Register Now for the Law and Magic Conference Being Held on Friday, June 6

Thomas Jefferson School of Law and The Law and Humanities Institute is presenting the Law and Magic conference on Friday, June 6. This conference discusses various ways that the law handles magical issues and ways that magic influences the legal profession.

Registration is free to TJSL students, faculty, alumni and staff and includes a boxed lunch. Registration is mandatory. TJSL alumni will receive free registration, boxed lunch and up to 6.5 hours of MCLE credit. Registration is open to non-TJSL guests for a $50 fee, which includes MCLE, registration and a boxed lunch, or for a $20 fee which does not cover MCLE. Register no later than June 2nd.

The conference, held on the Thomas Jefferson School of Law campus in downtown San Diego, will examine the many ways in which law and magic interact. Topics vary from academic discussions of freedom of speech, religion, and intellectual property to more practical considerations of trial tactics and evidence. In addition, the conference will cover the crossroads of law and humanities fields, such as the emerging area of law and neuroscience, law and rhetoric, and law and popular culture. Several panelists plan to include demonstrations as part of their talks.

“Society is fascinated by but distrusts magic, because it is understood by very few,” notes conference organizer Julie Cromer Young. “This conference brings to light the ways that the law protects those few while acknowledging the distrust. It’s thought-provoking.”

The international panel of speakers includes Sydney Beckman, Duncan College Of Law; Christine Corcos, Louisiana State University Law Center; Jay Dougherty, Loyola (Los Angeles) Law School; Paul Finkelman, Albany Law School; Pierre Fleury-Legros, University of the Havre; mentalist Curtis Frye; Jennifer Hagan, Hagan & Hagen; Annette Houlihan, St. Thomas University; Rob McQueen, University Of London; Rostam Neuwirth, University Of Macao; and Richard Weisberg, Cardozo Law School.
TJSL Alumni Board Swearing-In Ceremony

The new Thomas Jefferson School of Law Alumni Association Board of Directors were sworn in by Dean Thomas Guernsey on Wednesday, May 28 in the Moot Courtroom.

The Alumni Board is made up of 25 TJSL alums who graduated from 1981 to 2012. This group of alums say they are up for the challenge and are ready and willing to give back and serve the school they feel has given so much to them.

“I am honored to serve the Thomas Jefferson School of Law family,” said newly elected Alumni Board President Jeremy Evans. “We, the Alumni Association Board of Directors, are looking forward to continuing our best traditions and implementing new ways to connect and highlight our alums and the law school while growing its good name.”

Dean Guernsey welcomed the new board and thanked them for the time they will be serving this coming year.

The mission of the TJSL Alumni Association is to promote a mutually beneficial relationship between Thomas Jefferson School of Law and all of its alumni. The Association is dedicated to serving alumni by providing social, educational and professional opportunities and is dedicated to supporting the law school’s educational mission.

“I am so excited for this upcoming year with the new Alumni Association Board of Directors,” said Director of Alumni Relations Stephanie Marquez. “Working with so many talented, driven and dedicated alumni is wonderful. I look forward to an eventful year filled with admissions involvement, networking events, bar support programs, fundraising endeavors and much more!”

If you are a student and would like to be involved with the Alumni Association there is a Student Outreach Committee that would appreciate your ideas on student involvement and possibly collaborating with student projects.

Please send inquiries regarding student involvement to Director of Alumni Relations Stephanie Marquez.

2014-2015 Board of Directors

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Thomas Jefferson School of Law ranks as the number one undervalued law school according to Paul Caron of Pepperdine University School of Law, who writes for TaxProf Blog: A Member of the Law Professor Blogs Network.

In *Ranking Law Schools: Using Social Science Research Network (SSRN) to Measure Scholarly Performance*, 81 Ind. L.J. 83 (2006), Professors Paul Caron and Bernie Black compared the ranking of law schools in U.S. News with a prominent means of distributing legal scholarship: Social Science Research Network (SSRN) downloads of faculty scholarship. SSRN roughly measures which scholarship is read and presumably valued. TJSL tops the lists of schools that are undervalued by US News, by a factor of over 100 points, compared to SSRN ranking.

“Thomas Jefferson School of Law believes that the most important asset of any law school is its faculty,” said Dean Thomas Guernsey. “TJSL has experienced, caring and diverse faculty. Their credentials are first-rate, even world-class. Our professors have a wealth of real-world legal experience. They have structured business transactions at both the international and the domestic levels, and litigated before the World Court at The Hague, the U.S. Supreme Court, and federal and state trial and appellate courts.”

“Members of our faculty also have written leading law books that are in use by universities and practitioners in the United States and abroad,” said Dean Guernsey. “They have testified before Congress and state legislatures, have appeared as experts on national television and radio news broadcasts and have served as legal consultants to our government, the United Nations and several foreign governments. Faculty write cutting-edge legal scholarship, leading to such a prominent place on SSRN.”

Dean Guernsey added, “The value of this information is not the ranking, but the objective data it conveys about our faculty. Thomas Jefferson School of Law professors are prolific scholars as well as effective classroom instructors. Of course, Thomas Jefferson remains dedicated to its primary and traditional mission – providing a high quality legal education to students from diverse walks of life. What this report shows is that our faculty is, at the same time, passionate about research and deeply engaged in today’s scholarly and public discourse.”
THE LAW AND HUMANITIES INSTITUTE & THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW
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LAW AND MAGIC

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2014, 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM

This conference examines the many ways in which law and magic interact. Not only can the law influence the practice of magic, such as in the areas of freedom of speech and religion and intellectual property. Magic can also influence the law, such as in trial tactics and evidence. In addition, magic illuminates the crossroads of other law and humanities fields, such as the emerging area of law and neuroscience, rhetoric, and law and popular culture. Several of our panelists plan to include (magical!) demonstrations as part of their presentations.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION
www.tjsl.edu/conferences/law-and-magic
Register by June 2, 2014

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Thomas Jefferson School of Law
1155 Island Avenue
San Diego, CA 92101

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TJSL Students, Alumni, Faculty and Staff

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6.5 Hours of General MCLE Credit Available.

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Guests seeking MCLE Credit
Susan Bisom-Rapp

Presentations:
It's Complicated: Age, Gender, and Lifetime Discrimination Against Working Women (presentation with Professor Malcolm Sargeant), Law and Society Annual Meeting, University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis School of Law, Minneapolis, MN (May 29, 2014)

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It's Complicated: Age, Gender, and Lifetime Discrimination Against Working Women, The Center for Research on Gender in the Professions, University of California, San Diego, San Diego, CA (May 27, 2014)

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