



Dean Beth Kransberger addressing TJSL Students

students on Monday, August 13. “You are walking through the doors of opportunity.”

Due to the large incoming class of 315 students Monday’s orientation was held in two separate classrooms united by a virtual video and audio feed that allowed students to experience orientation as one group.

The breakfast and lunch sessions allowed students like Nikki Schrey from Fresno and Joe Rodriguez from San Francisco to meet and mingle with faculty and staff.



**Bottom Row Right Nikki Schrey
Top Row Right Joe Rodriguez**

“Meeting everyone has really calmed my nerves,” said Schrey.

“I love it! I love everything about it so far! I have met some great people, I’m very excited and I’m trying not to worry about everything right now.”



“TJSL is awesome and I am so excited! I can’t wait to see what happens next,” said Rodriguez about his first day at TJSL.

This is First Week!

“Welcome to the class of 2015,” said Associate Dean Beth Kransberger as she welcomed the Fall 2012 class of law

Dean Kransberger told the new TJSL students “Just remember, the people that you are meeting right now are going to be your colleagues in the professional world. So always treat each other with professionalism.”

Orientation for part-time students will be held on the evenings of Wednesday, August 15 and Thursday, August 16.



New Student being Welcoming by SBA President Gabe Baldini

All new students are invited to experience the Harbor Cruise on Friday, August 17.

Classes for the fall semester begin on Monday, August 20.



There was a Party on the Entrada Rooftop Thursday Night!



The BBQ on the roof of Entrada, the student housing apartment complex, was hopping on Thursday, August 9 with 1L's, 2L's, 3L's, TJSJL staff members, Dean Rudy Hasl and even a TJSJL Trustee.

“The BBQ hosted by TJSJL was a wonderful event that provided a warm welcome to students who are new to San Diego, Entrada and law school life and also a nice opportunity for the new and existing students residing in Entrada to become acquainted with each other,” said Alumna and Board of Trustee member, Kendall Berkey '94. “I think it is extremely important for the TJSJL community to support its students in a variety of ways from the beginning of their law school journey.”

Each year before the Fall semester TJSJL hosts a BBQ bash so that students living at Entrada can mix & mingle and get to know their neighbors.

“The BBQ was a great mixer!” said Shantelee Christie 2L. “It was good to catch up with old friends and hear about the things they've experienced and conquered over their summer break. It was also great to meet the new 1Ls and get to know about their



TJSJL Dean Rudy Hasl Talks to Entrada Residents



Yvonne Ruiz 2L & Shantelee Christie 2L

background and the things they hope to achieve on their law school journey. It was really uncanny how just a year ago, their fears and anxieties were my fears and anxieties.”

Kathryn Bleazard 1L said she is not anxious but rather excited to be hitting the books again. “I can't wait to get to class and start writing briefs and doing research.” To which her new 1L friends standing with her at the table chuckled and replied, “Ya, let's see how long that lasts.”



Kenny Robbins 3L & Dayn Richardson with Indigo Café



Associate Dean Beth Kransberger Speaks with Entrada Resident Students

Entrada is a 172-unit student housing complex just a block from TJSJL.

“Entrada is a great place to live, especially given the proximity to school, Christie says. “It is student friendly and the leasing staff does their best to cater to needs of every tenant.”



After all, a court is a court is a court, even if the planes landing at Lindbergh Field occasionally made it hard to hear the proceedings as they passed overhead.



Superior Court Commissioner Kelly Doblado

Stand Down is the annual event held by Veterans Village of San Diego (VVSD) to help homeless or recently homeless veterans with all kinds of issues, from a warm shower, to medical care, to legal assistance.

That's where Thomas Jefferson School of Law's Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic (VLAC) comes in.

TJSL students who are part of the clinic the law school operates at VVSD were representing veterans before Commissioner Doblado in the family court at Stand Down to hear the cases of the vets who were asking for changes in their child support obligations.



Left: Tyler Miles 3L

he can afford to pay.

"It was great. It was really great," Fisher said of Mile's legal assistance. And Miles said, "It's great to be able to help. It shows me that this is what I want to do."

"As long as you have a robe, you're all set no matter where you are," said Superior Court Commissioner Kelly Doblado, who was holding court on a handball court at Stand Down 2012 on July 13. "Have robe, will travel."



Jessica Barber 3L

"This is a noble showing for TJSL, because the veterans have done so much for our country," said Jessica Barber 3L, who is working for the County Department of Child Support services and appeared in the Stand Down Court.

"Although it feels a little weird to be here in jeans and flip-flops."

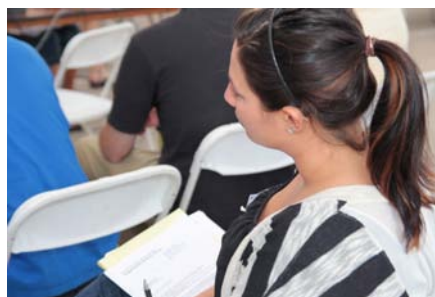
Cris Kinsella 2L and Brad Seliga 3L also work with the County Child Support Division and were there to keep things flowing – making sure each veteran found the right place to be to get the right services.

"This is a really unique experience," said Melissa Cantu 2L as she waited with her client Irene Wiedenhoft, a Navy veteran who is applying for disability and was hoping to get her child support case closed.



Center: Cris Kinsella 2L

"There is a lot of client interaction," Cantu added, "and it's reassuring that Professor Maiden and Tiffany Gilmartin are here because we do have a lot of questions."



Melissa Cantu 2L



Professor Jan Maiden

Stand Down continued...

Professor Jan Maiden is all too happy to answer those questions and to stand with them as they appear before the court commissioner.

She is a TJSJ adjunct professor who is working with the veterans clinic this summer because clinic director, Professor Steve Berenson, is teaching for TJSJ's Study Abroad Program in Nice, France.

As for the clinic students at Stand Down, "It's wonderful what they're doing," Maiden says. "It's a great opportunity to help others and get real life experience."



Left: Tiffany Gilmartin

Tiffany Gilmartin is the clinic fellow, who supervises the students at VLAC. "They're doing a fantastic job," she said. "It's a great opportunity to see justice working the way it should."

TJSJ has operated the veterans clinic since 2006 and has been representing veterans at Stand Down ever since.

In addition to Tyler Miles and Melissa Cantu, Tim Seeger, Shane Wate, Ryan Yates, Tyler Miles, Michael Klitze and Nell Marshall represented veterans at Stand Down this year. Also, TJSJ Alumni Cheryl Ramancious, Stefano Molea, Tristan Aeschleman and Ed Neustetter were there to represent veterans.



Left: Ryan Yates 3L

3L Ryan Yates says that representing veterans is "more rewarding than anything. VLAC is a way to give back and is an experience like no other."

After hearing the first several cases, Commissioner Doblado said that the TJSJ students are "doing a wonderful job." She feels Stand Down is a "good place for veterans to start making new lives," and that she "is happy to help with that process" by holding Family Court at Stand Down.

"It's a place for them to start moving forward," she says. "If their child support is more than they can possibly pay because of their circumstances, then it pushes them even lower and no one's interest is served. We have to help them find a balance."



Right: Tim Seeger 2L

As for the holding court outdoors, Jessica Barber said, "It's a more comfortable environment for them than a courtroom. They're in a tough predicament, and we make it possible to support their children as best they can as they (the veterans) get back on their feet. We have the child's best interest and their best interest in mind."

Eight TJSL Professors Named as Top Attorneys



**Top Row: Thom Golden, Jeff Slattery
Bottom Row: Luz Herrera, Julie Greenberg, Alex Kreit, Marybeth Herald**

The eight professors named as "Top Attorneys" by the San Diego Daily Transcript in its annual peer voting recognition program were honored, along with other 2012 Top Attorney finalists, at a reception hosted by the business and legal news publication on Monday, July 30.

TJSL Professors Thomas Golden, Julie Greenberg, Marybeth Herald, Luz Herrera, Alex Kreit, Brenda Simon, Jeff Slattery and Kenneth Vandevelde are finalists in the "Top Attorneys in Academics" category,

capturing 8 of the 11 peer-selected spots in that category.



Brenda Simon

According to the newspaper, The Transcript conducts a peer voting process to determine the "best and brightest" lawyers in 14 categories representing private, corporate, academic and government practice. The categories have been selected to represent the main areas of law practiced in San Diego County. More than 6,000 email invitations were sent to San Diego attorneys, resulting in more than 800 nominations.



Kenneth Vandevelde



Nine TJSL alumni also made the Top Attorney finalists in various categories.

Andrew Dunk '86 earned enough peer votes to merit recognition as a Top Attorney in two categories. TJSL alumni Top Attorneys and their categories are:

James Matthew Brown '81, Personal Injury/Property Damage

G. Cole Casey '96, Criminal Law

Andrew Dunk '86, Insurance and Personal Injury/Property Damage

Joshua Gruenberg '92, Personal Injury/Property Damage

Matthew J. Liedle '86, Insurance

Rebecca Lack Mowbray '86, Insurance

Brett J. Schreiber '05, Personal Injury/Property Damage

David S. Schulman '92, Family Law

John Schweitzer '92, Family Law

The Transcript announces the finalists in its Top Attorneys awards program each year in a special supplement and on the Transcript's website.

Congratulations to TJSL's professors and alumni who are San Diego's 2012 Top Attorneys!

www.sddt.com/topattorneys

TJSL Selected for USPTO Trademark Law School Clinic Certification Program

Just two weeks after the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) announced in mid-July that Thomas Jefferson School of Law will be the only California law school to participate in its Patent Law School Clinic Certification Pilot Program, there is more good news for TJSL and its expanding intellectual property (IP) program.

The USPTO has announced that TJSL is one of nine additional law schools selected to join the Trademark Law School Clinic Certification Program this fall, which will allow TJSL students to practice trademark law before the USPTO under the guidance of a faculty supervisor.

Professor Steve Semeraro, who submitted the applications for TJSL's participation in both USPTO pilot programs, is thrilled with this latest news. "This is a great thing for TJSL," he said, "and confirmation of the excellent IP program that we have built."

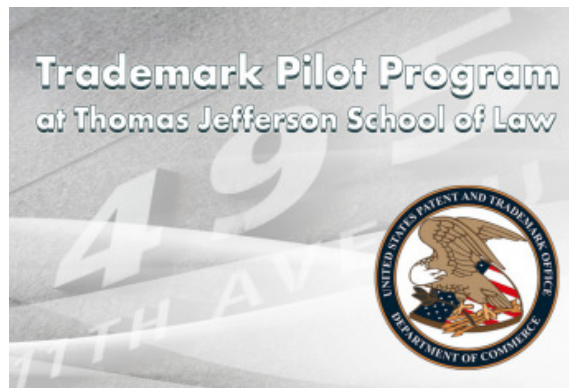
The applications were reviewed by a Selection Committee comprised of USPTO professionals, who chose schools that appeared to have the greatest potential for success. The committee identified attributes among the selected law schools such as "strong IP curriculum supporting students' hands-on learning; a commitment to networking in the community; comprehensive pro bono services; and excellent case management systems."

The trademark pilot program supervisor at TJSL will be Professor Jeff Slattery, who had a thriving art and entertainment law practice following graduation from law school and, earlier this year, launched TJSL's Art and Entertainment Law Project, a clinical program within the school's Small Business Law Center (SBLC), that gives students an opportunity to provide pro-bono legal services to individuals, organizations and small businesses involved with the arts.

"Participating in the trademark pilot program helps TJSL better serve the needs of our community," says Professor Slattery. "Numerous local business owners and non-profit directors have already approached the TJSL Small Business Law Center about applying to register their trademark rights, firmly establishing that need."

"As part of the pilot program, TJSL students will work with clients to prepare and file applications without charging for our legal services, making trademark registration more accessible. After filing, our students will interact directly with examining attorneys in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on each application. In this way, clients will see their immediate needs met, while our students build important skills they can bring to the greater community upon becoming attorneys themselves."

A special feature of the pilot programs is that the USPTO will expedite the application review process for those filed by students. This will greatly benefit the TJSL clinics' clients as the normal application review process can take years.



"The USPTO patent pilot program provides a small number of law schools the unique opportunity to teach students the hands-on practice of patent law and provides valuable patent services to the solo-inventor, non-profit and small business communities," said San Diego IP attorney Ross Franks, who will be the supervising faculty attorney for the patent pilot program at TJSL. "It is an honor that TJSL was

selected to be a part of the patent pilot program. I believe the program will help prepare students for making an immediate impact in their post-graduation patent jobs. I am excited to be a part of the patent program and for the TJSL students who will get to participate."

"This level of experience is equal to what students would receive as licensed patent or trademark agents or junior attorneys practicing patent and trademark law," said Professor Julie Cromer Young, the director of TJSL's Center for Law and Intellectual Property. "It is a rare opportunity for the students to cement the knowledge gained in the classroom with skills gained from real interactions, as opposed to simulations. "

For more information about the IP program and Small Business Law Center at Thomas Jefferson School of Law and the USPTO pilot programs, visit:

<https://www.tjssl.edu/academics/jd-programs/academic-specialties/intellectual-property-law>

<https://www.tjssl.edu/clinics/sblc>

http://www.uspto.gov/ip/boards/oed/practitioner/agents/law_school_pilot.jsp

Appointments for TJSL Law Clinic / New Solo Practice Programs



Left: Lilys D. McCoy

Right: Rebecca Nieman

Business Law Center and Arts & Entertainment Project, respectively.”

Nieman most recently has served as Assistant Director of Legal Services at UC San Diego. She also has worked with the San Diego Volunteer Lawyers Program as a managing attorney and with the Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc., as a program manager, supervising attorney and staff attorney.

“I believe my years as a public interest attorney supervising legal clinics and law student volunteers, as well as over a decade of experience in practicing law in various legal specialties, make this position a perfect fit for both me and the school,” said Nieman.

“Legal clinical work is a key component in strengthening a student’s legal skills, as it provides real world experience that puts into practice the legal foundations learned in the classroom. I look forward to continuing the school’s priority of providing a first rate educational experience for the law students, while at the same time providing the practical tools needed to be an outstanding attorney.”

Lilys McCoy, a partner with McCoy, Turnage & Robertson LLP since

2003, has been a civil litigator in San Diego since 1994, trying both jury and bench trials as well as representing clients in judicial arbitrations, contractual arbitrations and mediation hearings. For more than a decade she has dedicated her practice to representing plaintiffs in consumer protection cases. She practiced several years as a solo attorney, which will prove invaluable to her new position as director of TJSL’s new solo practice programs.

The Solo Practice Concentration set to launch this fall will teach the ethical, business and entrepreneurial aspects of opening a law office. The solo practice track will be a full year sequence of mini-courses in which students will learn core lawyering skills, such as how to draft a fee agreement, and critical business skills like how to attract clients. The fall semester will focus on general skills necessary for all solo practitioners, from client interviewing to building a website to obtaining malpractice insurance. The spring semester will then focus on discrete areas that solo practitioners often pursue, including criminal law, bankruptcy, employment and family law.

The Lawyer Incubator Program, also debuting this fall, will benefit

TJSL’s recent graduates who want to be solo practitioners and who eventually will have completed the Solo Practice Concentration. TJSL will provide a law office environment and training as well as mentoring from experienced alumni for these new graduates who, in return, will gain confidence and a client base through pro bono and low-cost work for underserved members of the community. The goal is that after a year in the incubator, the program participants should have both the business acumen to run a successful practice and a sense of social responsibility that will encourage them to continue to serve their community.

“The Incubator Program is a fantastic opportunity for the School of Law and the greater San Diego community,” said McCoy. “It is an honor to have been chosen and I look forward to working closely with the faculty, students, and alumni of Thomas Jefferson.”

In addition to her responsibilities in the Incubator Program, McCoy also will be involved with the school’s very active and successful mock trial program.

Two experienced San Diego attorneys are joining the staff of Thomas Jefferson School of Law in key positions involving the school’s law clinic and new solo practice programs. Dean Rudy Hasl has announced that Lilys D. McCoy is the new Director of the school’s new Solo Practice Concentration and Lawyer Incubator Program and that Rebecca Nieman is the school’s new Law Clinic Attorney.

“Lilys McCoy is an experienced practitioner with 20 years of experience in a variety of practice settings as well as an active leader within the bar and professional associations,” according to Dean Hasl. “She brings the necessary leadership skills to this new position. I am excited by the experience and potential that she brings to this new initiative within the School of Law.”

“I also am pleased that Rebecca Nieman accepted the position,” said Dean Hasl. “She will be working directly with the students involved in our clinical programs and working with Professors Steve Berenson, Luz Herrera, and Jeff Slattery, who direct the School’s Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic, Small

Farewell to VLAC Clinic Fellow Tiffany Gilmartin '10



TJSL said farewell to Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic Fellow Tiffany Gilmartin '10 on August 8, in a special reception in the 8th floor board room.

After a highly successful yearlong term leading the veterans clinic, Gilmartin will be setting up her own practice.

"I want to thank everybody – it's been a great experience," said Gilmartin. During her time as clinic fellow, the VLAC grew larger and expanded its areas of practice, on behalf of the clients of the Veterans Village of San Diego, where TJSL students work with the veterans on their legal issues.

VLAC director, Professor Steve Berenson told the group, "My 'farewell' to Tiffany was filled with a mixture of sadness, pride, and anticipation. Sadness, because I will greatly miss working with Tiffany on a day to day basis. She has done a fantastic job managing the Veterans Clinic law office over the past two years.



Her dedication and commitment to the clinic, the school, our students, and to our clients at Veterans Village has been unwavering. Pride, because I've had the opportunity to witness Tiffany's growth from a second year student in the Clinic, to a Clinic Fellow, to a licensed and now experienced California attorney with much to offer her clients. Finally, anticipation, because I know that Tiffany is going to do fantastic things in the law as she moves on in her career. I also think that she is going to be one of those TJSL alumni who continue to interact with the school as they move forward in their practice careers. Indeed, I am already looking forward to having Tiffany back to help us again at Stand Down next summer."

Gilmartin says that in her new solo practice, she will specialize in bankruptcy and family law.

In her capacity as the Law Clinic Attorney, new TJSL staff member Rebecca Nieman will be supervising the VLAC.

Congratulations and best wishes to Tiffany from everyone in the TJSL family!



Congratulations to Spring Veterans Clinic Alumni Scholarship Winner Matthew Katsionis!

Matthew Katsionis '12 has been awarded the alumni scholarship as the outstanding student in the Veterans Clinic for work done this past semester. "It's truly an honor to receive this scholarship," Katsionis said. "I am truly humbled and plan to put the scholarship towards my bar study."

The Thomas Jefferson School of Law Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic (VLAC) provides limited legal assistance, as well as full service legal representation, to the residents and alumni of Veterans Village of San Diego.

"Matthew was thorough and diligent in his work, was great in dealing with clients," said Director of the Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic Professor Steve Berenson,

"and he displayed outstanding litigation skills and is well on his way to becoming a fine attorney."

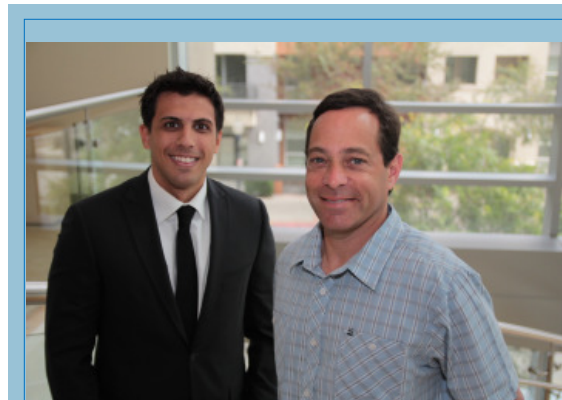
"I found my time with the Veterans Clinic to be an amazing learning experience," explains Katsionis. "What makes this internship so different from others is that the students really dictate how their cases are conducted-from start to finish. It's great!"

VLAC scholarships are made possible by money raised at the TJSJ Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament.

"The most rewarding aspect was working with our veterans. I have tremendous respect for them, so it was nice to give something

back," said Katsionis.

The next Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament will be held Friday, October 5 at the Rancho Bernardo Inn Golf Course at 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive San Diego, CA 92128. For more information, log onto <http://www.tjsl.edu/tjsl-alumni/golf-tournament>



Matthew Katsionis '12 and Professor Steve Berenson

Maysa Eissa to Serve on Equal Justice Works National Advisory Committee

Maysa Eissa, Esq., Associate Director of Career Services, has been selected to serve on the 2012-2014 Equal Justice Works National Advisory Committee. Over the next two years, the Committee comprised of 14 members, will support Equal Justice Works' mission to mobilize the next generation of public interest attorneys by acting as ambassadors within the law school and legal services communities.

The 2012 annual meeting will be held next month in Washington, D.C. where the members will discuss the most pressing issues in the public interest community and within law schools, and will collaborate on projects to increase outreach and opportunity to law students committed to public interest and social justice. To learn more about Equal Justice works and its initiatives, please visit www.equaljusticeworks.org.



Maysa Eissa

Charity Hodson '12 Selected for Judicial Clerkship in Saipan



Charity Hodson '12

Thomas Jefferson graduate Charity Hodson '12 has been selected as the next judicial law clerk for the Honorable David Wiseman at the Superior Court for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Charity graduated *magna cum laude* in May 2012, and she will start the position after taking the July 2012 California Bar Examination. During law school, Charity was a law clerk in the General Crimes section of the U.S. Attorney's Office, and completed judicial internships with the Honorable John A. Houston in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District, and with the Juvenile Division of the San Diego Superior Court. She also worked as a background investigator for the La Posta Gaming Commission and interned with the Family Justice Center. Charity was Chief Articles Editor for the Thomas Jefferson Law Review, and in her spare time she is a Tae Kwon Do/Boxing instructor.

Professor Kenneth Vandeveldel Lectures at Oxford



Professor Kenneth Vandeveldel spoke at a one-day conference at Oxford University on June 28, addressing the question whether international economic law impairs the ability of governments to address economic crises.

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Conference speakers were invited from around the world, including from Asia, Africa, Europe and North and South America. Only two Americans were speakers.

The other American was the former General Counsel to the U.S. Trade Representative and currently an attorney in private practice. Professor Vandeveldel was the only American academic to speak.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law Dean and President Rudy Hasl has announced the promotion and the granting of tenure for several professors as well as newly-elected members to TJSL's Board of Trustees.

Professor Rebecca Lee will be promoted to the rank of Associate Professor of Law; Professor Ben Templin will be promoted to the rank of Professor of Law; and Professors Leah Christensen and Sandra Rierson will be granted tenure, all effective August 1, 2012.

"Congratulations to the faculty members and to those who were involved in the various reviews that took place during the past year as a part of the promotion and tenure process," said Dean Hasl.

The Board of Trustees also decided to add five new members. They are Robert A. Britt, a financial analyst, who was



at Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich from 1980 to 2003 and has served as an independent financial consultant since 2003; Randy Grossman, who has been serving as the Alumni representative and will now have a regular Board position; Judge Lillian Y Lim, a 1977 TJSL graduate who retired from the bench in 2007 and is now engaged in mediation and arbitration activities; Mark C. Zebrowski, managing partner of the San Diego office of Morrison Forrester; and Kendall Berkey, a 1994 graduate of the TJSL who will serve a one year term as the alumni representative.

TJSL Announces Promotions, Tenure and New Trustees



Thomas Jefferson School of law was recently selected by the law school's main information technology vendor Cisco for a case study of TJSL's amazing technological achievements.

TJSL is among the most technologically innovative and advanced law schools in the United States, and the system was installed by Cisco, along with its partner TekWorks, at the law school's new state-of-the-art downtown campus that opened in January 2011.

"We are very pleased with Cisco's decision to do a case study on TJSL," said James Cooper, TJSL's Chief Information Officer. "Cisco's

recognition of what we have accomplished, in concert with both their Education Team and with TekWorks, is further validation of successful efforts to be technology leaders in education."

The case study presents the challenges, the solutions and the results of custom-building the cutting-edge system for the law school.

To read the case study log onto http://www.tjsl.edu/sites/default/files/file/Thomas%20Jefferson%20School%20of%20Law_Cisco%20Case%20Study.pdf

TJSL Team Presents in New Orleans

Thomas Jefferson School of Law Assistant Director of Student Services Angela Bayne, Director of Student Services Lisa Ferreira and TJSL alumna Diane Alkais '08, Director of Student Services at Phoenix School of Law, presented on July 13 at the international conference for the Association on Higher Education and Disability in New Orleans, LA.

*Left to Right:
Lisa Ferreira
Diane Alkais
Angela Bayne*



TJSL Team Presents at New Orleans Conference

The presentation, titled “Demystifying Law School: A Review of Policy, Practices, and Best Outcomes,” focused on perceived barriers for students with disabilities and the application process for accommodations for the LSAT, law school examinations, as well as the bar examination.

The TJSL team discussed the unique culture of law school including the law school admissions test, admission, accommodations in law school, and the bar examination. Panelists shared their scenarios and discussed best practices from admission to the bar exam.



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Professor Susan Bisom-Rapp in Philadelphia for ILERA World Congress

Written by Susan Bisom-Rapp



Professor Bisom-Rapp spent Independence Day in Philadelphia, where she attended the International Labor and Employment Relations Association's World Congress, which ran from July 2nd – 5th. The World Congress is held every three years and has only once before been held in the United States.

At the conference, Professor Bisom-Rapp and her British co-author, Professor Malcolm Sargeant, who teaches at Middlesex University Business School (London, U.K.), presented their paper *Diverging Doctrine, Converging Outcomes: Age Discrimination Law in the U.K. and the U.S.* In particular, Professors Bisom-Rapp and Sargeant are interested in the concept of involuntary retirement and how it affects older workers in both countries. Unlike in the U.S., where mandatory retirement policies are illegal, in the U.K. such policies may be justified by employers if the policy has legitimate aims and it appears retirement is an appropriate and necessary way to meet those aims. The U.K. Supreme Court's first case evaluating such a policy was *Seldon v. Clarkson Wright and Jakes*, decided in April 2012. In *Seldon*, the Court held that a policy requiring retirement at age 65 could be justified by two aims: 1) a goal of intergenerational fairness, aimed at promoting access to jobs by younger generations; and 2) a goal of employee dignity, which is promoted by avoiding costly and divisive disputes about individual old-

er workers' performance. Bisom-Rapp and Sargeant note that neither of those aims has empirical support. There is no proof, for example, that in a given case, mandatorily retiring older workers leads to opportunities for younger workers. Additionally, the co-authors contest the idea that ousting older workers from their jobs based on age is a dignified process.

In the U.S., with few exceptions, mandatory retirement policies are deemed a violation of the prohibition of age discrimination. The American system is said to combat negative stereotypes about older worker competence because it requires employers to use individualized criteria to evaluate the workers they intend to dismiss. Age, in the U.S., may not be used to remove an employee from a job.

Bisom-Rapp and Sargeant first ask which approach is more beneficial for older workers – the system in the U.K., which permits legally justified compulsory retirement or the U.S. approach, which would seem to require non-age related, individualized factors – like employee performance or cost – be evaluated before older workers may be dismissed. They then argue that the differences between the systems are not as great as they seem. "While superficially there are significant differences in legal doctrine in the U.K. and the U.S., over time, and accelerating during and in the aftermath of the Great Recession, a form of *de facto* involuntary retire-

ment has been imposed on at least some American older workers," says Professor Bisom-Rapp.

The conditions that create *de facto* mandatory retirement in the U.S. are several. First, age discrimination law itself has been greatly weakened by recent decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court. Presently, age discrimination claims are doctrinally more difficult to prove than are discrimination claims on other bases, such as race and sex. It is therefore increasingly difficult for older workers to use the law to challenge employer decision-making as age-biased. Second, those older workers who do lose their jobs are especially harmed by a lawful form of employment discrimination – discrimination against the unemployed. Relatively unheard of before the start of the Great Recession, reports of employers excluding the unemployed from consideration for open positions began surfacing in 2010. This perfectly lawful type of discrimination, at least on the federal level and in most states, has an adverse impact on older workers, who traditionally have more difficulty finding replacement work after losing a job. Such policies may greatly reduce the chance for older workers to get back on their feet after job loss, thereby hastening their departure from the labor market – or, in other words, forcing them into retirement. A final factor to consider relative to *de facto* mandatory retirement is the extent to which older workers lost their jobs as part of employers' aggressive

downsizing since the start of the Great Recession. Since the recession began in December 2007, the unemployment rate for workers 55 and over has increased more than for any other group of workers. The average length of unemployment for those 55 and over in May 2012 was 56 weeks. American older workers subject to downsizing and prolonged periods of unemployment may experience financial pressures that make early retirement, in the form of early Social Security claiming, not only attractive but necessary. Indeed, there is evidence that in 2009 and 2010 the numbers of workers claiming early Social Security benefits at age 62 was far greater than predicted.

"Given these facts," notes Professor Bisom-Rapp, "it may be legally accurate to say that compulsory retirement is prohibited in the U.S. But given reality, are there some employers accomplishing the very same thing under different guise?" More importantly, is the U.S. system, which permits these conditions to flourish, better than the U.K. approach? Considering that the outcome for many older workers in both countries is economic vulnerability or involuntary withdrawal from the labor market, the co-authors have trouble rating one system as more beneficial for older workers than the other. Ultimately, argue Professors Bisom-Rapp and Sargeant, if our countries are to vanquish age discrimination in the workplace, at a minimum that form of bias must be placed on equal footing with other forms of protected status.

2012 CALI Conference Success



Nearly 400 attendees from across the nation visited the TJSJL campus from June 21-23 for "Some Assembly Required," the 22nd Annual CALI (Conference for Law School Computing) Conference.

The event began with a greeting from Dean Rudy Hasl, who noted that this would "be an exciting event that TJSJL is happy to host!" Then, CALI President John Mayer made his grand entrance – dressed as a LEGO man and it brought down the house.

Among the featured speakers at the CALI conference were TJSJL Adjunct Professor Jennifer Cooper, who is the Associate Director of the Academic Success Program, and TJSJL's Web Application Developer Patty Ramert. TJSJL Reference Librarian Catherine Deane also spoke at the event, which concluded on Saturday.

Jennifer Cooper's entertaining and informative presentation was called "How to Pimp Your TWEN." The West Education Network® (TWEN) calls itself "an online extension of the law school Classroom." TWEN can be used by students access course materials, submit assignments and communicate with teachers and classmates, among its many functions. Professor Cooper showed her audience how to use the Westlaw program to turn their TWEN page from "drab to fab," actually creating a new page in the classroom.

Patricia Ramert spoke about "Maintaining Professor Scholarship on the TJSJL Website." Ramert took an old system based on handwritten documents, and created a modern, streamlined paperless system. "We're going 'Green' here," she said. It was a painstaking nine-month process for Ramert to create the innovative new system, but it revolutionized the way faculty books, presentations and articles are posted and updated on the website.

Catherine Deane's presentation on "Learning Centers in the Library:

What can we do with them?" focused on leveraging the technology of the two learning centers in the TJSJL Law Library to foster a collaborative approach to learning legal research.

Former TJSJL Chief Information Officer James Cooper, who supervised the team that designed TJSJL's virtual computer system, led "tech tours" of the building during the first two days of the event. Cooper stopped in one of TJSJL's "smart classrooms," where he explained all the bells and whistles. He also took the group to the server room on the sixth floor. Because of the virtual nature of the system, TJSJL went from more than 40 servers to just four energy efficient servers – all housed in a special climate-controlled room for optimal performance.

Dean Hasl was pleased with the conference. "It went very smoothly and the attendees enjoyed the ambiance of the building," he said. "This major conference exposed the school to many educators and technology specialists. I offer my thanks to everyone involved in planning and executing this major logistical event. The feedback about our hospitality has been enormously positive. I think folks left with a new appreciation for the school."

Among the highlights of the conference was a reception Thursday evening on the eighth floor terrace that featured a Mariachi band and a very festive atmosphere. Attendees also experienced the East Village and Gaslamp Quarter, while some saw the San Diego Padres take on the Seattle Mariners at Petco Park.

CALI guests raved about the good time they had and how impressed they are with the law school's new building. One attendee from the University of Miami School of Law was so impressed with San Diego that he said he was ready to move here.

Elizabeth Hilliard Fulfills Lifelong Dreams

Third-year student Elizabeth Hilliard, who will graduate in August 2012, shared this story about her study abroad experience in Japan:

Lifelong dream #1: going to law school. Check.

Lifelong dream #2: going to Japan. Check.

Both of them at the same time? Priceless.

Initially, I was disappointed to learn that I would need to get in more units this summer before graduating from TJSL. But after accepting that fact, I decided to turn it into an opportunity to follow another dream I've always had: to go to Japan. When I did an internet search for study abroad programs in Japan for law school, I found a program through the University of Santa Clara. And, as luck would have it, the program just happened to be focused on intellectual property issues – the area of law in which I plan to practice. The program offered a 3 week course on the Japanese legal system, international trade, and intellectual property law worth 4 units, and an additional 1 unit was available for a class in patent and copyright law. The latter took place over the course of a

month following the core classes during which one could do an internship. Unfortunately, by the time I learned about the program, the internships were full. However, they were impressive; some with highly regarded American and Japanese law firms, as well as with corporations, as well as other highly regarded Japanese law firms. Also included in the program were tours of the Supreme Court of Japan, the National Diet of Japan, and the Japan Patent Office. This was exactly what I was looking for!

Off I went. The first 24 hours of being in Tokyo by myself was daunting to say the least. While I speak a little Japanese, I found it to be insufficient knowledge for maneuvering the subways and getting around. I just had to jump in the water and try to swim. And I did. By the time I left, I was a pro at using the Japan Metro system, and my Japanese vocabulary had improved significantly. Fortunately, the Japanese are incredibly kind, patient, and hospitable. So everyone is more than happy to help. If all else fails, gesturing is an international language. The classes were excellent. All three of the professors were very knowledgeable and distinguished, having been published extensively.

Two of the three professors were Japanese, which provided the additional benefit of getting their perspectives on the issues.

The education provided me with an excellent base knowledge of the legal issues surrounding international trade, the differences in our legal systems, and doing business in Japan.

The tours were strategically scheduled to supplement the class lectures. After learning about the Japanese legal system, we toured the Supreme Court. After learning about doing business in Japan, we visited the National Diet of Japan (the House of Representatives). As a bonus, the director of our study Abroad program was able to arrange an impromptu meeting with one of the representatives: Mr. Akira Amari.

We were able to ask him questions about the role he plays in governing his district, and what are the current issues of concern for Japan and their government. Finally, we were granted an unusual opportunity to tour the Japan Patent Office. We learned about how their Public Gazettes Reading Room works, the resources available to applicants and owners of intellectual property, and how the appeals process works when applicants are denied. I also used the opportunity to network in Japan. Before I left, I asked a few of my mentors at TJSL if there were any alumni currently residing in Japan.

TJSL Associate Dean William Byrnes connected me with Maji Rhee, who is



a graduate of the LL.M. program at TJSL.

Currently she is Associate Dean and a professor at the School of International Liberal Studies at Waseda University in Tokyo. She responded almost instantly to my email, and we were able to connect shortly after my arrival.

As if an LL.M. isn't impressive enough, Maji also holds a Doctorate in Education, a Ph.D., and is currently working on her J.S.D. One would expect to be intimidated by such a highly educated individual, but Maji was warm and welcoming, and we hit it off right away. She invited me to Waseda University as her guest, and introduced me to numerous professors and directors. As a successful professional woman living in Japan, she was also able to give me a feel for the opportunities available to an American lawyer; particularly if they speak Japanese. Maji was a great contact to make; both professionally and personally.

The Tokyo program enhanced my legal education, gave me experience living in a foreign country, and improved my Japanese language skills. Reaching out to TJSL alumni made the experience even better.

As always, the value of networking cannot be overstated.

TJSL Alumna Helps Company Win a Major Federal Grant

Thomas Jefferson School of Law alumna Adryanna Apellz '11, formerly known as Barbara Oppelz, recently managed a grant application, and coordinated the team efforts of U.S. and European experts, that has resulted in a \$25-million grant award to Soitec Solar by the Department of Energy (DOE) under its SUNPATH Program.

Soitec is an international solar energy producer of semiconductor materials for the electronics and energy industries, and the grant will go to support the company's new solar manufacturing facility in San Diego. SUNPATH, which stands for Scaling Up Nascent PV At Home, is a DOE program that "seeks to increase America's manufacturing competitiveness in the global solar market," according to Soitec.

"The analysis and writing skills that were taught to me in law school helped me in securing the \$25 Million SUNPATH grant award from the Department of Energy (DOE).

While at TJSL, Apellz was the president of the Intellectual Property Law

Association and organized several events for IPLA. She was also part of TJSL's IP Fellowship program.

"The analysis and writing skills that were taught to me in law school helped me in securing the \$25 Million SUNPATH grant award from the Department of Energy (DOE) for Soitec's new factory in San Diego," Apellz said. "None of this would have been possible without the teachings of the talented staff at Thomas Jefferson School of Law."

According to Soitec's news release, "The \$25 million award will complement more than \$115 million of private investment to accelerate construction of the company's first large-scale concentrating photovoltaic (CPV) module plant in San Diego, California. The modules from the plant will supply more than 300 megawatts (MW) of electricity to California consumers through agreements with San Diego Gas and Electric as well as other." Apellz, a business analyst, has expertise in developing and executing international and



corporate planning initiatives to manage new projects and product opportunities in

wireless and satellite communications, mobile network operators, aerospace, software and Cleantech solar projects. She has demonstrated success in creation of strategic alliances, joint ventures, developing and growing markets, positioning solutions selling, pricing, strategy, distribution, planning to increase shareholder value.

Originally from Tettang, Germany, Apellz has been in San Diego since 2003 and is in the process of becoming a U.S. citizen.

Apellz is fluent in German and French, and has studied Mandarin. She holds an executive M.B.A. from Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management, a J.D. from Thomas Jefferson School of Law and a B.S. from Babson College.

Lindsey-Shannon Lee 3L is doing a paid internship this summer at Playboy Plus Entertainment Inc. in Los Angeles. Lee is an Intellectual Property Fellow at TJSJL, Editor of the Jeffersonian, immediate past-president of the Entertainment Law Society, and a Jefferson Fellow. This is her account of the experience at Playboy so far.



After finals I packed up all my worldly goods, chucked them in a storage unit, moved out of my apartment and made the familiar trek up to Los Angeles. Blazing ahead was scary and thrilling. I was leaving my apartment, my friends, my life in San Diego and taking a chance at real professionalism in cutthroat Los Angeles California.

Before law school I worked as an IP / Litigation paralegal for a top firm that was known for their work in the entertainment industry. I loved my job there and I was ecstatic to be returning to the city that helped me

develop my adoration for all things creative but I was horrified that my best wasn't going to be good enough.

I would be lying if I didn't say I was pretty terrified on the first day of my internship. I had no idea what to expect and I was anxious to make the best impression possible. I woke up hours before I needed to leave and I anguished over my selection of professional clothes. I felt like this was the first day of the rest of my life and the butterflies were impossible to ignore.

I walked into the lobby at Playboy Plus Entertainment, Inc. and had a hard time concealing my excitement. This job is my dream job. Having worked exclusively in law

firms, the opportunity to work with in-house counsel and be a part of a corporate team / community was very exciting.

To rewind for a moment, when I left my paralegal job at Mitchell, Silberberg & Knupp LLP to come to TJSJL, I was terrified that I would never be able to find the same high quality caliber mentors that I had been blessed with there. The two partners and associate I worked with at MS&K were supportive, passionate, energetic and enviably sharp. However,

despite my concerns about my future, I forged ahead into law school terrain and forgot about my career concerns. Law school proved to be a time-consuming endeavor and I quickly forgot about the "real world" outside the doors of TJSJL. When the hallway conversations began to shift from IL woes to job placement terror, I remembered my concerns about having left a great position to tackle obtaining a JD.

Even when I landed my job at Playboy Plus, I was still concerned that a dream job might not be so dreamy when mired in the day-to-day work load. I had so many questions and my fear of the unknown was almost paralyzing. Not typically one for allowing myself to buckle from nerves, I thrust myself into the mix and held my breath. I have not been disappointed.

The two attorneys I work with are nothing short of a dream. Emile Nicolaou (a TJSJL alum) and Roy Liebrecht (Loyola) instantly welcomed me into the fold and went out of their way to loop me in on everything they are working on. Quality mentors make all the difference.

My first project was a direct application of the substantive law I learned in Contracts I

(THANK YOU PROFESSOR GOLDEN!)

After the initial fear of failure subsided, I have devoured everything I can get my hands on. I feel like a sponge soaking up every tidbit of information. I have been able to get my fingers into everything from Motion Picture Licensing Agreements to Distribution Agreements. I have been included in riveting conversations between attorneys, talent agents, insurance experts, editors and even radio and television talent. The work has been fun and educational. If my unquenchable desire to learn has bothered anyone - they haven't let on. They answer every question with verve and aplomb. The projects have been complex and exciting. I feel so blessed to work with such an incredible team. Their patience, kindness and love of what they do is inspiring. From day one I have been treated as an asset and I cannot express how rewarding that has been. This is the first time in my life that I have ever been consulted for the knowledge I've obtained in law school. To read the entire blog log onto

<http://www.tjsl.edu/blogs/interning-at-playboy/2012/07/interning-playboy>

TJSL Professor Beth Caldwell Named Soros Justice Fellow



Thomas Jefferson School of Law Faculty Fellow Beth Caldwell has been honored as a recipient of a 2012 Soros Justice Fellowship from Open Society Foundations, headquartered in New York.

According to the official news release, "The 2012 Soros Justice Fellows will tackle issues at the core of the Open Society Foundations' work, such as addressing barriers that people face upon leaving prison, the harsh treatment of youth in the criminal justice system, and the impact of incarceration on communities of color. They will also be working on cutting edge reform efforts around the country, like projects to trim criminal justice costs in local jurisdictions and the role of architecture in social justice issues."

Professor Caldwell, along with co-awardees Joel Medina, and Erin Siegal will produce a series of written and multimedia stories about the impact that mandatory, permanent deportations have on individuals, families, and communities."

"I feel honored that I was selected as a Soros Justice Fellow," said Professor Caldwell. "It is a privilege to be among a community of scholars and practitioners working on cutting edge criminal justice issues. I am excited to be heading to Puerto Rico this week for a conference that brings together current and former Fellows to discuss emerging issues in the field of criminal justice. My fellowship project aims to raise

awareness about the consequences of crime-based deportations by producing a series of articles and television segments that share the stories of deportees and their family members. I am researching the topic in Mexico by interviewing people who have been deported, as well as government officials and representatives of NGOs. This project fits nicely with a law review article I am writing that explores deportation as cruel and unusual punishment. A portion of the article focuses on the experiences of people who have been deported, and I am incorporating primary research from interviews into this section."

Professor Caldwell has also just published an article in the *University of San Francisco Law Review*, titled: **"Twenty-Five to Life for Adolescent Mistakes: Juvenile Strikes as Cruel and Unusual Punishment."** The article explores the impact of permanent felony strikes on juveniles convicted of crimes and that long sentences that often result.

According to the article: "Quite simply, California's three strikes sentencing scheme often results in cruel punishments. When third strike sentences are imposed on the basis of juvenile conduct, the cruelty is even more pronounced. Over five hundred people are serving twenty-five years to life in California as a result of at least one

juvenile strike.³⁶³ Many more are living with two juvenile strikes on their records such that any brush with the law will send them to prison for twenty-five years to life.

Thousands of youth are accused of strike offenses in juvenile court each year and are then confronted with a complicated web of decisions that will impact the rest of their lives. Three strikes is not effective in reducing crime, and it is particularly unjust as applied to youth. According to the tenets set forth in *Graham*, the use of juvenile strikes should be abolished."

Professor Caldwell also published an article on the *Maine Law Review* recently, titled **"Appealing to Empathy"**, which examines the issue of presenting mitigating evidence in juvenile cases that are likely to produce long prison sentences that last well into adulthood.

According to the article: "Juvenciles prosecuted in adult courts face serious consequences – including spending the rest of their lives in prison – despite their immaturity and often traumatic upbringings. The Supreme Court has recognized the categorical diminished culpability of adolescents. The culpability of some young offenders is particularly diminished because of the details of their lives. It is critical for attorneys to uncover and present mitigating information at sentencing hearings because such information may have an impact on the rest of their young clients' lives."

Professor Steve Semeraro Wins Writer's Competition

Thomas Jefferson School of Law Professor Steve Semeraro has won the first ever Journal of Legal Education Fiction Contest (JLE), sponsored by Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles and judged by very prominent writers.

Southwestern Associate Dean Molly Selvin, the managing editor of the JLE and coordinator of the contest said, "The quality of entries for this competition proves there is a plethora of creativity, wit and skill in the legal writing community. The judges were delighted by so many entries from talented writers, legal scholars and practitioners."

Professor Semeraro's story, "The Birds They Sang at the Break of Day" was selected as the best entry from among 129 entries, from writers across the U.S., and several other countries.

"I'm thrilled," said Professor Semeraro about winning the contest. "As practitioners and law professors, attorneys are always performing for judges, juries, clients, and students," said Professor Semeraro. "The legal fiction writing contest is a welcome chance for us to get off the stage for a while and create the characters that we wish we could be."

The panel of prominent judges included best-selling authors such as Michael Connelly and Denise Hamilton, television writer Marshall Goldberg and author and television-movie consultant Charles Rosenberg.

"I was honestly blown away by the level of creativity and craft in these stories," said Connelly, author of bestselling legal-themed novels such as *The Lincoln Lawyer*, *The Brass Verdict*, *The Fifth Witness*, *The Reversal* and *The Drop*. "These writers delved into all facets of the law but more importantly they dug down deep into characters. It's a winning combination. 'The Birds They Sang at the Break of Day' is a wonderful story that should be read widely. And it's not the only one. Many, many of these stories should be published and read. These writers certainly have something to say."

The story, in Professor Semeraro's words, is about "a recent law school graduate, Greg Gramchi, who happens to play in a live karaoke band. He gets some advice from a homeless former street lawyer and decides to pursue a career representing only criminal defendants charged with DUI. Gramchi's wife and family might not understand why he decided to defend exclusively DUI cases. But as the pieces of his law practice fall into place, Gramchi learns that the concepts of winning and losing at law aren't exactly what he expected them to be. In fact, they aren't even close."

The story is based on Eric Ganci '08, who has established himself as one of the top DUI attorneys in San Diego.

"It's an honor, a complete honor," said Ganci of being the inspiration for the story.

"It's a playful tale of someone working and strategizing day and night to fulfill



his dreams, and I just hope I come anywhere close to him!"

How did Professor Semeraro's story come about?

"I was thinking about writing a pilot for a TV show based on these characters, and I was hunting around for a class to teach me how to do it," said Professor Semeraro. "When I went to the AALS convention in January, I saw a flier for the fiction writing contest. I thought that putting together a short story would be a way to move the project forward. And although I hadn't written a short story, at least since high school, I knew they were publishing 20 stories. So I figured I had a shot. I asked a few friends with writing and editing experience to comment on an early draft. I took what they said seriously and made a lot of changes. I couldn't be happier that it all worked out."

Thomas Jefferson's China Program

By Dan Schmeiche,
Photos by Lindsay Volk and Julie Houth

As I look back at my stay in China after returning to the United States, I view my experience fondly. We were blessed to stay in Hangzhou. Although I cannot say that it was as large and exciting as Shanghai, but Hangzhou was by far the most beautiful city in China that I have visited. Every morning, as we drove to the Campus of Zhejiang University, we passed by the lake that was in the heart of the city.



*** Thomas Jefferson students on a bike tour of Hangzhou**

The lake was surrounded by parks, restaurants, and immaculate landscaping. It was not uncommon to catch a glimpse of elderly women doing tai chi as our bus drove by.

Our first week was full of anticipation and eagerness to explore our new surroundings. Within a few days of class, several Thomas Jefferson classmates and a Zhejiang University student and I went for a bike ride around Hangzhou. This was challenging as bikes shared the road with cars. Many of the drivers viewed traffic laws as mild suggestions. They occasionally drove through red lights as well as on the side of the road. The week concluded

with a trip to Shanghai. Shanghai was the complete opposite of the relative peacefulness and tranquility of Hangzhou.

Shanghai is a large and modern metropolis, full of bright lights and tall buildings. Our days during our weekend trips were always long. We tried to take advantage of the short time we had. I have to say that the most memorable thing about Shanghai was not the Chinese Law firm, the markets, or the second largest building in the world. It was having lunch in the home of a Chinese family. We were welcomed into a stranger's home for a freshly prepared meal. It was a humbling experience to see how an average Chinese family lived. The apartment was small and simple, but comfortable. The one thing that I remember most was the picture of Mao Zedong overlooking the living room as we ate our meal.

During the second week of the program, we became more comfortable with our new surround-



***Skyscrapers in Shanghai**

ings, including the feral cats that often meandered into the classroom during lectures. Class was normally fast paced and this week was even more condensed because class ended on Thursday, as the next morning we were visiting the Supreme People's Court, which is located in Beijing.



***Professor Tiefenbrun along with Justice Jiang Huiling and other panelists at the Supreme People's Court**

When we arrived at the courthouse, our bus parked outside a large white building with a large gate that surrounded it. After everyone went through security, many of us gathered in front of the large steps. We were eventually led into the lobby where we were greeted. We took a tour of a courtroom and were ultimately brought to a large conference room. We received a lecture from a panel that included Justice Jiang Huiling. It's remarkable that it can take traveling halfway across the world to realize how truly different our culture and perceptions of the world are. As we quickly learned, the American perception of law was just that, American. This is exemplified as justices in the Supreme People's Court are appointed for short terms, and justices often see their position as a stepping stone for higher political ambitions rather than an ends to the means in and of itself.

**Thomas Jefferson's
China Program Continued...**

As with the previous weekend trip to Shanghai, our trip was fast paced as we squeezed in as many attractions as possible. Our trip to China would not have been complete without seeing the Great Wall of China. The Wall stretched as far as you could see. As I headed back down from the wall, I was



*** Judge John Walker giving a lecture**

eventually greeted by a group of Thomas Jefferson students, who stated that they had just met the Vice President of Kenya and one of his Ambassadors. As we stood waiting for the rest of our group to return, we saw the motorcade of the Kenyan Vice President and realized the story was not a ruse.

During the last week of the China program we were fortunate enough to be visited by Judge John Walker. Judge Walker lectured for several days in Professor Tienfenbrun's International Business Transaction Course. Judge Walker's knowledge of the Chinese legal system was

rather impressive. Most of what Judge Walker stated coincided with the Chinese Legal System course I was taking.

I was surprised that Judge Walker was able to be as open as he was with the problems that plagued the Chinese legal system. However, I was even more impressed about how candid the Chinese professors had been. I was under the impression that such candid talk about the functions and dysfunctions of Chinese politics was taboo. This was seen during our weekend trip to Beijing when several classmates saw a girl kick *The Red Book* in Tiananmen Square, and was subsequently taken away by police.

The rest of the week was marked with the usual stress and anxiety of trying to catch up on neglected readings and studying for finals.

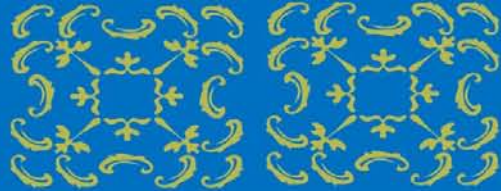
In retrospect, the Chinese program was fast paced, hectic, and intensive. You feel that you never have enough time for your reading, and there is never enough time to explore China. However, years from now, that is not what I am going to remember. I am going to remember how students at Thomas Jefferson, whom I had never met before, opened up not only to each other but to the Chinese students as well, and how beautiful and amazing all of the sites are.



***Professors Tiefenbrun and Templin along with Thomas Jefferson Students and a Zhejiang University Law student**

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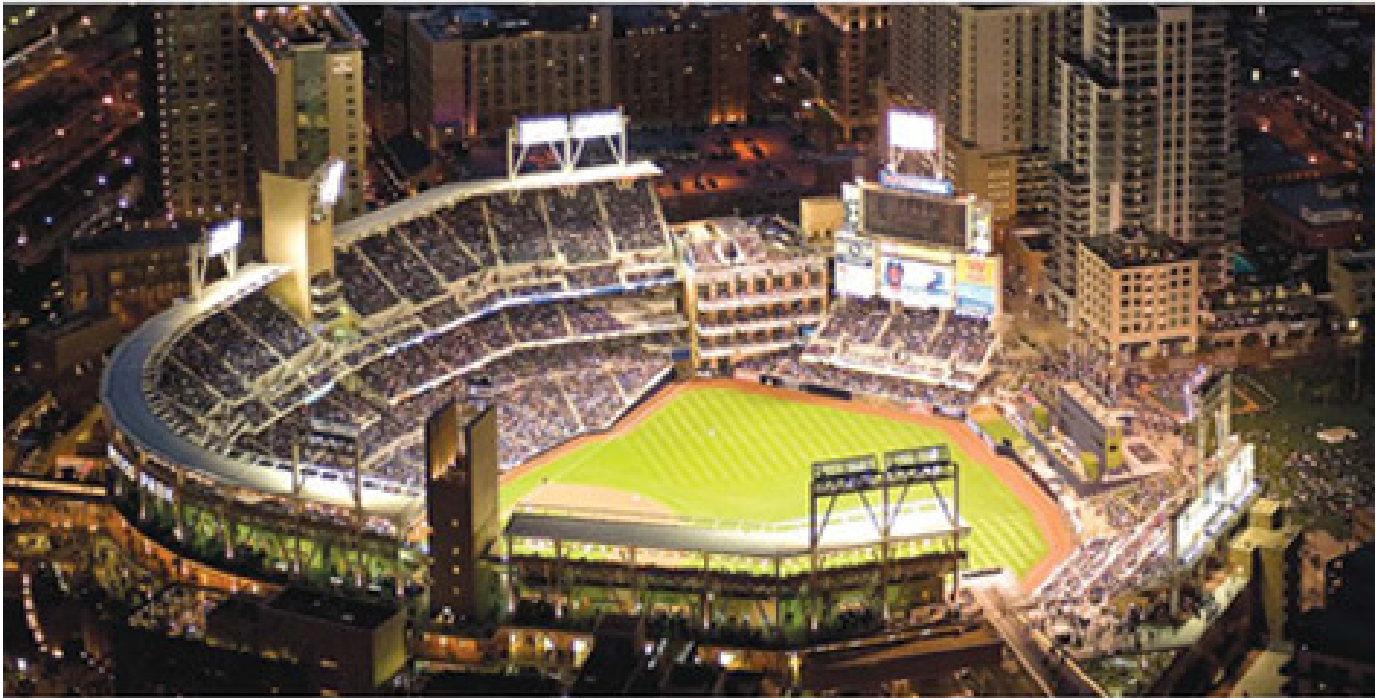
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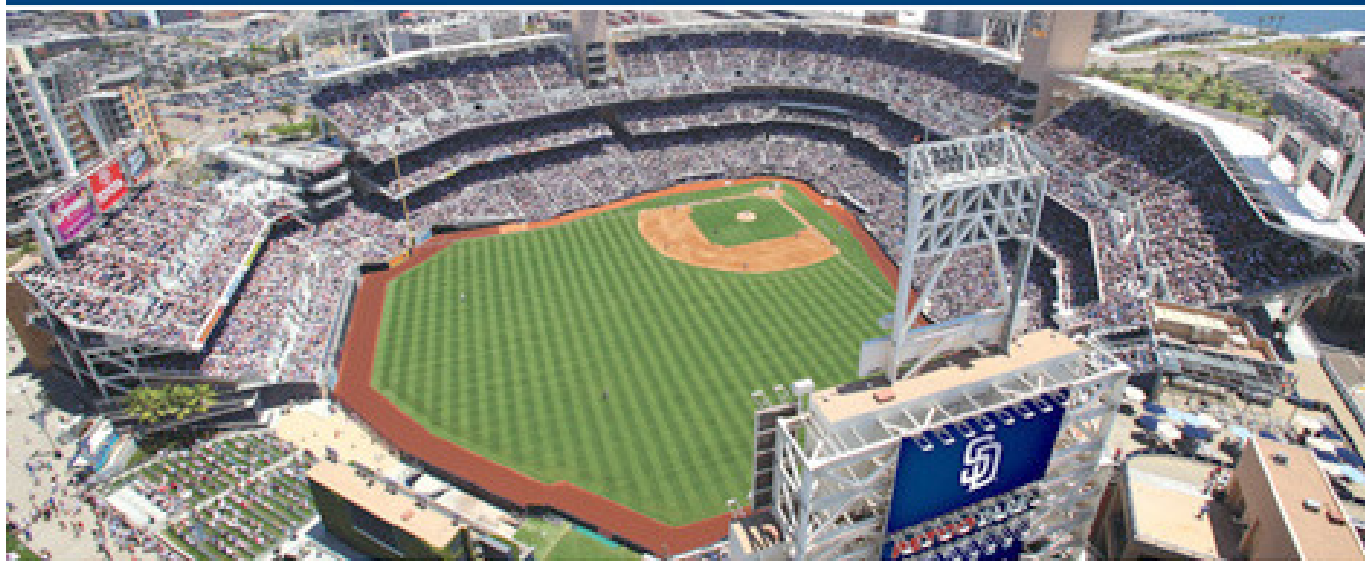
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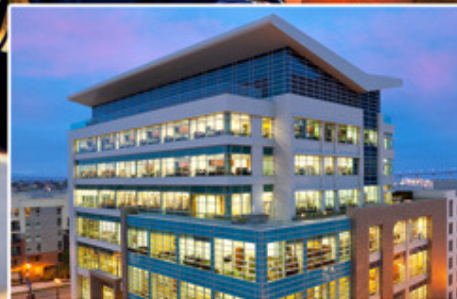
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Brenda M. Simon

Presentations:

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Jennifer McKinney Cooper

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Presenter, *How to Pimp Your TWEN: Engaging Students on Their Turf - Online*, CALI Conference 2012, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, CA (June 21, 2012) (Available at <http://conference.cali.org/2012/sessions/how-pimp-your-twen-engaging-students-their-turf-online>)

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Julie A. Greenberg

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Presentations:

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Leah Christensen

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Marjorie Cohn

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Rebecca K. Lee

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Presentations:

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Presentations:

Panelist, *Employment Discrimination in a Diverse Population: An Important Exception to At-Will Employment*, Legal Business Conference, San Diego French-American Chamber of Commerce and Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, CA (April 18, 2012)

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Moderator, *Panel on Good Faith*, 7th International Contracts Conference, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, CA (March 3, 2012)



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William H. Byrnes, IV

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LEXIS GUIDE TO FATCA COMPLIANCE (with Robert J. Munro) (with Jason Fiske ed., LexisNexis, forthcoming 2012)

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Presentations:

Presenter, *Developing an Effective Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Regime* (with Jason A. Fiske and Alberto Gil Soriano), LexisNexis CLE, Elsevier Reed Building, New York, NY (April 26, 2012), available at <http://corporate.lexisnexis.com/cle-courses/?section=FAQ>

Presentations:

Commentator, *Issues with Developing FATCA Compliance Systems* (with Jason A Fiske and Alberto Gil Soriano), LexisNexis Workshop, CITCO, New York, NY (April 25, 2012)

Presentations:

Presenter, *Best Practices for Distance Education Development & Delivery*, WOSA (Indian National Board of Accreditation Congress), New Delhi, India (March 25, 2012)

August

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