

## Randy Jones Speech - TJSL Dedication

Justice Ginsberg, Distinguished guests, this is a day of celebration for the Thomas Jefferson School of Law. The entire law school community has worked tirelessly to create the facility that we are dedicating today. Let it stand as a lasting tribute to those efforts and as a symbol of our ongoing commitment to the Rule of Law in our society.

With each generation of law students who will be educated within these walls, let us not only dedicate this building, but re-dedicate our lives to the principles on which Thomas Jefferson School of Law was established:

- a **belief** that access to a legal education should be available to all, especially to those who have historically not been a part of the legal profession;
- a **commitment** to high academic standards of excellence;
- a **desire** to develop graduates who understand their obligations to their clients and to the society in which they are working;
- an **effort** to produce graduates who are prepared to serve clients, having been introduced to essential professional skills and values in law school, in addition to receiving a sound theoretical foundation; and
- an **understanding and appreciation** of the role of law in an international and multicultural world.

If we achieve these objectives of our academic program, then the building of the new facility will have been justified.

In closing I would like to acknowledge the presence of our current and former Board members who are celebrating this day with us. Please stand and be recognized.  
Thank you.