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Thomas Jefferson School of Law Gets an “A” for Diversity!

SAN DIEGO, CA --- The November issue of the National Jurist ranked Thomas Jefferson School of Law as one of the most diverse law schools in the country giving it an “A” letter grade. The National Jurist, a leading news source in legal education, formulated the rankings by assessing faculty and student minority percentages.

This year, Thomas Jefferson School of Law ranked #15 in the country placing it above California Western School of Law, UC Davis Law and Stanford Law School. In 2012, the National Jurist compiled a similar ranking in which TJSL also received an above average grade of “A-.”

After calculating each school’s percentage of faculty minority and five categories of student minorities, these percentages were compared to national averages. Comparison was used as a way to assign scores from one to ten in each category. Schools that matched the national average in a category were given a seven and those that came in thirty percent above the national average or higher were given a ten. The faculty’s score was weighted as twenty-five percent of the final score and the student population score as seventy-five percent.

The article emphasizes that diversity is so important to the legal profession and it should be regarded in rankings.

TJSL’s long standing commitment to diversifying the legal profession has made it a forerunner in producing practice ready graduates. TJSL’s highly ranked externship program and multiple hands-on clinics ensure TJSL graduates obtain an education that will make them competitive in today’s job market.

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