



# Graduate Publications

## Graduate Publications Developments

The Publication Department was bustling with activity in September, submitting for publishing 25 brand new chapters for LexisNexis's Foreign Tax and Trade Briefs, 10 brand new chapters in Company Law for Wolters Kluwer International Trust Laws and Analysis, and revising the LexisNexis's entire Tax Treaties publication. All told, this was about 700 pages of new or updated published information.

Jason Fiske, the Publication Director who supervises a team of 15 JD students and several LL.M. students to complete the projects, described the hectic month as follows: "We had a high demand for output this last month, but we collaborated as a team to remarkably complete high quality products on all of the projects by the deadlines."

Several JD students at Thomas Jefferson School of Law aided greatly in this endeavor. Wesley Holl (3L) worked the entire summer authoring several different chapters for Foreign Tax and Trade Briefs. Substantial contributions to the publication were also added by Eddie Cheng (2L), Brittney Gallina (2L) and Susanne

Prochazka (2L). Jason Fiske had this to say about the JD student's efforts: "Without the outstanding effort by our team of JD students under my supervision the quantity and quality of the products produced would not have been possible. Wes (Holl) worked long, diligent hours all summer to make this happen, and Eddie (Cheng), Brittney (Gallina), and Susanne's (Prochazka) work also made this possible. I could not have done this without their help."

This month as well: Associate Dean William Byrnes became and accredited journalist for the National Press Club, the world's largest press association of accredited journalists. This will ease the process for credentialing for press briefings and interviews.



William H. Byrnes, IV

## LL.M. Student Spotlight

Whitney Drechsler is an LL.M. student at Thomas Jefferson School of Law in the International Tax and Financial Services concentration. After graduating Magna Cum Laude from TJSL's Juris Doctor Program and passing the California bar, she came back as a full scholarship recipient to learn and work in a program she has dubbed as "a challenging and extremely rewarding scholarly environment with a unique take on learning."

Since half way through her third year in law school, Whitney has been with the LL.M. Program's tax publications. She started as a research editor on the Foreign Tax and Trade Briefs Publication, summarizing important tax information for nations across the globe. Canada, Saudi Arabia, and Hong Kong are just a few of the countries she edited for final publication. Whitney also assisted in editing chapters of Company Law, with the section entirely dedicated to the state of Delaware as the most notable.

In addition to Foreign Tax and Trade Briefs, while in law

school Whitney had the opportunity to co-author an article with Dean William Byrnes that broke down the extensive and extremely complicated tax changes brought about by President Obama's health care reform. The article was published in the Merten's Law of Federal Taxation Highlights and was published within weeks of the passage of the President's bill.

Once Whitney started as a LL.M. student, she was responsible for the quarterly edits of LexisNexis's Tax Treaties Publication. Whitney managed this publication for her entire tenure as an LL.M. student. Now that she has completed the program requirement and is certain to graduate, she is pursuing work in international estate planning and high net worth asset management. "I learned a tremendous amount of specialized tax knowledge while in the program that I know will help me to be a well rounded tax attorney." ■



## Alumni Spotlight

Christopher M. Sove, LL.M. is a Publication Director for the Thomas Jefferson School of Law International Tax and Financial Services graduate program. During his almost four years with the program, he has leveraged his strong analytical aptitude and extensive knowledge of current tax law to write, revise and edit numerous tax and estate planning publications, ranging book-length projects to journal articles. His work has been published by many of the top legal publishers, including West, LexisNexis, Wolters Kluwer, and Oxford University Press, and includes nine chapters in tax staple Mertens Law of Federal Income Taxation and over 25 chapters on foreign company law in the treatise International Trust Laws and Analysis.

Chris Sove's academic background includes a degree in Mathematics and Computer Science, followed by a J.D. and an LL.M. (Master of Laws) in Taxation, both from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law. In his last semester as a JD at TJSL, Christopher met Dean Byrnes from the LL.M. program, who was looking for students to assist him with an editing project. After completing that project, Dean Byrnes and Christopher realized that legal publishers had a pressing need for content, and the publishing wing of the LL.M. program was born. The program has expanded exponentially since then, encompassing dozens of works across a broad spectrum of legal topics. He also has served as adjunct professor of taxation at the TJSL graduate program teaching partnership taxation.

Christopher is a licensed Ohio attorney and recently started a law firm with his wife Alma, who he met at TJSL. They live in Ohio with their daughter Evangeline, who is three years old. Christopher's practice focuses on issues facing business owners, investors and executives. Estate planning, taxation, entity formation, and succession planning are common themes in Chris's practice, but he assists his clients in a wide variety of matters. ■



## J.D. Student Spotlight

Eddie Cheng (3L) is a student author and editor at the TJSL Graduate Publications.

Born in Hong Kong, Eddie speaks fluent Chinese, English, and French. His extensive language skills allow him to contribute to the success of the Graduate Publications. He noted, "At the Graduate Publications, we work with attorneys, scholars, and professionals all over the world. Being able to speak three languages minimize the problem of 'lost in translation.'"

In addition to his existing works, Eddie has taken on new roles at the Graduate Publications. Beginning this academic year, he has been busy creating and designing various publi-

cations at the Graduate Publications. A monthly electronic newsletter designed by Eddie began circulating among the faculties and students at Thomas Jefferson School of Law in September.

In recent years, the TJSL Graduate Program is becoming more renowned internationally. Eddie is re-designing the brochure and Graduate Newsletter. "TJSL offers a very unique environment for international scholars. With our new campus, advanced technology, and prime location, we are getting more inquiries regarding our program. More importantly, we coordinate with renowned publishers, such as LexisNexis and West. I hope the new looks of these publications will provide them with more infor-

mation about us and what we offer." said Eddie.

Eddie has authored a number of articles for the Graduate Publications Program: Company Law - Alaska Chapter, FTTB - Argentina and Korea chapters. ■



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