



Graduate Publications

From the Editor

This monthly newsletter will be disseminated monthly to inform students, alumni, faculty, and staff of the substantial work being completed on a monthly basis with the LL.M. Publication Department. Each month there will be individuals from the J.D. program, LL.M. program, and alumni who will be spotlighted to illuminate the resume building potential that occurs on a daily basis with us.

Assoc. Dean William Byrnes heads the effort, networking with the largest legal publication companies in the world to bring Thomas Jefferson School of Law publications on topics ranging from tax, corporate law, anti-money laundering, wealth management, and trust law.



William H. Byrnes, IV

TJSL alum ('08 J.D. and '10 LL.M.) Jason Fiske is the full time Publications Director who manages and authors many of the publications. TJSL alum Christopher Sove ('07 J.D. and '10 LL.M.) is also a full time Publications Director who manages the largest publication, the work done for Advisor FX.

The comprehensive work done by this collaborative effort results 500-1000 published pages of work a month. Publications include:

Lexis

- *Foreign Tax and Trade Briefs*
- *Tax Havens of the World*
- *Tax Treaties*
- *Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing, Asset Forfeiture & Compliance (a Global Guide) (2011)*

Westlaw

- *Mertens Law of Federal Taxation*
- *Mertens Highlights*

Wolters Kluwer

- *International Trust Laws and Analysis w/ Company Law*

National Underwriters

- *Tax Facts*
- *Advanced Markets*

If you are interested in working for the Graduate Publication Department, unpaid positions and potentially paid Federal Work Study positions are available. No experience necessary, all training will be provided. Please contact Publications Director Jason Fiske: fiskeja@tjssl.edu, or stop by his office (room 421).■

LL.M. Student Spotlight

Crystel Galin is a student at Thomas Jefferson School of Law's LL.M. (Master of Laws) Program in International Tax & Financial Services. She graduated from TJSL's Juris Doctor Program in December 2010 and passed the February 2011 California Bar Examination.

Crystel's work for TJSL's LL.M. Department ranges from researching tax law on foreign countries to writing articles on United States gift and estate tax issues. Crystel co-authored the United States "Corporate Tax" section for a Foreign Tax and Trade Briefs (FTTB) Publication. She has updated tax law for publication on LexisNexis, including being a research editor for the following FTTB LexisNexis publications: Mexico, Spain, Cyprus, Japan, Singapore, Russia, and Germany.

Crystel also supervised students on writing Company Law Chapters, which cover the legal aspects of starting and maintaining businesses in foreign jurisdictions. She wrote Company Law Chapters for the following countries: Australia, New Zealand, Antigua & Barbuda, and the United Kingdom.

Crystel is currently editing Journal Articles and Tax Facts pertaining to United States gift and estate tax issues for the Advisor FX website. "Being awarded a scholarship to attend TJSL's LL.M. Program and gaining practice doing tax-related work has been a wonderful experience. I'm thankful for the opportunity to deepen my understanding of the tax law system; this will be a great benefit when I begin searching for a job in the corporate and tax law fields," she said. Crystel is scheduled to graduate from the LL.M. Program with a focus in United States Taxation in December 2011.■

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Alumni Spotlight

Natasha Cluff is a TJSL alumni (J.D. 2009, LL.M. 2011) and an integral part of the Publication Department's Lexis publication: Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing, Asset Forfeiture & Compliance (a Global Guide) (2011). Natasha, along with her editing partner James Ploch, put in countless hours researching and drafting, and have been an important part of the editorial board for this brand new publication, which totals roughly 2,000 pages of published material.

In this publication, Natasha's editing included Latin American, Caribbean and South American country sections such as Columbia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, and Venezuela. In addition, Natasha and James co-wrote and edited the chapter on Panama.

Referring to her editing experience on this treatise, Natasha commented: "unlike other global evaluations, we tried to cut through the conventional verbose writing to turn out a definitive work written in cleaner, plain language." When prompted about working with her editing partner, Natasha commented that James, currently residing and working in Panama, was in prime position to evaluate the

Central and South American sections.

"Natasha's work product clearly adhered to our strict quality control standards, and her involvement on this publication was instrumental in the timeliness of the publication's release," says the LL.M.'s Publication Director Jason Fiske. "Without her diligent work, this publication may not have been ready for release this next month."

Natasha works closely with the graduate LL.M./J.S.D. program, both professors and students here at TJSL and will continue to pursue editing various publications as she works on her own J.S.D. in the next year. ■



J.D. Student Spotlight

Benjamin Turner (3L) has been a valuable asset to our program. He brings experience and understanding from a practical perspective. Mr. Turner currently serves as Fellow to the International Tax & Financial Services Program.

"My experience with the international tax & financial services department has been unbelievable." Mr. Turner seems to have enjoyed the experience, he continues, "I was able to focus my studies on a specific area of law which I can take directly into practice."

Ben works with practitioners on a daily basis applying his international tax and financial services skills. He is also prolific. Mr. Turner, retains the post on the panel of experts of the Advanced Markets Team for the National Underwriter Company. He has written over two hundred and fifty articles while at Thomas Jefferson.

Mr. Turner notes, "the exposure the program has brought, from a professional standpoint, has been terrific. During my time in the J.D./LL.M. program, working with the publications department has provided me the opportunity for professional notoriety at an early point in my career that I don't think

would have been available elsewhere."

You can read Ben's articles relating to, tax, insurance, wealth management and financial services on advisorfyi.com.

At the end of the day, this was a good fit for the LL.M. Program and Ben. As he notes, "Dean Byrnes and his team have created an atmosphere which, in my opinion, stands among the elite tax, business, and financial services programs internationally." ■



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