank you to his family and friends for their support, Araujo concluded by borrowing a phrase from Dr. Seuss in *Oh the places you Go!*: "You have new brains and new JDs and the opportunity to do so many great things."

As he welcomed the new graduates into the TJSL Alumni Association, Vice-President Jeremy Evans '11 imparted this advice: "Positivity will bring your success. Be positive and employers will see that."

"It's surreal to look out and see both my Los Angeles and San Diego families and both of my churches," said graduate Noël Heard, who may have had the largest and loudest cheering section. "It's just awesome to see all the people who got me here. I'm ecstatic," Heard added, no doubt expressing the same sentiments that so many of her fellow classmates felt upon graduation.

In addition to the juris doctor graduates, 24 Master of Laws and Masters of Science of Law candidates received their diplomas, as part of TJSL's advanced degree program.

After the ceremony, all graduates and their guests were invited to TJSL for an open house and reception.



## Valedictorian Walter Araujo Reflects on His Time at TJSL



Valedictorian Walter Araujo

May 2013 Valedictorian Walter Araujo looks back with pride at his time spent at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. And that's not surprising when you consider his many achievements as a student, including graduating at the top of his class.

"I've been very spoiled here at Thomas Jefferson," said Araujo. "My first year was great. I was placed in Section Two (best section ever) and had some amazing professors— Susan Bisom-Rapp, Marjorie Cohn, Meera Deo, K.J. Greene and Aaron Schwabach. My first semester, I tried-out for and made the ADR team, which I participated in for three semesters. My second semester, I was invited to join an association in which membership would become my greatest highlight: Law Review."

Law school had its challenges for Araujo, but those challenges proved worthwhile. "My second year—the 'work you to death' year—was very busy and very memorable," recalled Araujo. "Thanks to the Externship Office here at Thomas Jefferson, I had a lot of great clinical experiences. I worked for a solo practitioner who specialized in education law. I also had two judicial clerkships: one at the Superior Court, Juvenile Division, and the other at the California Court of Appeal. Back at TJSL, Professor Susan Bisom-Rapp honored me by asking me to TA for her Torts I & II class (work as a teaching assistant). It was a lot of work, but I loved working as a TA and wish I could have done it again as a 3L (unfortunately, time would not permit)."

The opportunity to write a Note for the Thomas Jefferson Law Review proved immensely rewarding for Araujo. "Law Review was also huge part of my second year," said Araujo. "During the first semester of my second year, I wrote my Note (a student scholarly article) on Cyberbullying. I literally spent hundreds of hours outside of class researching and writing on the highly debated topic. It was a great learning experience for me. I got to work with Brian Link (my editor), who is one of the most talented individuals I've met here at TJSL. I also got to work closely with Professors Marybeth Herald and Bryan Wildenthal—two brilliant professors who taught me a lot about writing and the Constitution. The following semester, I was honored when the Law Review asked to publish my Note. I spent another 200 hours or so polishing my Note for publication. At the end of my second year, the outgoing Editorial Board bestowed on me the greatest honor of my law school career when they elected me to the position of Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review."

The highlights from his year as Editor-in-Chief of Law Review are simply too many to mention, but Araujo does have a few that stand out. "I truly enjoyed working alongside Travis Davis, Megan Morrissey and Anthony Matson to develop and implement training sessions for our Note writers. Jessica Mulvany, Justin Abbate, Stephanie Ross and I have great memories reviewing and selecting pieces for publication in the Journal, as well as working together to edit the selected pieces," noted Araujo. "It's been great working closely with the TJSL faculty—namely, Professors Rierson, Desai, Slo-manson, Guzelian, Deo, Wenger, Schwabach, Cohn, Simon, Caldwell and Semeraro. In my final weeks with the Journal, I enjoyed celebrating the work of everyone who is part of the Law Review at our annual banquet. I've also had a great time training the new Editor-in-Chief, Danielle Gilbert, for her next year with the Journal."

Law Review also has resulted in some highly valued associations for Araujo. "My third year was very special," explains Araujo. "As part of the Law Review Managing Board, I got to work closely with Travis Davis and Greyson Goody. I couldn't possibly ask to work with two greater guys. Both are incredibly smart, hard-working, and well-rounded. Both believe that anything worth doing is worth doing well. Both are destined for greatness. I will forever remember and be proud of the things the three of us accomplished during our year managing the Law Review."

After graduation, Araujo plans to stay close to home. "I will take the California bar," he said. "My goal is to find work in or near San Diego. I grew-up here. My friends and family are all here."

As for what the future may hold, Araujo embraces the possibilities. "I'm very open-minded. I enjoyed most of the subjects I studied, which I think is why I was able to do well. I had internships in the fields of education law and elder abuse, which I really enjoyed. It would be nice to practice in either of those fields."

## Brittany Walker (3L) to Intern in Arlington, VA

By Maysa Eissa, Esq., Associate Director of Career Services



Brittany Walker (3L)

Brittany Walker (3L) has secured a coveted position as the sole legal intern with Americans for Prosperity, a non-profit organization based in Arlington, VA. This organization is committed to educating consumers, business owners and the general public about the value and operation of an open and market-oriented economy. This summer, Walker will provide extensive research on tax, corporate, campaign finance, contract and employment law. She will also assist the organization's General Counsel on upcoming state and federal legislative matters, including an upcoming case that will be litigated before the Supreme Court of Nevada.

Growing up in Las Vegas, NV, Walker developed a strong interest in local and state politics from a very young age.

After earning an undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Walker served as the Finance Director of the Nevada Republican Party during the 2010 midterm elections. As Finance Director, she successfully created small and large-based donor fundraising programs for local, state and federal candidates.

Walker was inspired to pursue a legal career after seeing attorneys advocate on behalf of federal candidates. During law school, Walker has remained active in local San Diego politics, as well as within the TJSJL community. She currently serves as Secretary of Jefferson Law Republicans and intends to charter the TJSJL Federalist Society next year. In addition, Walker completed a legal internship with the House Judiciary Committee in Washington, D.C., which has further inspired her to pursue a career that will allow her to combine her legal expertise with her strong political interests.

"I am very excited about this opportunity to return to the Washington, D.C. area," said Walker. This experience will allow me to further strengthen my legal understanding of the law as it relates to a political interest that I feel very strongly about. This summer, I hope to learn more about election law and campaign finance, and I look forward to meeting members of the Washington, D.C. bar who may help me further my career aspirations."

To learn more about Americans for Prosperity, visit [www.americansforprosperity.org](http://www.americansforprosperity.org).

## Former Navy Pilot Eric Bernsen '12 Lands His “Dream Job” with Knobbe Martens



Eric Bernsen '12

Eric Bernsen '12 has accepted a position as patent counsel with Knobbe Martens, one of the top intellectual property law firms in the nation.

“I am simply stoked to be at Knobbe Martens,” said Bernsen using a little surfer terminology. “Having already applied there three times, I was thrilled to get an interview, and THEN to actually receive an offer... was just AWESOME.”

This position is a dream job for Bernsen, who is doing exactly what he wants to do and he is calling upon some of the skills and experiences he gained as a NAVY helicopter pilot.

“I have to admit it was bittersweet leaving my last firm – they really are incredible people and an excellent firm – however, I am now working in the very technology that made me want to study engineering in the first place with amazing attorneys at a premier IP firm,” said Bernsen. “I could not ask for a better opportunity at this stage of my legal career. I have worked really hard to get here but also feel exceptionally lucky– lucky to have had the support from my advisors, school, and peers that helped me get here. Between the IP Fellowship and the connections I was able to make through the faculty and staff, I feel like I was set up to succeed.”

“Eric has been a model for the type of student that we hoped to attract when we started the IP Fellowship four years ago,” said TJS� Professor Steve Semeraro. “Driven and goal oriented, but always ready to help other students succeed. It is so satisfying to see such a deserving student achieve his dream job.”

“Eric Bernsen was a leader in my course in every respect,” said TJS� Adjunct Professor Randy Berholtz, who supervises the IP Fellowship students. “He also transferred his technical skills as a helicopter pilot and leadership experience as a naval officer into the intellectually challenging world of patent and trademark law. It is no surprise to me that he has secured a job at Knobbe Martens, the best IP firm in San Diego and one of the best in the country.”

Bernsen is working at the Knobbe Martens office in Del Mar.

## TJSL Student to Intern with the Department of the Attorney General in Honolulu, Hawaii

By Maysa Eissa, Esq., Associate Director of Career Services



Jennifer Kay Uyehara (1L)

Jennifer Pua Uyehara (1L) will join the Department of the Attorney General in Honolulu, Hawaii as a legal intern this summer. The Hawaii Attorney General's Office, acting as the chief legal and law enforcement office for the State of Hawaii, is comprised of about 180 attorneys and more than 500 professional and support personnel. In addition to representing the state in both criminal and civil matters, investigating violations of state laws and advising government officials, this office also administers the State's Child Support Enforcement Program and implements crime prevention programs. This summer, Uyehara will work primarily with the Education Division, where she will help represent the State at administrative hearings.

Uyehara knew that she was destined for a legal career since the age of six. Growing up in Hawaii, Uyehara attended University of Hawaii. While earning her undergraduate degree in Political Science, as well as a Paralegal Certificate, Uyehara worked for six years at King Nakamura & Chun-Hoon, a law firm specializing in labor and employment law. She began as a temporary worker and worked her way up to serve as the paralegal for both of the firm's partners.

Uyehara was also very active within her community. Inspired by the human rights work of her law firm partner, Mr. Lowell Chun-Hoon, Uyehara began to outreach and educate the local surrounding communities on human trafficking issues. She won Miss Congeniality in the Miss Hawaii Preliminary Pageant and volunteered extensively with Families in the Fire, a nonprofit organization assisting families coping with drug abuse issues. Currently, she mentors current Miss America pageant contestants and is an active member of both the Women's Law Association as well as the Public Interest Law Foundation.

"I always knew that I wanted to be a lawyer, and working with my mentors over the years has inspired me to continue to follow this path," said Uyehara. "I really look forward to returning to Hawaii this summer to not only give back to my community but to represent our law school and to let Hawaii know what our school is made of. I know I want to work for the government and I am hoping to find a way to be able to have a thriving legal career in both Hawaii as well as in California. I am also really looking forward to creating lasting mentorship relationships with the attorneys I meet there and to gain first-hand experience in representing the State of Hawaii."

To learn more about the State of Hawaii's Department of the Attorney General's Office, visit [www.ag.hawaii.gov](http://www.ag.hawaii.gov).





Katie Smith (2L)

## **TJSL Student to Intern with Local Bankruptcy Judge**

Katie Smith (2L) will be interning this summer with Chief Judge Laura Taylor, a 9th District Bankruptcy Judge in San Diego.

"I am very excited about this position," said Smith. "At this point, I am unsure of any specific projects that I will be working on. But I just received a detailed packet with my duties that I will read before I begin."

Smith believes that she will be doing research and brief writing in addition to observing trials.

"I am thrilled and honored to be offered this position because I know it will provide me with a greater understanding of how the courts function and provide me with the hands on experience I need to be successful in my legal career," Smith said.

## **TJSL Alumna to Participate in Sports Injuries and Workers Comp Claims Panel**

Sports Attorney Brenda Foster '07 began her sports career in 2000 with the San Diego Padres organization. With the Padres, she worked in Scouting & Player Development assisting the club with its Amateur Scouting, Pro Scouting, International Scouting and Minor League operations efforts. Foster became one of the first female baseball operations employees to scout amateur games, operate the team's radar gun and call live pitches during home games at Qualcomm Stadium.

During law school, Foster transitioned into the team's legal department, assisting the Padres' General Counsel in drafting sponsorship agreements, defending salary arbitration cases and advising the club on a multitude of legal issues surrounding its move into PETCO Park.

For the past several years, Foster has litigated claims for workers' compensation and disability benefits in California on behalf of professional athletes and professional sports teams. Her current clients consist of NFL, AFL, MLB, NBA and MLS teams and their insurance carriers. Foster focuses her practice on advising teams with regard to risk management, insurance coverage, contract interpretation and litigation.

Foster will be the Special Guest Speaker at the Entertainment Law Society Copyright Fair Use MCLE Panel on Thursday, May 30 from 6 – 7 p.m. at Higgs Fletcher & Mack LLP located at 401 West A Street, Suite 2600, San Diego, CA 92101. The subject is Sports Injuries and Workers Comp Claims of the Modern Athlete.

There is no cost for SDESL Members. Non SDESL Members who are Attorneys will be charged \$20, Non-Attorneys will be charged \$15 and students will be charged \$5.

If you would like to attend, RSVP by May 29 to [mhoisington@higgslaw.com](mailto:mhoisington@higgslaw.com) <<http://search.php/>



**New Alumni Association President Eric Ganci '08**

## TJSL's Alumni Association Board Welcomes New Officers

Members of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law Alumni Association congratulate outgoing President, Renee Galente '08 for a job "well done" and welcome President Eric Ganci '08, and Vice Presidents Jeremy Evans '11 and David Beavans '08.

"I'm thrilled!" said Galente. "What an incredible trio! I think the board is going to have solid, strong leadership in these three. All are incredible reps to alumni and students and I have very high expectations for all they will accomplish in the coming year."

Ganci is excited to continue the great work that the Alumni Board has already started. "Last year, Renee put a ton of progressive ideas forward," said Ganci.

"This year, we should continue to build on these ideas and implement new ide-

as from the Board and Alumni. It's important to keep giving back to Thomas Jefferson School of Law. It's a strong community and needs to keep growing and giving back to TJ and the legal community at large."

Phil Shapiro '85 is the Alumni Secretary and is no stranger to being on the Board. "I have been on the Board since, I believe 1999," said Shapiro. "There were only 6-10 members then. I have been President twice, Vice President, and, it seems, permanent Secretary for the last four or five years."

"The new President and Vice Presidents have all been tested 'under fire' by holding responsible positions with the many functions last year," said Shapiro. "Eric has been very active with MCLEs, C.O.R.E, Halloween at Father Joe's, and the Alumni golf tournament. David Beavans was also active in the Alumni golf tournament and Jeremy is involved with everything we do! He directed the many changes in our By-Laws. They all earned their positions."

Evans is one of TJSL's former SBA Presidents and feels a sense of duty and pride towards his law school. "The plan for the upcoming year is to continue to show by action how great Thomas Jefferson School of Law is to learn, graduate from, and stay connected with years after graduation through the many activities and programs already in place," said Evans. "Perception in this world is everything, and if you have negative thoughts about your choices and experiences, people will pick up on that. I am amazed that folks continue to be negative in their view of themselves, which only hurts their chances at living a successful life. So again, the plan, the mission, is to drive and instill the message in leading by example through action that your positivity will be the source of your success. It starts with you."

Shapiro honors the Alumni Boards commitment, not only to the Alumni of TJSL but to its current students as well. "Personally, I have very strong feelings that the Board has a great responsibility to help students understand the practice of law," said Shapiro. "The school teaches them the law. EVERY alumni should have a TJSL extern working in their office. EVERY Board member should actively mentor at least one student organization. The Alumni Board is currently in the process of assigning board members to one or two different student organizations. They will attend meetings, mentor and help each club in any way they can. Students are always invited and encouraged to be involved in Alumni Board meetings."

Evans is always eager to sing the praises of a board that he is so proud to be a member of. "The Alumni Association is your connection to life and experiences beyond law school," explains Evans. "The Alumni Association consists of 6,500 plus alums and 24 Board Members who are working, living, and creating experiences that students can learn from. If that is not enough to entice, consider the benefits to your career and business by getting and staying involved through creating genuine relationships, i.e. networking."

If you are interested in learning more about the Alumni Board or would like to volunteer for a committee or alumni event please email [alumni@tjssl.edu](mailto:alumni@tjssl.edu).

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## New Book by Professor Vandeveld Documents the History of TJSL/WSU into 2005

*After hundreds of hours of research and writing, Professor Ken Vandeveld has just published "A History of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law," a new book detailing the years since the School's founding as the San Diego campus of Western State University College of Law in 1969 through 2005. Professor Vandeveld, who was TJSL's Dean from mid-1994 to mid-2005, shares below some of his reflections about writing this first-ever account of TJSL's history in publication.*

"One of the most interesting discoveries for me in writing this history was that the law school from its inception was ambitious in its desire for academic excellence and recognition. It would take many years for the law school to achieve the founders' ambitions in that regard, but they had the ambition from the beginning. Another interesting discovery was that the idea for opening a campus in San Diego originated with a San Diego law student who was dissatisfied with the quality of the education that he was receiving at another law school. This campus in particular was born from a desire for academic excellence and a concern for the needs of students.

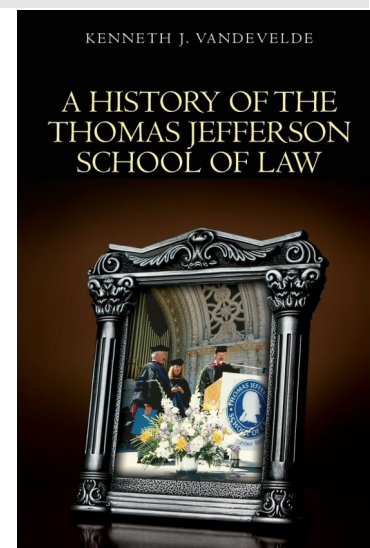
During the 36 years covered by the book, the law school was transformed. It began with a part-time program, a part-time faculty and a curriculum that covered little more than the subjects tested on the bar exam. Most students came from San Diego, a majority of the entering class never graduated, and relatively few graduates left the state. By the time the story ends in 2005, our student body is predominantly full-time, more than 60 percent come from outside of California, and nearly every-one graduates. We have more than 35 full-time faculty members drawn from America's most prestigious law schools, our curriculum is rich in cutting-edge courses in areas such as intellectual property and international law and we have been ranked fifth in the nation for the quality of academic life on campus.

One of the most important reasons for writing a book like this is to help preserve the culture of the institution. The law school represents certain values that it has embraced over time, the most important ones in my mind being the quest for academic excellence and a belief that people matter. A record of how these values have shaped the institution is important to keeping them alive. An institutional history also assists each generation in learning from both the mistakes and the successes of past generations. It satisfies our innate curiosity about the origins of the things around us. And, because it portrays our fellow humans engaged in their daily struggle with the vicissitudes of life, it can serve as a source of amusement and perhaps even of inspiration. Finally, for those who are not affiliated with the law school, this book demonstrates that we are a vibrant institution composed of people who really care about what they do.

Writing the book took me well over two years. I began my research in early 2011, with the intention of finishing it by the end of the summer. The more I learned, however, the more I wanted to know. New information raised new questions. I spent hundreds of hours working on it, alternating between writing the book and writing my Ph.D. dissertation, which I also begin in 2011. The research and writing was, for the most part, a great deal of fun because recreating the past is like being a detective or a spy. The most difficult parts of the process were locating some of the people involved in the early history of the law school, reconciling conflicting accounts, and deciding what to leave out. My great regret is that all of the major participants were alive when I first thought about writing the book, but several of them passed away before I was able to speak with them. Ironically, I had exactly the same problem with my dissertation.

The history reveals that we can be very proud of what we have accomplished against formidable obstacles. The law school started from literally nothing – two couples sitting around a dining table imagining that they could start a law school. There were no big investors, no large university standing behind them. But by endeavoring to meet the needs of students and by seeking always to improve on what they were doing, they rapidly built the largest law school in California. Further improvements were blocked for a time by a well-entrenched ABA policy against accrediting law schools that were operated as for-profit institutions. We eventually broke through that barrier, becoming the first for-profit law school to gain ABA approval and then becoming the first accredited for-profit law school to convert to a nonprofit. After that, we experienced an explosion in the quality of our academic program. Within four years, we were receiving more than 4000 admissions applications a year, we were second only to Stanford among California law schools for the geographic diversity of our student body, we were just beginning the best string of bar results in our history, and our students were landing jobs at major law firms around the country. The ABA site evaluation team that visited the law school in 2004 said that TJSL's transformation during the prior decade had been 'miraculous'."

*Professor Vandeveld's book is available at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)*





# FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

## Citations Added May 5 - May 20, 2013

### Alex Kreit

#### Article:

The Federal Response to State Marijuana Legalization: Room for Compromise?, 91 Ore. L. Rev. 1029 (forthcoming 2013)

### Marjorie Cohn

#### Presentation:

*'Responsibility to Protect' and the case of Syria*, International Peace Congress, World Peace Council and the Peace Association of Turkey, Istanbul, Turkey (April 27, 2013)

#### Media Appearance:

Obama's power to release detainees from Guantanamo, KPFA Evening News, Berkeley, CA (May 19, 2013) Issues in Boston Marathon case, drones and targeted killing and Lynne Stewart case, Letters and Politics, KPFA and Pacifica, Los Angeles and national, April 22, 2013.

### Christopher Guzelian

#### Article:

*False Speech: Quagmire*, 51 San Diego L. Rev. (forthcoming 2014), available at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2245157>

### Rodney Smith

#### Presentation:

Panelist, *NCAA: Enforcement, Sanctions, and Relationship with Universities*, The New Normal in College Sports, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA (April 5, 2013)

### Richard Winchester

#### Article:

Obama's Gift to the Rich: A Permanent Payroll Tax Holiday, 48 Val. U.L.R. \_\_\_\_ (Forthcoming 2013)



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Smoking is prohibited at the entrances to TJS�, 5<sup>TH</sup> and 8<sup>TH</sup> floor terraces. Ash receptacles can be found on the east side of the TJS� building on Park Blvd. California law prohibits smoking within 20 feet of any public buildings because of the dangerous health effect of secondhand smoke.

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# 2013 SUMMER

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- 2 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 17<sup>th</sup>. You will not get paid for work until you turn in a completed RA Work Study Packet.
- 3 SIGN UP FOR RESEARCH ASSISTANT TRAINING**  
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- 4 RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT: MAY 20-JUNE 30**  
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!





# THE DIVINE INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE:



## AN OVERVIEW OF LDS INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROPOSITION 8 CAMPAIGN

Presented by TJSL Professor Kaimipono Wenger

**MAY 28, 2013, 5:30 PM–7:00 PM, ROOM 225**

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS or Mormon church) was heavily involved in the passage of Proposition 8 in California. Church members participated in the Proposition 8 campaign in a variety of ways, including extensive fundraising and various publicity efforts such as door-to-door get-out-the-word campaigns. Statements by the church and its leaders were a central part of the LDS Proposition 8 strategy. The church issued three official statements on Proposition 8, which combined theological and religious content with specific political, sociological and legal claims. For instance, in their support for Proposition 8, LDS church leaders (most of them not legal professionals) made a series of detailed predictions about the legal consequences of same-sex marriage. These official declarations were supplemented and reinforced by a variety of unofficial statements from church leaders and members. Professor Wenger will discuss LDS involvement with Proposition 8, in particular the legal claims made by the church and its leaders. He will recount the statements made by church leaders and church members during the Proposition 8 campaign, briefly examine the accuracy of some of the most broadly circulated claims and discuss some of the legal implications.



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# University of Connecticut School of Law

## 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

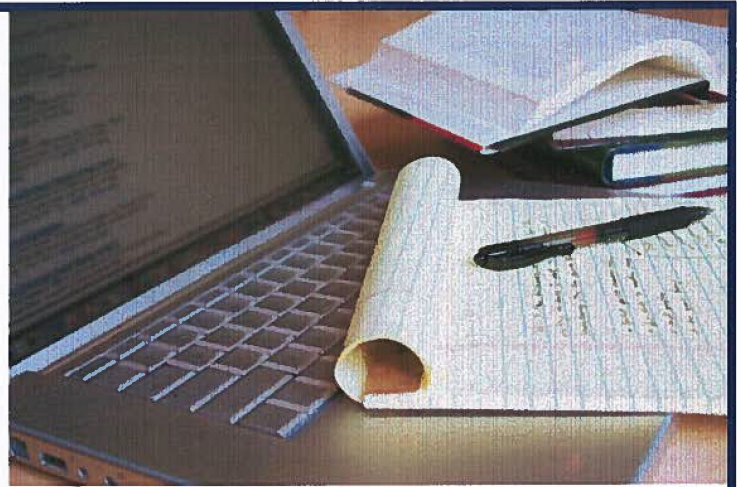
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### Format

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 1/2 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](mailto: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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# 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.

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<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	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.
<b>DEADLINE</b>	Papers must be postmarked no later than July 1, 2013.
<b>AWARD CRITERIA</b>	Written submissions will be judged based on quality, clarity, originality and organization. All essays must also meet the following criteria:  <b>LENGTH:</b> Type written, double spaced, no less than 12 point Times New Roman font, on 8.5" x 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.  <b>FORMAT:</b> 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  
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<b>COVER PAGE</b>	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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