Congratulations to TJSL's Newest Attorneys

This is it. This is the day so many TJSL alumni have been looking forward to for so long.

This is the day they became licensed attorneys.

In the case of Abrina Wheatfall ’12, she has been looking forward to this day longer than many others.

“I’ve wanted this since the fifth grade,” said Wheatfall, who is now an assistant athletic director at UC San Diego, where she is putting her dream of practicing sports law to work in the compliance area.

“It’s a relief, but it’s exciting,” said Katelyn Quaresma ’12 as she summed up what her fellow new attorneys were feeling just before they took the oath of office to become members of the state and federal bar associations.

“A HUGE relief,” echoed Sarah Stewart-Bussey ’12, “because now I can begin the career I’ve wanted.” Stewart-Bussey is getting married in January and she leaves in February for five months of training as a JAG officer.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law honored the law school’s latest group of freshly minted lawyers at the New Attorneys Breakfast on December 4 – all of whom passed the July 2012 California Bar Exam.

“You have passed the most challenging bar exam, and now you are about to be sworn-in as members of the California bar,” said a proud Associate Dean Eric Mitnick as he congratulated and welcomed the new attorneys, their families and friends to the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina for the ceremony.
Congratulations to TJSL’s Newest Attorneys continued...

“Hello counselor,” one alumnus said to another as they greeted each other with a handshake and a hug.

“It’s so great to see friends and families get together for such a happy occasion,” said David Gibbs ’12, who is starting a solo practice. “And, we don’t have to sit through the bar exam again. It feels great.”

Eric Bernsen ’12, who is working for an intellectual property firm in downtown San Diego, said this day means he can look forward from now on. “I’m not worried about tests anymore, but making a living.”

“Now, I get to practice what I love to do,” said Jamie Moss ’12, who is with a Manhattan Beach firm and handling pharmaceutical and medical device litigation. Moss’ sister and parents were there to stand at her side as she became a lawyer, and she says they have done a “stellar job” of supporting her through the challenge of law school. “We’re getting sworn-in, too,” joked her dad Byron.

“You were once our students; You are now our colleagues,” said Dean Mitnick. “Today, you join your fellow TJSL alums who’ve embarked upon successful legal careers: the District Attorney and Public Defender of SD County and now the newly appointed chief of staff for the Mayor of San Diego; countless others serving as law firm partners and associates; politicians and public servants from San Diego to Washington, D.C. and many places in between, including a former member of congress and presidential candidate; in-house counsel to some of the largest corporations in San Diego and around the country; TJ alums devoted to public interest causes; and literally dozens of TJSL alumni currently serving as judges at both the state and federal level around the country.”

“Congratulations,” said TJSL Trustee and Adjunct Professor Randy Grossman to the new attorneys. “Stand up proud, stand up tall,”

“This is a magical moment for me,” said TJSL Alumni Association President Renee Galente ’08. “I am so incredibly honored to share this moment. I am thankful every day to this school, because I love what I do and I wouldn’t be where I am today without TJSL.”

It was also a magical moment for the new attorneys as they all raised their right hands together at the ceremony to take the oath that makes it official.

“This is the best day of the year,” said TJSL Professor Thom Golden of the new lawyers. “It’s better than graduation day. This is the time!”

“This is the single best thing we do,” said Dean Mitnick. “This is a very special moment. Remember it well.”
Thursday, December 6, when the king of funk himself, the legendary George Clinton came to campus to meet with Professor K.J. Greene and three TJSL students who will be interning on Mr. Clinton’s legal team.

The leader and founder of Parliament-Funkadelic (P-Funk), Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Clinton has become a leading figure in the fight to re-claim the copyrights of his biggest hits from the record companies. The copyrights of Clinton’s and many other 70s’ artists songs begin to expire in 2013, and a pitched-battle is underway for the artists to win the copyrights to their own songs back from the record companies.

“Like many African-American artists, he found his copyrights appropriated by labels and publishers—a topic I was among the first to analyze in legal scholarship,” said TJSL entertainment law professor K.J. Greene, who has extensive experience representing artists in the music business. “George Clinton is such a creative genius that, along with James Brown, he pioneered the creation of funk music, a genre incorporating hard rock, bebop jazz, soul and straight-up blues. Along the way, his work blazed the trail for hip-hop music, of which he is the grandfather.”

“I’m really glad to be here,” said Clinton. “We need this kind of professional advice in this complex area of copyright. (TJSL) can help us get a grip on some of the court rulings.”

Clinton is involved in multiple cases involving his music copyrights, and is meeting with a lot of resistance.

"I want to be known as the man who brought it to the attention of America about the copyright issues,” Clinton said in a post on TJSL’s Facebook page. “That’s what I would like my legacy to be, to have turned people on to the fact they need to fight for the rights to their music.”

Jillian Kates 1L, Pauline Isidro 2L and Jeff Berneking 3L are the three interns who are working with Clinton. All are part of the Intellectual Property Fellowship program at TJSL.
George Clinton continued...

“It’s pretty surreal meeting Mr. Clinton,” said Berneking. “This is a chance to apply what I’ve learned in IP classes!”

Pauline Isidro says it is “mind-blowing to meet a music legend like George Clinton. Parliament-Funkadelic is the DNA for all of the music I love.”

“It’s really just an amazing opportunity to work with someone who is a pioneer of artists’ rights, as Mr. Clinton is,” said Jillian Kates.

The chain of events that led to the association between Clinton and TJSL began at a conference TJSL hosted in November, "Music Copyright Terminations: The Ticking Time Bomb Has Arrived," which featured top entertainment law attorneys, many of them TJSL alumni.

“Mr. Clinton’s team, led by Phil Cendella, attended my Music Copyright Termination conference last month, and asked if I could assemble a team of students to work as interns on his numerous copyright cases in conjunction with some top law firms in LA and Seattle,” said Professor Greene. “Our students are getting the experience of representing a musical legend on some the most cutting-edge copyright issues out there. I am proud of these students and the stand they have taken for copyright justice.”

“It is great to see our school involved with such a high caliber and high profile of a project,” said Rezwan Khan 3L. “George Clinton is a legend in music and we should all be very honored to be assisting him with his legal needs.”

Finally, what could be more appropriate than a few closing words from Dr. Funkenstein himself: “We’re making the funk, and the funk is making us.”

Flashlight 2013 is the campaign to help musicians restore their copyrights.
"After the long flight to Baltimore, I felt energized by the friendly people hosting the Peggy Browning Workers’ Rights Conference," said Peggy Browning Scholarship winner Ben Lewis after landing on Friday, October 12.

“I was honored to be among so many law students, including fellow TJSL law student Ian Seruelo, sharing a common purpose of learning more about labor and employment law.”

Both students attended the Peggy Browning Fund’s Fourteenth Annual National Law Students Workers’ Rights Conference at the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute (just outside Baltimore, MD) on October 12 – 13, 2012.

At the conference, Lewis and Seruelo attended interactive workshops, panel discussions and the keynote address. The conference gave participants additional insight into becoming an advocate for workers and their families.

“I was excited to have been selected,” said Seruelo. “This workers’ rights conference was a great opportunity to gaining a deeper understanding of issues facing American and foreign workers and learning how to be a more effective advocate for labor.”

The Peggy Browning Fund coordinates summer internship placements and subsidizes a significant portion of the students’ living expenses.

A nonprofit organization, the Peggy Browning Fund named after a prominent labor attorney and vigorous supporter of workers’ rights.

“I definitely encourage TJSL students interested in the Peggy Browning Fellowship to be aware of application deadlines at http://www.peggybrowningfund.org,” said Lewis. “It’s a great opportunity!”
TJSL December Graduation

Thomas Jefferson School of Law’s Fall Commencement will be held on Saturday, December 15, 10 a.m., at Copley Symphony Hall in downtown San Diego.

60 graduates will be receiving their juris doctor degrees at the ceremony, and there is one Master of Laws (LL.M.) post-graduate in American Legal Studies.

TJSL is proud to announce that the commencement speaker will be alumnus Vince Hall ‘08, who has been named as Chief of Staff for San Diego’s new Mayor Bob Filner. Since his graduation, Hall has been the Vice-President of Public Affairs & Communications at Planned Parenthood of San Diego & Riverside Counties.

Hall also served on Filner’s congressional staff in Washington, D.C. and was the staff director to former California Governor Gray Davis.

The class valedictorian is Vatana Lay, a 2005 UCLA graduate who served as editor on the Thomas Jefferson Law Review.

“I am humbled by it because there are so many other people at TJSL that can also have been acknowledged for their efforts,” said Lay. “However, it was very rewarding to hear the joy in my mother's voice when I told her that I was valedictorian.”

After law school, Lay plans to be a civil litigator, practicing either insurance defense or medical malpractice defense, but after taking the bar exam, he says, “I want to go on a nice long vacation to Europe.”

Lay also says he is grateful for the experiences he had at TJSL.

“I am thankful for the all the support I received from the professors to the staff to the students,” Lay said. “Everyone has just been so supportive and helpful throughout my stay at TJSL. I am very thankful for all of the people who have shared a little bit of their lives with me and I hope that these relationships will continue long after I leave San Diego.”

The event is by invitation, and the doors open at 9 a.m. at Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street, San Diego.
Professor Leah Christensen's Book Published: "One L of a Year"

Thomas Jefferson School of Law Professor Leah Christensen recently published her new book One L of a Year (Carolina Academic Press), about taking on the first year of law school and succeeding. Professor Christensen reveals the strategies successful law students use to survive their “One L” year and provides tools to help the student master the skills.

“I wanted to write a book that showed students how to do the things that seem so mysterious in law school—like writing an exam, outlining or even what to do during dead week,” said Professor Christensen. “Therefore, I filled the book with actual examples of real student outlines and essays. I also addressed issues that we don’t often talk about in legal education—law student depression and test anxiety. These are real problems for which I want students to be prepared.”

From the Publisher: “Many books give law students advice about how to navigate through their first year of law school. This book strives to be something different. The purpose of One L of a Year is to focus on the reading, studying and testing strategies used by the most successful law students. This book is more than advice—it is a learning guide based upon empirical research and statistical correlations between law student learning and their law school GPAs.

"Most importantly, this book attempts to show you what high-ranking law students have done to achieve success during their first year. It’s one thing to read about how to take a law school essay exam—it’s quite another thing to see examples of student essays, outlines, legal memoranda, and multiple choice questions. With drive and determination, most students can get through law school. However, One L of a Year gives you the research-based skills to maximize your own success.”

Professor Christensen speaks nationally on these issues and will be the keynote speaker at the beginning of December at a conference on law students with learning disabilities at Washburn Law School in Topeka, KS.
Assoc. Dean Byrnes Hosts Meeting on US-Mexico Tax Agreement

Thomas Jefferson School of Law Associate Dean William H. Byrnes and Mauricio Cano del Valle from Amicorp Group discussed both the U.S. and Mexican tax and reporting implications of the recently enacted US – Mexico FATCA Agreement at a very important emergency lunch presentation of the San Diego Chapter of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP SD), on Friday, December 7, at the downtown offices of McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP, located at 600 West Broadway, Suite 2600, in downtown San Diego.

Dean William Byrnes, contracted for Lexis' Handbook on FATCA Compliance, was interviewed by Graduate Programs Director Jason Fiske about the challenges of the 500 pages of proposed complex regulations, notices, and agreements for the Society of Trust & Estate Practitioners (STEP) luncheon on Friday, December 7. Previously, the pair have leveraged this interview technique for Lexis' New York FATCA CLE for financial institutions, and for Lexis' new CLE division for its large law firm training products. Dean Byrnes has been globally undertaking FATCA presentations in such countries as India, Jamaica, Brazil, Spain, Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.

“FATCA is the Y2K of this decade for foreign financial institutions, foreign entities, and US withholding agents,” said Dean Byrnes. “Like Y2K, the costs of compliance for large institutions are in the range of $100 million to $250 million over the next two years. But unlike Y2K whose Jan 1, 2000 deadline passed without much last impact, FATCAs impact will be deep and ongoing. The cost of non-compliance is a 30% withholding on investment income from the US - enough big stick to drive non-compliers out of the US market. The basic gist of FATCA is that any foreign institution or entity that receives US investment income report to the IRS annually detailed account information on all of its US clients, with an outlook that the institution account for every US ultimate beneficiary of an account regardless of any layers of entities in between.”

It’s a situation of "What's good for the goose ...," according to Dean Byrnes. Other countries are now copying the FATCA legislation and the inverse will apply to US institutions, which will be foreign financial institutions respective to, by example, The UK, Canada, Mexico, Japan, etc. US financial groups with foreign account deposits and investors have steep compliance curves and some financial centers, like Miami and New York, are in danger of an exodus of foreign clientele.

Dean Byrnes is the author of many books and multiple articles on international taxes published with Lexis-Nexis, Wolters Kluwer and Thomson-Reuters, among others. He has also been commissioned by a number of governments on tax policy. He is an expert on cross border tax matters. Mauricio Cano del Valle, TEP is a Mexican tax specialist, having worked on international tax matters for over a decade. Before joining the Amicorp Group in 2005, Cano del Valle gained experience working for the Mexican tax authorities and for other large firms such as Deloitte in Mexico City. He is the author of a book and some papers on taxes and game theory. Both Professor Byrnes and Cano del Valle are members of the San Diego chapter of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners.
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Marjorie Cohn

Presentations:
Government Sanctioned Torture and Human Rights: What's really going on and what can we do about it?, Human Rights Day Commemoration in Fresno - sponsored by 30 community groups, College Community Congregational Church, Fresno, CA (December 8, 2012)
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Academic Success is now accepting applications for spring semester ASP Mentors

What do ASP Mentors do?
ASP Mentors are second and third year students who work with small groups of students enrolled in 1L courses, providing skill-based support and guidance to assist the mastery of legal doctrine. ASP Mentors do this by monitoring and facilitating Structured Study Groups, which use cooperative learning techniques. ASP Mentors help 1L students demonstrate subject mastery, learn test-taking skills, and practice exam writing. With the guidance of ASP Mentors, students in Structured Study Groups can better determine how well they are doing and where they need help.

Who can be an ASP Mentor?
ASP Mentors must have successfully completed all first year courses for which they are providing support and must be in good academic standing. ASP Mentors must either be eligible to receive Federal Work Study or to receive Jeffersonian Scholar funds.

Why be an ASP Mentor?
ASP Mentors have the unique opportunity to share their own knowledge and skills with other students. This not only contributes to the TJSL community, but it also affords ASP Mentors the opportunity to keep their own doctrinal knowledge and legal skills sharp, in preparation for the bar exam and for practice. ASP Mentors are paid for the time they spend attending training sessions, preparing for Structured Study Group meetings, and facilitating their small group meetings.

What is the time commitment?
ASP Mentors are expected to attend training through the Academic Success department, to meet weekly with small groups of students in Structured Study Groups, and to report regularly to ASP.

Questions? Contact Professor Harkins, Professor Cooper, or Professor Sull in Academic Success or email us at asp@tjsl.edu.

Applications are available online on the TJSL Academic Success page or from any professor in the Academic Success Program.
2012 GRADUATING PRO BONO HONORS STUDENTS

Congratulations to the class of 2012 Pro Bono Honors students! The students completed over 8,388 hours of volunteer work during their law school career! A special recognition goes to Matthew G. Ferrara who completed over 1750 hours of pro bono work while in law school!


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TJSL’s 2013 Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

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Thomas Jefferson School of Law is extremely proud of the accomplishments of the nominees. Please join us in congratulating them on their contributions to the Thomas Jefferson community!
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§ 30 units completed by start of externship
§ First-time participants must be in good standing
§ Repeat participants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.43 or higher
§ Full-time students should consider time constraints when applying for Clin-Ed credit the same semester they take Evidence. Most sites require 20 hours/week minimum

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To speak to someone about the 1L or 2L summer internship program, call 1-800-JAG-USAF.

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Students must currently be enrolled in a law degree program at a U.S. or foreign law school as of the submission deadline. Students may choose a topic within the scope of international humanitarian law. Submissions must be unpublished academic papers written solely by the candidate in English. Articles should be submitted online, as Microsoft Word attachments, to teachingohl@wcl.american.edu.

The deadline for submissions is Thursday, January 31, 2013, by 12 PM Noon (EST).

For detailed competition rules, please visit www.WCLCenterforHR.org

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- **December 17:** Wright Brother's First Flight (1903)
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