TJSL wasn’t really saying farewell to Dean Rudy Hasl at his tribute on April 18 – but ‘thank you’ for a job incredibly well done - as he steps down after eight years at the helm of the law school.

The event was held in the lobby of the new TJSL downtown campus and, as emcee Professor K.J. Greene told the attendees, “Dean Hasl is one of the most distinguished people you will meet in legal education.”

As faculty, staff, students, alumni, trustees and special guests looked on, Professor Greene said, “What he’s done for this school is phenomenal. His legacy is not this building, as wonderful as it is. His legacy is the difference he has made to people. He has changed thousands of lives.”

“He’s given his life and his soul to the law school,” said Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy Jones, who is the chair of the TJSL Board of Trustees. “As chairman, it has been a pleasure to work with Rudy and we are proud of this facility and all of the hard work he did to build it. We appreciate everything you’ve done.”

Vince Hall ’08, who is San Diego Mayor Bob Filner’s chief of staff, presented a proclamation to Dean Hasl for his exceptional achievements. “Had it not been for Dean Hasl, we would not have this world-class facility,” said Hall.

In the proclamation, the Mayor Filner declared April 18, 2013 “Rudy Hasl Day” in San Diego, and Dean Hasl was clearly moved to be so honored.
TJSL Honors Dean Rudy Hasl continued...

Lorena Slomanson '03 spoke on behalf of the Alumni Association and thanked him “for the tremendous support he has given TJSL's alumni.”

“This has been a labor of love for me,” said Dean Hasl when it was his turn to speak. “It has been a wonderful treat to be able to serve you for the past eight years.”

Dean Hasl thanked the board of trustees for providing the leadership to take the leap of faith and relocate the law school to the area where it now stands. It was not the best of neighborhoods several years ago, but Dean Hasl said, “The transformation has been remarkable. TJSL has been a catalyst for the development of the East Village and we are a vibrant part of the community.”

It was fitting that the podium was located in front of the LEED Gold plaque awarded to TJSL by the U.S. Green Building Council for the law school’s sustainable, environmentally-friendly design. It was something Dean Hasl and the design team worked hard to achieve.

Dean Hasl said he will take a year-long sabbatical after he steps down on June 30, and will stay affiliated with the law school. And don’t mention retirement to him.

In fact, he quipped, “Law school deans don’t retire – they just lose their faculties.”

There was one more surprise in store for Dean Hasl. The atrium in the lobby, planted with trees and plants carefully selected by the dean, will now be called the “Rudy Hasl Atrium.”

As the audience members shook Dean Hasl’s hand and toasted him, the song chosen to honor him was wonderfully appropriate: “I Did it My Way.”
James E. Atkins '82 is Named 2012 Adjunct Professor of the Year

Deputy District Attorney James (Jim) E. Atkins '82 has earned the distinctive title of 2012 Adjunct Professor of the Year. The announcement was made by Dean Rudy Hasl at the annual appreciation reception on April 17 to honor the practitioners who bring their professional expertise to the classroom as adjunct professors at Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

Professor Atkins, whose father also graduated from the law school, began teaching part-time at TJSL in the fall of 2011. As a Deputy D.A., he’s a natural for the three courses he teaches: Evidence, California Evidence and Criminal Motion Practice.

"He does three different preparations for fairly difficult courses, and for material that is bar-tested," remarked Dean Hasl when announcing that Professor Atkins was this year’s award recipient. "He has really risen to the occasion, striking the right balance between being a tough, demanding instructor but also generating very positive feedback from the students in evaluations."

"As a grad of this institution, and my father before me, I wanted to impart what I’ve learned, help get the bar pass rate up and help the students use this practical information to get externships and jobs," said Professor Atkins.

Dean Hasl praised all the adjuncts at TJSL, noting that they play a critical role in the educational journey and transition to the workplace. "You are engaged in the practice of law and we value the insight you contribute," he said. "You bring a relevant connection for our students."

The Dean acknowledged how adjunct professors are helping the school realize its academic goals and pointed to the accomplishments of adjunct professors such as Tim Dennison, Ross Franks and Lilys McCoy, who have proved "what great things can be achieved when you bring faculty and part-time faculty together in a creative partnership."

Professors Dennison and Franks supervise TJSL’s Trademark and Patent Clinics, respectively, within the Small Business Law Center. TJSL is one of only 11 schools in the nation, and the only one in California, to have both a patent clinic and a trademark clinic that are an official part of the Law School Certification Pilot Program administered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Professor McCoy supervises the new Center for Solo Practitioners, an incubator program for TJSL’s new lawyers to help them establish practices and clients while serving members of the San Diego community who can’t afford legal representation.
TJSL Students Land Internships with Sony and Qualcomm

Two TJSL 1L students have landed internships with major corporations for this coming summer.

Marisol Gonzalez will be interning for Sony Pictures Entertainment in Los Angeles and Ricardo Elorza will be interning at Qualcomm here in San Diego.

“I am very excited to work for Sony Pictures Entertainment this summer,” said Gonzalez. “Working for Sony means that a door of opportunity has opened. I arrived to law school with an open mind to the wide range of areas in the law and slowly I feel I’m finding my way into my future legal career.”

This summer Gonzales will work closely with the Global Communications Department managing Sony Pictures’ corporate communication both internally and externally.

“Some of the work I will get to do will be with corporate intranet, e-newsletter, and maintain the relationships with media contacts,” said Gonzalez.

Elorza expects to be working with the privacy team that takes care of training and researching privacy laws from across the globe, everywhere Qualcomm has an office, while the discovery team produces discovery documents for the rest of the legal departments.

“Getting an internship at Qualcomm this summer is a dream come true,” said Elorza. “I have known about Qualcomm for some time now and I was always excited to read about their great tech innovations as they are at the forefront of mobile technology. The first time I went to the Qualcomm campus I felt like a kid in a candy store, I’m afraid I will gain a few pounds during my stay there.”

Elorza says he eats, sleeps and breathes technology – especially mobile technology - a marketplace where Qualcomm is a giant.

“I would also like to emphasize that if it was not for a mentor I met at one of the events TJSL put together, this internship would not have happened,” said Elorza. “Keeping your network informed as to what you are doing is key to finding internships and employment after law school.”

Gonzalez and Elorza are both really excited for each other – especially because they are a couple! They met while they were both studying for the LSAT exam and formed a study group. Both were accepted at TJSL and both are now embarking on these coveted internships together.
Susan Quassani Awarded American Bar Association’s Judicial Internship in Texas

By Maysa Eissa, Esq. Associate Director of Career Services and Adjunct Professor

Susan Quassani (3L) was selected to serve as a participant in the 2013 American Bar Association’s Judicial Intern Opportunity Program. Since 2003, the mission of the Judicial Intern Opportunity Program has been to encourage and to provide opportunities to groups traditionally underrepresented in the legal profession to serve in judicial chambers. After multiple rounds of interviews, Quassani has secured a judicial externship at the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas with Judge Kazen in Laredo, Texas for this summer.

From an early age, Quassani knew that she wanted to pursue a career in criminal law. A native of Las Vegas, NV, Quassani earned an undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice at the University of Nevada – Las Vegas (UNLV). Upon graduation from UNLV, Quassani went on to receive a graduate degree in Public Administration at the University of Southern California. There, she gained significant hands-on experience in leadership and public interest organizations, including Public Counsel. Prior to law school, Quassani also spent several years as a legal assistant at a criminal law defense firm and now currently interns with the California Innocence Project.

“I am really excited to extern for Judge Kazen this summer. I think it is going to be a great learning opportunity for me. Working at the California Innocence Project and seeing what they do has instilled my desire to be the best criminal defense attorney I can be, and I am confident that this experience will help me better understand how decisions are made and how best to advocate for my future clients.”

Click here to learn more about the Judicial Intern Opportunity Program

TJSL CELEBRATES 3L’S PRESTIGIOUS INTERNSHIP WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

By Randolph C. Reliford, Esq. Associate Director of Career Services

This summer third-year law student Danielle Gilbert (3L) will have a prominent internship with the Department of Justice Executive Office for Immigration Review in San Francisco, through its Summer Law Internship Program (SLIP). In this position, she will be assisting an immigration judge, likely by writing recommendations or memoranda, researching issues, and watching hearings. This internship opportunity is extremely selective. According to the Department of Justice’s website, there are only 15 SLIP positions with Immigration Courts nationwide.

Gilbert stated, “I am excited to work for the federal government. My other internships have been with state courts and I think it will be interesting to work exclusively with federal immigration law. I am also excited to get to know San Francisco this summer.”

She found the position because, “Career Services Associate Director Maysa Eissa sent an email about government internships that included the opportunity. Career Services Director Beverly Bracker has helped me get all of my internships. She reviews my application materials, conducts mock interviews, and gives me great advice.” Gilbert is the incoming Editor-in-Chief of the Thomas Jefferson Law Review and plans to pursue postgraduate judicial clerkships.

Career Services advises that students who are interested in obtaining internship opportunities with the Government regularly review the University of Arizona, Government Honors and Internship Handbook. Working with a government agency will help you develop your skillset and it can be an outstanding springboard to your legal career.
TJSL Student Wins Prestigious Scholarship from National Bar Association

TJSL student Shannon Laoye 1L has been awarded the highly prestigious Gertrude E. Rush Scholarship by the National Bar Association.

"I felt extremely honored and blessed when I was asked to attend the Gertrude E. Rush Award Dinner hosted by the National Bar Association," said Laoye, who was invited by the president John Page, as a scholarship applicant. "While there, I was able to network with other law students, judges, and lawyers of color from all over the country. To my surprise, I was announced as the Gertrude E. Rush Scholarship recipient at the ceremony that evening. It was truly an amazing and captivating celebration, paying tribute to leaders in the legal field and professionals who help shape and uplift our communities."

"As chairman of the TJSL Board of Trustees, I watched with great pride as Shannon accepted her scholarship award," said Randy K. Jones, a past president of the NBA, who emceed the gala. "It is not only a true testament to the quality and caliber of students attending TJSL, but also to our outstanding and dedicated faculty that teach and nurture our students. Gertrude E. Rush, the first African American female lawyer was a trailblazer and pioneer. I know that Shannon, and other TJSL students, based upon the legal education they receive during their time here, will continue in the spirit and tradition of Gertrude E. Rush."

The scholarships honor the legacies of legal trailblazers Justice Thurgood Marshall, Charles Hamilton Houston and, of course, Gertrude E. Rush, who was also a founder of the National Bar Association.

The 33rd Annual Gertrude E. Rush Award Dinner, which was held on Saturday, April 6, at the St. Regis Monarch Beach Resort & Spa in Dana Point, California.

Congratulations to Shannon Laoye from the Entire TJSL Family!

You are all invited to the Graduate Program’s new Lecture Series that will be held live online.

Thursday, May 2, 10 a.m.
How to Avoid Bankruptcies of too Big to Fail Institutions and Governments Going Forward, Suggestions and Alternatives, Professor Jol.

Thursday, May 16, 2 p.m.
Is the Credit Union Industry Doomed? Professor Oda.

Friday, May 31, 2 p.m
Structuring Real Estate Opportunity Funds in the US, Professor Rinaldi.

Click here for login information and for more information on the presentations
TJSL Cyber Law Students Visit Silicon Valley Internet Giants

Companies include Facebook, Twitter, Yahoo and others

A group of TJSL students who are taking Adjunct Professor Aaron Ghirardelli’s Cyber Law class got to visit “Dot.Com Heaven” during their recent spring break, going to the headquarters and meet with the attorneys for Internet giants Facebook, Twitter, Yahoo, Zynga and the Electronic Frontier Foundation - all located in the Silicon Valley.

These companies are big-time players in the cyber world.

“The field trip was a special project I created for my Cyberlaw class, some IP Fellows and other students” said Professor Ghirardelli. “I have worked at Twitter for one year and I have several contacts in the Bay Area in the tech world. When I started teaching at Thomas Jefferson, I wanted to give to my students an opportunity to hear from some of the lawyers working at the top web companies what it means to be an in-house counsel at these companies and what are the challenges in assisting clients in issues dealing with cyberspace.”

“I was fortunate to join the group for their last day of tours at both Zynga and Twitter,” said Jennifer McCollough (3L) who is an IP Fellow. “It was really eye-opening how the cultures of companies in Silicon Valley ensure that their employees have a pleasant place to work. At Zynga we saw the majority of employees are able to bring their dogs to work. There was an awesome cafeteria, bike check and even dry cleaning! I also enjoyed hearing different points of view on how in-house attorneys procured their positions and their day-to-day challenges.”

“As an IP fellow, I was able to accompany Professor Aaron Ghirardelli’s Cyber Law class to Facebook over spring break and we met with their in-house IP counsel,” said Stephanie Ferguson (2L). “He provided his students with an amazing opportunity to have intimate conversations with the various attorneys.

“The experience has been a unique learning and networking opportunity for my students - a huge success,” said Professor Ghirardelli. “Students were very happy about all the opportunities they had and I received some good comments on this project. Students not only had an opportunity to visit some of the most intriguing campuses of the Bay Area (Facebook’s and Zynga’s offices are wonderful) but they also were able to personally connect with some of the lawyers working at these companies and they received valuable feedback on job opportunities, career advice and more.”
The TJSL Library staff got everyone involved in celebrating National Library Week. Held this year April 14 through April 20, libraries of all types hosted special events to highlight the unique role libraries play in people’s lives. This year’s theme was COMMUNITIES MATTER @ your library. In keeping with that theme we got our TJSL community involved with contests, raffles and fine waivers.

TJSL students entered a contest to guess the weight of a set of law books. The prize was a Black’s Law Dictionary, Pocket edition. We received 59 entries with guesses ranging from 2.5 lbs. to 3 tons. Our students have a sense of humor. And the winner was Danielle Tailleart with a guess of 8 lbs. The actual weight of the books were 8.225 lbs. Thanks to everyone who entered!

Because we are librarians and information is our life, on the entry form we also asked if students are using the library extended hours during exam periods. 97% answered the question, with 86% of those writing yes, they do use the extended hours.

The library followed the example of many public law libraries by offering overdue fine waivers during the week. It was a rousing success! Fifty-four students took advantage of the offer and received waivers for over $2500 in overdue fines. Remember, if you return things on time, no waivers necessary!

We wanted to involve the TJSL faculty and staff in National Library Week as well, so library staff members donated prizes for a raffle. Everyone was invited to enter and we had over 25 staff and faculty attendees. Winners received Starbuck’s and Google Play gift cards, a cozy blanket and book gift set, chocolate truffles, books, chocolate chip pies and brownies. Attendees were able to sample the chocolate chip pie and truffles for an afternoon sugar rush. Thanks to everyone who participated!

The TJSL Library and library staff appreciate each and every one of our patrons and we hope everyone in our TJSL community will take advantage of the services we offer all year long.
Richard Hasen, Chancellor’s Professor of Law and Political Science at UC Irvine School of Law, discussed his recent book, *The Voting Wars* in a special presentation April 15 at TJSL.

Professor Hasen's presentation covered a range of voting controversies, from the contested votes in Florida during the 2000 election to recent debates over voter identification laws. Hasen challenged liberals and conservatives alike, noting that there is little evidence of voter impersonation fraud that would warrant identification laws. At the same time, Hasen argued, concerns that voter identification laws may suppress turnout may be overstated.

In Professor Hasen's view, the more fundamental problem is that voting in the United States is overseen at the state and local level by political elected officials, their staff, and volunteers, many of whom are not properly trained. Hasen argued that the United States should federalize voting by issuing all citizens voter identification when they turn 18 and instituting standardized voting machines and systems nationwide.

"From the 2012 elections, voter fraud was a hot topic, (i.e. "Voter I.D. Laws")," said TJSL alumna Morgan Simpson '11, who attended the presentation. "One of the things that was interesting in Mr. Hasen's talk was the information on voter fraud. He noted that there is not really proof of this fraud, on the scale that it has been portrayed. Specifically, a study was done from 2001-2010, and within that time frame voter impersonation fraud was only 0.5% (equating to only 7 prosecutions in 9 years). Mr. Hasen indicated, that there are more fraud issues with absentee ballots, than people actually walking in and trying to vote as someone else. Thus, the fraud that is usually committed is by election officials, not by impersonation."

The well-attended event was sponsored by the TJSL Center for Law and Social Justice, the TJSL Colloquium Committee, the American Constitution Society, the ACLU of San Diego & Imperial Counties, and the League of Women Voters.

**Linda M. Keller**

**Shorter Works:**


**Marjorie Cohn**

**Presentations:**


*Drones and Targeted Killing*, Poway Democratic Club, Poway, CA (April 11, 2013)


*Drones, Targeted Killing, and Independent Media*, Interview with Free Speech TV, Sheraton Hotel, Denver, CO (April 6, 2013), available at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45EzJFaTqM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45EzJFaTqM)

**Radio:**

Bradley Manning, Bush administration war crimes, drones and targeted killing, Earthwise, Plains FM, Christ Church, New Zealand (April 15, 2013)

Drones, Targeted Killing and Independent Media, Tell Somebody, NCMR, Kansas City
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RSVP to LELA.TJSL@gmail.com
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For more information, contact
Ian Seruelo (seruelim@tjsl.edu).
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4/24
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Thursday
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Distinguished Honor Roll and Honor Roll Recipients and their families are welcome to join Dean Hasl and TJSLS staff recognize the academic success for the Fall 2012 Semester
Click "like" to vote for the cutest pet at TJSI!

Voting runs until midnight on Friday, April 26th. The picture with the most "likes" wins.

In addition, a donation of pet food counts towards "likes" on Facebook.

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Please drop off food at the SALDF table in the student organization room on the 5th floor, including your name and the name of the pet the votes should count towards. May the cutest pet win!
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Last day to donate is May 1

What is Pets of the Homeless?
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3.5 Million Americans are homeless. Between 5-10% of homeless people have dogs/and or cats. In some areas of the country, the rate is as high as 24%.

How do I donate?
TJSL SALDF is now a donation site for Pets of the Homeless- please help us help the pets and pet-owners that need it most! Donations can be dropped off at SALDF desk in student organization room

Things to donate
Dog Treats - Rawhide strips, ears, chewies
Packages of food - Dry dog food or canned wet food
Items must still be in their original packaging.
The Public Law Section Student Writing Competition
$2,000 cash prize and article published in Public Law Journal
Deadline May 13, 2013

The Public Law Section is seeking entries for its annual Student Writing Competition. In addition to the cash prize, the winning entry will be published in the Public Law Journal. Articles should pertain to one of the following topics: Administrative Law; Constitutional Law; Municipal Law; Open Meeting laws; Political/Election Laws; Education Law; State and Federal Legislation; Public Employment and Labor Law; Government Contracts; Government Tort Liability and regulations; Land Use/Environmental issues; Public Law Ethics; or Public Finance. Articles must be submitted and written by a student enrolled as of May 13, 2013, in good standing at a California law school's Juris Doctor program that is accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California.

The article must be submitted in a format suitable for publication in the Public Law Journal. The article should be the original work of the submitting student without substantial editorial input from others. A student need not be a member of the Public Law Section to participate in the writing contest.

Articles should have a minimum of 2,000 words and a maximum of 3,000 words (not including endnotes). Articles should include citations in either Bluebook or California Style Manual format, and citations must be included in endnotes, not footnotes.

AWARD
The author of the winning student article will receive a $2,000 cash prize from the Public Law Section and will have his or her article published in the Public Law Journal. The winner also will be recognized at the Ronald M. George Public Lawyer of the Year Award reception sponsored by the Public Law Section at the State Bar's Annual Meeting in September 2013. The Public Law Section will pay the winner's reasonable transportation and hotel accommodation expenses for two nights to attend the award reception.

DEADLINE/METHOD OF SUBMISSION
Articles must be received by midnight (PST) on May 13, 2013 to be eligible for consideration in this writing contest. Please submit articles by email as attached Microsoft Word documents in Times New Roman 12-point font, single-spaced, with one line between each paragraph. Citations must be included in endnotes, not footnotes. Email articles to cfowler@sbcity.org or Rachel_Sommovilla.ci.richmond.ca.us (PST) on May 13, 2013. By submitting an article as part of this contest, the author grants the Public Law Section the right to edit (as necessary) and publish any article in the Public Law Journal.

JUDGING
Articles will be judged by the Executive Committee of the Public Law Section based on the following criteria, though not necessarily in this order: Complexity of topic, Relevancy to one or more areas of public law, Timeliness of topic to current developments in public law, Originality, Quality of writing, Compliance with contest rules.

A member of the Public Law Section's Executive Committee will notify the winner by June 14, 2013. Please direct any questions regarding this contest to Caroline Fowler at (707) 543-3040 or Rachel Sommovilla at (510) 620-6509.

MISSION
The mission of the Public Law Section of the State Bar of California is to ensure that laws relating to the function and operation of public agencies are clear, effective and serve the public interest; to advance public service through public law practice; and to enhance the effectiveness of public law practitioners. Comprised of over 1,300 members, including law students, the Public Law Section focuses on addressing issues related to administrative law, constitutional law, municipal and county law, open meeting laws, political and/or election law, education law, water law, state and federal legislation, public employment, government contracts, government tort liability, agency regulations, land use/environmental issues, and public lawyer ethics.

The Public Law Section provides topical educational programs, seminars and resource materials; works to enhance the recognition of, and participation by, public law practitioners in the State Bar; presents its annual "Ronald M. George Public Lawyer of the Year Award" to public law practitioners who have made significant and continuous contributions to the profession; and publishes the quarterly Public Law Journal.
Student Legal Writing Competition

Deadline
June 3, 2013

Description
The University of Connecticut School of Law has established a Student Legal Writing Competition to encourage and reward original student writing on legal issues affecting persons struggling with homelessness, mental illness, addiction, or substance abuse.

Topic
Entrants should submit a paper on a legal issue affecting persons struggling with homelessness, mental illness, addiction, or substance abuse.

Eligibility
Papers will be accepted from any student enrolled for the 2012-13 academic year in an ABA-accredited law school in the United States or Canada. Papers must be the law student author's own work and must not have been submitted for publication elsewhere. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a student may incorporate professorial feedback as part of a course requirement or supervised writing project. All students intending to enter the competition must register by April 15, 2013. The registration form is available via http://www.law.uconn.edu/node/9768

Format
Papers should be a minimum of 15 pages in length and shall not exceed 30 pages, including footnotes. They must be typed, double-spaced and with one-inch margins, on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper, in a 12-point font, such as Times New Roman. All citations and footnotes should conform to the current edition of The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation and should also be in a 12-point font.

Judging
Papers will be judged by a panel appointed by the University of Connecticut School of Law. Judges will evaluate papers based on the substance, clarity of the proposal or thesis, logical force, support of argument, and quality of research. Grammar, syntax, and form will also be taken into consideration.

Submission
Entries must be received by 5pm on June 3, 2013. Entries must be submitted in two formats: (1) email an electronic version (in Microsoft Word or PDF format) to Karen.DeMeola@law.uconn.edu; and (2) mail, with a postmark dated by June 3, 2013, four copies of the paper to:
Student Legal Writing Competition
University of Connecticut School of Law
55 Elizabeth Street
Hartford, CT 06105
Attn: Assistant Dean Karen Lynn DeMeola

Papers are judged anonymously, and no identifying information should appear on either the original or the copies of the paper. Entrants must submit a separate cover letter listing the author's name, address, telephone number, email address, name of law school, and year of graduation.

Awards
Up to three cash prizes may be awarded: $750 First Prize, $500 Second Prize, and $250 Third Prize. The contest organizers reserve the right not to award prizes if no papers meet quality standards. Winners will be notified by July 30, 2013. All decisions of the judges are final.
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The Committee on Animals and the Law of the New York State Bar Association is very pleased to announce the Fifth Annual Student Writing Competition. The deadline for submission is July 1, 2013.

The Committee on Animals and the Law was established to provide information resources for the New York State Bar Association's members and the public about non-human, animal-related humane issues, which arise from and have an effect upon our legal system. This competition seeks to foster legal scholarship among law students in the area of animals and the law. This competition provides law students with an incentive and opportunity to learn more about this area of law.

Law students (which include J.D., L.L.M., Ph.D., and S.J.D. candidates) are invited to submit to the Committee on Animals and the Law an article concerning any area of Animal Law. All submissions will be reviewed by a panel of attorneys and other professionals practicing or otherwise involved in animal law. The winner will be chosen in accordance with the rules. The first place winner will receive $1,000 and a certificate of achievement. The second place winner will receive $500 and a certificate of achievement.

**TOPIC**
Any topic on Animal Law.

**ELIGIBILITY**
To be eligible for consideration, the submission must be written by a student currently enrolled (full-time or part-time) in an ABA-accredited law school. Students expecting to receive their degree in 2013 are eligible for consideration. The submission must be written by one and only one student, i.e. papers jointly written by more than one student or that have been subjected to line editing by professors or advisors shall not be considered. No paper that has been previously published in any form shall be considered. We will only accept one submission per entrant.

**DEADLINE**
Papers must be postmarked no later than July 1, 2013.

**AWARD CRITERIA**
Written submissions will be judged based on quality, clarity, originality and organization. All essays must also meet the following criteria:

**LENGTH:** Type written, double spaced, no less than 12 point Times New Roman font, on 8.5" x 11" paper, with 1 inch margins, and no more than 25 pages, including footnotes. Footnotes should be single spaced and no less than 10 point font.

**FORMAT:** One hard copy of the written submission and one electronic copy in Microsoft Word format on a disk or CD must be submitted by mail, postmarked no later than July 1, 2013, and addressed to:

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**COVER PAGE**
Entrants must submit a cover page indicating the entrant's name, law school, expected year of graduation, mailing address, email address and telephone number. All other references to identifying information, such as name, law school, and contact information should be deleted or redacted from the body of the submission.
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