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Stand Your Ground Panel a Show of Solidarity at TJSJL

By Elisabeth Donovan, 3L

Hoodies stood out as the uniform of the day at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law Stand Your Ground Panel, which was held in a packed room on April 4, in light of the fatal shooting of teenager Trayvon Martin in Florida.

"I am a fan of our generation," 2L Lance Henry, who organized the panel. "However, our generation has a racial issue, and I am making a decision that we are not going to take this issue forward. We can't make the mark that I think we are going to make if we take these problems with us into the future."

Most students and professors in the crowd sported hooded sweatshirts to show their support for Martin, who was wearing a "hoodie" the night he was killed by neighborhood watch member George Zimmerman. The attendees sought answers to the questions surrounding the "Stand Your Ground" law, which was why police decided not to arrest Zimmerman.

The Black Law Students Association (BLSA) sponsored the panel, which consisted of TJSJL professors Anders Kaye, Maurice Dyson and Marjorie Cohn. The professors explained the laws as they applied to the case and discussed the societal ramifications of the tragedy, also answering questions from students.

"This case raises all kinds of legal issues, emotions and political views," Professor Cohn said. "If Zimmerman had been black and Trayvon had been white, would there have been an arrest?"

The "Stand Your Ground Law," Florida Statute 776.013, allows a person to use deadly force if the person reasonably believes it is necessary to prevent death or great bodily injury, without the obligation to retreat.



Lance Henry being interviewed by San Diego 6



Professor Marjorie Cohn



Stand your ground continued...

Professor Kaye presented a PowerPoint which highlighted this law, as well as the other relevant Florida defense laws applicable to the case. A person who wishes to assert the "Stand Your Ground" defense must not be engaged in any unlawful activity, and must be attacked in a place where he/she has a right to be. The facts remain unclear as to whether Zimmerman or Martin was the aggressor in the deadly altercation.

"We have to worry that Zimmerman was interpreting what was happening through a distorting lens," Professor Kaye said. "If he is under the influence of racial bias it might make it more likely that he is the first aggressor. If he is drawing on stereotypes as he goes through experience, this may undercut the reasonableness of his beliefs about Martin."

Professor Kaye focused his attention on another Florida statute 776.032, which has ultimately served as the reason Zimmerman was not arrested. The law states that if a person is justified in using force that is permitted by law, then that person is immune from criminal prosecution. It also states that police may not arrest a person unless there is probable cause that the force he/she used was unlawful.

This determination of probable cause remains solely in the hands of police officers, and the police in the Trayvon Martin case have said that so far there is no evidence to contradict Zimmerman's claim of self-defense, which is why he has not been charged with any crimes.

"The immunity provisions of the Florida defense statutes is a dangerous development in the law that deserves greater scrutiny and corrective legislative action if it continues to authorize police to extend immunity on the scene to those it deems deserving of it," Professor Dyson said. "It is in the interest of all that more transparency and accountability become an essential component in this law."

"A bright light was shined on the social issues of the Trayvon Martin case," Henry said. "While we can't ignore the social issues, as lawyers and future lawyers, we owe it to ourselves and the community to examine the actual legal doctrine that governs this case and focus the conversation in reason."

During the day on April 4, students, faculty and staff members were wearing hoodies on campus in a show of solidarity, including Dean Rudy Hasl, who wore a hoodie to the event.



Professors Maurice Dyson & Anders Kaye



Hollywood Swinging Success!

By Lindsey-Shannon Lee

Students, professors and area attorneys came together on Saturday, April 7 to attend the wildly successful “Hollywood Swinging: Film & Television Creators and The Long Arm of The Law.”

The forum, which was focused on Hollywood creators and the L.A. lawyers they feed explored film and TV issues from copyright and contracts to court cases and the creative process. Professor Greene described the event as “a great event, with perfect mix of creators and Hollywood lawyers.” Notable speakers weighed in on everything from the delicacy of negotiations to the importance of getting your agreements in writing.

TJSL’s Professor Jeff Slattery, moderated the first panel which focused on the creative processes and how the law intrudes and facilitates. The panel started off with the sage advice of Hollywood heavyweight, Eric Sherman. An author, filmmaker and industry legal consultant, Mr. Sherman extolled the importance of having an attorney in your corner as you navigate the creative process.

Next came Josell Ramos, a fast-rising independent film maker, producer, and director of the film “Maestro.” Mr. Ramos, a veteran guest speaker here at TJSL, engaged the crowd by asking, “Who here thinks they are a good negotiator?” He went on to share some of his enlightening experience, in navigating the intricacies of entertainment negotiations.

TJSL alumni Lisa Cervantes ‘97 wrapped up the first panel by sharing a variety of transactional anecdotes that reinforced the message “Get it in writing!” Her stories were rife with advice on how entertainment attorneys can serve as advocates for the creative process by arming creative clients with the knowledge they need to make informed decisions and above all, keeping your attorney in the loop! She left attendees with some extremely informative and inspiring materials.

After a short break, TJSL’s Professor K.J. Greene moderated another remarkable panel starring Los Angeles attorneys Jeff Cohen, Nikki Barbanell and Mona Alcala.

Cohen, a top-rated entertainment lawyer and partner at the Beverly Hills based law firm of Cohen and Gardner LLP was named one of the top 35 executives of under 35 years of age by *The Hollywood Reporter* in 2008. Additionally, in that year he was profiled by *Variety* in its Dealmakers Impact Issue.



Professor K.J. Greene



Jeff Cohen



Center: Nikki Barbanell



Eric Sherman

Hollywood Swinging Success Continued...

He shared notable points from his legal career as a transactional entertainment attorney and illustrated his points by sharing recent legal decisions.

The former child actor and loved character from “The Goonies” did not regale the crowd with his famous “truffle shuffle” but he did encourage students to be mindful of their own career desires instead of getting swept up in pleasing everyone else.

Nikki Barbanell '06 and Mona Alcalá '08, both accomplished TJSL grads shared from their broad range of entertainment and IP experience.

Barbanell who is a partner of Martinez Barbanell LLP, spoke of her beginnings in the Motion Picture Legal department of Paramount Pictures, where she worked on notable Paramount titles such as J.J. Abrams’ “STAR TREK” and M. Night Shyamalan’s “The Last Airbender.” She taught attendees about the importance of teaching your clients as you advocate for them. She also noted the importance of obtaining a mentor early in your legal career.

Alcalá of Libertas Law Group described her recent strategic move to entertainment law and shared tips with students on how to navigate a somewhat bleak hiring economy.

After an open forum of titillating questions and comments, the crowd of present and future movers and shakers adjourned to the gorgeous 8th floor for a reception and stimulating conversation.

Professor Greene explains, “The point of events like this is three-fold: first to give our students opportunities for leadership, something Lindsey-Shannon Lee President, of the Entertainment Law Society and the ESL team seized with aplomb. Secondly, to brand TJSL as the law school at the cutting edge of intellectual property and entertainment law. Every panelist, prospective student and practicing lawyer who attended came away impressed with faculty, grads and staff. Thirdly, to provide employment opportunities and internships for our students. It is rare that one or many attendees – and panelists – comes away with the opportunity to hire a student, secure a client, or establish a relationship that leads to an opportunity. As faculty, our goal is for our grads and students to succeed. And the TJSL presence on these engaging panels showed they are, and then some.”



Lisa Cervantes



Josell Ramos



1L Timur Ender (in red tie) at the Starting Point in Balboa Park



Getting Ready to Ride to the City Administration Building



Laying Down Their Bikes at the City Administration Building

TJSL Student Organizes Bicycle Rally at City Hall

On April 4, there was a bicycle rally during the evening rush hour to call attention to bicycle safety issues after the recent death of a cyclist. Rally organizer, TJSL student Timur Ender, wrote this story:

By Timur Ender, 1L

Last week I heard on the news that cyclist David Ortiz was killed on his way to work. To make matters worse, the police department jumped to conclusions and immediately blamed the cyclist. Except for the location, the police department incorrectly stated every major part of the crash. When the police department incorrectly states that the cyclist was traveling in the wrong direction it has the effect of tainting the image of safe & law abiding cyclists like Mr. Ortiz. We wanted to call attention to this incident that the investigation was done in sloppy manner.

But Mr. Ortiz's death also highlights the fatal flaws of roadway design. There is no excuse for our city streets to be designed like highways with on & off ramps. When the City designs roads like this; the speed limit becomes irrelevant because the road width, by its nature, encourages speeding. Street designs like Balboa Avenue have fatal implications for everyone who doesn't drive a car as was evidenced by Mr. Ortiz's death.

We wanted to make the case that our roads are becoming a public health issue. Six cyclists and pedestrians are struck by cars every day in San Diego and these are just the reported (incidents.) These also do not include injuries from car vs. car collisions or car vs. motorcycle. Two vulnerable users (cyclists & pedestrians) die every week in San Diego and about 2,000 vulnerable users are injured every year. These numbers are extraordinarily and unnecessarily high figures. Paris, France for example didn't have a single bicycle fatality in 2011. This is linked to many factors including: healthy design standards, motorist education, respect for cyclists, policies that encourage bicycling, and enforcement.

We need to treat traffic fatalities the same way the CDC treats obesity: like an epidemic, a virus. We need to address the root causes of the conditions that led to Mr. Ortiz's death: motorist inattention, poorly designed roadway infrastructure, lack of enforcement, and a lack of awareness of bicycles.

I think the message went through to City Hall. It's a simple message: bicycles and people lying on the ground. You can't really make an incorrect inference. It was well-timed, right as people were leaving work and the plaza is extraordinarily well-placed so that 12 floors of offices are able to look down on the plaza. We were sure to be loud upon arrival so that they would know we were there and we had a message.

The City has not promised anything at this point. At the minimum we wanted an apology from the police department for jumping to conclusions and incorrectly blaming the cyclist. It is quite doubtful we will receive a public apology from the police department since they have an image problem as well. When SDPD incorrectly places blame on the cyclist, it ruins a reputation that we work hard to improve everyday on our streets. We try to send the message that bicycles are a legitimate form of transportation and we know how to ride safely and legally in traffic. We are trying to change the mindset that bicycles are just a sport or a toy.

I didn't know David. I knew that I was upset about how little he could have done to prevent this fatality. No clothing, evasive maneuver, or helmet could have saved him from being run over and killed by 3 different cars. I knew I had to do something to call attention to the multiple factors that contributed to his death.

We are trying to spread awareness about the benefits of bicycling. When there is a community embracement of bicycling, when we shift our roadway design from merely accommodating bicycles to welcoming them, great things can happen. By implementing healthy roadway design we can use our roads to improve the environmental and economic health of our people and cities. By making streets safe for bicycling, we can legitimately mitigate the impacts of climate change, an obesity epidemic, respiratory issues related to polluted air, dependence on foreign oil, rising healthcare costs, a traffic safety epidemic, noise pollution, and traffic congestion. We are trying to spread the message that even a modicum of investment in bicycling infrastructure has tremendous benefits for citizens, cities, and our country.

The event was a success on a personal level for a number of reasons. First, almost a 100 people attended our rally last week. The last time I organized a bike ride in my hometown of Raleigh, NC, 30 people showed up and before that I organized another ride and no one showed up! It's all about having faith and not being held back by the fear of failure.

But for this event, all I did was send out press releases and set up a Facebook event page and the magic happened. However, after I set up the event page I quickly ran into a problem, I tried to invite people but I ran across the inconvenient obstacle of not having any contacts in San Diego. I just moved here 3 months ago to start law school and I don't know anyone outside of school. Luckily, the bicycling community embraced the idea and within 2 days of setting up the event we had 1,000 people invited.

It worked out great because almost instantly I made friends with everyone that showed up. Its important to have a life outside of law school and being involved in advocacy events like this allows me to achieve that balance. It is also an invaluable networking opportunity as well which in hindsight, was an unintended benefit.

Overall, the event was a huge success on both a personal and community level. In the coming weeks and months we will keep up pressure on the City, the Police Department, and the mayoral candidates to make sure they understand the tremendous benefits of bicycling and the need for safer roads.

Federal Judge Teaches Civ. Pro. Lesson in his Courtroom

What better setting for a presentation on legal discovery than a federal courtroom, delivered by a federal judge to law students sitting in the jury box and counsel's tables?

Professor Bill Slomanson's Federal Civil Procedure class met April 3, in the courtroom of U.S. District Judge Anthony Battaglia, who is a law school classmate of "Pro-Slo's."

One of the most important civil procedures is discovery and according to Judge Battaglia, it's often much more difficult and contentious than it's supposed to be. "Everybody makes discovery a major battleground," he said. "It shouldn't be that way."

Judge Battaglia's presentation, appropriately enough, was "Surviving Discovery." He covered the core concepts of discovery and disclosure, including his Top 10 Survival Tips for discovery.

Rule number one? Don't Forget Rule # 1. That is, under federal rules (Fed. R Civ. P.1.,) "They (The Rules) shall be construed and administered to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action."

In other words, get it done and play by the rules.

To Judge Battaglia, that means Plan and Preserve Early (Rule 2.) One method he recommends is to use the case's jury instructions as a roadmap for the elements you must use to prove your case and then plan your discovery accordingly. Which leads to Rule 3: Meet and Confer Like You Mean It. "A face to face meeting is very important," he said. "Not meeting can result in monetary sanctions against the attorneys, and it must be reported to the California Bar. Who needs that?"

Another part of Rule 3 is to "seek only what you really need, so you don't get mired in too many records." Also, with the sheer amount of electronic files (ESI) nowadays, it can get quite expensive. Rule 4 is to Be A Rules Geek. That means know the rules of discovery and disclosure forward and backward, including the local rules of the district in which the case is being heard. Skipping ahead to Rule 6, it's Be Careful What You Ask For, which is not asking for too much or too little, and getting it in the right format. Electronic files can be so voluminous that they equate to dozens of boxes of paper files.



Judge Battaglia (C) with the Federal Civ. Pro. Class



Most of the Students Listened from the Jury Box



Judge Anthony Battaglia



At the Counsel Table

"You are not an island to yourself," Judge Battaglia said in explaining Rule 5: Remember, You Are Not Alone. "The team approach works really well, so involve key people in your firm as well as the client."

When it comes to setting deadlines for producing discovery, Rule 7 stipulates: Check Before You Speak. "Make sure a deadline is feasible before you commit to it," said Judge Battaglia. He adds that it's better to get permission in advance, if there's a problem, than to ask forgiveness later. And that's Rule 8: Better To Ask For Permission Than Forgiveness.

Rule 9 is See the Forest For The Trees. "Discovery is not the end game," said the judge. "Focus on what you really need, and consider sampling some of the documents first before you ask for everything. And realize that sometimes 'no' is a good answer."

Finally, Rule 10 is Don't Use Sound Bites, which means if you say something to opposing counsel or the court like the discovery material is "not reasonably accessible," the court will want to know a lot more than just that simple explanation.

According to Professor Slomanson, Judge Battaglia's lectures to his students have become a tradition.

"The TJSJL faculty prides itself on providing extracurricular legal education opportunities," said Professor Slomanson. "Judge Battaglia's presentations to TJSJL students each semester provides a significant intellectual spark to that objective. We are incredibly fortunate to benefit from his continuing efforts to assist us in our quest to make our students more practice ready."

The presentation was very wise counsel, from an experienced jurist, delivered in the perfect setting.



Professor Bill Slomanson with Students



The Etiquette Lady Comes to Town

By Chelsea Halpine-Berger Phi Alpha Delta, Justice-Elect

The “Etiquette Lady” was in town last Thursday night to bestow some class upon the members of Phi Alpha Delta. Elaine Swann is an Etiquette and Lifestyle Expert who through her book series “Girls Have Style”, her regular appearances on San Diego’s NBC “News in the Morning”, her radio program “The Elaine Show” on am 1000 KCEO, her website and syndicated column, shares up-to-the minute, practical, contemporary etiquette advice and tips. Basically, Elaine is a fancy superhero taking on bad manners one person at a time.

Elaine greeted us in a private dining room at Hotel Solamar. Those of us who dreaded a terrifying “Miss Manners” type were instantly relieved when Elaine began to speak. She was hilarious, down-to-earth, professional and real. Elaine guided us through each course of our meal, demonstrating which fork to use so that you do not embarrass yourself at a business lunch. On the topic of business lunches, Elaine was authoritative: “Chivalry is gender neutral in this setting. Ladies, don’t wait for a man to pull out your chair for you.” Gentleman, this doesn’t completely get you off the hook. Chivalry is not gender neutral on a date, so shun these customs at your peril (because we will be judging you).

As destitute law students, we can count on the rule that if you are invited to a lunch or dinner, you will not be expected to pay. However, if you invite people, be prepared to bust out your credit card. If you do cover the bill, do so in it’s entirety; don’t allow others to cover the gratuity. Also, the “ten-second rule” when you drop food is (surprisingly) not an established rule of etiquette. If your food falls on the table, close to your plate, you can safely eat it. If your food falls on the floor, do not pick it up and ingest it, no matter how delicious.

As we descended like malnourished law students upon real food, Elaine perused the tables to observe our progress, or lack thereof. She hovered behind me. “I’m too scared to eat when you’re here,” I tell her. She laughs. Despite some butter hogs at our table, we were pretty much doing okay. On that note, don’t butter up your bread and then stuff it directly in your face. It is proper to rip off chunks of bread, dip them in butter and then consume. Eating with your hands is sometimes classy. When you are holding a wine glass, keep your grubby mitts off the glass itself, and hold it by the stem. If you take a bit of something horrid, you must resist the urge to spit it into a napkin, which is almost never accomplished discreetly.

Nicole Heffel was very concerned about the taboo of “cleaning your plate,” which is traditionally frowned upon in a formal setting. Let’s be real, if you’re eating a lobster and there are four bites left, you’re not going to leave them for the sake of etiquette. Fortunately, Elaine dismissed this as no longer the mortal etiquette sin of the past. This was especially fortuitous, as most of us had already eaten anything edible that was placed on our table. I was eyeing my neighbor’s untouched Brussels Sprouts. I hopefully asked Elaine if I could eat them, although I already knew the answer. Unfortunately, you cannot finish your neighbor’s food, even if you really want to, without looking like a feral animal.

Elaine was a great sport with all of our questions and made our Spring Etiquette Dinner a great success. Khouloud Elmasri, Director of Professional Events, was instrumental in arranging a lovely and well-run evening for Phi Alpha Delta members.



Ross Milligan 2L, CLIMB Mentor

The CLIMB Program

By Ross Milligan 2L

On March 27, 2012, CLIMB started its mentoring program at Crawford High School. Six mentors participated during the first week of the program. TJSJ students, Ross Milligan and Michael Dykstra, shared their experience as mentors:

I have the privilege of working as a mentor for CLIMB. Though I have been to Crawford several times for Job Readiness Training, yesterday was my first experience as a mentor. I was excited to meet my mentee for the first time. The young people at Crawford had met us before, but we had never been able to talk to them one on one. My mentee is named Moussa. He is one of the younger people in the group, but it was immediately apparent he had tremendous dedication. I was impressed by his dreams and ambitions. I am looking forward to helping him reach his aspirations. I firmly believe that mentoring will make a difference in the lives of the young people at Crawford and am glad to be a part of this experience.



The Power of Voice /Crawford High School 11th grade

By: Anayeli Delgado

Paying attention to a guest speaker can be a difficult task, especially if the speaker cannot connect with his or her audience. Guest speaker, Chris Nepacena, was able to connect with his audience. From the first time he spoke, he captured our attention. Unlike other guest speakers of the past, he did not need to raise his voice or use commands to acquire our interest and attention. The way he spoke, the issues he spoke about, and the message he conveyed made him a powerful and interesting speaker.

He hooked everyone with the description of his background. Learning about him and all the struggles he faced to become a student at Thomas Jefferson School of Law was fascinating. I am junior at Crawford High School with the desire to become successful. We are surrounded by poverty, gang affiliated students, and an environment filled with drugs and fear. I feel that the desire to become successful is eminent. I feel that meeting an individual who overcame challenges similar to the challenges I have faced is motivational. Seeing actual proof that one can become someone great in life with a background like our own is inspirational.

I learned that our voice is powerful. The message given throughout the lecture was clear and simple, yet effective. It is something everyone can learn from and use in any situation encountered; and is certainly one that I will use. The speaker inspired us to use our voice to achieve our goals and change the world. It seems impossible; but nothing in this world is. He also demonstrated that we are our own enemies and we control our path to greatness.

The guest speaker and the CLIMB Program have helped my fellow students and I realize that we can achieve great things in this life and that there is no obstacle that we cannot overcome. More than a lecture, we were given a new mentality; one that will certainly take us far in our paths to success.

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 (I-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 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.



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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.

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SUPREME COURT FOR HON. RON PARRAGUIRRE.

LORI WESTIN (CLASS OF 2004) BEGAN HER CAREER HERE IN
THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA BY CLERKING FOR
HON. JOHN HOUSTON.

MEJKAN TAGUE (CLASS OF 2002) WORKS IN THE SAN
DIEGO SUPERIOR COURT, VISTA BRANCH FOR HON. ROBERT
DAHLQUIST.

ABIGAIL STEPHENSON CLERKED IN THE UTAH COURTS.

RSVP IN THE EVENTS TAB ON SYMPPLICITY.

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Career Services Presents ...

Introduction
to
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Wednesday, April 11, 2012

11:30 a.m. in Room 323

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Post-graduate fellowships provide a unique opportunity to engage in challenging public interest work at nonprofit organizations, law firms and government agencies across the country upon graduation.

This presentation will:

- identify the various types of fellowship opportunities,
- review some of the major programs, and
- provide you with the resources to give you a head start to the many deadlines coming up this fall!

2Ls interested in government and/or public interest are especially encouraged to attend!



**TJSL's LSRJ Presents:
A Pro-Faith/
Pro-Choice Perspective**

**April 11
Room 225
Noon**

Spiritual and religious groups and individuals are often assumed to be anti-choice and are ignored as members of the reproductive justice movement. In reality, most people of faith support reproductive rights and healthcare options for men and women. Join us in a discussion to dispel the myth that pro-faith means “pro-life” and bring in new and exciting viewpoints to the reproductive justice movement.

Email for details or to R.S.V.P.: lsrj@tjssl.edu

Careers in Immigration Law

Sponsored by:

Guest Panelists:

Diana Velos Coker, Esq.

Nikki Weil, Esq.

Tammy Lin, Esq.

Samuel W. Bettwy, Esq.



Thursday, April 12, 2012
11:30 AM Room 229



SAN DIEGO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION'S ETHNIC RELATIONS & DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association
Filipino American Lawyers of San Diego
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Date: Thursday, April 12, 2012

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

Meet and mingle with fellow Ethnic Relations & Diversity Committee and San Diego County Bar Association members for drinks and appetizers, and find out how you can become involved in ERDC and the SDCBA.

Please R.S.V.P. by Monday April 9, 2012

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Thursday, April 12

Location: Room 229

Immigration Law Society presents:

The American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) discussion on immigration law



Attorneys from The American Immigration Lawyers Association is a national association established to promote justice, advocate for fair and reasonable immigration law and policy, and advance the quality of immigration and nationality law and practice.

Among the attorneys attending the panel are: Tammy Lin, the Immigration Attorney for Jewish Family Service (JFS) of San Diego's Prins Asylum Program. JFS, established in 1918, is a social service agency assisting in the resettlement of refugees to the San Diego community and affiliated with the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), one of the oldest international migration and resettlement agencies in the United States.

Nikki Weil runs a solo practice focused on business and family immigration matters. She handles asylum cases pro bono and consistently lobbies members of congress on civil rights issues including immigration.

Diana Vellos Coker is a partner with Larrabee Mehlman Albi Coker LLP in San Diego, California. Her practice focuses on business immigration law for the high-tech, pharmaceutical/biotech and health care industries.

Also attending, Adjunct Professor Samuel W. Bettwy who is an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of California, specializing in immigration law and civil litigation since 1989.



*Thomas Jefferson School of Law
Public Interest Law Foundation*

Silent Auction Extraordinaire

Friday, April 13, 2012

Doors Open at 5pm

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Sunday, April 15th
1pm - 5pm

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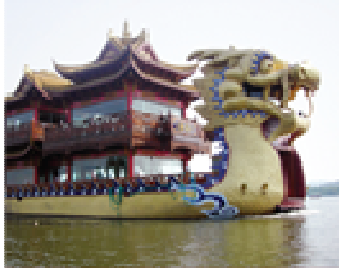
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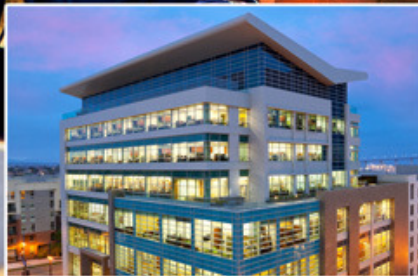
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Julie Greenberg

Presentation: Legal Challenges Confronting the Intersex Community, The National LGBT Bar Association National Call In, Apr 4, 2012

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