Tales From the Bench: “Wine, Cheese and Judges’ Pet Peeves”

On Thursday, November 14 Phi Alpha Delta hosted its fall signature event “Wine, Cheese and Judges’ Pet Peeves”. The event consisted of a one hour question and answer session, followed by a reception on the 8th floor that allowed students the opportunity to connect with the judges in a more intimate setting. This year’s panel of judges included: The Honorable Gerald Jessop, The Honorable Linda Birkmeyer, and The Honorable Melinda Lasater. Each panelist brought their unique background and experiences.

Emphasis on professionalism, honesty, and preparation ruled the panel, as all three judges stressed the importance of these traits. “Being unprofessional is the worst thing that I have seen from attorneys throughout my years on the bench,” said Judge Jessop. That sentiment was echoed by Judge Birkmeyer who said “your word is your bond. All you have at the end of the day is your inner ethical core.”

When asked what advice she gives new attorneys, Judge Lasater said “Be prepared. And always admit when you don’t have the answer.”

Courtroom etiquette was also an important topic of conversation. “Always address a judge as “Your Honor” in court. “Please do not refer to me as “dude,” said Judge Jessop. “And please don’t show up in flip flops.”

“Shut your cell phone off,” said Judge Birkmeyer. “It is a huge distraction in the courtroom. “And do not bicker with opposing counsel.”

“Think about changing any sentence that starts with ‘well, to be honest’,” said Judge Lasater. “Shouldn’t that be presumed?” she retorted. “And always be on time.”

At the 8th floor reception students got the chance to mingle with the Judges and Alumni who are practicing attorneys and ask more personalized questions.
Business Law Society Hosts Medicinal Marijuana Panel  
By Alexander Green (3L)

On Wednesday, November 13, the Business Law Society hosted an academic panel entitled “Medicinal Marijuana: Is It Really Legal?” The panel brought together several of San Diego’s top medicinal marijuana law academics and practitioners in a lively discussion. The panelists included Director of the Center for Law & Social Justice Professor Alex Kreit, Professor of Political Science at Cuyamaca College Collective Director Stephen McCamman, General Counsel for the California Cannabis Industry Association Criminal Defense Attorney Lance Rogers and Civil Attorney specializing in medical marijuana law TJSL Alum Kimberly Simms ‘08.

Amongst the topics discussed were the overall legal and regulations of the medicinal marijuana industry within San Diego County today, the nature of business planning in an industry so wrought with uncertainty and commercial instability, and the implications of being involved with a medicinal marijuana collective.

The event received a positive response from students and faculty alike as it created a forum to discuss a topic that is rapidly emerging in mainstream politics. “San Diego County is unique in that it does not have an outright ban on medicinal marijuana businesses nor does it have in place a concrete set of regulatory guidelines by which businesses can comply with the law,” explained Professor Kreit. While there are no firm plans for this to change in the immediate future, there is certainly a general sentiment that in the coming years, Medicinal Marijuana will become a hot topic throughout elections across the nation, perhaps even stretching to the Presidential Election in 2016.

On a more intimate level, McCamman had an opportunity to express what drives him as a business manager in the industry. He emphasized that for all the risk involved, there is a human element that propels his own sense of justice and reward. McCamman feels compelled to hit the ground running each and every morning with the notion that if what he helps to accomplish enables a cancer patient to hold down enough food to keep them alive for another week, he has achieved something both noble and entirely worthwhile.

Any time students and professionals can come together around a progressive, controversial topic that has tangible implications within the city around us, the whole community benefits. This panel was an outstanding success by that measure. The Business Law Society would like to thank those students who participated as well as the panelists whom made the event possible.
Successful Careers in International Law Panel
By Lukas Bylund

Law students and practitioners interested in international law gathered at Thomas Jefferson School of Law on Tuesday, November 12, to hear accomplished attorneys discuss their experience’s practicing in different fields of international law. The panel provided the community an intimate opportunity to discuss careers in international law, ask questions, and meet with the panelists after the event.

Presented by the State Bar of California International Law Section and co-sponsored by Career Services and the International Law Society, the panel was a great success with law students, practitioners, and faculty in attendance. Professor William Slomanson moderated a panel of four attorneys including Lizbeth Flores, LHF Law, Enrique Hernandez-Pulido, Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP, Joseph Lestyk, retired General Counsel of Ahlstrom USA, Inc., and Karine Faure Wenger, Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP.

The program gave the panelists an opportunity to discuss their respective paths to pursuing an international law practice, to provide advice about an international law practice in the global market, and to answer questions from those in attendance.

Lizbeth Flores, founder of LHF Law who specializes in international law, recommends doing something that sets you apart from others, such as community service, traveling, or learning other cultures to understand foreign ways of life and business. Specializing in business law with more than 10 years of experience in international law, Ms. Flores mentioned that bigger firms typically have more international contacts and business.

Enrique Hernandez-Pulido, a partner at Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP who represents clients in international tax planning and related international matters, contributed significant insight throughout the event. Mr. Hernandez-Pulido commented that certain international clients are much more personal than American clients. To successfully represent them requires the extra step of getting to know them on a personal level. Mr. Hernandez-Pulido further advised attendees that finding a specialization in international law generates a greater demand.

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Joe Lestyk, retired General Counsel for Ahlstrom USA, Inc., kept the audience intrigued with valuable insight and stories as he discussed his exciting career after graduating from Thomas Jefferson School of Law. Advising the audience to be prepared for anything, Mr. Lestyk expressed that his job as general counsel required lots of creativity and some flexibility. Although he became an expert in one area of law, he acknowledged that corporate business law in the international arena requires “a jack of all trades” who is knowledgeable about a variety of areas. Recognizing that international law may require a lot of traveling and perhaps living abroad, Mr. Lestyk indicated that those interested should be aware and considerate it when making a decision.

Karine Faure Wenger, who serves as corporate immigration counsel to a wide range of clients, arrived from France to attend law school in the United States. Mrs. Wenger provided great advice to law students seeking to immerse themselves in international law. A member of the Jessup Moot Court team during law school, Mrs. Wenger recommended getting involved in anything and everything related to international law which includes studying abroad, taking courses in international law, and immersing yourself in a field of interest.

The panel was a huge success and provided law students and practitioners with an interest in international law the opportunity to hear first-hand from those who have found success practicing internationally. The Thomas Jefferson School of Law community is grateful to the State Bar of California International Law Section for hosting the event at Thomas Jefferson and thanks Career Services and the International Law Society for co-sponsoring such an informative panel of attorneys.
Latinas, Politics and Leadership  
By Samantha Morales (3L)

La Raza Law Students Association and Latinas in the Law of San Diego co-sponsored a "Latinas, Politics, and Leadership" panel on November 6th in the 8th floor board room. Co-sponsor Latinas in the Law of San Diego, promotes the advancement of Latinas in the legal profession by providing opportunities for personal growth and development. The Hon. Irma E. Gonzalez (Ret.), Mrs. Lilia Garcia, Esq. and Mrs. Anna M. Jauregui-Law, Esq., co-founders of Latinas in the Law and Professor Luz Hererra, adviser for La Raza Law Students Association helped coordinate the event.

The distinguished panelists included: Helen Torres, Executive Director for Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE), San Diego County Bar Association President Marcella Ordorica-McClauughlin, National City Councilwoman Alejandra Sotelo-Solis, and Nora Vargas, Vice President of Community & Government Relations for Planned Parenthood. Professor Marjorie Cohn moderated the panel.

The event provided undergraduate students from UCSD and SDSU and law students from USD and CalWestern an opportunity to join TJSL students and members of the legal community. Panelists gave attendees insights on some of the unique struggles many Latinas face on the path to leadership and political office.

"Politics are about the change you make in this world and if you do not understand the structure, it is very hard to succeed," said Nora Vargas. "A girl from Tijuana," as she described herself -- who ended up working for the President of the United States because at a very early age, her parents charged her with the responsibility to do something that benefited society.

"Growing up in National City I knew that the City Hall decisions did not reflect me as a young Latina. I did not want to defend or fight for legislation, I wanted to make legislation," said Councilwoman Sotelo-Solis.

"People will always question your qualifications as a woman and as a woman of color," she shared--noting that men who run for office are not asked about their plans to conceive and start a family.

Marcella Ordorica-McClauughlin, said the beginning of her journey towards becoming the first Latina San Diego County Bar Association President started with one simple question: Why not me? Today her photo on Wall of Past Presidents at the San Diego County Bar Association's Center is a testament of just how far women can go when they believe in themselves and in their journey.

So what are the biggest obstacles facing Latinas in reaching leadership positions? There are many, and it goes beyond the dynamics of raising a family.

"It is ourselves," highlighted Vasquez. "We want to be prepared, but you just have to do it."

"We do not look like what a leader should look like," said Helen Torres --a mother of twin boys and one of the first Latina political consultants in our state. "It is not good enough to have 'the first Latina City Council Woman, Mayor, President of a Bar Association', because real change requires a critical mass pipeline of Latinas who are ready to lead and an infrastructure that accepts it," she added.

Over the years, Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE) has been crucial in preparing this pipeline. To date, 422 women including the panelists have graduated from HOPE's nine-month action oriented leadership training program aimed at ensuring Latinas become civically engaged and active in public policy that affects their communities.
TJSL’s CLIMB (Crawford Legal Institute Mentorship Bond) received the 2013 State Bar of California Education Pipeline Award at the State Bar Annual Meeting Diversity Awards Reception. The reception took place at the Marriott Hotel in San Jose, California on October 12, 2013. The CLIMB program is a partnership between students and faculty at Thomas Jefferson School of Law (TJSL) and Crawford High School. The program provides mentorship in law, leadership, advocacy skills, tutoring, career counseling and achieving academic success.

The Board of Governors established the State Bar Diversity Awards to recognize outstanding efforts and significant contributions ensuring equal opportunity for entry and advancement in California’s legal profession. The Education Pipeline Awards was created to acknowledge an education program that raises student awareness about the legal system and opportunities for careers in the legal field.

Dr. Clarence B. Jones, who assisted Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with writing his “I Have a Dream” speech, was the keynote speaker at the Awards Reception. He is currently a visiting Professor, University of San Francisco and a Scholar Writer in Residence, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Research & Education Institute, Stanford University, and Palo Alto, CA.

CLIMB Co-Founder and TJSL Professor Maurice Dyson and CLIMB Administrative Lead Sylvia Ehiemenonye attended the event and received the award on behalf of the CLIMB program. “CLIMB was very honored to receive the State Bar Award.” said Sylvia Ehiemenonye.

“It was inspiring to hear Clarence B. Jones, Martin Luther King Jr’s speechwriter, political advisor and friend speak about King and the legacy he left.” said Professor Dyson. “He reminded us that despite all of our merit, it would all be for naught as we inherit a debt of sacrifice and service in King’s legacy. As Mr. Jones observed, “Except for Abraham Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863, Martin Luther King, Jr., in 12 years and 4 months from 1956 to 1968, did more to achieve political, economic, and social justice in America than any other event or person in the previous 400 years.” It is that proud legacy King left that made possible the appointment of Chief Justice Tani Gorre Cantil-Sakauye as the 28th chief justice of the State of California whom I also had the honor to meet at the awards ceremony who remains the first Asian-Filipina American and the second woman to serve as the state’s chief justice.”

“It is also in that profound service of King that I find my own improbable life story to success possible and I am most proud to see TJSL’s CLIMB program through its law student volunteers take up that torch to pass on to Crawford high school students the blessings and liberties of equal opportunity. A just, humane, compassionate society where lawyers can work to achieve meaningful opportunities for those bullied, serving as a voice for the voiceless and creating access to students seeking higher education and the sacrosanct privilege and responsibilities of a legal education is an important vision that CLIMB aspires to achieve.”

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CLIMB Presented With Award at State Bar Diversity Awards Reception Continued…

“There is no greater reward nor a more awesome responsibility to see how you as a TJSL law student can make a difference in the life of these young adults knowing you are personally involved in passing on King’s torch to these curious young teens. Our TJSL student volunteers feel that. In the process of volunteering, they too become transformed. They begin to see, feel and experience for themselves the deeper sense of soul fulfillment when they serve a purpose greater than their own lives, a cause larger than their own, and in so doing they become interwoven in the fabric of a proud legacy they too can claim as the rightful heirs of the great Dream that King inspired. I am proud to see TJSL continue to be a school of opportunity and CLIMB as the inextricable part of achieving that mission for future generations. The recognition of this award I hope will shed further light on what TJSL and CLIMB can prove is possible and I hope it inspires many of you to join and others to follow.”

Professor Bill Slomanson praised CLIMB students for their hard work and congratulated them for receiving the State Bar Award.

“Our CLIMB students have embraced the gift that comes with serving others, in ways that have ably served themselves and the broader community. So it is fitting that the State Bar of California has recognized these tireless student volunteers, who have done so much to make us all proud.” said Professor Slomanson.

“It is with great pleasure and humility that I commend both past and present members of the CLIMB organization. It is my hope that they each bask in the pride that TJSL has enjoyed because of the State Bar’s recognition of CLIMB; savor each day at TJSL with a sense of accomplishment; and pay forward the debt they owe to the young men and women of Crawford High School—who made it possible for CLIMB members to also pay back to so many children of color.”

“Congratulations for a job well done. Each of you has exemplified the highest standards of California’s legal and educational communities. We expect to see your names on the many professional marquees that await this talented and devoted group of future leaders.”

TJSL’s Emergency Notification System

Thomas Jefferson School of Law, alongside Omnilert, brings to you e2Campus. e2Campus is an emergency notification system that is available to TJSL students, faculty and staff. It is a free subscription, and will only be used in the event of an emergency to text message those that have signed up for this type of notification. Some examples of emergency notifications sent through e2Campus would include building closure, electrical outages and building fires.

“This is a completely voluntary sign up, however, we encourage you to sign up today,” said Director of I.T. Gilbert Susana.

Sign Up Today

If you have any specific questions, you can email help@tjsl.edu.
TJSL '06 Alum Lands Dream Job with NapoliBern

2006 Alum Michael Carey has landed his dream job as an Associate Attorney with NapoliBernRipkaShkolnik, LLP in their Orange County office. NapoliBern is based out of Manhattan and has offices all over the country. They concentrate on complex litigation on behalf of injured victims and have successfully obtained over 3 Billion in verdicts and settlements.

Carey’s passion to protect injured victims began in undergraduate school when he worked as a file clerk for his father, who was a plaintiff’s attorney. There he experience first-hand how attorneys can really help the victims of corporate greed. “My father was not only my hero, but also the hero to many people who suffered disabling injuries as a result of defective products and/or negligent practices of others. I knew then, that I wanted to follow my father’s path.”

Carey credits his time clerking in plaintiff’s law firms while in school for developing the skills he needed to pursue his career path, such as preparing motions and participating in high value jury trials. He also credits Career Services. “Ms. Beverly Bracker and all of Career Services were invaluable in beginning my career path. Not only did they help me prepare my resume pack and revise my writing samples, they also helped me find leads in this extremely competitive Southern California market.”

After graduation, Carey focused on high-end complex tort litigation in the areas of product liability, personal injury, negligence, and civil rights litigation where he continued to developed his litigation skills managing all aspects of litigation. A substantial portion of his work has involved tire delamination/belt tread separation cases in the Winston/Cooper tire Judicial Council Coordination Proceedings.

Carey is thrilled to start his new position working in toxic torts, especially asbestos litigation. “NapoliBern is providing me with the opportunity to protect the rights of victims of asbestos exposure, while also working under some of the best litigators in California. I want to learn from the best and hopefully develop into one of the best litigators in the state.”

Congratulations from everyone in the TJSL family, we wish you continued success! For more information, visit NapoliBern.
Professor Greenberg Awarded 2013 Bullough Book Award

Professor Julie Greenberg has been awarded the 2013 Bullough Book Award by the Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality for her book, Intersexuality and the Law: Why Sex Matters (NYU Press).

The Foundation presented Professor Greenberg with the Bullough Book Award, given for the most distinguished book written for the professional sexological community published in a given year.

“I am so pleased that people are becoming more aware of the critical life-altering issues affecting members of the intersex community,” said Professor Greenberg. “I hope that this book serves to educate and inspire people to assist this relatively new, underserved, and underfunded civil rights movement. I have donated all the royalties from the book to Advocates for Informed Choice (AIC), an organization devoted to using legal avenues to assist people with an intersex condition.”

According to a recent book review by Professor Jessica Knouse in the Law and Society Review, “Intersexuality and the Law provides a definitive account of the history and present of intersex issues, artfully interweaving stories from the lives of intersex individuals with explanations of complex legal doctrine and suggestions for future litigation and legislation. Few authors have illustrated such sustained commitment to understanding how intersexuality interacts with existing legal regimes, and Greenberg provides invaluable description, analysis, and critique.”

This distinction follows earlier positive reviews of the book. Shannon Minter, Legal Director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR) and lead counsel for same-sex couples in the landmark California marriage equality case, wrote: "This volume solidifies Greenberg’s reputation as a thinker of uncommon clarity and, unquestionably, the leading legal scholar on intersex issues...Based on her unparalleled knowledge of the nuances and internal debates among intersex advocates, Greenberg provides a richly detailed and masterful account of the legal issues affecting intersex people, enlivened by a keen appreciation of the tensions and potential conflicts between legal advocacy for intersex and transgender people.”

The FSSS presented Professor Greenberg with her award at its annual meeting.
The Advisor

The Center for Solo Practitioners, Thomas Jefferson’s lawyer incubator program, is accepting applications for its 2014 class. The application period will close on December 1, 2013.

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.

To apply for the program, candidates must: (1) be admitted to practice in California; (2) be a graduate of TJSL; (3) have a demonstrated commitment to access-to-justice for those in need; (4) be willing to engage in ongoing pro- and low-bono services; (5) work well in intimate settings with a diverse group of individuals; (6) be committed to establishing a solo- or small-firm practice; and (7) be committed to helping underserved populations after completion of the program.

For additional information or an application, email the director of the program, Lilys D. McCoy, at lmccoy@tjsl.edu.

Buy your tees, hats, hoodies and more at TJSL's official online shop!

http://thomasjeffersonschooloflaw.skorfanshop.com

Thomas Jefferson School of Law Graduation to be held on Saturday, December 14, 2013 at Copley Symphony Hall 10 a.m.

The Valedictorian is Tristan Sullivan-Leppa
Citations Added November 10, 2013 - November 18, 2013

Marjorie Cohn

Presentations:

Radio:
Drones and Targeted Killing, RTV, Russian television, November 18, 2013.

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Presentations:
Preliminary Findings from the Diversity in Legal Academia Project, Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice Symposium, Berkeley Law, Berkeley (March 8, 2013)

Presentations:

Susan Bisom-Rapp

Presentations:
Labor and Employment Issues Associated with the Affordable Care Act: An Academic Perspective, CLE: The Effects of the Affordable Care Act for Businesses, Consumers, and the Economy, San Diego County Bar Association, New Lawyer Division and Labor & Employment Law Section, SDCBA Conference Center, San Diego, CA, November 7, 2013
September 26, 2013

October 3, 2013
Alex Kreit partnered with a non-profit on an animated video on drug policy that was recently released. http://learnliberty.org/war-on-drugs-video/

October 9, 2013
Professor Alex Kreit was quoted in the Daily Journal article titled Skeptics cast doubt on marijuana legalization drive

October 10, 2013
TJSL’s incubator program was mentioned in the Lawyerist http://lawyerist.com/legal-incubators-helping-hatch-solo-practices/

October 17, 2013
Professor William Slomanson was quoted in the Los Angeles Daily Journal. The story refers to fed consideration of whether to add sexual orientation to gender & race as bases for monitoring void dire in fed cases.

October 21, 2013
3D printers: The next intellectual property game changer Philly.com
Deven R. Desai from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law and Gerard N. Magliocca from Indiana University look at how 3D home printers could change legal guidelines for patent, copyright, and trademark laws and even internet content rules.

October 22, 2013
TJSL professor to be awarded Bullough Book Award .The Daily Transcript Thomas Jefferson School of Law Professor Julie Greenbergís book, "Intersexuality and the Law, Why Sex Matters" has earned high praise.

October 28, 2013
http://www.providencejournal.com/breaking-news/content/20131028-3-d-printers-could-blur-lines-of-patent-laws-and-others.ece
Professor Deven R. Desai was quoted in the Providence Journal about how 3D home printers could change legal guidelines for patent, copyright, and trademark laws and even internet content rules.

November 1, 2013

November 5, 2013
TJSL employee rights clinic set for this Saturday article appeared in the Daily Transcript http://www.sddt.com/News/article.cfm?SourceCode=20131105tje#.UoFxtflDt8E

November 16, 2013
Professor Marjorie Cohn appeared on C-Span discussing Legal Challenges to Drone Strikes http://c-spanvideo.org/program/DroneStrike
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