

Vince Hall '08 to be Mayor's Chief of Staff

Thomas Jefferson School of Law graduate Vince Hall '08 has been appointed as chief of staff to newly elected San Diego mayor Bob Filner.

Hall has been serving as the Vice-President of Public Affairs and Communications for Planned Parenthood & Riverside Counties since he graduated in 2008.

"I am honored to have this opportunity to serve Mayor Filner and the people of this great city, which has been my home for nearly 30 years," Hall said.

"I am inspired by the opportunity to bring my many years of experience in local, state, and federal government to bear on the challenges facing the new administration. I look forward to putting my law school education from Thomas Jefferson to work in the critical policy-making in the mayor's office."



Hall has served on Filner's staffs with both the San Diego City Council and in Congress. Hall also served as the staff director for former California governor Gray Davis.

"Vince brings decades of expertise and experience to this important leadership position," said Filner. "His management skills and political savvy are well respected by leaders from throughout our community and both political parties."

Hall is now working with the Filner transition team and will assume his new position in the mayor's office when Filner is sworn-in on December 3.

PILF Panel Encourages TJSJL Students to be Active in Public Service

By Kelly Hayes

The Public Interest Law Foundation held an informative Public Service Panel on Wednesday, November 14, emphasizing the importance of incorporating community service into our law school education and as future attorneys.



(L to R) Lori Mendez, Professor Alex Simpson & Professor Maurice Dyson

Professor Maurice Dyson of CLIMB, Professor Alex Simpson of Street Law and Lori Mendez of the SDCBA Community Service Committee discussed the influences public service can have on the San Diego Community.

“It gives you a sense of direct purpose,” Professor Dyson said of the CLIMB Program.

Crawford Legal Institute & Mentorship Bond (otherwise known as CLIMB) provides an outlet for Crawford high school students. TJSJL CLIMB members work as mentors with Crawford High School to provide value-based education and help Crawford students succeed in San Diego’s community.

“There’s a schools to prison pipeline leading to higher drop-outs, [students] join gangs, become involved in crimes. CLIMB exists to set that clock back,” Professor Dyson said, “to unwind that phenomenon. They are tremendous role models to these kids.”

Crawford high school students are from primarily low-to-middle income families, from all demographics. Unfortunately these circumstances ultimately lead to poor choices, poor programs and limited access to rehabilitative programs. CLIMB has worked to correct these issues by addressing them in a peer-centered Teen Court Program. “It gently restores the person back into the community,” he said. “We get these kids to think broadly about their potential and the tangible result is their grades improving.”



Lori Mendez



Professor Alex Simpson

Professor Alex Simpson is the Program Director for Street Law, as well as the Legal Director for the California Innocence Project. He implemented the Street Law Program to give law students a chance to work in the San Diego community and teach high school students the importance of the law and our legal system.

“We try to give them a concept of rights and responsibilities under the law,” he said, “a place of community that they haven’t thought about before. A lot of these kids see the law as a negative force in their lives, we try to flip that.”

PILF Panel Continued...

Professor Maurice Dyson

TJSL's Street Law program will be taught in the spring 2013. "We go to high school classrooms and teach... the practical stuff," Professor Simpson said. The lessons include how to read rental agreements and how to avoid having a security deposit taken, the basics of employment discrimination, criminal law topics and constitutional law issues.

Although many law students come out of law school thinking Public Interest Law isn't for them, Professor Simpson encouraged students to think again.

"It's something that is very rewarding, and very fulfilling, but unfortunately not very lucrative," he said. "Giving back to the community is incredibly important. It's incredibly rewarding. It's not the same experience with my [lawyer] friends. They're frustrated, underappreciated and have no connection with their clients. I'm happy with what I'm doing. I wake up and want to go to work."

Lori Mendez who works as a personal injury attorney here in San Diego was appointed as the San Diego County Bar Association's Community Service Committee Chair by the SDCBA President, and she hasn't regretted any of her service to the San Diego community.

She said her organization acts as an umbrella organization to so many other programs run by the SDCBA that allows attorneys, judges and law students to become more involved in San Diego. "We care about the community," she said. "We really do. You feel like you're making a big difference. It's not just with one child. It's more than that."

Ms. Mendez discussed the various programs and organizations involved, including the Read-In Program, which allows legal professionals to go inside elementary schools and read to the children.

Although many of the programs are intended for students and the San Diego community, they have an impact on our legal field as well, like the Peer Mediation program. It implements positive conflict-resolution techniques with fourth and fifth graders. "This is something we use in the law," she said. "We're always resolving problems. We need to learn how to get along with our adversaries, our clients and positive techniques to do so."

Overall the panel provided the TJSL students with some guidance about the importance of being active in the community through public service. "Pick something you're passionate about," Ms. Mendez said. "Just get involved, because there is so much need in our community."





National Moot Court Competition Teams: Meghan Buckner, Conrad Ohashi, Tomi Adeleke, Yvonne Ruiz, Danielle Gilbert, and Thomas Bollman (not pictured: Katarzyna Grzechnik)

Moot Court Honor Society Competes

RuthAnne Bergt - 3L

The weekend of November 9 - 11 was a busy one for TJSJ's Moot Court Honor Society. The team sent competitors to two different Moot Court competitions!

The Fifteenth Annual Pepperdine University School of Law National Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition was held in Malibu, CA.

TJSJ sent a team of three; Katie Hanes, Geoffrey

Abrams, and Dublas Paniagua, coached/advised by Professor Rierson. The problem was about online music videos, copyright infringement law, and fair use.

The 63rd Annual National Moot Court Competition Regional rounds were held in Los Angeles this year. Meghan Buckner, Tomi Adeleke, Danielle Gilbert, Thomas Bollman, Yvonne Ruiz, Katarzyna Grzechnik, and Conrad Ohashi made up two competition teams representing TJSJ in the competition. The problem's issues included freedom of speech, qualified immunity and unreasonable search and seizure.

TJSJ's teams submitted appellate briefs and competed in multiple rounds of oral argument. A special thank you to the professors, practicing attorneys, TJSJ alumni, and students for their help in preparing our teams for these competitions!



Entertainment Law Competition Team: Dublas Paniagua, Geoffrey Abrams, Katie Hanes

CLIMB's Culture Night Informs Crawford High Students About Health

By Nancy Coblenz 1L

On Friday, November 9th, CLIMB hosted their third Culture Night at TJSL, welcoming TJSL students and faculty, and Crawford High School students and teachers.

Chris Nepacena, 2L, showcased an informative presentation on how to become health conscious which included how the body metabolize food, the importance of exercise, and what foods pose a long term health risks.

This presentation quickly became a fruitful discussion among Crawford High students and members of CLIMB. The students wanted to know about their health, their habits and what they can do to proactively engage in a healthy lifestyle. Among those answering the questions were former athletes, current fitness enthusiasts, a certified personal trainer, Professor Slomanson and Professor Dyson. This allowed all students to get their questions answered and concerns addressed. CLIMB had the opportunity to have Dean Leah Christensen as a guest speaker. She demonstrated proper breathing techniques to calm the mind and body and to reduce stress. Subway and Jamba Juice smoothies were provided to demonstrate what healthy choices people can make, even on the go.

CLIMB (Crawford Law Institute & Mentorship Bond) is a TJSL program that engages with students at Crawford High School by offering sponsored Culture Nights, tutoring program and a speaker series that allows the students at Crawford to learn about the legal profession in the law academy on campus. CLIMB is always looking for TJSL students to participate by becoming a tutor, mentor, or advocate by coming to the Culture Night series, or general meetings.

If you would like to get involved, or have any questions, please contact Lee Vernon at vernonlm@tjsl.edu.



Success Suits HIM

Samantha Birkner, 2L., Phi Alpha Delta, Co-Director of Professional Events

As law students, we hear every day that we are training to be professionals. We take courses on professional responsibility, learn proper court etiquette and find different ways to network. However, many overlook the importance of *dressing* like a professional.



Phi Alpha Delta (PAD) has a reputation for putting together seminars on campus that educate TJSJL students and PAD members on what it means to be a professional. In fact, last year's event won 3rd place for the best professional program in the nation!

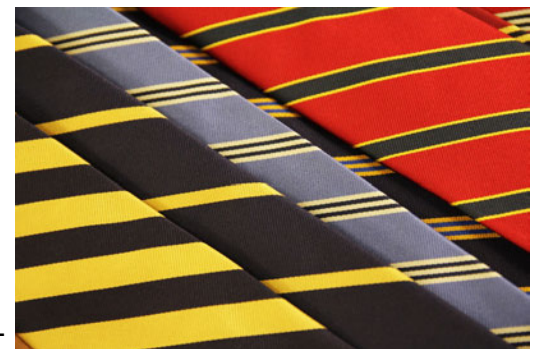
At PAD's second annual Success Suits HIM held on Wednesday, November 14, the gentlemen in attendance were eager to hear about appropriate professional and business casual attire as well as the difference between the two. Representatives from Brooks Brothers educated them on what should be worn to networking events, to interviews and in the courtroom. A navy sports jacket may be appropriate for a day time networking event but a charcoal suit is conservative and appropriate for the court room.



Brooks Brothers Representatives

Learning to be a professional in the legal world also means understanding that first impressions are very important. For example, you want the interviewer to be focused on your skills and attributes and not the loud tie or mismatched socks you are wearing. And you wouldn't wear an orange suit or bright blue suit to your first appearance in front of a judge, right?

"A true gentleman understands the difference between a Windsor and a Four-in-Hand knot," explained Landon S. Holder, Men's Wardrobe Consultant from the Brooks Brothers in La Jolla. He gave these gentlemen a step-by-step guide highlighting the five traditional options for making sure their tie is always well suited for every occasion.



Not only did they cover the basics of what to wear and when to wear it, but they also explained proper care of the clothes: garment bags, when to dry clean, using shoe horns & trees, the difference between shoe polish & shoe conditioner, etc. Suits, leather shoes, ties and button downs are investments and an important one for our choice of career. These gentlemen learned how to develop a versatile, fashionable but conservative wardrobe.



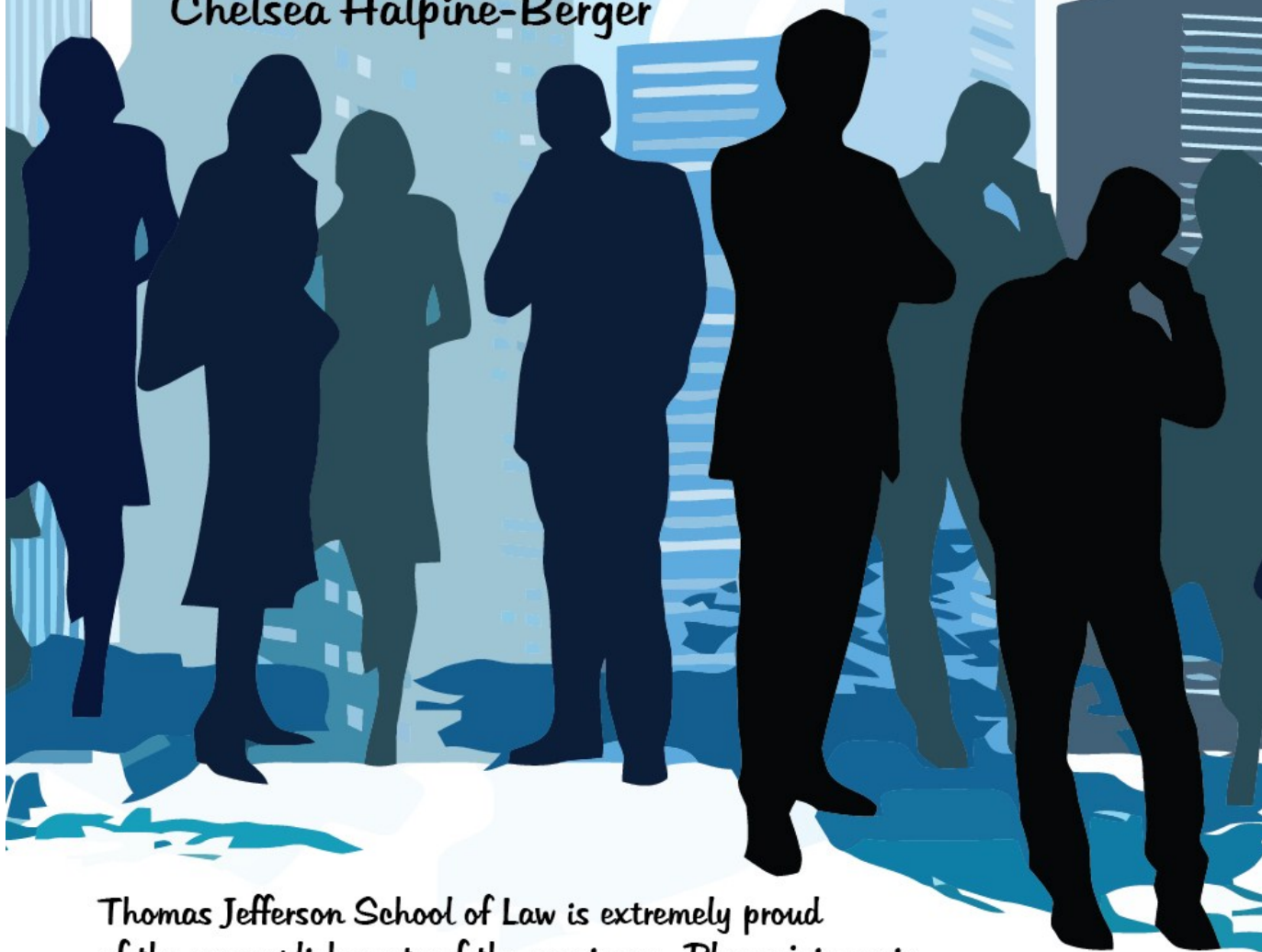
For more information on Phi Alpha Delta, please visit: www.tjsl.edu/phialphadelta.

CONGRATULATIONS

TJSL's 2013 Who's Who Among Students
in American Universities and Colleges

Jesse Allen
Walter Araujo
David Askander
Elizabeth Chu
Lindsay Demery
Danielle Gilbert
Adeyinka Glover
Chelsea Halpine-Berger

Nicole Heffel
Kevin Kampschorr
Aarti Kumar
Jennifer McCollough
Ian McMenemy
Jessica Mulvaney
Susanne Prochazka



Thomas Jefferson School of Law is extremely proud of the accomplishments of the nominees. Please join us in congratulating them on their contributions to the Thomas Jefferson community!



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.

The experience you will receive from this course will be invaluable! You will gain hands-on experience, networking opportunities, and great employment prospects for your future.

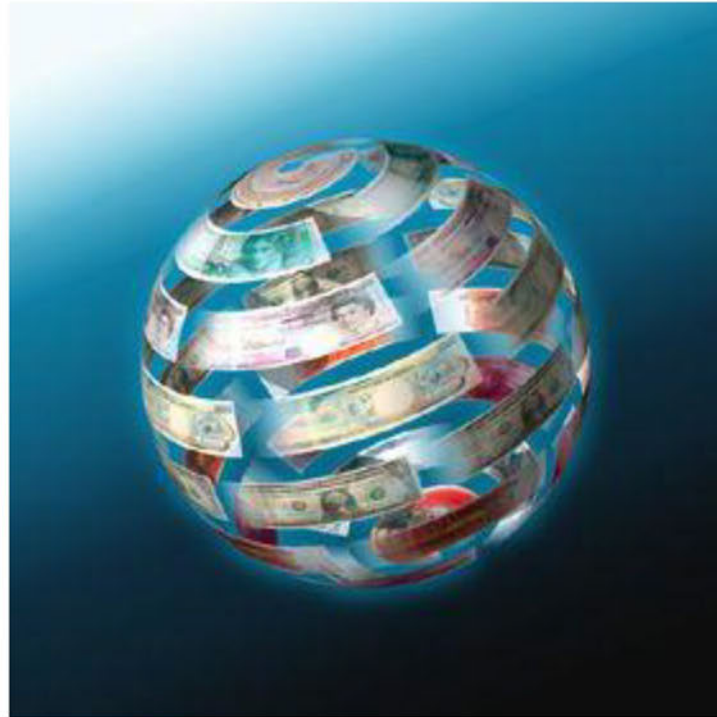
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLINICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM:

- § **30 units completed by start of externship**
- § *First-time participants must be in good standing*
- § *Repeat participants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.43 or higher*
- § *Full-time students should consider time constraints when applying for Clin-Ed credit the same semester they take Evidence. Most sites require 20 hours/ week minimum*

In order to receive credit, students also attend a class and complete several academic assignments . YOU may not receive academic credit *and* be paid during the same semester.

If you meet the requirements, do not miss this amazing experience!

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@tjssl.edu or call 619-961-4341 for further information.



International Law Society presents:

Careers in Private International Law

November 20, 2012

11:30 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.

Room 227

Interested in a career in private international law?
Are you enticed by the thought of working in
global corporate law or international trade?

Join ILS for a career panel!

Presenters include Professor Claire Wright, a former partner at Baker & McKenzie and a Summer 2012 World Trade Organization Scholar, and Juan Zúñiga, founder of Cross Border Law Group and former chair of the International Section of the SDCBA.

Lunch will be provided to those who RSVP to ils@tjisl.edu.



TJSL SPORTS LAW SOCIETY

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETINGS

With Special Guests:

Thursday, November 8

Katie McGann

Associate Athletic Director
Compliance & Student Services
UC San Diego Athletics
TJSL Room 318

Monday, November 19

Josh Stein

Director
Baseball Operations
San Diego Padres
TJSL Room 316

Time: 12:00-12:50

Who?: Sports Law Society Members

For more information, please email us at sportslaw@tjssl.edu.



Best Chapter in the Nation 2011-2012

PHI ALPHA DELTA

presents...

Thanksgiving Dinner at Father Joe's

Come volunteer and help serve a special dinner to those less fortunate!

Where: Father Joe's Village
3350 E St.

Walking distance from school

When: Wed., Nov. 21, 2012

Time: 4:00 to 7:00p.m.

Sign up on TWEN

no later than Sun., Nov. 18 by midnight

For more info, please visit tjsl.edu/phialphadelta or email pad@tjsl.edu

Latino Students: De-Stress & Plan For Finals

November 28

5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

TJSL 8th Floor

*Sponsored by
Professors Leah Christensen & Priscilla Vargas Wrosch
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Enjoy food and drinks.

Learn how to organize your time during Dead Week &

Experience a guided meditation to relieve stress and anxiety.

5 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Professor Leah Christensen will show you how to make the best of your time during Dead Week and ensure you are well prepared for every subject.

5:30 – 6 p.m.: Attorney and Career Coach Christy Cassisa will lead a 15 minute Mindfulness Meditation For Stress Relief and offer tips on how to de-stress and control anxiety during your final exams.

6 - 7:30 p.m.: Eating, drinking, and mingling.

T. Howard *Summer Internship*

Promoting **Diversity** in the Multimedia and Entertainment Industry

The T. Howard Foundation is a non-profit organization that partners with major media companies to provide **paid** full-time summer internships in the multimedia and entertainment industry to 1L and 2L minority students.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1ST

Participating companies include some of the largest media companies in the world. Students are placed with companies from New York to Los Angeles, Washington, DC to Atlanta and many places in between. Host company partners are committed to diversity and providing valuable industry experiences to T. Howard Foundation interns.

Please visit <http://www.t-howard.org/how-apply> for more information on how to apply and eligibility qualifications.

Contact Career Services with any questions or for a review of your application materials, careerservices@tjssl.edu.

Attention: TJSJL February 2013 Bar Candidates!

*Fleming's Fundamentals of Law in conjunction with
Thomas Jefferson School of Law presents:*

A Live 18-Hour Performance Workshop Preparation for the February 2013 CA Bar

Be a Successful Bar Candidate! Master the Performance Exam!

Dates:

Friday, January 11, 2013: 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Saturday, January 12, 2013: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday, January 13, 2013: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Costs:

Normal Price: \$475.00
TJSJL Discounted Price: \$370.00
TJSJL Subsidized Scholarship: \$ 75.00
*Total Student Fee: \$295.00
(*\$16.95 per hour*)

**In order to qualify for the TJSJL subsidized scholarship,
TJSJL student must register by December 20, 2012,
attend the entire Workshop, and complete all assignments.*



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INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION

Photo courtesy of Arturo Donate

CALL FOR PAPERS

American University Washington College of Law Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and the American Society of International Law's (ASIL) Lieber Society seek submissions of papers for the Third Annual International Humanitarian Law Student Writing Competition.

This competition aims to promote interest and enhance scholarship in international humanitarian law among students as well as deepen their understanding of this important area of international law.

AWARD:

The two winning authors will present their papers at an expert conference at American University Washington College of Law in Washington, DC, with travel and accommodation expenses covered. Winners will also receive a complimentary registration at the ASIL Annual Meeting on April 3-6, 2013 in Washington, DC, and will receive a one-year student membership with ASIL.

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS:

Students must currently be enrolled in a law degree program at a U.S. or foreign law school as of the submission deadline. Students may choose a topic within the scope of international humanitarian law. Submissions must be unpublished academic papers written solely by the candidate in English. Articles should be submitted online, as Microsoft Word attachments, to teachinghl@wcl.american.edu.

The deadline for submissions is Thursday, January 31, 2013, by 12 PM Noon (EST).

FOR DETAILED COMPETITION RULES, PLEASE VISIT WWW.WCLCENTERFORHR.ORG

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NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18	19	20	21	22 <i>Thanksgiving TJSL Campus and Library Closed</i>	23 <i>TJSL Campus and Library Closed</i>	24 <i>TJSL Campus Hours 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.</i>
<h2>THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS</h2>						
25 <i>TJSL Campus Hours 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.</i>	26 <i>Don't forget to check us out on the TJSL Official Facebook page!</i> 	27	28 <i>5 p.m. Latino Students: De-Stress & Plan For Finals RSVP by November 23 to PVAR- GAS@TJSL.EDU Sponsored by Professors Leah Christensen & Priscilla Vargas Wrosch Co-Sponsored by La Raza</i>	29	30	December 1
2 <i>SBA Twitter Information Please follow SBA at http:// twitter.com/ tjlsba or @tjlsba if you use Twitter to receive the lat- est updates.</i> 	3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>Finals Begin</i>