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The "You Can Succeed" Panel Discussion was a Huge Success!

On Friday, March 30 the Thomas Jefferson School of Law Alumni Relations Office and the Alumni Board brought together a group of successful alumni for a panel discussion called "You Can Succeed: Transitioning From Student to Professional."



"From time to time we need to reflect on where we have come from to understand where we are going," Explains Jeremy Evans former TJSL SBA President and current alumni board member. "The 'You Can Succeed' event was just that--a reflection on what we have accomplished as students, graduates, practicing attorneys, judges, and professionals, that in turn guides our future steps by learning from the good and bad. The event was a complete success because it accomplished what it set out to do, provide practical examples of how others once in our shoes have succeeded."

Panelists P. Camille Guerra '04 and Lorena Slomanson '03

The event started off with a motivational video that was created by TJSL Art Director Sherwin Laranga, Alumni Board President Renee Galente, Alumni Relations Director Vanessa Vandever and Alumni Relations & Development Coordinator Stephanie Smith. The video included prestigious TJSL's alumni sharing their inspirational stories about their road to success, their law school experience, and their advice to current students.



"I am so incredibly proud of the "You Can Succeed" video we made for the TJSL students!" Said TJSL Alumni Board President Renee Galente '08. "It features Bonnie Dumanis, G. Cole Casey, Hon. Lillian Lim (Ret.), Judge Browder Willis III, Judge Garry Haehnle, Joanna Tsai, Jon Epsten and Denise Asher-- all TJSL alums. We presented it to the students as part of a panel to show them that we, as alumni, are here to support them."

Panelist Eric Ganci '08

"You Can Succeed" Continued...

After the video the panel discussion brought about lively discussion. "There was some wonderful Q & A from the students to the presenters, says panelist Eric P. Ganci '08, of Galente Ganci, APC. "They asked real questions and had legitimate concerns, and we, as panelists, all had one common answer: TJSL provides a solid education and has a ton of alumni support in Southern California and across the nation."

After the video and panel discussion students and alumni enjoyed networking.

"I was very pleased with the turn out and the commitment of the students who came to the event, said Galente. "I thought the panel was a fun mix of alum from different areas of practice with different perspectives. We were thrilled to have Judge Garry Haehnle and Commissioner Gary Bloch come out to support the event, as well."

"I thought this was a much needed event," said current TJSL student Lance Henry 2L. "The panelist gave motivational stories of success while giving a detailed account of how to achieve it. I personally enjoyed the fact that they reminded students of the integrity Thomas Jefferson School of law has in the legal community. And I met some really cool people!"



Panelist Anna Romanskaya '07



Panelist Katie Tooma '11



Moderator Renee Galente '08



New Moot Court Honor Society Members

By RuthAnne Bergt 2L



Oluwatomilola Adeleke, Cristina Kinsella, Crystal Salumbides, Emily Shank, Adriannette Ciccone, Thomas Bollman, Kimberly Roth, and John Stauffer

The Moot Court Honor Society held their annual tryouts on March 31 and April 1. The tryouts were accomplished through a two-day Intra-School Competition. This year 34 TJSL students competed in the event.

The talent of the students was high and the competition fierce! Each competitor participated in two rounds on Saturday. The field was then narrowed down to the top eight, based on average overall scores. On Sunday the finalists competed in three single-elimination rounds.

The competitors making it into the final rounds were Oluwatomilola Adeleke, Cristina Kinsella, Crystal Salumbides, Emily Shank, Adriannette Ciccone, Thomas Bollman, Kimberly Roth, and John Stauffer. (The quarter-final and semi-final rounds were all close matches, with many only be decided by one or two points out of 100!

The final round was held on Sunday at 11:15 a.m. and was between Thomas Bollman, representing Petitioner, and Crystal Salumbides, representing Respondent. The two competitors argued in a composed and articulate manner despite the pressure of a rather large audience. The round was another close one, however the win went to Crystal Salumbides. Congratulations Crystal on your first Place finish!



Elizabeth Knowles (Vice Chair), Thomas Bollman (Finalist), Professor Spiegelman, Crystal Salumbides (Finalist), and Xavier Carr (Chair).

This year's Intra-School competition problem was based on a First Amendment issue from the 2011 National Moot Court Competition. A special thank you goes to Meghan Buckner, Jonathan Yu, Rane Casalegno and Jesse Allen for putting together this flawlessly run competition!

Judging by this competition, next year will be a great one for TJSL's Moot Court team! Faculty Advisor Professor Paul Spiegelman said "This was a very talented group of students trying out. Not only were there a number of standouts who are ready to represent TJSL today, but I was very impressed with the dedication and the latent of the overall group and their ability to master First Amendment law relating to schools' power to discipline students for online postings made off campus. This was especially good because so many of those trying out were 1Ls. The depth of talent displayed by the group trying out suggests a bright future for TJSL Moot Court teams in the coming years." Xavier Carr (2011/2012 Chair) agreed stating that he is very confident that the Moot Court Honor Society will reach new heights in the upcoming year.



Left to Right: Evan Garcia, Samantha Ciriaco, Jonathan Yu

TJSL's Moot Court Honor Society Competes in New York

By RuthAnne Bergt 2L

Evan Garcia, Jonathan Yu and Samantha Ciriaco competed in the 20th Annual Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition March 10-12, in New York. Duberstein is one of the most prestigious competitions that TJSL's Moot Court Honor Society competes in and was coached by Dean Arnold Rosenberg and Adjunct Professor William Smelko.

The team spent winter break meeting via Skype and writing the competition brief which was due in January. Evan, Jonathan and Samantha participated in about 30 practices judged by local attorneys and on March 2, TJSL hosted a joint practice session with USD's Moot Court Team.

Evan and Jonathan competed twice on Saturday, March 10, and again on Sunday, March 11, dominating in the last two rounds. The 56 teams were then cut down to the top 16. Our team had great scores and feedback from the judges and just narrowly missed making it into the top 16. Monday they watched the final rounds at The Conrad B. Duberstein U.S. Bankruptcy Courthouse in Brooklyn and then attended the 900-person gala on Pier Sixty at Chelsea Piers. The team stayed in a hotel right on Times Square, so in their down time they were able to explore the city.

The team would like to extend a special thank you to the following judges, faculty and attorneys who took time out of their schedules to help them prepare: Dean Rosenberg, Professor Smelko, Professor Michael O'Halloran, Hon. John Hargrove, Associate Dean Mary Jo Wiggins (USD), Jeff Isaacs, Victor Vilaplana, Phil Giles, Brian J. McGoldrick, Steven Berman, Kyle Pietrzak, Mike Nichols, Haeji Hong, Matt Riopelle, Richard Stevenson, Ajay Gupta, Gary Rudolph, Michael Breslauer, Steven A. Marczeski, Christopher G. Hook, Olivia Malmstrom, Tracy L. Schimelfenig, Larissa Lazarus, John Varley, and Heidi Brown.



Professor Greenberg to Present at UC San Diego

Professor Julie Greenberg will deliver a talk at the UC San Diego Osher Institute on Tuesday April 3.

The talk is titled, "What Makes a Man a Man and a Woman a Woman?"

According to Professor Greenberg, "A Texas court recently posed the following question: 'When is a man a man and when is a woman a woman?' According to the court, 'every school child, even of tender years, is confident he or she can tell the difference, especially if the person is wearing no clothes.' Yet when a person who dressed as a woman, had the breasts, hormones, and genitalia of a woman, and whom every school child would identify as a woman presented herself to the Texas court, the court decided that she was legally a man. "

In her talk, Professor Greenberg will examine how we determine a person's sex. Sex determinations have profound medical, legal, and psychological effects on the millions of people who are born with an intersex condition or are transgender.



Congratulations Elizabeth Knowles for receiving the California Bar Foundation Rosenthal Scholarship

Preparing for the bar exam has become a little bit easier for 3L Elizabeth Knowles, who is one of the few law students in California to receive the Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship.

The scholarship recognizes students who demonstrate a strong commitment toward the public interest sector, and it rewards such students by covering the costs of their California Bar/Bri Bar Exam review courses, which is valued at more than \$3,500. Knowles is the first student from TJSJ to ever receive the Rosenthal Scholarship award.

“I am honored and extremely thankful for this generous award and recognition of my commitment to public service. Though the scholarship serves to relieve a great financial burden, it means much more. This award is further encouragement for me to strive to be a public interest attorney of the highest caliber after graduation and says to me that the Cal Bar Foundation believes in my future success,” Knowles comments.

The scholarship is one of the only programs in the country that helps public interest law students with bar exam expenses. Since 1997, the California Bar Foundation has supported almost 250 graduating law students through the Rosenthal Bar Exam Scholarship Program alone. It has awarded more than \$3.5 million in scholarships to law students who have demonstrated a commitment to public service, academic excellence, and financial need. For more information about the scholarships and benefits offered by the California Bar Foundation, visit www.calbarfoundation.org.



Criminal Law Society Visits R.J. Donovan State Prison

By Alexandra Jackson 2L

On March 23, Thomas Jefferson’s Criminal Law Society spent the morning touring R.J. Donovan state prison. The seventeen students were given an in-depth look at the facility by a longtime Correctional Officer.

The tour included a walk through the general population yard where a soccer and basketball tournament was being held, a trip to the canteen where inmates can purchase sought after items such as Top Ramen, and a look at the facility’s investigation unit. It was there that the students examined confiscated weapons, learned how drugs were smuggled into the prison, and were given a brief overview of prison gang hierarchy.

The morning was an eye-opening experience. While walking through a high security yard, the CLS members witnessed the use of gang sign language and learned a bit about prison slang. Perhaps the most memorable part of the tour was being given the opportunity to speak with inmates. The topic of the day seemed to center on the November ballot which is set to include an initiative to reform California’s Three-Strikes law. This initiative looks to remove mandatory sentencing for non-violent and non-serious offenders. The Correctional Officer who gave the tour seemed to be in favor of the reform, claiming that while there are definitely people in Donovan that deserve to be there, there are many that do not.

CLIMB Program Culture Night: Empower Yourself

“My power came from the fact that I learned what I love to do,” Professor Maurice Dyson told his audience. “If you’re passionate about something – that’s your power.”

Professor Dyson was speaking to students from the Crawford High School Legal Academy, who came to TJSJL on Thursday, March 29, for CLIMB Culture Night.

CLIMB, which stands for the Crawford Legal Institute & Mentorship Bond program, was founded by Professors Maurice Dyson and Bill Slomanson of TJSJL’s Diversity Committee. In the CLIMB program, TJSJL students work very closely with Crawford students and become role models and mentors to them.

The evening’s theme was “Power, Privilege and Inequality.”

“The most successful people are the best at what they do,” Professor Dyson said. “If you are better at something than anyone else, people will pay you for it.”

It was Professor Dyson’s way of inspiring the students to follow their passion, as he did, in spite of major hurdles in his path.

TJSJL Admissions Director Tim Spearman also told the students that “information empowers you. When you have the courage to ask questions and listen to the answers you empower yourselves and put yourselves on a level playing field.”

And Spearman said an important way to give yourself power is through a legal career.

“The legal system needs you,” Professor Kaimi Wenger told the students as he spoke to them about how “un-level” that playing field can be because of the inequality that many people face in the United States. “A lot of people are excluded from the legal system. And as far as inequality goes, we need you to say we’re not going to take this anymore.”



Professor Maurice Dyson, CLIMB Co-Founder



Crawford High School CLIMB Students



TJSJL Admissions Director Tim Spearman





Diversity Week Lunch ... Yummmmm!

TJSL's Diversity Luncheon was held on Thursday, March 28 in a new location - the 8th floor conference room - with its stunning views of San Diego Bay.

The luncheon is always a highlight of Diversity Week and between APALSA and BLSA there was lots of good eatin'.

BALSA brought roasted chicken, green bean casserole and delicious mac & cheese. APALSA brought Chicken Dumplings, Pork Dumplings and Kim Chi Yum, a signature spicy Korean dish.

There were also sandwiches and pizza - but most of all there was camaraderie among the students, faculty and staff who attended, in the spirit of diversity.



Elizabeth Chu 2L and Max Yueh 3L of APALSA

Diversity Week Shadow Day

By Antionette Scott 2L

The Black Law Students Association wrapped up TJSL's Diversity week on March 30 by hosting a "Shadow Day" for 70 students from Lincoln High School and Horace Mann Middle School.

The students participated in an open discussion about celebrities who have encountered legal issues and how it affected their lives. After the discussion, the students were placed into groups, where they worked on creating a direct examination questioning for a Mock Trial problem. Each group of students selected two volunteers to play attorneys and witnesses to show off what their group created.

After the Mock Trial presentations, TJSL Admissions Director Tim Spearman presented to the group on diversity and the need for students of different backgrounds in the legal field.

The day ended with a question and answer session where the students were given the opportunity to ask about Law School and the Legal Profession.



Antionette Scott 2L BLSA Member



Tim Spearman, Director of Admissions





Left to Right: Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova, Professor Linda Keller, and Mohamed M. El Zeidy Legal Officer

Professor Linda Keller Returns from the International Criminal Court

March, 2012 (The Hague) By Professor Linda Keller

On March 30th, Professor Linda M. Keller ended her six-month term as a Visiting Professional at the International Criminal Court (ICC).

“My experience gave me a behind-the-scenes perspective on the ICC at a time of major developments at the Court,” Professor Keller noted. Most recently, the Trial Chamber announced its decision in the Lubanga case, the first verdict at the ICC. Thomas Lubanga Dyilo was found guilty of enlisting, conscripting and using children under 15 years of age in a non-international

armed conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Proceedings on sentencing and reparations will follow, along with any potential appeals. “This first trial of the ICC has encountered many difficulties, but that is to be expected from the first permanent international criminal tribunal, which is based on a complex combination of civil law and common law traditions as well as criminal and international law,” said Professor Keller. “Despite the growing pains, the ICC has made tremendous progress over the ten years since its founding.”

Many other “firsts” occurred during Prof. Keller’s time at the ICC. For the first time, a former head of state, Laurent Gbagbo of Côte d’Ivoire, was handed over to the ICC. Pre-Trial Chamber (PTC I) issued the first major decision referring a state party, the Republic of Malawi, to the Assembly of States Parties and the Security Council for failing to cooperate with the ICC; Malawi, like many states before it, did not arrest President Omar Al Bashir of Sudan when he visited Malawi. President Al Bashir is under arrest warrant from the ICC, accused of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity in Darfur. PTC I subsequently referred the state of Chad as well. In a related development, the Prosecutor sought (and recently received) an arrest warrant for another Sudanese governmental official, making it public with the goal of increasing debate over the issue and encouraging increased cooperation by Sudan.

Libya was the first situation unanimously referred to the ICC by the United Nations Security Council and there is an ongoing debate over who will try suspects accused of crimes against humanity by the ICC. First, Libya’s National Transitional Council may attempt to convince the Court that the case against Saif Al Islam Gaddafi is inadmissible at the ICC because Libya is ready, willing, and able to try Gaddafi itself. “Gaddafi’s son Saif is at least nominally in the custody of Libya,” Professor Keller explained. “Gaddafi’s intelligence chief, Abdullah al-Senussi, was arrested in Mauritania in mid-March. The ICC, Libya and France are all asking Mauritania for custody of al-Senussi based on various charges.”

In a high-profile development outside the Court, San Diego-based Invisible Children launched “Kony 2012,” an online video that went viral and sparked widespread discussion over both Kony’s Lord’s Resistance Army militia and Invisible Children’s campaign. “Joseph Kony has been wanted by the ICC for charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity since 2005. I think that bringing attention to Kony’s alleged atrocities is a good thing, regardless of potential flaws in the Kony 2012 campaign,” said Professor Keller.

Along with everyone at the ICC, Professor Keller followed closely the election of new ICC judges and a new Prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda of the Gambia, currently Deputy Prosecutor. Professor Keller was at the ICC while PTC I, over the dissent of the Presiding Judge, declined to confirm charges due to lack of sufficient evidence and released Callixte Mbarushimana, accused of war crimes and crimes against humanity in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. During the last six months, four new countries joined the ICC, with Cape Verde, the Maldives, the Philippines and Vanuatu bringing the total of States Parties to 120.

As a Visiting Professional in the chambers of PTC II Presiding Judge Ekaterina Trendafilova, Professor Keller spent much of her time working on the Kenya cases. “



Professor Linda Keller Returns from the International Criminal Court Continued...

I was very fortunate that Judge Trendafilova and her Legal Officer, Mohamed M. El Zeidy, gave me the opportunity to contribute to the work of the Kenya team," Professor Keller stated.

The hearings on the confirmation of charges were wrapping up as Professor Keller joined the Chambers in October. She arrived just in time to tackle the thousands of pages of evidence related to charges against six suspects. The Prosecutor, in his first exercise of his power to initiate a case on his own with PTC approval, brought two cases.

The first case alleged that prominent politicians William Ruto and Henry Kosgey, with contributions from media announcer Joshua Sang, committed the crimes against humanity of murder, deportation or forcible transfer, and persecution in the aftermath of the disputed 2007 Kenyan presidential elections. Case 1 alleged that the suspects, connected to the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM), targeted perceived supporters of their political opponents, the Party of National Unity (PNU).

Case 2 alleged that key supporters of the PNU engaged in retaliatory attacks that amounted to the crimes against humanity of murder, deportation or forcible transfer, rape and other forms of sexual violence, persecution, and other inhumane acts. The Case 2 suspects included Francis Muthaura, until recently Head of the Public Service and Secretary to the Cabinet; Uhuru Kenyatta, Deputy Prime Minister, son of Kenya's first president, and until recently Minister of Finance; and Mohammed Hussein Ali, former Commissioner of Police. "As you can imagine from those involved, this is a very high profile case in Kenya," said Prof. Keller.

On January 23, 2012, PTC II released the decisions on the confirmation of charges in both cases simultaneously, to avoid potentially violent reactions if it were perceived that only one side was being targeted by the ICC. Presiding Judge Trendafilova also delivered an oral summary of the decision so that Kenyans and others could learn the outcome (without reading the 170+ page, highly technical legal decisions). The amount of interest was so great that the ICC website crashed. (The PTC II presentation of the decision is available on the ICC's YouTube channel at: http://www.youtube.com/user/IntlCriminalCourt?ob=0&feature=results_main#p/u/2/jnyc7x9a3jl). In the confirmation of charges decision, PTC II, by majority, confirmed some of the charges and declined to confirm others.

Specifically, in Case 1, it concluded there was sufficient evidence to establish substantial grounds to believe that the crimes against humanity of murder, deportation or forcible transfer, and persecution regarding specified dates and locations against defendants Ruto and Sang. It found the Prosecutor failed to show substantial grounds to believe that Kosgey was involved in the crimes alleged. In Case 2, PTC II also confirmed charges against two defendants and declined to confirm charges against the third. Specifically, it found sufficient evidence to establish substantial grounds to believe that Muthaura and Kenyatta are responsible for all the alleged crimes against humanity, while finding that there was insufficient evidence against Ali.

"The ramifications of this decision may extend beyond these six accused," Prof. Keller noted. "Two of the defendants against whom charges are confirmed, Ruto and Kenyatta, are leading candidates for the upcoming presidential elections; it remains to be seen if or how the decision may eventually effect their campaigns for higher office and the elections overall. Fortunately, despite dire predictions by some, there has been no widespread violence in Kenya in reaction to the decision."

A confirmation of charges decision does not decide guilt or innocence, but merely determines whether there is enough evidence to go to trial. Four of the Kenya suspects are committed to a Trial Chamber for trial, though they are also appealing the PTC decision on jurisdiction. As for the charges not confirmed, the Prosecutor may put forward additional evidence and request confirmation in the future.

"I look forward to sharing what I've learned with the TJSL community," said Professor Keller. "I'm grateful to the ICC, and particularly Judge Trendafilova, for the opportunity."



TJSL's Volunteers Provide Free Income Tax Preparation Services Through Monday, April 16

The Student-Run VITA Clinic is in its 15th Year of Operation

The Thomas Jefferson School of Law Tax Society is making tax return preparation accessible and FREE to San Diegans who cannot afford to pay for those services. This marks the 15th consecutive year of the law school's student-run Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Clinic (VITA), which serves senior citizens, low-income families, students and others on limited budgets who cannot afford professional tax services or who are unable to complete their own tax forms.

The VITA Clinic is open through Monday, April 16, 2012. Hours are Monday and Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m. and on Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Clinic accepts walk-ins or appointments can be made in advance at tax@tjssl.edu or 619-297-9700 x4362.

Individuals who wish to have their tax returns prepared must bring in proof of identification, social security cards or a social security number verification issued by the Social Security Administration, wage and earning statement forms, interest and dividend statements from banks and a copy of last year's federal and state returns.

The law student volunteers are IRS certified, but there are restrictions on the types of tax documents they can prepare. They are not allowed to help with business or rental type matters.

The Thomas Jefferson School of Law Clinic is located at 495 11th Avenue in the East Village, near the Park & Market Trolley Station.

Spring Graduation Information!

Spring Graduation will be held on Sunday, May 20, at 9 a.m. at The Historic Copley Symphony Hall, 1245 Seventh Avenue, Downtown San Diego, 92101.

The ceremony will last approximately 2 1/2 hours.
The reception will be held at the law school following the ceremony.

Congratulations to Noah Wald, he Valedictorian for the spring 2012 graduating class.

More details to come...



MAYORAL CANDIDATES

San Diego Mayoral Candidates Forum Set for April 20 at TJSL

By Elisabeth Donovan 3L



CARL
DEMAIO



BONNIE
DUMANIS



BOB
FILNER



NATHAN
FLETCHER

Not one, not two, but four prominent San Diego mayoral candidates are scheduled to appear at Thomas Jefferson School of Law on Friday, April 20, to speak to the East Village community about issues that impact the neighborhood. TJSL's Center for Law and Social Justice and the East Village Association, a nonprofit corporation that manages the East Village Business Improvement District, are presenting the "San Diego Mayoral Candidates Forum."

The four mayoral candidates who have confirmed their attendance include: Councilman Carl Demaio, Rep. Bob Filner (D-San Diego), Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher (R-San Diego), and San Diego District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis, who graduated from TJSL in 1976.

Besides providing a brief overview of the candidates, the forum will focus on issues that impact the East Village community, including: homelessness, crime, redevelopment, the Charger stadium, jobs, education and small business concerns.

Professor Alex Kreit, Director of TJSL's Center for Law and Social Justice, will serve as one of the panel members who will ask questions of the candidates.

"San Diego is fortunate to have four experienced candidates running for Mayor this year," Professor Kreit said. "As a home owner in the East Village, I look forward to being able to ask the candidates about issues of concern to those of us who live and work in this community."

Dennis Morgigno, Director of Original Programming at Cox Communications, will be the moderator of the event. Kris Michell, CEO of Downtown San Diego Partnership, and Jack Monger, East Village Association Board Member and Government Relations Chair, will also serve as panel members.

The forum will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Room 325, and is open to the first 120 people who RSVP. Brown bag lunches will be available to the first 120 who reserve seats. Overflow seating will be available in Room 323 with live televising of the program. Please RVSP by Wednesday, April 18, to RSVP@eastvillagesandiego.com.



Left: Martin Kruming

TJSL Alumnus Martin Kruming '77 Wins Prestigious Witkin Award

Thomas Jefferson School of Law alumnus Martin Kruming '77 was presented with the highly prestigious Bernard Witkin Award on March 28 by the Law Library Justice Foundation. Since 1994, the Witkin Foundation annually has honored members of the San Diego legal community for civic leadership, teaching, practice and adjudication of the law.

Kruming, who is the editor of the San Diego County Bar Association's San Diego Lawyer Magazine, was honored for Distinguished Service to the Public, in recognition for his many public service activities.

When asked which of his public service endeavors he feels best about, Kruming said: "I have always enjoyed working with students, whether they are in elementary, high school, college or law school. One of the most meaningful experiences was a High School Leadership Conference that brought some of the best and brightest students together with lawyers, judges, executives and journalists each year for five years."

And for lawyers and law students thinking about devoting some of their efforts to public service causes, Kruming had these words of wisdom: "Find your passion in public service and know that you can make a difference."

Martin Kruming certainly has made a difference. Congratulations from all of us in the TJSL family!



Left to Right: Lorena Slomanson '03 at a Recent San Diego County Law Library Event with Torin Andrews, Patrick Meyer, Leigh Inman and William Slomanson

Lorena Slomanson '03 Appointed to San Diego County Public Law Library Board

Lorena Slomanson, '03 recently joined the San Diego County Public Law Library's Board of Trustees. She was appointed by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to a 3-year term.

"I am honored and excited to support one of my favorite local institutions, and to build community coalitions that are of mutual benefit to SDPLL and to the citizens of San Diego County," said Slomanson. *"I am also excited to have an opportunity to continue a great tradition: maintaining and growing the*

wonderful relationship between TJSL and the SDPLL, who have collaborated on legal learning endeavors in the past."

According to SDPLL, "Slomanson has an extensive history of public service and dedication to the community of San Diego. Currently, she is with the San Diego Legal Aid Society where she manages a legal clinic in the South Bay Superior Court complex. Additionally, she serves on the San Diego Human Relations Commission, the Board of Directors of Thomas Jefferson School of Law, and has served on the Board of Directors of San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association since 2005 including the position of President in 2009.

Ms. Slomanson was the recipient of Legal Aid Society of San Diego's 2008 Outstanding Service Award, the 2008 Wiley W. Award for Pro Bono Legal Services, and a participant of the Anti-Defamation League's 2009 Hispanic/Latino Leadership Mission to Israel."



The Volunteer Tax Assistance Clinic Now Open!!

Clinic Hours

Mondays

3pm – 7pm

Wednesdays

3pm – 7pm

Fridays

11am – 3pm

Free tax
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services to low
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VITA Clinic is sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service
and the Tax Law Society



Academic Support Program

- Each session will be one hour and fifteen minutes.
- Prior to the one-hour test, fifteen minutes will be devoted to receiving test taking tips from a different guest.
- Students will be required to come to the session with the test for the class they desire to take.
- APALSA, BLSA and La Raza will contact their professors and urge them to meet with the student about that particular test.

Date: Every Sunday @ 2:30PM

Room: 316

Every Sunday, APALSA, BLSA and La Raza will begin a collaborative Academic Support Program to assist TJSJL students who are looking to improve their test preparation and test taking skills. While many of our teachers stress taking practice exams, many of us do not take enough of them before midterms and finals.

Starting this Sunday, APALSA, BLSA and La Raza will be holding an exam session every week until midterms and then every week until finals. This is a great opportunity to enhance your test taking skills and improve your grades. Please be sure to take advantage and support APALSA, BLSA and La Raza's efforts.

Please contact Kim @ Buikt@tjssl.edu, Amber @ Nevadaan@tjssl.edu or Lance @ Henryl@tjssl.edu if you have any questions.

ATTN: First Semester 1Ls

MANDATORY

Career Services Orientation

Tuesday, April 3rd

The Career Services Orientation will provide an overview of the job search process. You will also receive our extensive Career Services Handbook. After you attend the Orientation, you may schedule your first individual counseling session with a member of the Career Services staff.

You must attend one of the sessions on April 3rd:



11:30AM in Room 225 or



4:30PM in Room 227

Food will be provided.

Please RSVP in the Events tab in Symplicity.

Contact Career Services for more information,

careerservices@tjsl.edu or 619-961-4233.



**“STAND
YOUR
GROUND”
PANEL
DISCUSSION**

Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2012

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Thomas Jefferson School of Law Room 225

Please join us for a conversation with legal professionals and scholars who will discuss the “Stand Your Ground” law and the relevant issues surrounding the Trayvon Martin case.

Come sit, listen, and ask questions!!!

*For further information contact Lance Henry at
henryl@tjssl.edu*

EAST VILLAGE

PADRES vs. DODGERS

THURSDAY

APRIL 5

11:00am-6:00pm

OPENING DAY

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THE ULTIMATE STONES TRIBUTE BAND
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JUDGE – LAW STUDENT MIXER

A unique opportunity to spend an evening with judges
and learn tips from the bench:

What do judges expect from new attorneys?
What is the best career path to becoming a judge?
What makes a good oral advocate from a judge's perspective?



Thursday, April 5, 2012
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

San Diego County Bar Center
1333 Seventh Avenue
(downtown San Diego)

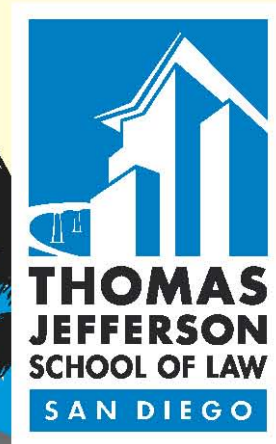
Hosted Hors d'oeuvres and Refreshments

Admission is free, but space is limited.

This event is open to judges and law students only

RSVP by Friday, March 23, 2012 to:
Brian Sun
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Thomas Jefferson School of Law, in conjunction with the Entertainment Law Society and the Center for Law and Intellectual Property, present:



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SWINGING:

FILM & TELEVISION CREATORS AND THE LONG ARM OF THE LAW

Saturday, April 7th, 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM, Room 225

Reception to follow on the 8th floor.

This exciting forum features Hollywood creators and the LA lawyers they feed, exploring film and TV issues from copyright and contracts to court cases and the creative process.

STARRING:

- ★ **Jeff B. Cohen:** Named one of the top 35 executives under 35 years of age by "The Hollywood Reporter." Additionally that year, Jeff was profiled by "Variety" in its Dealmakers Impact Issue.
- ★ **Mona Mahdara Alcalá:** 2008 TJS� grad representing film companies at Libertas Law Group.
- ★ **Eric Sherman:** Producer, writer, director, author of "Directing The Film and Selling Your Film."
- ★ **Josell Ramos:** Fast-rising independent film maker, producer and director of "Maestro."
- ★ **Nikki Barbanell:** 2006 TJS� grad, film production counsel and co-producer of the Sundance film "The Dry Land."
- ★ **Moderator:** Professor Jeff Slattery
- ★ **Producer and Host:** Professor KJ Greene, nationally recognized IP professor and speaker.
- ★ **Directed by:** Lindsey Shannon Lee, President of the Entertainment Law Society.

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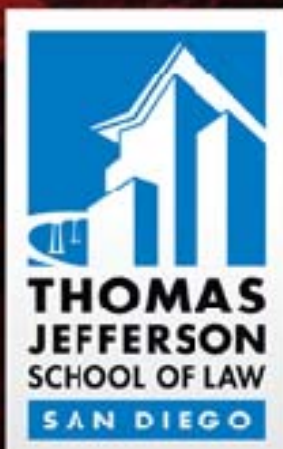
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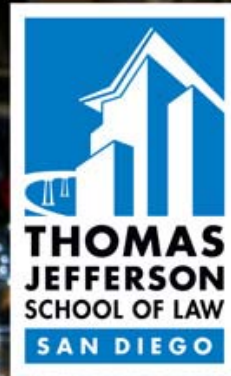
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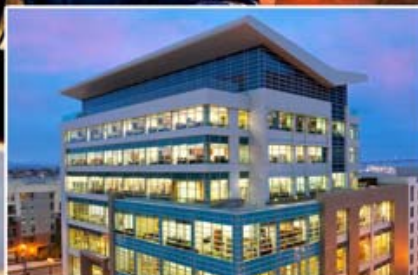
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Presentation: North American Border Wars: The Role of Canadian and American Scholarship in U.S. Labor Law Reform Debates, Rules, Policies and Method: The Legacy of Marco Biagi in Labour Relations Today, Marco Biagi Foundation, University of Modena, Modena, Italy, March 19, 2012 (presentation with Professor Michael J. Zimmer); Coordinator and Commentator, Young Scholars' Workshop in Labour Relations, Marco Biagi Foundation, University of Modena, Modena, Italy, Mar 22, 2012

Marjorie Cohn

Radio: Iraq, Afghanistan and Iran, The Women's Show WMNF, Tampa, FL, Mar 29, 2012

Presentation: The United States and Torture, The Redwoods, Mill Valley, CA, Mar 23, 2012

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Article: Breeding Ground: Afghanistan and the Origins of Islamist Terrorism, 68 GUILD PRACTITIONER 189 (2011).

Aaron Schwabach

Article: Aaron Schwabach, Reclaiming Copyright from the Outside In: What the Downfall Hitler Meme Means for Transformative Works, Fair Use, and Parody, __ BUFFALO INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY J. __ (2012)

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>April 01 April Fools Day</p>	<p>02</p>	<p>03</p> <p>ATTN: First Semester 1Ls MANDATORY Career Services Orientation Tuesday, April 3rd</p> <p>11:30AM in Room 225 or 4:30PM in Room 227</p>	<p>04</p>	<p>05</p> <p>Public Interest Law Foundation Annual Auction Extraordinaire 8th Floor Thursday, April 5th 6 - 10 pm</p>	<p>06</p>	<p>07</p> <p><i>Be sure to check out TJTV on YouTube by clicking on www.tjssl.edu</i></p> <p>You Tube WATCH THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW</p>
<p>08</p> <p>Happy Easter!</p>	<p>09</p> <p>POST GRADUATE JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS 4:30—5:30, ROOM 227</p>	<p>10</p> <p>APRIL 10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Introduction to Post-Graduate Fellowships Wednesday, April 11, 2012 11:30 a.m. in Room 323</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>Silent Auction Extraordinaire</i> <i>Friday, April 13, 2012</i></p>	<p>14</p>
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