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.
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.”
“It’s a bitter sweet day,” said graduating law student Ryan French just before he and the rest of the class of May 2014 walked down the aisle at Thomas Jefferson School of Law’s Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 17, at Copley Symphony Hall located in downtown San Diego.

At the start of the ceremony, Chairman of the Board of Trustees Randy K. Jones welcomed the graduates and their family and friends. "Honored guests, we gather today to confer the degree of Juris Doctor, Master of Laws and Doctor of Science on the members of the May and August 2014 graduating class."

Mr. Jones also awarded an Honorary Degree to Former Board of Trustees member Richard D. Prochazka.

Dean Thomas Guernsey awarded honors plaques to Summa Cum Laude graduates. “I take great pride in recognizing these extraordinary scholars today.”

Kimberly Roth, graduating Summa Cum Laude, addressed the audience as Valedictorian. “Three years of hard work. Three years of dedication. Three years of learning how to be a lawyer. Three years of living in the law library, late nights at the coffee shop, and internships with little to no pay. Three years of strained relationships. Three years of missed special occasions. Three years of stress and emotional roller coasters. Three years of living in the beautiful city of San Diego, learning from amazing professors, and forming new friendships and new relationships. Thomas Jefferson School of Law, graduating class of 2014. Law school has been quite the journey. Congratulations, we finally made it.”

“I’m really excited to be Valedictorian of my graduating class,” said Roth. “It means all of my hard work paid off! These past three years have flown by, but I am eager to graduate, pass the bar, and enter the real world!”

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Board of Trustees member, the Honorable Roger T. Benitez ’78, delivered the commencement address. “When life throw hurdles at you, it is very easy to feel overwhelmed. A wise man once said the reason that they are called hurdles is because they can be overcome.”

TJSL Alumni Association President Eric Ganci ’08 welcomed the new graduates by addressing them as “colleagues” and letting them know as instant members of the association that they are not alone - the alumni number in the thousands and there are many services available to them as alums.

During her speech, Valedictorian Kimberly Roth asked that everyone direct their attention to those who took the journey through law school with them. “Our parents, siblings, significant others, children and friends. Thank you for your continuous love and encouragement. Not enough can be said about the support you all have provided. Thank you so much for always sticking by our side. I would also like to apologize on behalf of our class,” said Roth. “We are sorry for not returning your texts, not returning your phone calls, and not returning your emails or Facebook messages. And, when we finally did respond, sorry for being moody, short tempered, argumentative, and emotional. We are sorry for missing so many special occasions: your birthday, our own birthday, anniversaries, Thanksgiving, Mother’s day, and pretty much any other holiday that occurred around the date we had a paper due, a final to study for, or a brief to finish at work. But friends and family, you’re not off the hook yet! We still need your support these next few months as we study for the bar exam – specifically 74 more days.”

In closing, Dean Guernsey invited everyone to the TJSL campus for a celebration and reception.
China Study Abroad Program is Underway in Hangzhou

33 TJSL students and three faculty members arrived in Hangzhou, China on Saturday, May 17 for the three week, ABA approved, International and Comparative Law Study Abroad Program. The program began the following day with a guided tour of Hangzhou on Sunday, May 18. Students attended an orientation session on the first day of classes, Monday, May 19, at the Zhejiang University Guanghua College of Law.

This is the eighth year of this program located in one of the most beautiful cities in China and near the famous West Lake. Zhejiang University Guanghua College of Law offers an ideal environment for learning international and comparative law. The China Program is designed to encourage students to experience international law in an international setting, to exchange ideas with students from a different land, and to explore cultural differences that influence international business and legal transactions.

Students in this program are drawn from law schools across the United States and the world. Chinese students fluent in English and currently studying law at the Zhejiang University Guanghua College of Law actively participate in the program. Four Chinese professors teach a course on the Chinese Legal System and Its Reforms in English.

Throughout their stay, student activities include a day in the Chinese Supreme Court in Beijing with discussions about the differences between Chinese and U.S. court procedures; a Brown-bag Luncheon Lecture Series featuring law professors, judges, practitioners and experts in international law; organized weekend trips to other cities in China, including Beijing and Shanghai; half-day trips to neighboring scenic sites; and other educational and social events.

Hangzhou is the capital of Zhejiang Province and is full of history, art and tourist attractions. Hangzhou is located in Southeast China, less than one hour away from Shanghai, the famous, bustling metropolis that is well-known for its shopping and business opportunities. Visitors to China invariably comment about the extraordinary beauty of Hangzhou. Marco Polo, the noted Italian traveler in the 13th century, described Hangzhou as “the most beautiful and luxurious city in the world.”
From May 15-17, Jason Barmasse (3L) and I had the distinct pleasure of attending the 40th Annual Sports Lawyers Association (SLA) annual meeting at the Fairmont Hotel in Chicago, IL. At the conference, many of the top lawyers, practitioners, students and professors in the sports law field gather for three days of intense networking and interesting discussion on current legal issues in sports.

While this was my third year in a row attending the conference (including last year in Atlanta and 2012 in San Diego), it was Jason’s first year. While Jason was not sure what to expect, he was excited to be in the same room with over 800 lawyers and students who either work or are planning to work in sports law. Said Jason, “I wasn’t sure what kind of environment I was about to walk into. It was good that I went with someone who I not only knew, but who had experience attending the conference for a few years before.”

Some of the featured panels this year were “American Pro Sports Franchises in Europe and Asia: Potential and Pitfalls,” “The Current Issues Facing Team General Counsel,” and “Negotiating and Drafting Entertainment Deals for Athlete Clients.” One notable panel, “Impact of Biogenesis and Lance Armstrong Cases on Drug Testing in Sports,” featured US Anti-Doping Agency CEO Travis Tygart, ESPN Legal Analyst Lester Munson and longtime sports doping attorney Howard Jacobs, as well as Court of Arbitration of Sport secretary general Matthieu Reeb, who came all the way from Switzerland.

My favorite panel was the Thursday evening panel on “The Evolving Legal Landscape of College Athletics,” which featured athlete-advocates Timothy Epstein from SmithAmudsen and Marc Isenberg from A-Game. It also included Professors Warren Zola of Boston College, Matthew Mitten of Marquette Law School and Gary Roberts of Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. However, the highlight of this particular panel was NCAA General Counsel Donald Remy, who has the unenviable task of defending an organization harangued in recent years by criticism and lawsuits. Mr. Remy did an admirable job defending the NCAA in front of the group of lawyers, even taking a number of pestering questions from Wm. David Cornwell of Gordon & Rees (who represented Barry Bonds and Alex Rodriguez in their legal troubles).

According to Jason, the conference turned out even better than he expected. “For a guy who just finished off a month of finals studying and test taking, sitting in a conference for about 6-7 hours a day and listening to legal disputes didn’t exactly sound appealing at the time,” he said. “But the panels really were pretty incredible, and completely relevant to everything in legal discussion for sports at this point in time; from the outlook on the future of NCAA structure, to international ambush marketing, to ‘doping.’”

Jason even had the chance to meet a local sports law icon. Jason is from Westlake Village, CA, which also happens to be the location of doping panelist Howard Jacobs’ office. Jason noticed the coincidence while researching the panelists beforehand, and remembered seeing him at a panel at Pepperdine Law School. Jason was trying to figure out how to approach Jacobs when Jacobs just happened to sit next to him at the Friday luncheon.

For Jason, it was a perfect situation. “You never know what can happen at one of these events, who you may talk to, people in attendance you actually know from whatever prior engagement,” he said. “It’s always good to try to talk to the people who you’re particularly interested in meeting or networking with, but sometimes it’s not always practical at events this big. But sometimes just showing up is enough to get lucky, and accelerate the chain of networking.”

All in all, the conference was incredibly interesting and gave us the opportunity to meet some really fascinating people in the sports law field. As Jason said, “It’s a terrific event to create connections and network. At the very least, the panels are incredible; filled with all-star moderators and panelists alike covering all relevant topics in the field of sports law today.” And really, every time we looked around, it was almost shocking to see names on name tags that we recognized from ESPN, law review articles, and casebooks. The sports law industry is very small. Having the opportunity to network with 840 other sports lawyers will be invaluable to furthering our careers upon graduating from Thomas Jefferson School of Law.
TJSL Students to be Summer Associates at Alverson Taylor Mortensen & Sanders

Shanly Hopkins 3L and Mahna Pourshaban 3L will be summer associates at Alverson Taylor Mortensen & Sanders in Las Vegas, NV. The firm practices general civil litigation, medical malpractice, construction defect, and numerous other specialties.

Ms. Hopkins is looking forward to her summer in Las Vegas and she is “excited about the opportunity to practice in many different areas of law and take the things I learned in class and apply them in practice.” She also believes that this summer will enable her to make use of her previous experience in real estate and learn more about core issues in that field. Ms. Pourshaban is similarly enthused by the breadth of the practices at the firm and likes “prospects of being exposed to business litigation and transactional work.” She has a passion for business and a variety of business experience ranging from her studies in college and helping her mother start a successful business.

Both Ms. Hopkins and Ms. Pourshaban obtained this position through the fall recruiting program at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. Ms. Hopkins stated, “career services provided me with the opportunity to apply at Alverson Taylor through the OCI program on Symplicity. Mr. Randy Reliford in Career Services helped me edit my cover letter and resume reflecting the employer’s needs. I was also able to mock interview with him and get feedback on how to get my skills across during the interview. He also encouraged me to look at other locations for my work experience.” According to Ms. Pourshaban, “Ms. Beverly Bracker is the pivotal reason for my success in obtaining this summer associate position. From beginning to review my resume to helping me prep for the second interview, Ms. Bracker has supported me every step of the way. An alumni of TJSL who had previously worked for Alverson Taylor gave me an inside scope on the law firm as well. He instantly responded to my email, and was willing to help in any way possible. Big thanks to Beverly Bracker and the alum for helping me secure this amazing opportunity!”

Ms. Hopkins’ job search was successful, in part because she thought broad about applying to other jurisdictions where she would like to work. She has good practical advice for students on how to successfully approach the job search process. “I would tell students looking for internships to take advantage of the opportunities made available through the Career Services Office and approach things with an open mind. Thomas Jefferson provides many resources to connect students with attorneys. I would also say that networking in the community is very important. There are several bar organizations within San Diego County that welcome law students at their events. Get involved and take on leadership roles so that you understand what lawyers are looking for in new hires.”

Ms. Pourshaban has great advice for job seekers. “It is vitally important to explore any and all options regardless of the geographical area. Network as much as humanly possible, and prep for each and every interview. There will be hard times, and you might get a number of rejections but just remember to stay focused, keep your head up, and stay determined to reach your goals.”

Ms. Hopkins and Ms. Pourshaban followed their passions for business, and thought broadly about their job search. Undoubtedly, they will learn a lot this upcoming summer. TJSL has had several alumni work at this firm. Ms. Hopkins and Ms. Pourshaban will be in good company.
May 2014 grad Joscelyn Campbell II has secured a position at the San Diego Office of the Public Defender as a post bar law clerk. The Post Bar clerkship affords students the opportunity to experience the demanding practice of a public defender. The program is nationally recognized and is designed to give students not just an understanding of the criminal justice system, but also hands on experience with trial advocacy. Campbell applied for the post-bar position along with over 300 other applicants, and was selected as 1 of the 11 post bar clerks. The program will begin on August 12th after the July 2014 California State Bar Examination.

Campbell has interned at the Public Defender's office for his entire 3L year. In the Fall 2013 semester, he worked at the Office of the Primary Public Defender. There, he worked with attorneys who provide legal assistance to indigent individuals charged with crimes in the state court. There, Campbell was able to speak on the record, write various motions, do jail visits, prepare for preliminary hearings, and most importantly, have client interaction.

Campbell is excited for the opportunity. “It’s a real blessing to be selected for this position,” he says “it was a very competitive process, and I thank God that I was selected. I’ve worked at the Public Defender’s Office for about a year now and I’ve loved every minute of it. It is tough but rewarding work and I look forward to continuing to grow in the office, and hopefully secure a permanent position there.” Campbell is thankful for all the help he received from Thomas Jefferson School of Law. “TJSL offers its students lots of opportunities, you just need to work for it to earn it,” said Campbell. “I was lucky enough to have an Armenian professor like Professor Guzelian at this school who directed me in the right path in terms of how to further pursue my law related goals.” Aslanyan stated that “this accomplishment could not have been achieved without the support of family and friends.”

May 2014 grad Najda Aslanyan has secured a position at Ventura County of Public Defenders Office as a post bar law clerk. The Post Bar clerkship affords students the opportunity to experience the demanding practice of a public defender. The program is nationally recognized and is designed to give students not just an understanding of the criminal justice system, but also hands on experience with trial advocacy. Aslanyan applied for the post-bar position along with hundreds of applicants and was selected as 1 of the 5 post bar clerks. The program will begin on August 18th after the July 2014 California State Bar Examination.

Although Aslanyan has worked only one semester at the San Diego County of Alternate Public Defender her 3L year, she was found well-qualified for the post-bar position. There, she worked with attorneys who provide legal assistance to indigent individuals charged with crimes in the state court. There, Aslanyan was able to speak on the record, write various motions, do jail visits, prepare for preliminary hearings, and most importantly, have client interaction.

Aslanyan is very excited and grateful for the opportunity presented to her. “I feel very fortunate in securing this position. I know it’s a very competitive market out there. I will be getting hands on training experience that no other Public Defender’s office offers. I will first begin working in the misdemeanor department doing arraignments and later on serve as a Second Chair during trials.”

Aslanyan is thankful for all the help she received from Thomas Jefferson School of Law. “TJSL offers its students lots of opportunities, you just need to work for it to earn it,” said Aslanyan. “I was lucky enough to have an Armenian professor like Professor Guzelian at this school who directed me in the right path in terms of how to further pursue my law related goals.”

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Joscelyn Campbell II accepts Post Bar Clerkship at the SD Public Defenders Office

May 2014 grad Joscelyn Campbell II has secured a position at the San Diego Office of the Public Defender as a post bar law clerk. The Post Bar clerkship affords students the opportunity to experience the demanding practice of a public defender. The program is nationally recognized and is designed to give students not just an understanding of the criminal justice system, but also hands on experience with trial advocacy. Campbell applied for the post-bar position along with over 300 other applicants, and was selected as 1 of the 11 post bar clerks. The program will begin on August 12th 2014, two weeks after the July 2014 California State Bar Examination.

Campbell has interned at the Public Defender's office for his entire 3L year. In the Fall 2013 semester, he worked at the Office of the Primary Public Defender. There, he worked with attorneys who provide legal assistance to individuals charged with crimes in state court who are financially unable to retain private counsel. There, Campbell wrote and argued motions, and conducted preliminary hearings under attorney supervision. In the Spring 2014 semester, Campbell worked in the Multiple Conflicts Office, where he worked with attorneys representing people who were charged with the most complicated and serious homicide and special circumstance cases throughout San Diego County, and who were financially unable to retain private counsel. As a post bar, Campbell will work with attorneys in the Central Misdemeanor Unit of the Public Defender's Office.

Campbell is excited for the opportunity. “It’s a real blessing to be selected for this position,” he says “it was a very competitive process, and I thank God that I was selected. I’ve worked at the Public Defender’s Office for about a year now and I’ve loved every minute of it. It is tough but rewarding work and I look forward to continuing to grow in the office, and hopefully secure a permanent position there.” Campbell is thankful for all the help he received from Thomas Jefferson School of Law. “I am thankful for everything that TJSL has provided for me in securing this position,” said Campbell. “I’m thankful for the Trial Practice class I took while in school, and I’m also thankful for my Mock Trial teammates and coaches, Professors Lilys McCoy and Lea Fields-Bernard. My courtroom experience definitely helped me in securing this position.” Campbell is also thankful for the school’s Career Services Office. “Career Services was really critical in securing this position. I worked with Associate Director of Career Service Randy Reliford regularly, going over my resume and cover letter, doing mock interviews and constantly going over my job search strategy. This couldn’t have been done without Mr. Reliford, and I’m truly appreciative of him.”
Working for the White House seemed to Professor Ken Vandevelde like the next logical step in his career. And, since January, he has been doing precisely that while on a semester-long leave from TJSL.

“Before joining the Thomas Jefferson faculty,” he explains, “I worked for several years at the State Department on a variety of tasks, including the negotiation of international economic agreements. At the law school, I teach a course in that area of the law and have written three books about it. With the passage of time, however, my personal experience in the field had become dated. The Executive Office of the President is where the action is right now in this field and that is where I needed to be, if I wanted to stay on top of the subject.”

The timing of his leave has been fortuitous. “President Obama,” Professor Vandevelde notes, “is presiding over one of the most ambitious programs of economic treaty negotiations since the late 1940s, when the United States and its allies created the current international economic order. This is a wonderful time to be involved.”

The United States is negotiating two major regional agreements, one with the entire European Union and the other with about a dozen Pacific Rim countries. It has also launched bilateral negotiations with some critically important countries, including China and India.

Professor Vandevelde is involved in all of these treaty negotiations as well as others and is working on a variety of policy questions raised by the negotiations. “Because the Chinese political and economic system is so different than ours, the negotiations with China have raised a number of novel issues,” he observes. “The same is true of the negotiations with the European Union, which shares much with us politically and economically, but is negotiating on behalf of a diverse group of countries. Further, the Europeans are used to being the dominant partner in their bilateral negotiations, as is the United States, and so the negotiating dynamic with the EU will be different than in many earlier U.S. treaty negotiations.”

One of the benefits of his time in Washington is the opportunity to observe the Obama administration up close. “I am really struck,” he says, “by the thoughtfulness and intellectual seriousness of the top policymakers and by the emphasis on finding the right balance among competing objectives. I got into a discussion of capital controls with an official at the Treasury Department and we ended up exchanging articles from economic journals supporting our respective points of view. There have been times in the past when policy was much more ideologically driven. There are a lot of people in this field who operate from a single ideological perspective, but I see the Obama administration as taking a much more considered approach.”

The question that he is most commonly asked about his work at the White House is how it came about. “I owe it all to my books,” he replies. “Our negotiators were very familiar with my books and, after I notified them that I had the opportunity to take a leave from TJSL, they invited me to join them. When I started work the first day, I was delighted to notice copies of my books sitting around the office. Nothing is more satisfying to me as a legal scholar than to see my research actually being used by those who make the law.” He recounts walking into the negotiations with China and seeing the Chinese negotiators holding a copy of one of his books.

Professor Vandevelde believes that the opportunity to move periodically into the world of practice is invaluable for law faculty. “Those of us who teach at professional schools need to maintain our professional skills,” he notes. “I practiced law for 10 years before beginning my academic career, which is unusually long for a law professor. Even so, it was important to me, after teaching for a while, to return for a time to legal practice. We on the faculty need to be able to speak to students from experience and that experience needs to be updated periodically.”

“I have been very fortunate,” he continues. “The people with whom I work are extraordinarily capable and the quality of their work is second to none. And, of course, Washington, D.C., is the center of the international economic law universe. I have enjoyed tremendously the opportunity to practice again in that setting.”

The benefits of this experience for the law school will be many. As Professor Vandevelde explains, “The direct involvement in the negotiations and the policy making will bring a wealth of new material into my course on international investment law and arbitration. It will also ensure that my future publications in this field have value for students, scholars, practitioners and policy makers. The economy continues to globalize and increasingly business will be conducted across borders. We can take pride in knowing that TJSL offers our students training in international economic law that is at the cutting-edge.”
Professor William Slomanson's 2014 Sabbatical

Professor William Slomanson was not teaching in spring 2014, a situation he describes as “hopefully being limited to when I’m on sabbatical. As long as they are paying me to stay away—and because this could be one of my last sabbaticals—I decided to make it count.”

Making it count is no joke. Professor Slomanson has substantially completed four scholarly work products, plus a major presentation. His article and three books include:


- CALIFORNIA CIVIL PROCEDURE IN A NUTSHELL, 5th ed. (West, forthcoming in fall 2014) & companion True-False /Multiple Choice webpage at [http://www.tjsl.edu/slomansonb/T&F_WebQuiz&MC.docx](http://www.tjsl.edu/slomansonb/T&F_WebQuiz&MC.docx)


Slomanson also presented a TED-styled talk on April 4, 2014, at American University in Washington, D.C. It was entitled “Why Flip Your Class & Macro Design Issues.” He was the opening speaker for the inaugural Igniting Legal Education Conference. His presentation will be available for viewing in early June, at [http://legaledweb.com](http://legaledweb.com).

The conference organizer, Professor Michelle Pistone, provided a glowing assessment of Professor Slomanson’s presentation: “Your Flipped Class topic not only set the stage for your flipping group, but it was also an ideal inspirational message for opening this innovators’ conference, designed to change legal pedagogy. Almost 1000 people watched from the website that day and I am sure that even more will see your talk once it is published online. This is a new model for legal education conferences. I am so glad you were a part of it. We hope you’ll be back with us, and a continuing player in moving legal education to the next level. Job well done!”

Professor Slomanson expressed his appreciation for TJSL authorizing this sabbatical in the following terms: “This spring and summer have been grueling, but incredibly productive. I am honored that, in August, the teaching article that was the subject of my April presentation will be distributed to every law professor in the country. I attribute the success that I have had to TJSL’s support—exemplified by Dean Guernsey’s approval of my sabbatical. That was yet another demonstration of the commitment to the innovative and ground-breaking work for which my colleagues are so well known.
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3) Verification that you can handle the 20 hour per week case work requirement along with your other curricular and co-curricular commitments.
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