SAN DIEGO — Rudy Hasl, dean and president of Thomas Jefferson School of Law, has been given a lifetime achievement award from the school’s student bar association in recognition of many accomplishments throughout his career, including opening a new downtown campus.

Hasl was honored Feb. 12 at the annual Barrister’s Ball at the Westgate Hotel. The award was presented by District

Attorney Bonnie Dumanis, Public Defender Henry Coker and Thomas Jefferson trustee Randy Grossman, all of whom are TJSL alumni.

Over the past 30 years, Hasl has served as dean at three other law schools: Saint Louis University, St. John’s University and Seattle University, according to a news release. He became dean at Thomas Jefferson School in July 2005.

Since then, Hasl has worked to improve diversity among the Thomas Jefferson faculty and student populations, added academic programs and directed the opening of the new eight-story campus in January.

Others recognized at the event were: Jon Epsten, who received the alumnus of the year award, Associate Dean and General Counsel Jeff Joseph, and professors A. Thomas Golden, Leah Christensen, Susan Tiefenbrun and Kaimipono Wenger.