



**THOMAS  
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**SAN DIEGO**

A photograph of three people in professional attire sitting at a desk. A man on the left is smiling and looking towards the center. A woman in the middle is smiling broadly and looking towards the right. A man on the right is looking down at a document on the desk. The entire image has a light blue overlay.

**THE CENTER FOR  
SOLO PRACTITIONERS**



## OVERVIEW

The Center for Solo Practitioners at Thomas Jefferson School of Law is a post-graduate program designed to help alumni develop law practices committed to the representation of people who are not eligible for free legal services but have difficulty paying high hourly rates. The goals of the program are to: (1) provide reasonably-priced legal services to low- and middle-income individuals; (2) help bridge the “justice gap” in our community; (3) engender a career-long passion for serving and improving under-served communities; and (4) provide lawyers with the skills necessary to run successful law firms, while instilling a deep commitment to ethics and professionalism.

To reach these goals, The Center for Solo Practitioners brings together TJSJ alumni who are eager to start law firms that will make a difference in their communities. The Center has been designed to connect entrepreneurial lawyers with individuals who do not have access to affordable legal services. Lawyers who accept a position in the Center commit to offering non-traditional billing arrangements to their clients, including the use of need-based, sliding-scale fee structures. In so doing, the Center strives to help create a level playing field for San Diego citizens who have been denied access to affordable legal services and, thus, access to justice.



The Center for Solo Practitioners is located in the Chase bank building on the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Broadway in downtown San Diego at 707 Broadway, Ste. 700, San Diego, CA 92101. We can be reached at (619) 550-4879 or by email at [solocenter707@gmail.com](mailto:solocenter707@gmail.com).



The new lawyers in residence at The Center for Solo Practitioners are committed to using their education and training to provide high-quality, affordable legal services to San Diegans with unmet legal needs in the following areas:



- **Family Law**, including child support, spousal support, child custody, and dissolution
- **Consumer Law**, including debt collection issues, credit report errors, and fraud
- **Employment Law**, including wrongful termination, discrimination, and failure to pay
- **Estates and Trusts**, including wills, probate, guardianships, and conservatorships
- **Small-business Advising**, including business formation and regulatory compliance
- **Immigration Law**, including visas, residency, naturalization, and asylum
- **Landlord/Tenant**, including advice on unlawful detainer laws and procedure
- **Personal Injury**, including insurance disputes, accidents, and products liability
- **Real Property Law**, including advice on foreclosure laws and procedure
- **Criminal Law**, including misdemeanors and felonies in both state and federal court



In addition to their chosen areas of practice, each of the lawyers in the Center is committed to helping victims of domestic violence. Each has pledged a minimum of 50 pro bono hours to help victims obtain domestic violence restraining orders and other needed legal services.



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