

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW



Thomas Jefferson School of Law to Host Conference on Women and the Military

Addressing the Unique Forces Shaping Women's Access to Power and Justice in the U.S. Military

The 2014 Women and the Law conference held on Friday, February 21 will focus on women and the military. This event will provide an opportunity to learn about a number of issues, including whether new statistics on sexual assault in the military warrant legislative changes to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and will explore the topic of women serving in elite combat units.

This conference will be of interest not just to those with a military connection, but to anyone who seeks to gain insight on leadership and success from some of the nation's most powerful lawyers in uniform.

The keynote speaker, Vice Admiral Nanette DeRenzi, serves as Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Navy. She is the first woman to hold this position. The 2014 Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecturer, Captain Stacy Pedrozo, serves as the Commanding Officer of the Naval Justice School, which trains every lawyer in the Navy and Marine Corps.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law is a longtime leader in the education of men and women who have served in the U.S. military. Eleven percent of the Fall 2013 incoming class served in uniform, and the school is home to a Veteran's Legal Assistance Clinic and an on-campus chapter of Student Veterans of America.

What:	14 th Annual TJSL Women and the Law Conference / Women and the Military
When:	Friday, February 21, 2014 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Where:	Thomas Jefferson School of Law 1155 Island Avenue, San Diego, CA 9210 Room 325
Who:	Keynote Speaker: Vice Admiral Nanette DeRenzi
	Speaker: Captain Stacy Pedrozo, Commanding Officer of the Naval Justice School

The Conference is open to the public at a \$35 dollar registration fee. \$25 dollars for Active Duty and Retired Military. All Conference attendees must register at http://www.tjsl.edu/conferences/wlc in order to attend the event. The conference is *free* for all TJSL students, faculty and staff - but you *must* register in order to attend!

If you would like to volunteer to help during the conference please contact Danielle Gilbert at <u>gilberda@tjsl.edu</u>.



TJSL's Barristers Ball 2014 to take place on the USS Midway on February 14th

The annual TJSL Barristers Ball is right around the corner and <u>tickets are on sale now</u>.

"For those who have not attended in years past, Barristers Ball is the SBA's annual awards ceremony and reception honoring students, faculty, staff and alumni," explains SBA President Milena Celentano.

Tickets for the February 14th Barristers Ball are priced at \$65.00. This includes a four course meal, drinks, live

music, deejay and dancing, a free photo booth, opportunities to speak with <u>USS Midway</u> Docents, access to the ship's hangars and flight deck, admission to the after party at the <u>Hard Rock Hotel</u>, drink specials and discounted hotel room rates.

"TJSL's Barristers Ball is something that sets us apart from other Law School's," explains SBA Public Relations Director Andrew Halbert. "It is so much more than a "Law School Prom." It is an opportunity for the entire law school community to come together and celebrate our achievements in a fun and formal setting."

Throughout the evening awards are handed out for:

- 1L, 2L and 3L Professor of the Year
- Adjunct Faculty Member of the Year
- Staff Member of the Year
- Student Organization President of the Year
- SBA Appreciation Award
- Lewis and Clark Award for Innovation and Dedication
- Thomas Golden Alumnus of the year Award

• Charles T. Bumer Civil Libertarian Award. Nomination forms can be picked up in the Student Services Office. Nomination deadline is Tuesday, February 11 at 5 p.m.

The SBA is currently accepting nominations for Thomas Golden Alumnus of the year award. *Nominations for this award should be emailed to <u>sba@tjsl.edu</u> no later than Wednesday, January 29. In your email, please include the name of your nominee(s), as well as a brief description of the candidate in the following categories:*

- 1. Prominence in their field of law & professional achievement
- 2. Dedication and continued services to TJSL
- 3. Community involvement

Voting for 1L, 2L and 3L professor of the year, Adjunct Faculty, Staff and Student Organization President runs through January 31. <u>Voting will be conducted online</u>. *Vote today!*

The party on the <u>USS Midway</u> will run from 6:30 – 11:00 p.m. with an after party at the <u>Hard Rock Hotel</u> located only a few blocks away from the Midway at 207 5th Avenue, San Diego, 92101.

This year, included in the price of the Barristers Ball ticket is entrance to the after party at the Hard Rock Hotel. "This includes drink specials at club 207," explains SBA Social Events Director Michelle Ribaudo. "We also have negotiated a discounted rate to stay at the Hard Rock Hotel on the night of the event. To receive the discounted rate, just reference **promo code BARRISTER**. This is going to be a really great event and we encourage everyone to come and celebrate the accomplishments of our faculty,staff, students and alumni."

Check-in and cocktail hour on the <u>USS Midway</u> begins at 6:30 p.m., the Awards Banquet and dinner begins at 7:45 p.m., the D.J. and dancing will run from 9:15 – 11 p.m.



Andrea Carter and Kirra O'toole



Ingrid Rainey '09 and Esther Hyun '13



Esther Hyun '13 and Michelle Bos '12



TJSL Solo Practice Incubator Program

January 13, 2014 marked the first day of the second session of the TJSL <u>Center for Solo Practitioners</u> Incubator Program.

This program is designed specifically and exclusively for Thomas Jefferson School of Law alumni, the TJSL Center for Solo Practitioners supports new solo practitioners as they establish their own law offices. The program encourages new solos to become leaders in their community by developing ways to reach traditionally underserved populations with much-needed legal services.

"I am really excited to be a part of the solo program," said Michelle Bos '12. "I feel so fortunate to be selected to participate in the second year of the program. I am looking forward to utilizing all of the tools Professor McCoy and the speakers provided over the past few days of the boot camp to grow my business this year and become a successful solo practitioner."

"When I first heard about the Solo Incubator Program, I was excited that TJSL was doing something so innovative," said Esther Hyun '13. "Professor Lilys McCoy put together a great boot camp session for us. We had a lot of amazing attorneys and speakers come in. I was especially excited that Matt Spiegel '05, MyCase founder and fellow Thomas Jefferson graduate, came and spoke to us. My firm will be a virtual law office, so finding an online law practice management software has been a critical component of starting my firm. I look forward to seeing where everyone takes their practice by the end of the year."

The TJSL Center for Solo Practitioners provides a business incubator setting to the new Solos with the goal of producing successful, public-service-oriented practitioners.

"The new members of the center for solo practitioners are an impressive group," said the program's director, TJSL Professor Lilys McCoy. "Their enthusiasm and dedication are already evident in our very first month together. I am looking forward to continuing to build an even stronger program over the next twelve months."

This year the program welcomed eight lawyers who have a desire to establish their own law practices. Each New Solo will develop their practice in a cooperative, shared-space environment that is easily accessible to public transportation, courts and other public services.

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David Gibbs '12



Ben Aguilar 'I I



Boot Camp Speaker Renee Galente '08 Trial Lawyer with Galente Ganci



Ben Aguilar '11 was a member of the first Solo Practice Incubator Program that began in November 2013. "This environment was a great support network," said Aguilar. "It was really helpful to come to work and have other attorneys to discuss our cases with and get second opinions. As a result of joining the program, I have made some new wonderful friends and we have shared important milestones in our personal and professional lives. I am looking forward to continue working with this group of incredibly talented attorneys."

While the Solo Practitioners are building their practices, they are encouraged to provide pro-bono and low-bono services to increase the access to civil legal services for those in need. While providing those legal services, the incubator lawyers gain valuable legal experience and are exposed to professional networking opportunities.

"Professor McCoy is an outstanding mentor," said Aguilar. "Her dedication to the program is what makes this project a success. I also want to thank incubator program faculty advisor Professor Luz Herrera for her vision which motivates me to continue working to serve underserved litigants and really make a difference."

The program facilitates access to affordable office space, guidance in managing a legal practice, quality continuing legal education, seasoned mentors and Thomas Jefferson's network of alumni attorneys.

TJSL's Family Continues to Grow

Hallie Tremaine Balkin '10 and Alexander Balkin '11 are excited to welcome a baby girl in May. "I thought I'd share the news with TJSL since my growing family's roots trace back to the old building in Old Town," said Hallie. The two met in Professor Julie Cromer-Young's class in 2009 and are now settled in the Washington, D.C. area enjoying their federal positions.

Hallie spent the last three years serving the U.S. Federal Government and is currently the Assistant General Counsel for the Marine Corps Systems Command in Quantico, Virgin-

ia. While Hallie primarily concentrates on Contract and Acquisition Law, she also provides legal guidance in intellectual property, data rights issues, product defects, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), ethics and standards of conduct, fiscal law, and other Navy Office of General Counsel (OGC) areas of practice.

Her husband, Alexander Balkin is also a federal employee and currently works with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in Rockville, Maryland. Alexander provides regulatory compliance guidance on internal controls and federal fiscal law and assists with preparation of the Agency's Strategic Plan. Balkin is responsible for extensive and complex evaluations of NRC policies, procedures, programs and their compliance with applicable laws, regulations and guidance. He provides agency level review and analysis of internal control, planning, performance management, contract management, and budget and financial management activities.

Both say they are extremely excited about starting a family and promise to keep their TJSL family updated.



PROF. JULIE GREENBERG PROF. BILL STOMANSON

TJSL Contributes to the 48th Annual Local Author Exhibit Celebration

The Mayor and City Council of the City of San Diego, the Board of Library Commissioners, and the San Diego Public Library are hosting a reception, celebrating the 48th Annual Local Author Exhibit, on Friday, January 31, 2014, at the San Diego Central Library's Joan & Irwin Jacobs Common.

It will honor local authors who published books during 2013. While this reception is by invitation only, it is the kickoff event for a month-long display of locally-authored books. This display includes books by two Thomas Jefferson

law professors, Bill Slomanson and Julie Greenberg.

Two books published by Professor Slomanson during 2013 will be featured: (1) his practitioner's treatise entitled "California Practice: Civil Pretrial," with coauthors David Levine (Hastings) and the Honorable Michol O'Connor (retired), published by Jones McClure; and (2) his first fully electronic book entitled "Federal Civil Procedure e-Book."

The display will also include Professor Greenberg's book, "Intersexuality and the Law: Why Sex Matters," winner of the 2013 Bullough book award for the most distinguished book written for the professional sexological community.

As Professor Slomanson comments: "This is an extraordinary event, given the evolving connections between TJSL's world class building and San Diego's new world class County Library. We could not ask for a better local educational partner. Both institutions can now share the academic limelight in their respective spheres of influence. It is thus quite fitting that the TJSL faculty can savor this fresh connection with our new next door neighbor."



BLSA Members



Jack Pogosian (2L) and Armine Kevorkian (2L)

Getting to Know TJSL's Student Organizations

On Thursday, January 22, TJSL's Student Organizations came together to meet and greet potential new members.

"The Org. Fair is a great way to introduce the different student organizations on campus especially to first year students," said Ian Seruelo who is the Vice President of the Immigration Law Society (ILS), the Diversity Chair of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) as well as the President of the Labor & Employment Law Association (LELA). "LELA is a new organization and we want students to know about the group and the exciting fields of labor and employment law."

"The Student Organization Fair was a great opportunity for new students to speak to Middle Eastern Law Students Association (MELSA) members and really connect," said MELSA President Taly Haghighi. "MELSA strives to bring together a community of students at TJSL by hosting events focusing on diversity, networking, and social events. MELSA is looking forward to seeing many new faces at our first general meeting in two week!"



Alexander Green (3L), Jeremy Elias (3L) and Narek Mnatsakanian (1L)



Alyssa Casiple (2L)



Monica Kazemi (3L), Marjan Hemmati (3L) and Eva Kobi (2L)



Michelle Evenson (2L) and Monique Mumford (3L)



More than 30 organizations set up in the Student Org. office located on the 5th floor.

"The Sports Law Society is always looking for new members, and the Student Org. Fair is a great way to let students know who we are and what our mission is," said Sports Law Society President, Michelle Evenson (2L).

"This is one of the first opportunities students have to meet and get involved with the many diverse clubs and interest groups on campus," said Jackie Nicolas (3L) President of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA). "More importantly, the fair gives organizations, like APALSA a chance to reach out to new students, reconnect with current members, and tell everyone what we're all about."

Organization representatives said that they appreciate this opportunity to speak one-on-one with interested students.

"I joined the Intellectual Property Law Association (IPLA) because I am interested in IP law, especially the field of patents," said IPLA member Pamela Rivera (2L). "Being a member of this organization has allowed me to connect with other students that are equally interested in the field. The IPLA board frequently informs members about networking and job opportunities. It is a great organization that every student interested in IP should join."

"Armenian Law Students Association was originally started by a small number of TJSL students who wished to form a tight-knit group of friends who could rely on one another and support each other through the hardships of law school," said Najda Aslanyan (3L) President of ALSA. "As membership has increased, we have been able to host events that guide law students in deciding what legal path suits them the best. I'm glad to have seen so many new students who are interested in joining our organization. We invite students to participate by bringing in creative ideas and helping to make ALSA better than ever!"

"This is a good chance to network with fellow students and learn about different areas of law," said Julie Houth President of the Immigration Law Society and the Social Chair for APALSA. "I highly encourage students to get involved with student organizations because their involvement allows networking opportunities with the San Diego legal community and beyond. This ultimately can lead to possible employment opportunities. I've received internship and job offers due to my involvement in these organizations."

The next Student Org. Fair will take place at the beginning of the Fall semester.

See the full list of TJSL student organizations.

LELA Members



Professor Byrnes Lectures for University of Amsterdam's International Tax Program

Following his <u>October presentation in Moscow</u> at Moscow Finance University organized with University of Amsterdam,<u>Professor William Byrnes</u> was invited to lecture for the intersession international tax course of the University of Amsterdam's Centre for Tax Law. On January 13-17, he presented on the topic of international information exchange among countries, met with Dean Dr. Edgar du Perron on collaborative distance education opportunities, and attended the European Law Student Association's (ELSA) annual Groot Juridisch Dictee of the Amsterdam chapter.

William Byrnes noted, "<u>Dr. Dennis Weber</u>, the Director of the Amsterdam Centre for Tax Law, is a renowned jurist and author on tax issue brought before the European Court of Justice. He is frequently mentioned as powerhouse among European Tax Law professors. In 2015, Amsterdam will begin offering the LL.M. of International Taxation in English for a very selective group of professionals. With his robust full-time tax faculty and cadre of Ph.D. candidates from around the world, I expect it to quickly become the premier international tax degree within Europe, perhaps globally."

Professor Dennis Weber included, "I visited Thomas Jefferson's campus last February when I lectured to its tax students about international tax risk management and also about practical aspects of careers in the tax field. I became very intrigued with how Associate Dean William Byrnes dynamically engaged students on campus and worldwide through leveraging communication and multimedia technologies. We are investigating potentially collaborating on joint online initiatives in the future and look forward to discussing these further when I return to San Diego this March to deliver my next international tax lectures."

"Of all my international invitations" Professor Byrnes added, "University of Amsterdam is my favorite because I am an alumni and have fond memories and friends from my three years on campus when I studied international tax law, and participating as an active member of ELSA Amsterdam. The University of Amsterdam led to my initial academic opportunities in South Africa because my fellowship dissertation on transfer pricing profit-margin based methodologies was, at that time, quite unique and South Africa was re-thinking its tax system. With the G20 and OECD's new agenda against base erosion and profit shifting (BEPS), transfer pricing is now a prominent topic of study in most tax law programs, but two decades ago only Amsterdam offered me the opportunity to delve deeply into it via a shared research program at the IBFD."

Professor Byrnes continued, "Also, Dr. Weber, Bruno Da Silva, and I had the opportunity to discuss several future collaborative publications stretching out through 2015 and beyond, including authoring a Lexis book on international tax for the Asian academic and professional market to be translated into several local languages, reworking a Lexis publication on tax treaties, and finally, expansion of my Lexis transfer pricing publication from the U.S. perspective to a global, comparative approach."

"Moreover, I explored with Dr. Edgar du Perron, Dean of University of Amsterdam Faculty of Law, and Dr. Weber the 'flipping the classroom' approach to distance education and how we may implement some joint international tax courses in this regard that can receive status as professional designations from various financial service authorities and associations. Such courses could become the starting point for Amsterdam to leverage for the undergraduate law courses. It was interesting to learn from Dean Perron that a group of entrepreneurial Amsterdam law students have captured lecture recordings of some of their courses, splicing them into multimedia course outlines and then selling them, albeit potentially without obtaining the faculty members authorization."

William Byrnes had brunch with former Thomas Jefferson graduate programs employee Hester Ros who returned to Amsterdam where she is employed as Business Development manager for the large BENELUX law firm of Stibbe Simont.

China and Nice Summer Study Abroad Informational Meeting Tuesday, February 4, 11:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. Room 325 RSVP to Randy Ward <u>rward@tjsl.edu</u>



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2014 KEYNOTE SPEAKER VICE ADMIRAL NANETTE DERENZI Judge Advocate General, United States Navy



2014 RUTH BADER GINSBURG LECTURER CAPTAIN STACY PEDROZO Commanding Officer, Naval Justice School

For more about the conference and to register, please visit us at www.tjsl.edu/conferences/wlc

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Jeff Slattery

Radio:

Guest Expert in Art Law, Colorado Public Radio KCFR 90.1, Art News, January 2014.

Marjorie Cohn

Radio:

President Obama's speech on NSA surveillance program, Pat Thurston Show, KGO radio, San Francisco, January 19, 2014

Radio:

President Obama's speech about changes to NSA surveillance program, The Sunday Show, KPFA, Berkeley, January 19, 2014.

Richard Winchester

Presentations:

Carried Interest for the Common Man, Pepperdine University School of Law Tax Symposium, Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, CA (January 17, 2014)

Susan Bisom-Rapp

Presentations:

Navigating in a Snowstorm: Labor Market Regulation, the Changing Nature of Work, and the Gray Zone in the United States, ZOGRIS Project – Second Colloquium: Employment Standards and Work Situations Meet (Labor) Market Regulations and Policies – Globalization and the View from the North and South, Université de Paris - Dauphine, Paris, France (January 16, 2014)



TJSL Spring 2014 graduation will take place on May 17, 2014 at Copley's Symphony Hall. More information to come...

Be sure to check out TJSL's Official <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> Pages





MEDIA III WATCH

January 26, 2014

Professor Marjorie Cohn contributes to the Constitutional Law Prof Blog

January 17, 2014

Professor William Byrnes was quoted in the Wall Street Journal article titled Duly Noted: Delaying Social Security claims

January 15, 2014

Professor Marjorie Cohn was a Contributing Editor in the Jurist discussing two recent decisions on the constitutionality of the National Security Agency's (NSA) metadata collection program

January 6, 2014

Professor Alex Kreit appeared in the Wall Street Journal article titled New York's Puzzling Medical Marijuana Plan

December 17, 2013

Professor Kaimipono Wenger appeared in a Huffington Post segment about the recent polygamy decision

December 10, 2013

TJSL awards JSD to Richard Gendler story appeared in The Daily Transcript

December 3, 2013

TJSL launches website for military story appeared in the SD Daily Transcript

November 26, 2013

JURIST Guest Columnist Alex Kreit of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law says that 2014 is going to be a truly groundbreaking year for marijuana policy in the US, when Colorado's and Washington's marijuana legalization takes effect

November 25, 2013

TJSL was mentioned the SD Daily Transcript story titled Bar results feature highest pass rate in 4 years

November 21, 2013

<u>Professor Deven R. Desai was quoted in the New York Times in a story titled Beyond 3-D Printers' Magic, Possible Legal</u> <u>Wrangling.</u>

November 21, 2013

TJSL collecting money, supplies for Typhoon Haiyan victims story appeared in the SD Daily Transcript

