



2013 Alumni Wall of Fame Awardees

Non Traditional Category

Leslie Lee Alexander '77

Mr. Alexander is a former stock trader from New Jersey who owns the NBA team Houston Rockets. Mr. Alexander started trading options and bonds for a Wall Street firm before he broke off to form his own investment company, The Alexander Group, in 1980. From 1978 to 2009, Mr. Alexander was a member of the California State Bar. Mr. Alexander took control of the Houston Rockets in July 1993. He was named the best owner in the NBA by Forbes in 2008. He also owns a vineyard in Long Island, NY and the related company Leslie Wine, launched in 2008. From 1997 until early 2007, Mr. Alexander was the owner of the WMBA's Houston Comets. The Comets won the league's first 4 WNBA championships from 1997 to 2000.

Practicing Category

San Diego District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis '76

Ms. Dumanis has been the San Diego District Attorney since 2003, when she defeated incumbent Paul Pfingst. Her first job was as a junior typist in San Diego County as she studied law at night. Following admission to the California State Bar, she served as a Deputy District Attorney from 1978 to 1990. In 1994, Ms. Dumanis was elected to the Municipal Court where she would serve for four years and started the first Drug Courts in San Diego. In 1998, Ms. Dumanis was elected to the San Diego Superior Court where she started a program called Domestic Violence Court to reduce reoccurrences by perpetrators. In 2008, Ms. Dumanis was inducted into the Women's Museum of California's Hall of Fame honoring her career and achievements.

Judicial Officer Category

San Diego Superior Court Commissioner Gary Bloch '81

After graduation from Western State, Commissioner Bloch began his career with Defenders Inc. A year later, he went into private practice focusing exclusively on criminal defense. In 1994, Commissioner Bloch applied for, and was appointed to, the El Cajon Municipal Court as a Commissioner. In 2002, he transferred to South Bay, San Diego Superior Court. He retired in December 2012. Commissioner Bloch is the recipient of the A. Thomas Golden Alumnus of the Year Award in 2012. He has been the catalyst for the annual Judicial Officers Mixer at the law school as well as a dedicated member of the TJSL Alumni Association Board of Directors. Commissioner Bloch is a proud and dedicated supporter of Thomas Jefferson School of Law and its students, and his son is a current TJSL student!