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“Our new campus will transform forever the way in which the School is viewed in the community and in the world of legal education.”

—Dean Rudy Hasl

Welcome to the newest chapter in the history of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law and Western State University College of Law San Diego. The completion and occupancy of our new facility in the East Village area of downtown San Diego represent a new high point in the upward trajectory of the school.

A review of the past 16 years reveals some very significant accomplishments, including the changing of the name to the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in late 1995; the application for and the granting of American Bar Association provisional approval in 1996 and the granting of full approval in 2001; the transition from a for-profit to a not-for-profit status, also in 2001; the consolidation of the school's indebtedness and its acquisition of additional property at its Old Town location in 2005; the establishment of graduate programs and the development of an extensive program in online distance education in the area of International Taxation and Financial Services in 2007; the application for and admission to membership in the Association of American Law Schools in January 2008; the successful sale of the Old Town facilities and the securing of bond financing to support the construction of new facilities in the spring and summer of 2008; the start of construction on the downtown site in December 2008 and the completion and occupancy of the new building in January 2011. In addition to these major achievements, the school has become the law school in California with the most diverse student body, has increased the size of its faculty and has seen the bar passage of its graduates steadily improve.

The new facility will enable the school to do more effectively what it has historically done—provide a sound legal education that prepares its students and graduates to become competent and successful lawyers in a supportive environment in which students, faculty, and staff members develop a close working relationship that enables students to achieve their potential.

Designed and constructed to earn a LEED Gold building, the new facility stands as a model of environmentally sensitive design, from the photovoltaic panels on the roof, to the heavily landscaped terraces and entrance area populated with drought tolerant plants, to the incorporation of building materials and furniture that reduce the carbon footprint, to the cloud computing and reduced paper consumption, and to the efficiency of the HVAC, energy, and lighting systems. Unlike institutions that develop academic programs that espouse environmental responsibility, our building design has implemented a program that demonstrates the viability of the model of environmental design for all building users.

The building provides numerous seating, study and collaboration areas for students, both inside the library and throughout the building, supporting the sense of community that is so central to the school's mission. The administrative areas are organized to facilitate a comprehensive approach to addressing and solving student problems and issues. The whole building provides an environment where interaction among students, faculty and staff is facilitated and encouraged.

The school also stands as a resource for the entire East Village community, as well as the entire San Diego area. During the coming year, the school will host the monthly meetings of the East Village Association and other activities and events that support the local community. The influx of nearly 1200 students, faculty and staff on a daily basis has already had a very positive economic and social impact on the local businesses.

As this issue of *The Declaration* demonstrates, the school is poised for a new period of increased recognition and growth in academic reputation and in stature within the community. I invite graduates and friends to visit the school and experience the excitement we are all feeling. It is a transformative time in the history of our law school!

Rudolph C. Hasl
Dean and President



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A Transformative Era for New Campus Opens to Rave Reviews

by Lori Wulfemeyer





Tuesday, January 18, 2011 marked the first day of classes for the spring semester at Thomas Jefferson School of Law, but it was no ordinary day for the nearly 1,200 students, faculty and staff. That day will forever mark the most transformative event in the 42-year history of the law school—the opening of the much anticipated, innovative new TJSL campus designed to integrate cutting-edge technology and sustainability with an attractive, collaborative environment to facilitate optimal academic achievement and student success.



When students walked through the door of the ultra-modern building that day, they stepped into the future of legal education and, from all indications, they couldn't be more pleased. Their reactions to the eight-story, 305,000 square-foot structure in downtown San Diego's East Village have ranged from "Awesome," to "Cool," to "Wow!" to more expansive expressions of surprise and appreciation for the many carefully planned features.

And they're not the only ones who are impressed. One member of the East Village community described it as the "Taj Mahal of law schools" while members of the local legal community also are awed by what they see. Faculty from San Diego's other two law schools as well as deans from the nation's other ABA law schools, who were in town recently for a workshop, already have toured TJSL's new home and expressed admiration for the design and collective creativity employed.

Just a glance at the exterior of the building is an inspirational moment. The distinctive chevron roof rising high into the East Village skyline above the brilliant aqua blue windows and granite facings of the building paints a breathtaking picture.

"It is truly an extraordinary facility that was three years in the making," said Dean Rudy Hasl to the students, faculty, staff and other guests who attended an informal ribbon cutting ceremony on January 17. "This is a transformative event for Thomas Jefferson School of Law and also for this region. Our new facility is a resource for the entire San Diego area." While campus tours are ongoing, a formal grand opening ceremony is planned for next spring.

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While the study of law is a serious pursuit, **the interior of the new law school is designed as a welcoming, comfortable environment for law students.** There are even touches of whimsy in the design. The colors of the walls, flooring and fabrics are representative of San Diego’s natural color palette. Each floor has its own creative personality.

Visitors on the first floor are greeted by the striking curved staircase rising above the majestic palm-like cycads, a prehistoric evergreen seed plant dating back to when mammoths roamed the land, and other drought-resistant greenery in the custom-tiled planter. The colorful terrazzo flooring contains pieces of the prehistoric shells unearthed during the excavation of the building site. The staircase leads students to the second and third floors where the spacious **moot courtroom** and **“smart” classrooms**, ranging from large stadium-seating to more intimate group settings, are located.

The technology in these classrooms is smarter and faster than ever before, and has amazing intuitive abilities that make the classroom experience come alive. Integrated video conferencing equipment can be used to bring off-site instructors and guests into the new classrooms as well as to join multiple classrooms together. Students will feel

like they’re in the same classroom with other students anywhere in the world because they can see them and talk to them virtually. There is also a recording studio that offers enormous potential for TJSJL to work collaboratively with other institutions around the world.

The fourth and fifth floors feature the **library collections**, surrounded by comfortable seating areas near spacious walls of windows to allow for natural lighting. The curved library circulation desk with its intricate millwork and the artfully designed shelving throughout the library quickly draw attention. The **student learning centers** also add to the innovative design of the library. There is even a Meditation Room to provide students with a quiet, contemplative space in the library, in addition to ample private study rooms. For those who want fresh air while they study, there are two outdoor terraces on the fifth floor, one accessed through the library and the other accessed through the imaginative student lounge that is unlike any other in the nation.

The new campus is designed with many amenities to help students cope positively with the demands of law school, but the new **student lounge** takes that to the extreme.







THE PROJECT

- The eight-story, 305,000 square-foot law school facility in downtown San Diego sits above a three-level, 90,000 square-foot subterranean parking garage with 176 spaces.
- The facility will serve the needs of 1,000 students and nearly 200 faculty and staff with 12 classrooms, 2 learning centers, 1 moot courtroom, 2 recording studios, 5 conference rooms, an executive board room, a 40,000 square-foot library, a future full-service café, public law clinic, and much more.
- The most striking exterior feature of the new Thomas Jefferson School of Law is its chevron roof. The iconic design has made the law school an instant landmark in San Diego's East Village neighborhood.
- Notable design features of the facility include expansive view terraces on the 5th and 8th floors with seating and reception space, surrounded by extensive drought resistant landscaping.
- The luxurious building finishes are highlighted by top-of-the-line millwork and stone work, and high ceilings.
- The building operates with a state-of-the-art cloud computing center, virtual desktops, wireless access and audio video capabilities throughout.
- The roof supports a 49 kilowatt solar array with 270 modules to generate clean electricity.

CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN FACTS

- Groundbreaking: October 29, 2008
- Gross Square Footage: 305,000
- Estimated Cost: \$90,000,000
- Financing:
CSCDA Tax Exempt Bonds
- Executive Architect:
Carrier Johnson
- Contractor: Bovis Lend Lease, Inc.
- Design Architect: S2 Architecture
- Interior Design: ID Studios
- Owner's Representative:
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The fun, colorful area is reminiscent of a retro-50's diner in the round. The inviting seating is designed to encourage interaction. There are full-sized Kitchen Aid refrigerator/freezers, microwaves, large counters, a sink, a large flat-screen TV, a variety of other comfortable seating options, a private landscaped terrace and other features that encourage students to relax and enjoy their hours on campus.

The sixth floor features one-stop shopping when it comes to convenient services for the students. There they will find all [student-centered offices](#) from Financial Assistance to Career Services to the Registrar. Just one floor up, they'll find the faculty offices located in a rectangular pattern along the exterior walls. Dean Hasl's office is also on the seventh floor and, like the other faculty offices, offers a panoramic view of San Diego.

Construction is still underway on the first floor. A [full-service restaurant](#) with a sophisticated kitchen for large-scale catering located in the southeast corner of the first floor will be open to the public as well as the TJSJL community. A [live legal clinic](#) is underway on the southwest side of the building and is expected to be completed by the start of the fall semester.

Just recently finished, the eighth floor is sure to become one of the most popular places on campus for special events.

An [expansive outdoor terrace](#) with more panoramic views, a large conference room that seats 30, a private kitchen and soft, indoor seating area make it the perfect place for entertaining and academic gatherings. In fact, this floor as well as many other rooms are available for rental when not in use by the school.

["Green" technology](#) is implemented throughout the building, using significantly less energy. Everything in the new building is designed for sustainability. Wireless access points go to sleep. Servers have been reduced from 35 to four. There are no longer hard drives at each desk. Screens on the phones turn off every evening. The network can monitor from hour-to-hour how much energy the solar panels on the roof are generating. The new technology also has reduced the amount of paper consumption on campus.

These are just a few examples of the enormous transformation in technology on the new campus—an "unprecedented application of technology for a law school," according to Dean Hasl, who is extremely proud that the "building is environmentally responsible." Even the drinking water on campus is healthier and cleaner through the use of reverse osmosis systems.



TJSL is also anticipating **Gold Level Certification** under the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) program. This will make TJSL one of only a small number of law schools in the country to achieve this status.

"The new Thomas Jefferson School of Law is an urban oasis," notes Dean Hasl. "We have a sustainable, contemplative environment inside, but yet we can see the community around us, including the trolleys and buses outside. Our building reflects our community—it communicates a message about the quality of our operation."

The new campus is conveniently situated within walking distance of San Diego's thriving Gaslamp Quarter as well as all of the downtown courthouses and law firms.

It also stands just one block away from the site of San Diego's new Central Library that is now under construction and two blocks from the San Diego Padres' Petco Park. Discussions are underway about building a new football stadium for the San Diego Chargers just a few blocks to the east of the new campus.

"The students of Thomas Jefferson School of Law will have a true campus downtown, which includes a law school, a public library, a private library, housing for students, restaurants, professional sports teams, a gym and many other student-friendly venues and law-related attributes," said TJSL's 2010-2011 Student Bar Association President Jeremy Evans.

It's a historic and immensely exciting time for Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

"With the new campus, the law school has an extraordinary opportunity to provide a legal education experience that is unmatched in the San Diego area," says Dean Hasl. "This facility will forever transform the way in which this school is viewed in the community and in the world of legal education."



TJSL Now Offers Student Housing Close to Campus in the East Village

Thomas Jefferson School of Law students are not only attending classes in the East Village, but some are now actually living just a block away from the new campus at 11th and Island Avenues. In order to provide viable housing options for its students, especially those from outside the San Diego area, the law school has assumed the master lease of Entrada, a fairly new, modern and smartly designed 172-unit building in the East Village at 453 13th Street.

"Most of the best urban law schools offer some kind of law student housing," said Beth Kransberger, Associate Dean for Student Affairs. "This allows us to be a player in the recruiting of the very best students to come to San Diego. We are the only law school in San Diego with specialized law student housing."

Dean Kransberger also points out that Entrada is "well-suited" to law student housing, especially because of the amenities, which allow for "low-maintenance living." There are striking views of the San Diego skyline and the Coronado Bridge, and a beautiful roof garden. The majority of the units are studio apartments, with a number

of one, two and three-bedroom units also available.

The transition to law student housing at Entrada will proceed slowly in order to be attentive to the needs of the current non-law student tenants, added Dean Kransberger. A limited number of lucky students moved into available units this semester, but she anticipates that number will grow steadily as more units become available from the current tenants.

TJSL's property manager for Entrada is Oliver McMillan, a 30-year-old, award winning real estate management, investment and consulting firm headquartered in San Diego, with offices in Chicago, Seattle, Houston and Ontario (CA). The firm manages a large number of rental units in San Diego.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law is now home to nearly 1,000 students and nearly 200 faculty and staff members.

Living the urban lifestyle is not new to some of them, who already rented or owned in or near the downtown area prior to the opening of the new campus.





Wired for the 21st Century

TJSL LEADS THE WAY WITH SMARTER, FASTER AND CLEANER TECHNOLOGY

by *Denice Menard*
and *Lori Wulfemeyer*

You'd be hard pressed to find another law school in America more technologically advanced than the Thomas Jefferson School of Law. Not only is TJSL's new campus a striking sight to behold, but the technology utilized throughout the building, from the cloud computing to the server infrastructure to the enhanced learning tools in the classrooms to the virtualized desktops, is state-of-the-art.

"For the past several months we have worked 10 hour days, 7 days a week," says James Cooper, TJSL's Chief Information Officer. The law school has an all new network infrastructure consisting of Cisco Systems network switches, a telephone system and wireless radios, and offers 1 GB connectivity to the desktop. This is an increase of 10 fold over the wired networking speed at our previous campus. Wireless connectivity covers more than 99% of the campus."

Cooper also replaced 90% of the server infrastructure in an effort to not only offer greater reliability and backup capabilities, but also to save energy and reduce the school's carbon footprint. The TJSL server infrastructure has been virtualized with VMware and has replaced 35 physical servers with just four servers and a large storage array.

"Our Network environment has been designed using cloud technology," says Brian Graham, TJSL Network Administrator. "This means that all applications and user data is stored in one central area, which gives users the ability to work from anywhere on campus and still be able to access all of their personal data, including their Windows desktop. This concept frees TJSL users from a desk and gives them the ability to work from anywhere at any time, from most any device."

"Right now we officially have over 200 virtual desktops running on our network. "To put it into perspective, we have



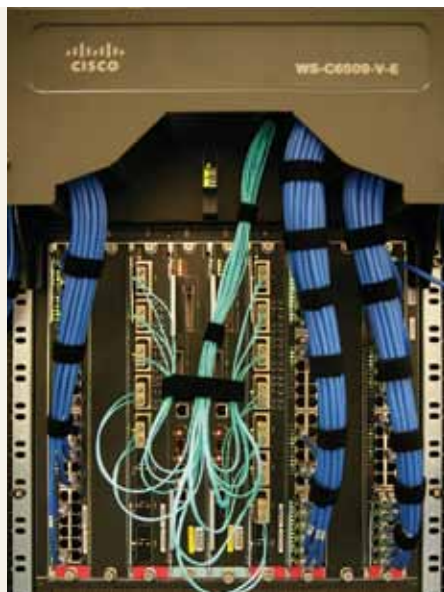
not only just become one of the most technologically advanced law schools in the U.S., but we're also way ahead of many businesses out there," explained Graham.

"VMware recently asked 430 companies about virtual desktop implementation and 43% of those are either in the process of rolling out Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) or are considering using VDI. Our school has essentially completed a major VDI rollout before 60% of these 430 surveyed companies."

The old campus had more than 100 computers averaging five years of age that were no longer viable for use as reliable business machines, were not energy-wise and were not being backed-up. To remedy this, all TJSL staff have been moved to a VMware-based solution with Samsung virtual terminals at each desk.

According to Cooper, this solution will offer a more reliable and accessible remote user experience with VMware View. View allows faculty and staff to have easy access to their on-campus computer, business software, network shares and printing without requiring special VPN software. And, it's available for both PCs and Macs.

Virtualization of the desktop offers much quicker turn around in computer repairs and allows IT personnel to assist



faculty and staff via remote desktop sessions as well as the ability to make “repairs” to the desktop directly from the Help Desk. Virtualization also reduces the frequency and volume of equipment purchased and recycled by the school. This improves environmental impact by reducing the volume of toxic metals both purchased and recycled.

“Eliminating over 100 power hungry PCs and replacing them with four servers and virtual terminals enabled us to cut power consumption and creation of greenhouse gases,” adds Cooper. “The power management system provided by APC will allow us to track usage and generate consumption reports over time.”

All TJSL servers, networking gear and telephones throughout the building are provided backup power by an APC backup system that is tied into the school’s emergency generator. The APC system also can alert the servers in the case of emergency, enabling a controlled shut down of the room. The APC implementation is based on a “hot aisle/cold aisle” concept that reduces the amount of energy required to cool the Data Center by drawing heat away from the equipment rather than cooling the entire room.

Randy Krzyston, TJSL’s Director of IT Operations, said another huge task was moving the server infrastructure from the Old Town location to the new East Village location. As luck would have it, the move took place during what was one of the worst rainstorms in San Diego in years.

“Whenever you physically move



servers and other hardware there is always a bit of a risk that they may not come back on,” Krzyston says. “We took extreme care to ensure that we had all of our data backed up and even tested restores to ensure our data integrity. I’m glad to say that our hard work and preparation paid off as we did not lose a single server and all of the data on our storage area network was intact.”

New technology has greatly enhanced the potential for learning in the classroom at TJSL. Each of the large classrooms on campus features built-in videoconferencing equipment from Polycom. This equipment allows multiple rooms to be bridged into a single room as well as the ability to collaborate with remote sites in different cities, states and countries. The same cameras and microphones are integrated with an automated lecture capture solution that can be programmed to record in advance or on the fly. Lectures are automatically encoded and added to a server where students can access them via the TJSL student portal or by subscribing to an RSS feed.

Polycom conferencing and lecture capture equipment is also available in two recording studios on campus. The recording studios can be used to offer live distance learning courses or to record content for distribution via a video server.

Larry Payne, Area Vice President for Cisco Systems, and several other company executives toured the new TJSL in February, remarking how they are “impressed by the facilities and use of Cisco technology.”

Payne said, “Thomas Jefferson School of Law’s breathtaking new eight-story building is on the cutting-edge of 21st century learning. A great example of that is the ability to view lectures live from remote locations provided via Polycom video conferencing.”

TJSL leverages Cisco’s wireless, video, telephone and infrastructure technology to create an innovative learning environment with extreme speed and access to information.

Cooper notes that, “In accordance with our goals for environmental responsibility, the Cisco network and



phone system were partially selected for their ability to intelligently manage power usage. For example, when wireless radios are not in use, they can automatically be powered down until needed.”

Dean Rudy Hasl is extremely proud of TJSL’s migration to all of this new technology.

“I appreciate the IT department’s dedication to perfection while working on a variety of issues, including the student/faculty printing, completion of the installation of the cloud network, development of the interactive touch screens, helping to design and implement the security system and cameras, processing all the student and staff ID cards, installing and initializing the new phone system, converting some software systems for student records and financial reporting, and for handling the normal set of issues when classes started,” he said.

It’s a new world in technology at TJSL, and that world remains dynamic. Cooper says the school will continue to keep an eye on emerging technologies and what impact they have on teaching, learning, productivity and the environment. He also would like to thank the law school’s technology partners, TekWorks, EnPointe Technologies and Tracel3, for their ongoing support in these projects.



CISCO TECHNOLOGY VAN VISITS TJSL

Cisco Systems, which provides the technology behind the new network infrastructure at Thomas Jefferson School of Law, teamed up with Tekworks Communications to show off TJSL's new technology on March 1. Cisco brought its Network on Wheels van to campus to provide hands-on product demonstrations. Members of the San Diego community were invited to tour the new building and learn about the systems that have been implemented, particularly in the classrooms.



James Cooper, TJSL's Chief Information Officer, said "It is a great opportunity for us to showcase the building architecturally from a teaching and learning viewpoint, and how we've integrated technologies with our mission to be environmentally aware."

Shawn Gavigan, Senior Account Executive for Tekworks, said, "We wanted to show off this classroom environment. It's a great learning environment. For example, teachers are now recording lectures to put on the website. The technology helps students achieve what they want to achieve in class."



Touch Screen Mania!

Want to find Professor Thom Golden's office? Visit any floor on the campus of Thomas Jefferson School of Law and you'll have fast and easy access to this information and more via interactive touch screens.

Every floor has a touch screen available by the elevators while the first floor has an additional one located by the front entrance doors and the second, third and fifth floors also have a second screen. The product of collaboration between staff in the Information Technology and Communications departments, the touch screens are designed to be a visually pleasing and easy-to-navigate method of accessing information quickly.

While the technology behind the touch screens is all web-based, data is presented in one cohesive interface without needing to jump to another page. The main features include the display of school announcements and upcoming events, and there's also a section dedicated to the display of posters and flyers, which helps cut down on the distribution of printed materials around campus.

The touch screens enable users to search for information with the on-screen virtual keyboard. You can search for Professor Golden and other staff or just a specific office location within the building, such as Student Services. The result is displayed on the floor plan so you know exactly where something or someone is located.

Want to find the nearest restaurant? The touch screens also offer integration with Yelp to display food, entertainment and other services that are available within the vicinity of the campus. Business owners in the East Village who recently attended a meeting at the new campus were delighted to see their establishments so easily promoted via the touch screens. One business owner immediately rushed to make sure Yelp added his information to its database.

And there are other helpful and interesting features on the touch screens. TJSL is a "green" building with photovoltaic panels on the roof that produce energy. The touch screens provide live solar power data so you can see just how much energy those panels are producing at any given time. A digital clock and live weather information also are readily viewable as are the Padres win/loss record and inning updates when the Padres play at Petco Park.

CIO James Cooper Wins Top Tech Award

Thomas Jefferson School of Law's Chief Information Officer, James Cooper, has been honored by *San Diego Magazine's* Top Tech Awards. The awards recognize the most outstanding Information Technology executives who work in San Diego, as nominated by their peers and clients. Cooper was presented with the "Cox Business Exemplary Award" at a ceremony on May 11 at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club. He was singled out from nearly 127 local technical executives nominated for the award by their peers.

"The Cox Business Exemplary Award is so named as it connotes that the honoree's accomplishments are so good or admirable that others would do well to copy them," said Becca Linekin, Marketing Manager at Cox Business, a co-sponsor of the Top Tech Awards. "Previous honorees have been creative, out-of-the-box innovators and more, recently, IT leaders who integrate green initiatives into their work."

There's no doubt that Cooper has been an out-of-the-box innovator—the law school is lean and green. It's lean because TJSL's server infrastructure has been virtualized and 35 physical servers have been replaced with just four servers, and it's green because the technological carbon footprint has been reduced.

Cooper thanked his IT team, the Communications Department and TJSL's partners in the project. Most importantly, he expressed appreciation to TJSL Dean Rudy Hasl "who had the vision of a high tech teaching, learning and working space with a focus on environmental responsibility—a man who was willing to take risks on leading edge technologies and who ensured funding for staffing, partners and systems was available when needed."

As far as Cooper is concerned, it all came together because of the people. "I'm honored to have won this award," said Cooper (center below) as he accepted the plaque. "I feel even luckier to work with such a dedicated group of professionals."

"This project, like this award," he added, "would not be possible without the right staffing, partners and support."



Engineering Award for TJSL's New Campus

The San Diego Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers recognized Thomas Jefferson School of Law on May 14, at the ASCE 22nd Annual Awards Dinner in La Jolla. TJSL received one of the more prestigious awards of the night in the category of Outstanding Project Award for Buildings and Structures.

Dean Rudy Hasl shared the stage with representatives of Nasland Engineering and Hope Engineering, the contractors responsible for the structural engineering of TJSL's new East Village campus. Dean Hasl, Francesca Bunje, S.E., Project Manager for Hope Engineering, and Larry Thornburgh, P.E., Senior Project Manager with Nasland Engineering, each received an engraved plaque acknowledging the Outstanding Project Award.

"The overall teamwork and design excellence exhibited by the entire design and construction team throughout the project, including site excavation, shoring, structural construction and architecture construction was critical to the completion of this significant LEED (Gold) project," according to ASCE.

Going for the Gold

WITH TJSLS "GREEN" BUILDING

Green and gold are words that have very special meaning to TJSLS Dean Rudy Hasl.

From the first moment he started planning for the new campus, he envisioned an environmentally friendly, sustainable building. In a word, green. As plans were drawn up, Dean Hasl and the design team set their sights on a Gold Level Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council under its LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) program. Immediately, they began "going for the gold."

"It's not easy being green."
—Kermit the Frog

LEED Gold Level Certification is not easy to come by. It takes a concerted planning effort by LEED accredited professionals as well as a commitment to sustainable design and construction by the owners and everyone involved in the project.

The new law school is designed and built to be as energy efficient as possible, to reduce the school's environmental footprint and to generate solar electricity for the San Diego Gas & Electric grid.

There is a 49 kilowatt photo-voltaic energy system on the main roof, owned and operated by SDG&E, that will generate clean electricity to be fed directly back into the grid—enough clean energy at peak production to power about 32 homes. This renewable system alone is worth one full point toward the 39 points needed to qualify for Gold Level LEED certification—a point total that the project should easily exceed.



In recognition of these "green" efforts, SDG&E presented the law school with an incentive check for \$111,199 in March for its participation in the company's "Sustainable Communities Champions Award" and "Savings by Design" programs.

"SDG&E is committed to helping protect and preserve the environment and we are working hard to help make our region a thriving example of clean, green communities," said W. Davis Smith, senior vice president and general counsel for SDG&E. "We have been working with the Thomas Jefferson School of Law since 2008 to create an energy efficient structure that stands as an example for the entire educational and business community."

The building's mechanical equipment will require less energy to operate because of the building's lower heating and cooling demands. A "Cool Roof" membrane on the main roof reflects

heat from the sun and reduces cooling loads on the building. The school's new server and network infrastructures are also saving on energy.

Another eco-friendly innovation is the use of Hycrete, a concrete admixture that turns regular concrete into a waterproof barrier. Hycrete was used for the foundation and flooring and the result is a highly desirable green environmental impact and great cost savings.

The building design also conserves water—requiring an estimated 20 percent less water than average, while the water-efficient landscape design will require about 58 percent less water.

The landscaping is part of Dean Hasl's vision to create an "urban oasis" on the building's outdoor terraces with specially selected drought-resistant plants. The highlight of the oasis is the living wall on the fifth floor terrace—an 85 foot green wall of succulent

"I hope that our leadership is a catalyst for others to follow and stands as a model for our students in civic responsibility."

—Dean Hasl

Photovoltaic Energy System



Photo: Sullivan Solar Power

Hycrete foundation



Nearby trolley



LEED Features: Thomas Jefferson School of Law

plants that hides the view of the mechanical equipment on the roof of the building next door. The wall also creates a place of green solitude for students to study amid the concrete city surrounding the law school. (See story on page 16).

Other green features of the new campus include the availability of public transportation, with the trolley right on the school's doorstep, the use of low-emitting construction materials for the interior and innovation in the design process.

The process of the final LEED Gold Certification will take months—but the wait will be well worth it to know the TJSJL campus will be a sustainable and enduring environmentally-friendly landmark in San Diego's East Village—as well as a shining example of what a green law school can be.

"We are pleased with the recognition of our efforts to be a model of corporate citizenship in the design of a new facility that recognizes the need for all businesses and non-profit entities to be environmentally responsible," said Dean Hasl. "I hope that our leadership is a catalyst for others to follow and stands as a model for our students in civic responsibility."

SUSTAINABLE SITES

- Designated parking for low emitting and fuel efficient vehicles
- 9 bike racks provided for students and faculty use
- Showers and changing rooms provided for students and faculty who bike to campus
- Campus located within multiple trolley line and bus stops within 1 block of site
- "Cool Roof" implemented to reduce impact of heat island effect
- Minimal exterior lighting to reduce impact of light pollution

WATER EFFICIENCY

- Water efficient landscaping reduces water demand by nearly 58%
- Ultra low-flow plumbing fixtures enable building to use 46% less water than conventional code complying buildings

ENERGY & ATMOSPHERE

- Project energy efficiency exceeds Title 24 requirements by 23%
- Photovoltaic array installed on roof that provides enough electricity equivalent to power approximately 32 homes

MATERIALS & RESOURCES

- 10% of materials were harvested and assembled within 500 miles of the project
- Over 89% of construction waste has been recycled and diverted from landfills or disposal
- Areas in building dedicated for recycle waste bins
- More than 50% FSC Certified Wood used throughout building in applications such as millwork and woodwork used in Moot Courtroom

INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

- Interior finishes have low V.O.C. emissions so occupants are not exposed to off-gassing during initial occupancy
- Building was flushed with outside air to clean airborne pollutants prior to occupancy
- Lighting controls minimize energy usage by multi-level switching in public spaces and room occupancy sensors automatically turn off lights when not needed
- A thermal comfort survey will be distributed to building occupants within the first 6 to 18 months of occupancy and necessary adjustments to the HVAC system will be made accordingly

DESIGN INNOVATION

- Educational and interactive touchscreen in main lobby that displays real time data pertaining to photovoltaic array and its electricity output
- Environmentally friendly membrane-free below grade waterproofing system used. Having quantifiable benefits such as a reduction in landfill debris. Elimination of non-renewable materials, polymers, construction footprint, water and chemicals that would have been used in a traditional waterproofing construction application. These measures should allow this outstanding project to achieve a LEED Gold Rating (42 points currently, 39 minimum needed.)





TJSL: An Urban Oasis in the Heart of the East Village

“It’s not just an urban oasis,” described TJSL’s Dean Rudy Hasl, “It’s a work of art. Living art.” He was not only speaking about the beautiful 85-foot “living wall” on the fifth floor terrace, but of all the greenery that the new TJSL downtown campus is incorporating into its design—both indoors and outdoors.

The living wall is the largest and most impressive example because of the different shades of greenery showcased in the vivid patchwork design. The plant display in the first floor lobby is certainly impressive, too, mainly because of the cycads.

According to Dean Hasl, “the large cycads that dominate are *Cycas thouarsii*, named after the French botanist Louis du Petit-Thouars. Chromosomal studies of the species suggest that it is the oldest living species of the *Cycas* and may have existed in its present form for about 140 million years. The planting areas throughout the building will utilize

different species of cycads, in part because they were one of the plant species that existed when the mammoth and the baleen whale were occupying this space.” (The fossils of the two prehistoric giants were unearthed during the excavation of the new downtown campus in early 2009.)

While there are attractive granite planters along the exterior of the new campus at street level, the outdoor landscaped areas on the fifth and eighth floor terraces will give the green building its true “greenness.” The plants have all been carefully selected because they can thrive on less water and reflect the bio-diversity of the native flora of San Diego County.

The Dean wanted to use the living wall on the fifth floor terrace as a visual buffer between the new building and the rooftop equipment on the condominium building next door. More importantly, he helped to “create a contemplative environment for students in the center of the city.” The wall was designed by Mike Szabo of Nowell and Associates Landscape Architecture and the plants were cultivated by Armstrong Garden Centers. Jim Mumford of GreenScaped Buildings installed the plant panels at TJSL on January 27. It may be the largest green wall of its kind in San Diego.

Another feature of the wall is a long granite counter-top where students can study.

Even though the new law school is a marvel of metal and glass among neighboring concrete towers, the lush greenery amid the setting brings it down to earth in the most eco-friendly way while complementing the calming effect of the building’s design.





Dean Rudy Hasl and designer Mike Szabo



Opportunities to Support Our Amazing New Campus



We are in the midst of the first comprehensive capital campaign in the history of the school. All successful campaigns require a clear understanding of, and a passionate commitment to, the vision of an organization by its major stakeholders. Here is a glimpse of our on-going efforts to provide funding to create new learning opportunities for students and to expand benefits for our alumni.

- All members of the TJSJ Board of Trustees have contributed financially. Their Development Committee, chaired by Randy Grossman '94, oversees campaign strategy.
- Faculty and staff kicked off their own successful and ongoing fundraising campaign in Fall 2010.
- Members of the 2011 graduating class initiated their own effort in December 2010 to raise funds to purchase a class gift.
- The Alumni Association Board of Directors has committed to raise funds to purchase a work of art that will be displayed at the school. These efforts are led by their Development Committee, chaired by Michael Weiner '09.
- Several areas of the new facility have been named by donors through Dean Rudy Hasl's outreach to alumni and friends in the legal and business communities.

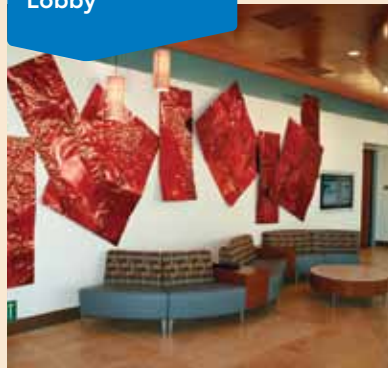
In spite of the challenging economic times, and with the help of many individuals, we welcomed the spring class to our new state of the art campus in downtown San Diego in January, 2011. The challenge for the next few years is to expand our network and encourage investment in this marvelous collaborative learning environment.

If you are interested in being a part of this dream and would like to discuss a legacy gift, there are naming opportunities available that range from \$200 to \$1,000,000. The photos on these pages showcase a few of these opportunities. It is an exciting time to join us. I would be happy to arrange a tour of the law school and explore options with you.

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NAMING OPPORTUNITIES AT TJSJL

Name a Lobby



Name the Jury Box or Judges Bench



Name a Conference Room



Name a Touch Screen Package

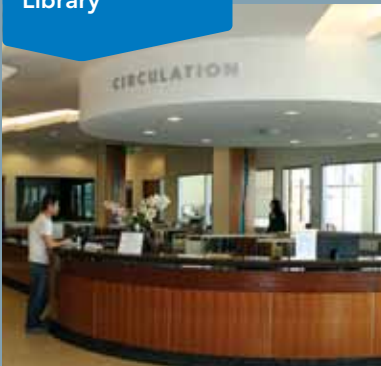




“The new building provides my colleagues at Thomas Jefferson School of Law with an abundance of open spaces for collaborating and quiet spots for studying and learning the law. I cannot say enough that the new building is a great learning environment—whether we are in the classrooms, the moot courtroom or the spectacular library. It also provides the perfect venue for social outreach and networking with the legal and business communities that is so critical for our professional development.”

—Jeremy M. Evans
TJSL Student Bar Association
President 2010-2011

Name the Library



Name a Library Carrel



Name the Distance Education Center



Name the Student Learning Centers





New Campus Calls for New Logo and Website

A brand new campus naturally deserves to be the focus of a new branding campaign. As part of that marketing effort, Thomas Jefferson School of Law launched a new logo on a new website in August, both highlighting the school's unique chevron-shaped roof.

"It was a perfect time to launch a new website for the school as anticipation of the move to the new facility began moving into high gear," according to Dean Rudy Hasl.

The new logo was developed by Design Perspective in San Diego while all the infrastructure, functionality and design of the new website was developed in-house by TJSL's Information Technology and Communications departments.

The goal of the new website is to better showcase the law school, its programs and the people who make it a special educational experience. The website is designed to be extremely user friendly and visually dynamic. Features include greatly improved navigation and organization of content, photo albums, expanded staff and faculty profiles, and connections to social networking through Facebook and Twitter.

"Whereas the former site served both internal and external audiences, the new site focuses on getting the message out to



external audiences, including potential students, alumni, the legal community and more," according to TJSL's Chief Information Officer, James Cooper. "To meet the needs of our enrolled students, we also launched a new student portal, 'The Docket,' in January to coincide with the move to the new building."

Cooper says the new website is built on a completely new content management system that makes content authoring simpler, quicker and open to a greater number of employees. The same system supports sites for blogs, student organizations and specific programs while allowing content to be shared across all appropriate websites and the new high-tech touch screens that are available all over the new campus.

Others have already taken note of the new and improved TJSL website. The homepage of the new website was singled out in a report by the Georgetown Law Center, which ranked the homepage 35th out of the 200 ABA-approved law schools, higher than the other San Diego law schools. TJSL scored 79 out of 100 possible points. Cooper expects that score to rise in the future when other planned improvements to the website are implemented.

Enjoy exploring the new TJSL website: www.tjssl.edu

A Mammoth Presentation

American Monster author Paul Semonin gave a special presentation about his new film to TJSJL faculty, staff and guests at the San Diego Natural History Museum in December. Dr. Semonin is an expert on the connection between President Thomas Jefferson, considered the father of American paleontology, and giant creatures like the mammoth that was dug up at the construction site of TJSJL's new downtown campus in early 2009.

"Thomas Jefferson is here tonight as we celebrate this wonderful discovery of Ice Age fossils," said Dr. Semonin before he screened his film *American Monster: the Myth of the Mastodon*. "This is a bit like a premiere for me," he added. "This is the first time it's being shown on a big screen."

The film unearths the story of how the first giant tooth found in New York's Hudson Valley in the 1700's led to the eventual identification of mammoths and mastodons as extinct behemoth creatures that once roamed North

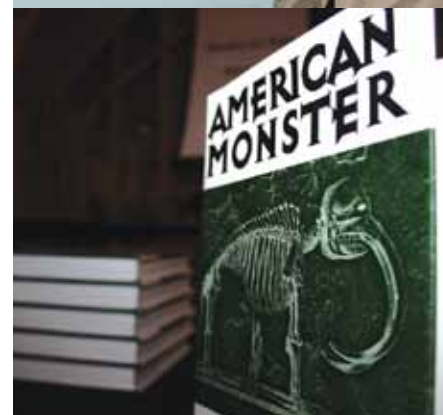
America—a story in which the law school's namesake, Thomas Jefferson, was a central figure.

"The bones are talking to us—reminding us of the existence of a prehistoric time," said Dr. Semonin. "It is a treasure of bones and I'm very proud of all of you for paying such close attention to the bones while excavating them."

"What a marvelous coincidence," Dr. Semonin said of the finding of the mammoth remains on the site of the law school that bears his name. "I relish being able to participate in this event."

The museum's director of Paleo Services, Dr. Tom Demere, also gave a presentation to the audience about how exciting it was for him and his staff to make such a wonderful discovery on our building site. "It's like being in the present and thousands of years in the past at the same time," he said.

The mammoth's remains are now on display in the Natural History Museum and at TJSJL for all to see and enjoy!



A "MAMMOTH" DISCOVERY DURING CONSTRUCTION

During excavation for the school in February 2009, construction workers uncovered the remains of an ancient mammoth, an event which made worldwide news—especially because of the fascination Thomas Jefferson, who is known as the "father of American Paleontology," had for the large mammals. Two weeks later, workers also found the skeleton of an ancient California Gray Whale on the site and hundreds of other fossils, such as ancient scallop shells. Fragments of these shells are used in the first floor terrazzo flooring.

Dr. Paul Semonin, Dean Rudy Hasl, Dr. Tom Demere



TJSL Gets fit!

Thomas Jefferson School of Law may be the newest and “greenest” law school around, and now it’s also on its way to becoming the “fittest.” That’s because Dean Rudy Hasl has negotiated a deal that provides all of the law school’s currently enrolled students and employees with complimentary memberships to FIT Athletic, an upscale fitness facility just two blocks away from the new campus. As a result, students, faculty and staff carrying gym bags or wearing gym clothing are becoming a common sight.

“With the relocation of the law school to the East Village area and consistent with our desire to create a healthy life style and environment for the TJSL community, we’ve arranged for everyone here to have a membership in one of the top fitness centers in San Diego,” said Dean Hasl.

“The FIT facility is the equivalent or superior to the recreational centers that exist at many university-based law schools, and presents an attractive and convenient venue for our students and employees to maintain good physical and mental health.”

Throughout the day and evening, you’ll find members of the TJSL community enjoying the latest in fitness equipment, personal trainers and a wide variety of fitness programs and classes in the fun social atmosphere at FIT. The classes include different types and levels of Pilates and yoga, group cycling or “spinning,” kickboxing, aqua-fit and Zumba as well as some with attention-getting names like Kickbutt Kettlebell, Hard Core Crunch, Belly Buster and Capoeira (translation: a Brazilian Martial Art that combines self-defense, dance, singing and acrobatics). Members

can even watch the San Diego Padres playing live at Petco Park from FIT’s outdoor patio while exercising on a bicycle or treadmill!

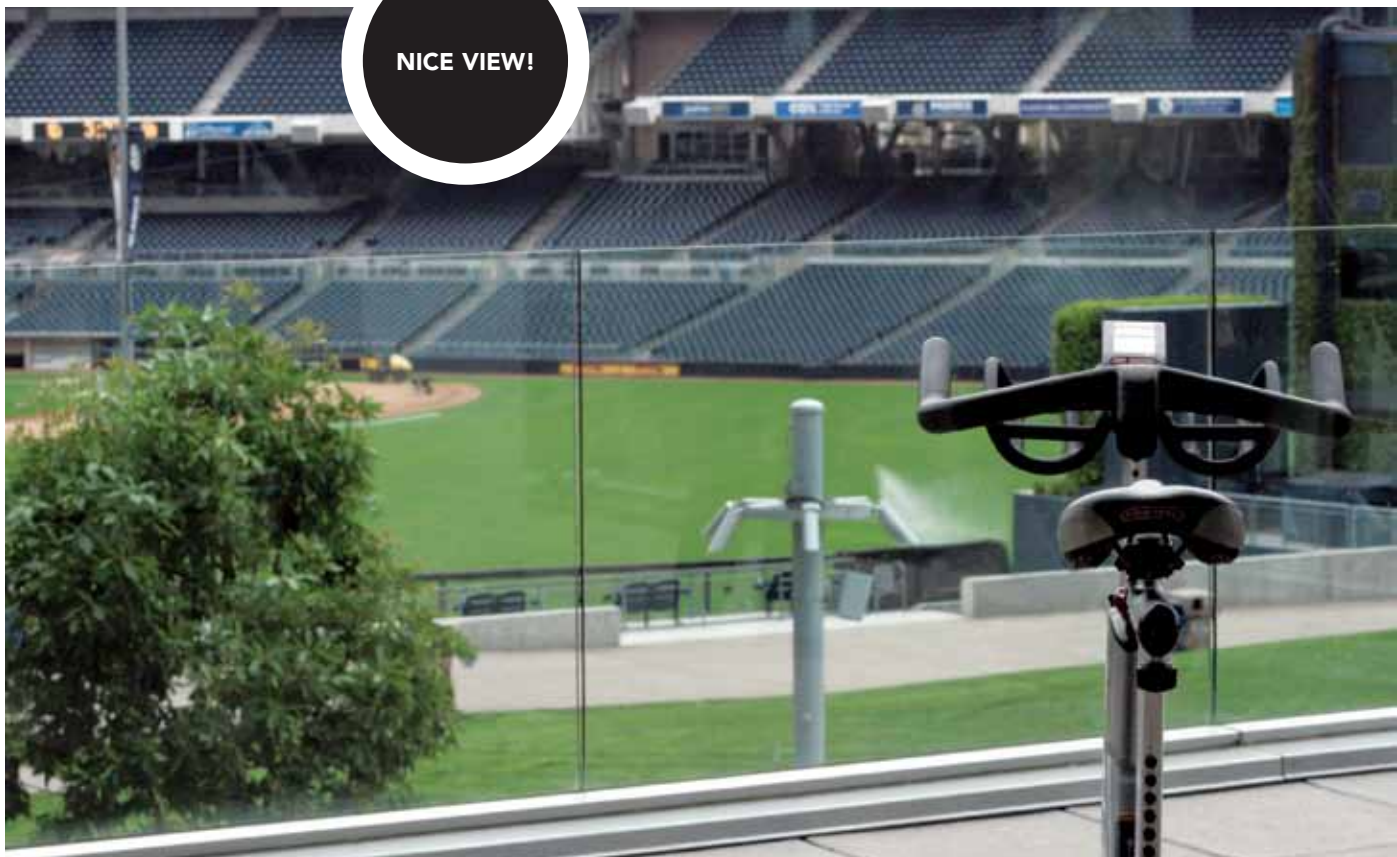
For those who don’t have time to cook or want to be more conscientious about what they eat, FIT also offers a healthy, fresh food service. This program provides for delivery or pick-up of ready-to-eat-or-heat meals at FIT.

One of the extra benefits of a FIT membership is the exclusive FIT Perx program. FIT has partnered with more than 150 merchants and businesses all over the San Diego area to provide great discounts to all FIT members. FIT membership will actually save TJSL members money at local restaurants, dry cleaners, nightclubs, hotels, salons and a wide assortment of other businesses.

The TJSL community’s response to



NICE VIEW!



the FIT membership plan has been overwhelmingly positive.

"Health and fitness are extremely important in my life," said TJSL student Kris Mukherji. "Law school can be tough and stressful, and I find that a good workout is the best way to combat that stress. Having free access to a state-of-the-art gym down the street from campus is priceless."

"Our new campus is in the heart of downtown around a thriving legal community," Mukherji adds. "We are growing and getting better every step of the way. We have a beautiful campus and an amazing staff, and access to FIT is just one way that TJSL is working to improve the quality of life for its students."

Raj Matani, this year's Student Bar Association Athletic Events Director, agrees: "The availability of a gym is a great benefit to students. Having a state-of-the-art gym within blocks of campus increases my efficiency as a student and makes me feel like a member of the downtown/East Village community."

For student Elisabeth Donovan, FIT is a good answer to one of side effects of stress.

"Stress tends to make students gain weight from overeating," she said. "It's nice that the school gives us this benefit so we can balance it out and stay healthy. On top of that, it's an awesome facility!"

"FIT membership for all students was a great idea," according to Ben Aguilar, this year's President of TJSL's International Law Society. "My days begin at 6:30 a.m. Being able to walk two blocks down the street to FIT for a one hour spin class after a four hour bar exam prep class, a couple on-campus meetings and some library study time is just an awesome way to end my day."

"I used to go to spin class back in my high school days, so it has been fun to start all over again. I did not remember it being such a hard class. The spin instructors keep you engaged and motivated to finish the class."

Student Services Associate Julie Garrett is one of the many staff members who have started a regular workout routine. "My favorite class is Chiseled," she says. "It is brutal, but I love the burn."

Dean Hasl also has arranged for considerably discounted FIT membership rates for the friends and family of students and employees as well as for TJSL alumni. Each TJSL or alumni member can refer two family members or friends at the discounted rate. Interested TJSL alumni can contact Alumni Relations at alumni@tjssl.edu for more information.

Learn more about Thomas Jefferson School of Law's healthy lifestyle partner at www.fitathletic.com. FIT Athletic is located in the Diamond View Tower at 350 10th Avenue.

BENEFITS OF A FIT MEMBERSHIP FOR THE TJSL COMMUNITY:

- Convenient location two blocks from new campus
- 46,000 square feet of exercise space
- Top-of-the-line workout equipment
- Spa-like amenities, including sauna & steam rooms
- Expert personal trainers & fitness instructors
- Yoga & Pilates
- Group cycling
- Mixed martial arts
- Basketball Courts
- Resort-style outdoor swimming pool and social area
- Group & specialty classes
- Nutritionist
- Healthy meals to go
- Spacious lockers & changing rooms
- Complimentary towel service
- Tanning
- Social events
- Local discounts with the Perx program

BEN AGUILAR GETS ENERGIZED!

HEAT UP AND COOL OFF.



Movin' Down the Trail With

**THE COWBOY
LAWYERS
ASSOCIATION**

by Chris Saunders



Mike Martindill

**“There is something about the
outside of a horse that is good for
the inside of a man.”**

—Winston Churchill

For Mike Martindill, the above bit of wisdom sums up the reason he is part of the Cowboy Lawyers Association. Jennifer Betts agrees because Churchill’s advice applies to cowboys *and* cowgirls. Both Martindill and Betts are longtime members of the Cowboy Lawyers Association (CLA), a group of attorneys and judges who love to saddle up and ride together.



Jennifer Betts

Martindill graduated from TJSL in 1982 and is an adjunct faculty member at the law school. He and **Betts '94** are among the several TJSL alums that are part of CLA, including **Susie Gauthier '93**, **Kendall Berkey '94** and **Steve Vartazarian '02**.

Martindill's long-time ride is a 28-year-old quarter horse named "Goose." He and Goose live on a horse property in Pine Valley that opens up to a beautiful view of the foothills in the back. The view sold Martindill on the place before he had ever seen the inside of it. But it's out on the trail with the other Cowboy Lawyers that Martindill really feels at home. "It gives a sense of peace; a sense of enjoyment of nature; communing with other riders and camaraderie with your horse." Martindill and Goose go back a long way. Their temperaments are a good match.

"You've got to trust your horse," Martindill says. "We've been through a lot and he's always a steady ride. He's saved my butt a few times." He trusts Goose the way his cowboy idol Roy Rogers trusted his famous Golden Palomino, Trigger.

Speaking of Trigger, Jennifer Betts' ride "Jack" is also a Golden Palomino and almost the spittin' image of the famous horse.



**"A man that don't love a horse,
there is something the matter with him."**

—Will Rogers



“In riding a horse we borrow freedom.”

—Helen Thomson



DON'T FENCE ME IN

Betts' family has been riding horses in San Diego County for four generations. Her great grandfather was Roscoe E. Hazard (first photo on left), the founder of the R.E. Hazard construction company, which thrives in San Diego to this day.

Roscoe Hazard loved horses and that love has been passed down through the generations. Betts says she has been “on a horse since she was born.”

The Cowboy Lawyers trail rides are a great way for her to relax. “In our profession, which is as stressful as any, it makes relaxation and down time more important than ever,” says Betts. “There’s no better way to get back to your roots than on the back of a horse. It’s really peaceful.”

Sadly, Betts notes that horse property in San Diego County is disappearing fast—most of it lost to development. Betts lives on an 82-acre horse ranch on the west side of Ramona where there is plenty of room for Jack to run at full gallop.

THE COWBOY LAWYER'S CODE

Like the cowboys of the Old West, modern Cowboy Lawyers have a code that they live by—at least on the trail:

- Don't talk about law
- No loud shirts (It spooks the horses)
- If you write a check, make sure it clears

There's plenty of social networking and probably more than a little professional networking. But they all enjoy the outdoors, camping and all things horse-related.

“When you're sleeping under the stars, it's no different than the way things were 100 years ago,” says Betts, whose forebears did just that here in San Diego County.

According to Martindill, “The keys to a good ride are good friends, a good horse, a good saddle and a cold beer at the end of the ride—especially if it's hot and dusty.” And it seems like he has all of those things when he's with his CLA *compadres*.

“I joined the CLA for the camaraderie of a great group of like-minded folks and to be around horses,” says Kendall Berkey, a Senior Associate Attorney with Kane, Ballmer & Berkman who is relatively new to Cowboy Lawyers. The (CLA)



The Cowboy Lawyers Association was started back in 1989 by Jim Nichols, a Los Angeles insurance defense attorney. Even though Nichols had courtroom “showdowns” with plaintiff’s attorneys in high-stakes court cases, he and the lawyers from the “other table” rode together like sidekicks in a Western movie.

“They may be fierce adversaries in the courtroom,” says Mike Martindill, “but all that is forgotten on the trail.”

rides are extremely relaxing and offer an opportunity for fun and socializing that just doesn’t come around that often.”

Of course, all of the Cowboy Lawyers have a deep love and respect for horses. And Mike Martindill’s love of horses extends to a love and respect of all animals. He teaches an Animal Law course that TJSJ now offers along with a course in Wildlife Law, taught by Professor Madeline Kass.

“Humans have long relied upon animals for food, clothing, shelter and transportation,” says Martindill. “Native Americans were very aware of the importance of animals, bison in particular, and treated them with great respect. Cowboys needed their horses to be, well, cowboys. Their horses worked hard, but were fed, watered and cared for before the cowboys did the same for themselves. They (animals) need to be cared for with the same respect afforded to them by generations past,” he adds. “Wild animals now need humans to protect their habitat. Even animals going to human consumption (deserve) a humane death.” Martindill feels that the two animal law courses keep TJSJ on top of emerging legal trends and concepts of animal welfare as well as human responsibility.

Of course, those trends dovetail perfectly for members of the Cowboy Lawyers Association. As they put it on their website: “CLA was founded on the simple idea that there are a large number of attorneys and judges in the legal communities throughout this country who hold the Spirit of the Old West close to their hearts, and can think of no finer way a spendin’ their free time than on the back of a fine horse ridin’ through beautiful country.”

As for the outside of a horse being good for the inside of a man... “Winston Churchill was absolutely right,” Martindill says.

“You never see a horse tied up outside a psychiatrist’s office. He knew what he was talking about,” says Betts.



**Ropin’
and Ridin’
since 1989!**

If you are interested in learning more about the Cowboy Lawyers Association, visit their website at:
www.cowboylawyers.org.



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“Feeling down? Saddle up”

—Author Unknown

Editor’s Note: Since this story was written, Goose has now retired and Mike Martindill is looking for a new partner for the trail.

Bergt, Bergt & Bergt

A TJSL Family Affair

by Chris Saunders



*Photo above from left to right:
Patrick '09, Ruthanne and Kevin Bergt*



*Photo left:
Dean Hasl presents Ruthanne with her Honor Roll Certificate*

Photo below: Admissions Director Tim Spearman with the Bergts



If it were a law firm, it would be called Bergt, Bergt & Bergt. And maybe one day it will be.

For now, Bergt, Bergt & Bergt is a family affair with strong ties to Thomas Jefferson School of Law. They've started an "all-in-the-family" law school tradition similar to those established by other TJSJL graduates and their relatives over the years.

TJSJL family combinations have included husband and wife, brother and brother, sister and sister, father and son, mother and son, uncle and niece, and more. For the Bergt family, it's a brother-brother-and-wife/sister-in-law combination. Patrick Bergt graduated from TJSJL in 2009 and now works as a prosecutor for the Anchorage District Attorney's Office in Alaska. His brother Kevin and Kevin's wife Ruthanne are current students at TJSJL.

They're a close family, but Bergt, Bergt and Bergt all think that TJSJL has a real family feel to it as well.

"You are a family at TJSJL," says Patrick. "Like a family, the bonds and relationships are everlasting."

There are some interesting similarities in their law school experiences. While Patrick was at TJSJL, he interned at the San Diego County District Attorney's office. Kevin followed in his footsteps to do the same. Both also worked under the same Deputy District Attorney, Summer Stephan. Do you detect a pattern here?

One other pattern that holds true in the Bergt family is their relationship with TJSJL Admissions Director Tim Spearman, who played an important role in all three of them coming to the law school. All three of the Bergts say that if not for Admissions Director Tim Spearman, none of them would be at TJSJL.

"Tim was unreal with our family," says Patrick. "With Kevin and Ruthanne, he really battled for both of them."

"The Bergts are a reminder that the pursuit of a legal education encompasses so much more than the opportunity to learn the law," says Spearman. "Among other things, it's about relationships—the kind that will last well beyond the case books, class lectures and test scores."

Before law school, Kevin and

Ruthanne were living the good life in Redding, California. Kevin was at a car dealership and Ruthanne worked in the banking industry. Neither had ever thought about a legal career. But Kevin says he had a "quarter-life crisis" and began to think about law school, especially because Patrick was having so much fun in San Diego.

"I constantly heard stories of the great weather and surfing," said Kevin, who decided to apply to TJSJL and become a part-time student in 2009. Ruthanne followed in August 2010.

"They had a comfortable life and a nice house, and they uprooted their lives to come to San Diego," says Patrick. "To me, that's the real story."

"It was a bit scary, but it was the right decision," Kevin says. "I'm having the time of my life."

Ruthanne is glad that she followed her husband's lead. "I've never been happier," she says. "In every class,

"You are a family at TJSJL," says Patrick. "Like a family, the bonds and relationships are everlasting."

with every professor, I feel welcomed. This campus is inviting and warm."

Kevin echoes that: "TJ has gone to great lengths to welcome us."

When they first moved to San Diego, Ruthanne continued to work full time. But soon, she also was interested in going to TJSJL. Kevin says that one day Ruthanne picked up one of his old Kaplan LSAT books, looked through it and decided to sit for the test. "She took it cold and she did extremely well," according to Kevin.

But for both to be in law school, Ruthanne required a lot of financial aid, and TJSJL helped her make it work. Now, both are thriving at TJSJL. Both are on the honor roll and are happy to say that being in law school hasn't put a strain on their marriage.

"We have matrimonial bliss...all the way until finals," Kevin jokes.

Although there are two future lawyers and one practicing attorney, no one else in the Bergt family has ever been an attorney. Patrick began thinking about law school when he had to leave the Marine Corps after breaking his leg. He wanted back in and thought he could be a JAG. He was tossing it around in his mind—until he talked to Tim Spearman—and then saw a clear path to TJSJL.

Still, Patrick is grateful to his stepfather for supporting him in his aspirations to have a legal career and be a district attorney. "Go back to school and get it done!" he says was his stepdad's response.

Patrick applied to TJSJL and, in the meantime, he did construction work. He recalls being "literally knee-deep in sewage" when his cell phone rang. It was Tim Spearman calling to say that he'd been accepted.

Since Patrick graduated, the two have remained friends, with Spearman even visiting Patrick in Alaska. "How many admissions directors spend time with former students?" Patrick asks. Kevin and Ruthanne have also developed strong bonds with Spearman, who sees the Bergts as both colleagues and friends.

"They get it—there's a great deal of substance to each of them," Spearman says of the Bergts. "They are a talented bunch and, together, they are well on their way to very successful legal careers."

Ruthanne is interested in practicing contract law, real estate law or financial law. Kevin wants to pursue criminal law, like his brother.

It's interesting that all three of us chose this career path," says Patrick. "It's almost addicting. We all get so much enjoyment from the law."

And all of them really do dream of going into practice together one day and having their own firm: Bergt, Bergt & Bergt.

"It would be a super firm!" assures Patrick.



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VALUABLE SERVICES FOR ALUMNI

MCLE (Minimum Continuing Legal Education):

Thomas Jefferson School of Law is a certified MCLE provider in the state of California. MCLE events are offered regularly throughout the year and are often preceded or followed by a reception which provides an opportunity to network with alumni, faculty and staff.

Online Community: A password protected opportunity for alumni to stay connected with nearly 6,000 TJS� alumni.

Career Services: The Career Services Office provides a wide array of assistance to TJS� alumni in their search for employment, whether you are looking for your first lawyer job or a major mid-career change.

The Career Services Office posts current employment opportunities through Symplicity, an excellent web-based job database available to students and graduates.

Individual counseling, mock interviews and workshops on networking, negotiating and interviewing skills are available along with many other career-related programs. In addition, several career fairs jointly sponsored with other Southern California ABA law schools are available to TJS� graduates, including the Government Careers Information Day, Public Interest Career Day and the Intellectual Property Associate Search. The Career Services Office also maintains an extensive career planning library with handouts and other resources.

Library privileges: TJS� alumni have access to library materials, use of computers, free Westlaw access, reference librarians to call on for their expertise, remote access to ThomCat (library's online catalog), admission to mini-classes on sundry legal research tasks and admission to legal research boot camp.

Transcript: The Registrar will provide transcripts at no cost.

Networking: Receptions, seminars, social events and continuing education classes provide opportunities for TJS� alumni to make new contacts, cultivate relationships and have fun.

Diplomas: Western State University San Diego graduates receive a complimentary TJS� diploma upon request.

Monthly E-newsletter: Includes the latest school news, class notes, events and networking opportunities. Don't miss out! Send us your preferred email address today.

At Thomas Jefferson School of Law, we value our relationship with our many graduates here in San Diego, across the nation and around the world. We strive to provide a variety of high quality services to our alumni. If you cannot find what you need among the services listed, please contact alumni@tjssl.edu and we will do our best to assist you.

We the People

CLASS OF '73

Larry Cohen writes: "It seems like a different world when I attended Western State University (as it was called then), some 40 years ago. Some may recall that we started with a class of well over 100 students and only 13 of us sat for the Bar, nine passing.

I enjoyed practicing law and the school gave me some very good training. In the end I can say that I was successful in two large cases that allowed me to retire early.

My second wife (of 30+ years) and I spent about nine years living abroad in different cities fitting into their culture by renting an apartment and living in the community. My two favorites were Sydney, Australia and Jerusalem, Israel; although, Helsinki, Finland is up there.

We live in Fort Collins, Colorado with a view of the mountains from our home, enjoying being with our four children and the grandchildren. I am happy with my life, which is an accomplishment in today's times."



Cohen and wife on the Great Wall of China, as part of a three-week trip.

CLASS OF '76

San Diego County District Attorney **Bonnie Dumanis** has announced her candidacy for Mayor of San Diego in 2012. She also was a member of the transition team for new California Attorney General Kamala Harris.

Dumanis is a new member of the board of Second Chance.

CLASS OF '77

William Hoffman is president and CEO of Trigild, a San Diego-based company he founded in 1976. He has more than 30 years of experience as an attorney, is a California licensed real estate broker and has served as the court appointed

receiver for more than 1,500 assets—among them hotels, commercial office buildings, retail shopping centers, residential projects and restaurants.

In addition, Hoffman is recognized by the American Hotel and Lodging Association as a Certified Hotel Administrator. He is a former president of the California Lodging Industry Association, and served seven years on CLIA's Board of Directors.

Currently, he serves on the American Bar Association's Hotels, Resorts & Tourism Executive Committee as well as on the Board of Directors for the San Diego Receivership Forum. He is a member of the Turnaround Management Association, the Commercial Mortgage Securities Association and the American Lodging Industry Association. He served on the California Tourism Selection Committee.

Hoffman has authored hundreds of articles and is a frequent lecturer at conferences and conventions for hoteliers, bankers and lawyers, and was instrumental in developing the annual Trigild Lender Conference, an increasingly important national forum for the financial industry.

His unique blend of expertise in management, law and real estate qualifies him as an expert witness, and has led state and federal courts to appoint him as a receiver, trustee or custodian for troubled real estate assets across North America.

Larry G. Hunt is Vice President of Sales for Total HealthCare Management, Inc.

CLASS OF '78

MetLife, Inc. Board elected **Cheryl W. Grisé** as lead director of the company's board of directors.

John Mason Glen, Ph.D., practiced tax law for two years in California and then moved to Alabama where he taught instrument flying as a contractor for the U.S. Army.

While living in Alabama, Glen practiced general law, in addition to flying and teaching American history ("his true passion") in the evenings at the local junior college. He decided he'd

rather teach history than practice law, so he earned his Ph.D. and taught history at Principia College for 16 years.

Glen is now employed as full-time faculty at St. Louis Community College. He and his wife of 40 years live on the campus of Principia College, where she is Dean of Students and he commutes Monday through Thursday. In Glen's words, "Knowledge of the law—especially Con Law—has helped me in my teaching many times."

Rev. E. Wayne Kempton is ordained as a Presbyterian pastor in Ventura, California.

CLASS OF '79

Mark Le Doux is Chairman of the Board/CEO of Natural Alternatives International, Inc., a public corporation traded on NASDAQ under the symbol NAII. "We are engaged in research, development and production of nutritional dietary supplements for multi-national and smaller clientele in our facilities in San Diego County and in Lugano, Switzerland."

CLASS OF '82

Brenda Mason is a volunteer for the Serra Public Cooperative Library System for both the San Diego and Imperial Counties, appointed by the San Diego City Council, and a friend of her local Library in Oak Park. In 2009, the Friends of San Diego Public Libraries presented Mason with a Friends Recognition Award in honor of her contributions.

"Brenda has lent her support to the different activities that occur at our branch including reaching out to different ethnic groups. She enthusiastically interacts with our customers at book sales events and will do anything necessary to make it a success." said Stephanie Heinzman, President of Friends of the Oak Park Library.

Sabin Abrams retired after 23 years as an officer with the San Diego Police Department. He spent 12 years as the Legal Core Instructor, coordinating legal training for the Department and the Police Academy. He taught law at the Police Academy for 20 years.



Jon H. Epsten '82: TJSL's Alumnus of the Year

San Diego attorney and 1982 TJSL graduate Jon Epsten, founding shareholder in the prominent law firm of Epsten Grinnell & Howell, has won the "Oscar" of alumni awards. At the annual Barristers Ball in February at the Westgate Hotel, Epsten was presented with the 2011 "Professor A. Thomas Golden Honorary Thomas Jefferson School of Law Alumnus of the Year Award" by none other than Professor Thom Golden.

"Jon Epsten epitomizes the qualities of professional achievement, dedication to TJSL and community involvement that must be possessed by those alumni who are honored with the A. Thomas Golden Award," noted Karen Goyette, Assistant Dean for Alumni Relations and Development. "Not resting on his achievements, he has already volunteered to provide MCLE training to TJSL alumni."

A native San Diegan, Epsten founded one of the largest community association and construction defect firms in California. He has participated in and been lead counsel on many construction defect cases resulting in multi-million dollar settlements, including serving as co-counsel on one of the largest construction defect cases in California history.

Among his many industry affiliations, he is past president of both the San Diego Chapter and Greater Inland Empire Chapter of the Community Associations Institute, a national organization that has presented him with its National Hall of Fame Award and its President's Award for outstanding service to the condominium industry. His work on behalf of community associations has required him to provide advice on a huge range of corporate, business, tort and property matters.

Epsten has presented MCLE seminars to TJSL alumni and participated in training TJSL interns, and his law firm has been a sponsor of the Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament for the last two years. He and his wife, Mary, also are donors to TJSL's capital campaign for the new law school.

The "Alumnus of the Year Award" was originated in 2004 by TJSL's Student Bar Association. Nominations are solicited from the TJSL community and the award recipient is selected from a committee comprised of faculty, staff and students. Past recipients of this award are **Judge Lillian Lim '77**, **Judge Browder Willis '83**, **Denise Asher '94**, **Randy Grossman '94**, **Philip Shapiro '85**, **Lori Westin '04** and **Frank Mead '00**.

CLASS OF '83

Harlan A. Friedman has been serving his clients for 25 years as a Financial Consultant, specializing in all areas of Public and Private Finance in Southern California. He has issued over \$500M in municipal bond financing on behalf of master-planned communities such as Black Mountain Ranch and Santaluz.



Since financial resources are always changing, he opened Lightning Commercial Funding to assist his clients with conventional financing, specializing in small business loans and commercial loans nationwide.

Even in today's tough economy, Friedman has consistently been closing SBA loans and real estate commercial loans. He closed a \$2M refinance of an Assisted Living Care Facility, a \$1.5M merger of a Knitting Manufacturer and a

\$2M construction of a car wash as well as financing of numerous self-storage facilities and gas stations.

Friedman has published his first book, titled *GET Your Loan Closed!*, which was written for the layperson to be able to serve as his/her own broker while procuring SBA or Business Loans. He regularly speaks on Business Enterprise and Financing. To reach Friedman, email him at Harlan@loanforbiz.com. Check out his website, www.loanforbiz.com.

CLASS OF '84

Penny D. Weigand, owner of Bellissima Publishing, LLC, will be taping a lawline.com class for a CLE-California program. In conjunction with her taping, she will be publishing a book to go along with the course. To find out more about Bellissima, visit bellissimapublishing.com.

CLASS OF '88

Michael J. Fremont was named in *San Diego Metro Magazine* as a 2011 San Diego Top Attorney in the area of DUI/DWI. He is principal of his firm, Law Offices of Michael J. Fremont.

James D. Lyne is currently an adjunct professor at Pima Community College, teaching aeronautics (transport-category aircraft systems and Federal Aviation Regulations), as well as an adjunct at Embry-Riddle University, teaching aviation law and aviation legislation. In addition to teaching, Lyne is Chief Flight Instructor and General Counsel of the Tucson Soaring Club.



Lyne and his twin daughters on their first glider ride.



Dr. Mark W. Dundee '87

Dr. Mark W. Dundee was appointed by then Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the California Law Revision Commission on July 8, 2010. The California Law Revision Commission was created in 1953 and given responsibility for the ongoing substantive review of California statutory and decisional law. Dundee's appointment required senate confirmation.

He also was appointed vice-chairman of the Board of Governors for the Los Angeles County Natural History & Page Museums and also serves on the board of directors for Pepperdine University, St. Vincent's Hospital and Daughters of Charity. He served under both President Clinton and President Bush on the U.S. Department of Treasury's Savings Bond Commission.

Dundee is the Managing Principal of Global Compliance for one of the nation's largest consulting firms, Buck Consultants, a subsidiary of Xerox Corporation. He also is the author of the *Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO) Answer Book* (Wolters Kluwer Publishing), *The QDRO Forms Book* (Wolters Kluwer Publishing), and the *Human Resources Answer Book* (Wolters Kluwer Publishing). He is a well-known lecturer, and was cited by the California Supreme Court as a national expert on the division of retirement benefits at divorce.

The past recipient of the Medal of Merit from U.S. Secretaries of the Treasury Paul O'Neill and John W. Snow, Dundee recently had the honor of presenting Clint Eastwood (above) with the Ronald Reagan Distinguished American Award at the Jonathan Club in Los Angeles.

CLASS OF '89

Linda Atcherley was named in *San Diego Metro Magazine* as a 2011 San Diego Top Attorney in the area of employee rights. She is principal of her firm, Linda Atcherley & Associates. Her firm specializes in the areas of workers compensation, Social Security and personal injury.

John Stump serves on the Independent



Oversight Bond Committee for the San Diego Unified School District. This committee is required by California Constitution Article XIII. SDUSD's Proposition S Bonds total \$2.1 billion dollars. Stump also serves the State Bar as a member of the Legal Services Trust Fund, which funds legal services and oversees the IOLTA attorney funds.

CLASS OF '90

John Chaix has been the principal of The Law Offices of John Chaix—a plaintiff's construction defect litigation practice, both in California and Arizona—for more than 15 years. He splits his residence between Newport Beach and Phoenix with his wife and his three children. Feel free to email him at John@chaixlaw.com.

CLASS OF '91

William Edwards was appointed to the National Advisory Board for the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome in Washington, D.C.

CLASS OF '92

After passing the California Bar on his first attempt, **Peter Costello** practiced with Robert Bruce Arnold, during which time he continued on as a marine surveyor and investigator. In 1999, Costello moved to Oregon and passed the Bar there.

Presently, Costello works as Vice President and Leading Marine Surveyor for Professional Adjusters of Alaska, Inc. He is the Lloyds of London claims agent for the state of Alaska, where he

investigates and surveys all types of commercial marine accidents throughout the state.

CLASS OF '93

Erik Feingold is a litigation partner with the Law Offices of Myers, Widders, Gibson, Jones & Schneider, LLP, in Ventura (the second oldest law firm in the City of Ventura). He recently obtained the largest verdict in Ventura County history, \$39M, on behalf of an injured CHP officer.

Kristine Aaron-Jacobi and **Eldon Floyd** were named as partners at Trovillion, Inveiss & Demakis (TID), one of Southern California's premier workers' compensation defense law firms.

Upon graduation from TJSL and passing the bar, **Steve Wong** worked as a Deputy District Attorney for 3½ years. He then transitioned into patent law and has been working in this field for more than a decade.

Wong left Pioneer North America after working there for nine years as a Managing Patent Attorney, overseeing the patent prosecution activities for its U.S. subsidiaries. His present position is with Acacia Technologies in Newport Beach, California, a patent acquisition and licensing company, where he is Vice-President of Licensing and Business Development.

Salim Khawaja, currently the TJSL Alumni Association Board President, reflects back on the good times he had while attending law school at TJSL and writes: "When I was in law school we had a soccer team. We played in the San Diego County League. There were judges, attorneys, deputy DAs and sheriffs, and law students who attended."



The 1992 WSU soccer team when, according to Salim Khawaja '93, "We were young and thin."

From 1994 to 1998, Khawaja served as commissioner of the County Bar Soccer League.

Khawaja is the principal of his firm, The Law Offices of Salim Khawaja. He and **Jude Basile '81** represented three plaintiffs against a trucking company and a yard in 2010. After four weeks of trial, they received a judgment in favor of plaintiffs in the amount of \$3.5M.

Alexandra McIntosh appeared on NBC's Today Show with her client, Kendra Beebe, the victim of a stabbing by a Hollywood actor, Shelley Malil, who had a role in the movie *40 Year Old Virgin*. Malil was recently convicted of attempted murder in Vista Superior Court.

CLASS OF '95

Marian Birge, along with her law partner, Silvia Garcia, co-authored a chapter in the American Bar Association's recently published *Litigating the Workplace Harassment Case*, edited by Marlene Heyser.

Terri Pebley Delhamer was presented with the Trailblazer award as part of the National Association of Women Business Owners—Inland Empire (NAWBO-IE) 2010 Amazing Women Awards. She is not only a practicing attorney, but owner of Keyways Winery as well.

Victoria H. Lopez has been appointed Presiding Chair of the Council of Chairs at Southwestern College. She has been employed at the college since 1999, and became Department Chair of the Accounting and Business Administration Department in 2007.

CLASS OF '96

Susan L. Angell, Esq., was sworn in and admitted to practice before the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., on April 5, 2010. Angell is a sole practitioner at Angell Law Office, in Lake Forest, California, focusing primarily on family law cases in Orange County and Lassen County.

Glenn Cole Casey was named in *San Diego Metro Magazine* as a 2011

San Diego Top Attorney in the area of DUI/DWI. He is principal of his law firm, Law Offices of G. Cole Casey.

CLASS OF '98

Mark C. Blane, legal author and personal injury attorney, has recently signed a publishing deal with business and marketing book publisher Celebrity Press. Blane is writing a book about inside information with insurance companies.

Terry S. Wheaton has become a partner in the firm England Ponticello & St. Clair in San Diego. The firm's practice is concentrated in the representation of employers and insurance carriers in workers' compensation, civil litigation and employment related matters.

CLASS OF '99



In her spare time, **Michele M. Castillo**, enjoys surfing. She went to surfing school in Costa Rica and then spent a week surfing in Hawaii.

Steven A. Haney, Jr. was elected to shareholder by the law firm of Foster Swift Collins & Smith, P.C., founded in 1902 in Lansing, Michigan.

Ray Warner left the Central District of California and headed to the Eastern District of Texas in Tyler where he is Pro Se Staff Attorney working on habeas, civil rights and similar issues.

CLASS OF '00

Janet Everson was promoted to partner at Murphy Pearson Bradley & Feeny.

For the past 13 years, **Andy Naze** has worked as the Kewaunee County, Wisconsin, District Attorney. However, he says his proudest accomplishment has been raising his two children: Ben, age 8, and Ashlyn, age 4, with his wife of 13 years, Lisa.



Nathalie S. Pettit represents employers



and their insurance representatives in all areas of workers' compensation law before the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Disability Compensation

Division and Labor Appeals Board. Prior to joining Char Hamilton Campbell & Yoshida in 2008, Pettit was an Associate Attorney with Marr Jones & Wang, representing employers in all areas of labor and employment law.

Pettit began her career in 2001 as an attorney in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. She came to Hawaii in 2004 as the Chief of International and Operational Law for the United States Army Pacific. Pettit later served as a labor law attorney for 25th Infantry Division. Previous military assignments include Special Counsel to the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Policy at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and prosecutor at 3d Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia. Pettit served in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

David R. Mahood writes: "When



I graduated in 2000, I remember telling fellow students I would never practice in divorce law because of the high emotional conflict. Well, as they say,

'Never say Never.'

A good friend was falsely accused of sexually molesting his three-year-old daughter. Because I was fresh out of law school, I referred him to a good divorce attorney, who quickly racked up exorbitant fees and fanned the flames of the dispute. My friend then insisted I take the case and do my best. I was able to demonstrate that the mother was lying, and I obtained good results for my client.

I have not been afraid to take on difficult cases because my training at TJSJ gave me the skills to research issues and quickly get up to speed on cases. I have handled personal injury cases, large contract disputes and a

large bankruptcy case involving more than a million dollars, and appeared before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (my moot court experience at TJSJ was very helpful).

I have fond memories of the many TJSJ professors who cared about me and did such a good job in preparing me for my law career, especially Professor K.J. Greene."

Karin Schumacher, an attorney with Elder Law and Advocacy in San Diego, is also the mother of Miss California, Arianna Afshar.

CLASS OF '01

Robert Michael Way has opened The Way Law Firm, P.C., an estate planning and elder law firm in Tucson, Arizona.

CLASS OF '02

Amy Strider was promoted to partner at Peterson & Price, APC in San Diego. Her practice focuses on commercial real estate and corporate law. She was voted a San Diego Top Attorney in real estate transactional law by her peers in the San Diego legal community.

CLASS OF '03

Joey Gilbert, a professional fighter and three-time national boxing champion, has formed a Reno law firm with partners William J. Routsis and William A. Swafford. Routsis Gilbert & Swafford, LLC, will focus on criminal defense, loan modifications, personal injury and bankruptcy.

Marisa Sommerville is production counsel for American Idol Productions, Inc. She previously worked as counsel for Summit Entertainment from 2005 until 2009, doing development and production legal work for the *Twilight* franchise, *Red*, *Letters to Juliet* and many other projects.

After her work at Summit Entertainment, Sommerville also did some work for an Indie firm in Beverly Hills to get experience working on smaller projects.

Randall Zorick was appointed an Administrative Law Judge for the State

of California Unemployment Appeals Board on May 4, 2009. In addition to unemployment appeals, Zorick also handles disability and taxation appeals.

In 2004, shortly after **Elizabeth Manassau**



was admitted to practice law in the State Bar of California, she opened her own law firm—Manassau Law Offices, P.C.—which focuses primarily on family law, civil and domestic violence restraining orders, estate law and bankruptcy.

Manassau was recently admitted to the Northern and Eastern District Bankruptcy Courts and is an active member of the Santa Clara County Bar Association, where she sits on both the Diversity and Barrister committees.

In addition, she is on the Family Court approved list for appointment as minor's counsel. She believes in giving back to the community and has taken *pro bono* cases or modest means cases for the *Pro Bono Project* of Silicon Valley and Asian Americans for Community Involvement.

Andrew R. Stilwell sends this note:



"After law school, I founded Stilwell & Associates, which practices in the areas of probate & estates, real estate, business and litigation.

We currently have two San Diego locations, Bonita and La Jolla. On the business side, we are representing a private oil and gas project, which leads us to believe we have created the new way to structure this type of business that will be the standard for this industry. Lastly, we have discovered a way, through the law, to wipe out a person's deficiency after short-sale or foreclosure without having to enter bankruptcy. These innovations have helped to boost our reputation in the community for creative application of the law. During the 2007 and 2008 terms, I served as a Planning Commissioner for the City of Lemon Grove. Also, my wife, Danielle, and I have been overjoyed since the birth of our daughter, Isabella, on

December 19, 2007." Stilwell's website is www.stilwellassociates.net.

Christian Graham is an associate with a law firm in Orange County, California, where he has negotiated several large settlements. He is currently litigating a multi-million dollar securities fraud action in which he represents the plaintiff.

CLASS OF '04

Aaron T. Hicks launched The Law Offices of Aaron T. Hicks on May 1, 2010. The firm concentrates exclusively on DUI and criminal defense. The office is located at 110 W "C" St., Ste. 1300, in San Diego, with other offices throughout the county. His phone is (619) 940-5566 and his email is aaron@athlaw.com. Check out his website at www.athlaw.com.

Christian De Olivias is principal of De Olivias Law Firm, APLC. He does federal criminal litigation with a "passion." Visit him at www.deolivaslaw.com. "Thanks, Professor Cohn," he also adds.

Kimberly Spilker Medwar and husband



welcomed a son, Simon Dean Medwar, into their family. She later joined Rice Management, Inc., as Corporate Compliance Director in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Franco A. Serafini operates his own firm, Themis Law, which provides boutique IP legal services, mostly to international clients. He was named among San Diego's Top Intellectual Property Transactional Attorneys for 2008, in a peer voting survey done by the *San Diego Daily Transcript*.

CLASS OF '05

Darren J. Lach and **Ida M. Ybarra** were married on April 23, 2010, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Lach and Ybarra both work for general civil litigation firms in Las Vegas.

Kathryn Crivello and **Salvatore Crivello, Jr.** '02, both work as full-time



Travis M. Sills '04

Regis Worley '04

Alums Honored by Casa Cornelia With Pro Bono Publico Awards

Casa Cornelia's Inn of Court recently named two Thomas Jefferson School of Law alumni, **Travis M. Sills '04** and **Regis Worley '04**, as recipients of the *Pro Bono Publico* Award.

Casa Cornelia Law Center is a nonprofit public interest law firm in San Diego that provides quality *pro bono* legal

services to victims of human and civil rights violations, with a primary focus on serving the indigent within the immigrant community in Southern California. Casa Cornelia's three main areas of representation are asylum, unaccompanied minors and victims of domestic violence. The Casa Cornelia Inn of Court *Pro Bono Publico* Award is given to those who provide much needed legal representation to indigent immigrants as they enter removal proceedings and affirmatively apply for other immigration relief.

"I was fortunate to work with all three aspects of Casa Cornelia's representation programs over the span of six months as an in-house volunteer attorney," Sills says. "My experience there opened my eyes and heart to how I could use my law degree to positively impact people's lives."

Worley added, "Although honored by this award, I am humbled by the hard work of the people at Casa Cornelia and their supportive volunteers who are dedicating their lives to help victims of human rights abuses."

Sills agrees and says this experience was humbling for him as well. "I went to law school with a hope of what a J.D. can do for my life and left Casa with the knowledge of what my J.D. can do for so many other lives," says Sills. "I have practiced in several areas of law, and I have yet to experience anything as rewarding. I am incredibly grateful to Casa Cornelia for my invaluable experience and humbled by their recognition with the *Pro Bono Publico* award."

Worley says he recommends this rewarding experience to all. "I would urge any attorney or law student who reads this article to contact Casa Cornelia and assist in one of their cases. Working with these clients has been a highlight of my career and an experience that I will cherish forever."

"This work changes how you view the benefit that your J.D. and law license confer," Sills explained. "They become the tools to practice social justice and the means to be the change you want to see. That's powerful."

In addition to Worley and Sills, several other TJSL alumni also volunteer with Casa Cornelia, including **Scott Cramer '88**, **Katherine Paculba '08**, **Ruth Spillane '08**, **Nichole Richard '08** and **Carol Carvajal '04**.

Also at the Casa Cornelia Law Center's Annual Awards Reception, third-year TJSL student Romina Otoyá received the prestigious 2010 La Mancha Award for outstanding *pro bono* services on behalf of the immigrant community. In 2005, Casa Cornelia began a clinical program with San Diego's law schools and, with the consent of the immigration court, Casa Cornelia trains these law students to directly represent indigent asylum seekers under the supervision of a staff attorney.



attorneys. In addition, the Crivellos devote their time to caring for their young son, Henry, who has brought great joy (and sometimes little sleep) to his parents.

They both served as members of the 2007 Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Suzanne P. Nicholl joined the Law Offices of Daniel M. Little, APC.

Christopher Ramey and **Kelly Stairs '05** formed Ramey Stairs APC in April 2008. In August 2009, **Andrew Moher '06**, who is also licensed in Illinois, joined the partnership. With offices in Mission Valley and Vista, Ramey Stairs APC serves individuals, small businesses, and corporations with needs in business litigation, real property, wealth management and bankruptcy. Ramey is an adjunct professor at TJSL.

As part of the Presidential Management Fellowship, **Elizabeth Koren** is now detailed from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) in Honolulu, Hawaii. Combining more than a decade of experience on San Diego County ambulances with legal education from TJSL and Mason Law, Koren is developing and implementing detailed emergency plans, goals and objectives for the long-range implementation and administration of USFWS managed Marine National Monuments in the Pacific Rim, including Papahānaumokuākea and Sea of Reefs.

So far, weekend continuing education on Oahu includes scuba diving and forklift operation, although Koren eagerly informs her Washington, D.C., and Virginia colleagues that she has the "best legal job ever" because she also gets to drive the flatbed to the steel yard.

CLASS OF '06

Tara Cheever recently celebrated the grand opening of her law firm, Cheever Law, which focuses primarily on estate planning, business law and personal injury.

Emile Nicolaou, associate counsel for Playboy, is overseeing outside counsel on a music copyright litigation.

Joshua Tucker and **Yuliya Ivanov '07** welcomed their second child, Maksim Jefferson (named after the law school) on August 25, 2010.

Jason Povey accepted a job at the D.A.'s office in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Chris Winslow is currently teaching "Terrorism & Homeland Security" as an adjunct professor at Bryant & Stratton College.

In May 2009, **John Stobart** joined



Wesierski & Zurek, LLP, in Irvine, California. The 22-year-old firm has more than 25 attorneys and specializes in various types of civil litigation defense.

Stobart has been focusing mainly on product liability, but he also handles dental malpractice defense and automobile insurance defense. Stobart is involved with the firm's appellate section. His prior experience includes two years as an associate at a small firm in Orange County that specialized in automobile accident fraud defense.

CLASS OF '07

Daniel Bonneville is principal of the Law Office of Daniel Bonneville in Reno. He received the Nevada Legal Services Champions of Justice Attorney of the Year Award on October 25, 2010.

Nick Cassidy is an associate at Senter Goldfarb and Rice in Denver.

Josh Alexander Kunau is the associate producer of the film *Dive!* Visit www.divethefilm.com for more information about the film.

Julia McIlroy has joined the Law Offices of Michael Fiumara.

Todd Knode passed the Virginia bar and opened his own practice, focusing on bankruptcy and corporate law.

Lisa Lawton '07 with her client, guitarist **Eddie Van Halen** (right), and her husband, attorney **Dan Lawton**, who teaches as an adjunct at TJSL.



Lisa Lawton '07 Represents Cubic Corp. and the Occasional Rock Guitar Legend, Too

Lisa M. Lawton began work as an attorney in the in-house legal department of Cubic Corporation on February 17, 2010. Cubic Corporation, a San Diego-based company whose stock is publicly traded and that provides training systems, constructive simulation support, force modernization, education, engineering and technical support for U.S. military forces. Cubic also supplies tactical battlefield systems and communication electronics, including data links and surveillance receivers for "C4ISR" applications and search-and-rescue avionics, and its subsidiaries also design and make public transit fare

collection systems and military training systems. Lawton recently was mentioned in a news release about Cubic Corporation's

\$124M acquisition of Abraxas.

And when she's not wheeling and dealing in the big corporate world, Lawton represents some very interesting clients. In March 2010, Lawton appeared in federal court in San Diego on behalf of rock guitar legend Eddie Van Halen, lead guitarist and co-founder of the hard rock band Van Halen.

"It was a great experience," said Lawton of the opportunity to represent her famous client in court. "Many people might think Eddie Van Halen is just a big rock star who lets other people handle his business ventures, but he was totally dedicated to vindicating his rights and protecting his intellectual property. It was important to him to be there. He was engaging, funny and sharp."

Ann Marie (Harms) Awori graduated from the Presidential Management Fellowship program in Washington, D.C. After working for the U.S. Agency for International Development in Ethiopia and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in South Africa, Awori will now convert to a permanent position with DHS/United States Citizenship and Immigration Services where she works on a Policy Team within the Agency.

George L. Salis, Ph.D., LL.M., was recently promoted to Sr. Principal Tax Compliance Analyst & Counsel at Vertex, Inc., in Sarasota, Florida. He also continues to write professional articles and teaches International Taxation & Transfer Pricing as an adjunct professor in TJSL's online graduate LL.M. program in International Taxation and Financial Services.

Demetrios Sparacino opened his own law practice in May 2010. Having worked in civil litigation and taxation for the last three years, his current practice involves plaintiff's litigation and tax controversy. He is currently assisting with the In Re: 2007 Wildfire Litigation (largest open case in California) and he has two cases pending before the United States Tax Court. Sparacino will be applying for an open seat on the Golden Hill Community Development Corporation's Board of Directors where he plans to serve as counsel. He also plans to start a Federal Income Tax Clinic at a local law school to assist indigent taxpayers.

Taniquele Thurner was sworn in as an attorney in Wisconsin in June of 2008. She currently lives in Green Bay, Wisconsin, where she works as a legislative analyst for the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, reviewing

proposed Tribal laws, policies and amendments. Thurner was also elected Secretary of the Indian Law Section of the Wisconsin Bar.

Donald McDermott was admitted to the Washington, D.C., Bar in 2009. He has been employed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Customs and Border Patrol as a Strategy Officer since December 2008.

Brian Adkins moved back to San Diego after spending a year in Los Angeles where he worked for two separate insurance defense firms. After returning to San Diego, Adkins started his own practice, Adkins Law Group, APC, in North County. The firm focuses on business, real estate, estate planning and sports law.

In addition, Adkins attained his real estate broker license and became certified as an NFL Contract Advisor. He is working with fellow TJSL alumnus **Ben Engelby**, of Engelby Real Estate, as an associate broker, and also is working on building a client base of NFL players. Feel free to contact him at brian@adkinslawgroup.com.

Jennifer Chapman is a civil litigator with Chapin Wheeler LLP, a boutique San Diego litigation firm. Chapman's clients are individuals and entities in diverse industries, and she practices in California state and federal courts.

Her recent victories include obtaining the early dismissal of a federal action on a FRCP 12 motion to dismiss, and she credits her mentors at Chapin Wheeler and TJSL (especially civil procedure Professors William Slomanson and Julie Cromer Young) for this success.

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Katherine Bond has been appointed as Director of Business Development for Cyvex Nutrition, where she will help oversee Cyvex's sales and marketing channels, determine growth opportunities and implement appropriate strategies.

John A. C. Cartner, LL.M. (Int'l Taxation, Ph.D.) has published with R. P. Fiske and T. Leiter *THE INTERNATIONAL LAW OF THE SHIPMASTER* (Dec 2009) Informa/Lloyds Press www.shipmasterlaw.com.

Renee Galente is an associate at Thorsnes Bartolotta McGuire in San Diego. She was elected Secretary of the San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association Scholarship Fund. She serves on the board of the TJSL Alumni Association and is Chair of the Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament, scheduled for Friday, October 21, 2011 in San Diego.

Eric P. Ganci opened his exclusive DUI practice in 2009 and is committed to excellence as a trial attorney. He is certified in standardized field sobriety tests—the same training as police officers—and is certified at the instructor level.

Ganci is a member of the California DUI Lawyers Association and the National College of DUI Defense, and attended the summer session conducted at the Harvard Law School. In addition, he is researching and writing for the new edition of *California Drunk Driving Defense*, considered California's "DUI Bible."

He was voted onto the San Diego County Bar's Young New Lawyers Division Board. He is also a TJSL Alumni Association Board Vice President.

Tricia Geringer is the Director of Government Affairs at the Agricultural Council of California (Ag Council). She brings a wealth of policy experience to the organization through her past work on Capitol Hill for Congressman George Radanovich (R-Mariposa).

John N. Griffith joined David Beavans as partner in the family law firm of Beavans & Griffith in San Diego.

In November 2010, **C. Susie Lorden**



started a position with the Department of Health and Human Services and is working in the Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight Division of Enforcement, which is

responsible for enforcing the new health care reform law in Washington, D.C. Previously she was the Deputy Attorney General in the Consumer Law Section of the California Attorney General's Office in San Diego.

Hassan M. Sadeghi has been busy since completing his J.D. at TJSL. After tackling the bar, he went on to complete a Masters in Dispute Resolution from the top-ranked Straus Institute at Pepperdine University. In addition, Sadeghi has successfully mediated over 60 cases during the last three years.

He began a fruitful civil litigation practice in the field of business and health care law, and has assisted his clients in achieving settlements in a variety of matters utilizing a "Counselor-at-Law approach" to provide comprehensive resolutions for his clients' legal disputes.

He also launched Sadeghi Resolutions, an ADR practice, since he plans on continuing concurrent litigation and mediation/consultant practices. He hopes to create a *pro bono* clinic and/or non-profit center to provide the San Diego community with affordable ADR alternatives for efficiently mediated outcomes to their disputes. His long-term goal is to expand his practice into the international forum, given his prior educational training and work experience in International Law.

Suzanne M. Nicholls made the switch from the civil litigation world—where she worked as an Associate at the insurance defense firm of Kunz, Plitt, Hyland, Demlong & Kleifield—



to the world of criminal law. Nicholls is now serving as an Assistant Attorney General with the Arizona Attorney General's Office in the

Criminal Appeals and Capital Litigation Section. She is a member of the Bar in both California and Arizona and is happy to finally be working in her dream field.

She lives in Phoenix, Arizona and is looking forward to establishing a strong alumnae base to support recent grads and transferring attorneys.

Paul J. Sheston joined the law firm of Renaud Cook Drury Mesaros, P.A., in Phoenix, Arizona. His civil practice includes medical malpractice, products liability and wrongful death litigation.



Nicole M. Richard was promoted to associate attorney at Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP, a business immigration firm where she previously worked as a paralegal. Her current practice includes representation of corporate clients, including employment-based nonimmigrant visa petitions, immigrant petitions, adjustment of status applications, outstanding researcher and multinational manager petitions, and labor certification.

George Miller works as an attorney with Shustak Frost & Partners, P.C., in San Diego, where he practices business and securities law. The firm represents small to medium sized businesses, individuals and investors in courts and arbitration forums throughout the country. Miller originally joined the firm as a law clerk in the summer of 2007 and was later hired as an attorney after passing the California Bar in July 2008.

Jovana (Ostojic) Paredes writes: "After working as an intern at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and as a contracted legal officer at the Special Court for Sierra Leone (in Freetown, Sierra Leone), I moved back to the Netherlands to begin my LL.M. in International and European Law—Public International Law Track at the University of Amsterdam. I am also working at a Think-Tank/Research Institute called the Hague Institute for the Internationalisation of



Eric Ganci '08 Honored by San Diego County Bar Association

When the San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA) presented its 2011 Service Award winners on May 3, TJSL graduate Eric Ganci '08 brought home the award for "Outstanding Service by a New Lawyer." Ganci was selected this year for providing outstanding service to the SDCBA and its New Lawyers Division and for demonstrating a significant commitment to serving the legal community. Surrounded by his wife **Renee Galente '08** and supporters from TJSL, Ganci received his engraved award at the SDCBA's Law Week Luncheon &

Celebration of Community Service at the Westin San Diego.

This marks the second year in a row that a TJSL graduate has been recognized by the SDCBA with one of its prestigious service awards. In 2010, **Anna Romanskaya '07** of Stark & D'Ambrosio won the "Service to Legal Education" award, which recognizes outstanding work in the field of legal education, as a professional educator, part-time educator or volunteer. TJSL Professors Marjorie Cohn and Susan Tiefenbrun also have been honored with the "Service to Legal Education" award in recent years.

TJSL alumnus **Doc Anthony Anderson III '93** had a key role in this year's program as the Chair of the Awards Committee. Also, TJSL Adjunct Professor Marissa Bejarano of the Attorney General's Office was recognized with the "Service by a Public Attorney Award."

Law (www.hiil.org)." Paredes is in the process of starting her own NGO.

Kristin Molloy is an attorney for Kimball, Tirey & St. John (Orange County office). She is an intake attorney handling residential and commercial unlawful detainers in Orange County and the Inland Empire. She began working for the firm, in their San Diego office, as a law clerk during her second year in law school.

Kimball, Tirey & St. John is a statewide, full-service law firm, which has been representing owners and managers of commercial and residential rental property in California since 1977. Malloy says, "KTS is proud to represent many of the largest owners and property management firms in the state and country, and is also privileged to serve thousands of smaller owners who look to us for guidance and assistance with their legal needs. KTS has experienced attorneys in six strategic locations in California."

Lauren Young is currently employed as attorney advisor to administrative law judges at the Social Security Administration, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review (ODAR), in San Diego.

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Yodit Asfaw is an associate at the Hannon Law Group, LLP in Washington, D.C.

Venus Berekatain is an associate at Brayton Purcell in their Novato, California office.

Erin Bello is an associate at the San Diego office of Dummit, Buchholz & Trapp, one of California's most successful law firms in the areas of medical malpractice and hospital law, casualty and personal injury defense, and general business litigation. Bello can be reached at erin.bello@dbtlaw.org.

Robert Bello is an associate at Berman & Riedel, LLP, which he says has a



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Monica Padilla '09 Proves She's a "Survivor"

When Monica Padilla walked across the stage at graduation, she was already a survivor—she had survived the rigors of law school.

But what she couldn't tell anyone then, because she was sworn to secrecy, was that she would soon be a different kind of survivor: a cast member on the CBS reality show *Survivor*—and that she was about to leave for the biggest adventure of her life.

"Keeping the secret was really, really hard," says Padilla now. "All I could say is that I was leaving for an extended period. And I had to tell the people who knew I was trying out for *Survivor* that I'm not even gonna be on the show."

Padilla had to train hard for the cast tryouts. "I was into working out so I was very fit." Padilla tells us. "But I needed to get more fit. I worked out six days a week, eating right. I read survival guide books. I practiced making fires and finding food. You need to be prepared."

That kind of strict regimen sounds a lot like...well...law school. Did surviving the grind of law school help Padilla prepare for the grueling ordeal of actually living in Samoa for about six weeks and trying to outwit and outmaneuver the other cast members?

"For sure," she says. "I said to myself, 'If I went through law school, I can take on this challenge.' It really prepared me mentally for what I was about to endure.

It didn't beat her. Padilla lasted until the second to last show. "Now I realize how much fight and tenacity and willpower I have," she says. "And it will be an invaluable help to me as an attorney. You have to keep fighting and never give up no matter what."

And just like with her *Survivor* experience, Padilla proved her mettle when it came to the California Bar—she passed on her first try!

fantastic reputation for success and accomplishment, and is considered one of the preeminent plaintiffs firms in San Diego.

Bello is advising and representing clients in serious personal injury, wrongful death and elder abuse/neglect cases. More information can be found on Berman & Riedel's website at www.bermanlawyers.com/meet-our-team.html. Bello can be reached at (858) 350-8855.

He currently serves on the board of the TJSJ Alumni Association.

Carmela Blair is an associate at Lorber, Greenfield and Polito in San Diego.

Wendy (Dimpfl) House accepted a position at Lounsbury, Ferguson, Altona & Peak in Escondido. She is practicing municipal & governmental law.

Randy C. Frisch has been named president and publisher of the *San Diego Business Journal*.

Frisch served as vice president of operations and information technology for *The San Diego Union-Tribune* from 2006 to 2009. He was chief financial officer for the *Union-Tribune* from 2003 to 2006.

"It is an honor to be selected to lead the *San Diego Business Journal*, the best record of local business in America's finest city," Frisch said.

"I have been a reader and admirer of the *Business Journal* for years, like most of the city's business executives. I look forward to continuing and improving the report we deliver each week to anyone and everyone who cares about business in San Diego."

Bradley Medlin has accepted a Labor Relations Specialist position with The Seattle Times Company.

Derek Paradis is an associate at Stutz Artiano Shinoff & Holtz in San Diego.

Michael Weiner was sworn in to the California bar by Judge Browder Willis '83 on February 2010 and is an associate at Stilwell & Associates in San Diego. He currently serves on the board of the TJSJ Alumni Association and Chairs the Development Committee.

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Nakhia Crossley is now Assistant General Counsel at Schumacher Electric Corporation in Illinois. She joins Cory Watkins '02, who is General Counsel.

Jennifer Kish, founder of the TJSJ Chapter of Law Students for Reproductive Justice, was a speaker at Planned Parenthood's 2nd Annual Binational Dialogue: The Status of Women's Reproductive Rights in Mexico and the U.S.

Brandon Leopoldus has accepted a Junior Staff Attorney position with Initiative Legal Group in Los Angeles.

Cara J. Maas recently accepted a position with the Dane County District Attorney's Office in Madison, Wisconsin.

Christopher Paulos is an associate at



Levin, Papantonio, Thomas, Mitchell, Rafferty & Proctor in Pensacola, Florida. He will be assisting in Mass Tort and Product Liability Cases on behalf of Plaintiffs,

including several thousand people affected by the British Petroleum Gulf Coast Disaster. He currently serves on the board of the TJSJ Alumni Association.

Hallie Tremaine is a contracts attorney for Washington Headquarters Services (WHS) in Washington, D.C. WHS also serves as in-house counsel for the Pentagon.

Michael Wilt '09 Enjoying Job, Life in "Paradise"

December 2009 graduate Michael Wilt has been living the good life in Saipan, a life he says he loves! Wilt is a law clerk for the CNMI (Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) Superior Court in Saipan. He was hired to work for the Honorable Judge Perry B. Inos, but in reality he is involved in various projects for four of the five Superior Court judges.

"The pay is not great, but the quality of life could not be better," he says.

"As far as my work is concerned, I am thankful everyday for such a position. The workload may be extensive, but I find the issues fascinating. As a result of this job, I am becoming somewhat of an expert on motion practice. Indeed, it is my job to construe the moving papers, exhibits and pleadings and then present a determination to the proper judge." Among the cases to cross his desk is a Rule 12(b)(7) and 19 motion to dismiss as well as nearly thirty cases that have been "taken under advisement." With the latter, he doesn't get the benefit of oral argument because it already occurred.

As far as life outside of work is concerned, Wilt compares Saipan to paradise. "There are a number of



Michael Wilt (center) with colleagues at the CNMI Courthouse.

world-class beaches, resorts, snorkeling and diving options," he says. "Nearly every weekend, I go hiking with some friends to discover some secluded, insanely beautiful spots. After work, I run five miles along a beach where the ocean is the most amazing aqua blue you could imagine. At times it feels as though I am living in a screensaver. Oh, and my \$410 a month apartment has a million-dollar view of the ocean that cleanses the soul."

Wilt credits TJSJ Professor Steve

Semeraro for helping him land this position in paradise: "You were my Property I and II professor as well as the advisor for my Law Review Note that concerned *Kelo v. City of New London*. Your glowing letter of recommendation is what sealed the deal! I cannot thank you enough for taking the time to inspire me and helping me to understand some of the most complex areas of the law. I would not be here if it were not for you."



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Lifetime Achievement Award Takes Dean Rudy Hasl by Surprise

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TJSL COMMUNITY ALSO HONORED

It took months of planning, but the surprise paid off big-time when **Dean Rudy Hasl** received a "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Student Bar Association at the 2011 Barristers Ball on February 12 at the Westgate Hotel. And if the award wasn't enough of a surprise, it was presented to him by three very distinguished TJSL alumni—San Diego County District Attorney **Bonnie Dumanis '76**, San Diego County Public Defender **Henry Coker '85** and Board of Trustees Member and TJSL Adjunct Professor **Randy Grossman '94**.

Dean Hasl has earned the distinction of being the longest serving ABA dean in America. He has achieved a total of 30 consecutive years as dean at TJSL and three other ABA law schools, where he built a successful track record in fundraising, capital improvement planning and oversight and institutional reputation building.

At TJSL, Dean Hasl has significantly increased the diversity of the faculty and staff as well as the student population so that TJSL is consistently ranked as one of the most diverse law schools in the nation. He has added several new and successful academic programs, including intensive academic support and bar prep programs, summer study abroad programs in Hangzhou, China and Nice, France and three new LL.M. programs with an international focus. He also has extensive experience in



"Dean Hasl has been a visionary leader for more than three decades..."

—Bonnie Dumanis '76
San Diego County
District Attorney

leadership positions within the ABA, the Association of American Law Schools and the Law School Admissions Council. What actually may become his most

significant achievement is TJSL's new campus, as noted by the presenters of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

"Almost immediately upon his hiring, Dean Hasl focused his attention on one of the biggest issues facing our law school," said Trustee Grossman. "We had outgrown the buildings in Old Town. Now we've moved into our new, eight-story building on Island Avenue. It is one of the most technologically advanced, beautiful law schools in the country and will serve our students for many years to come."

"Dean Hasl has so many professional accomplishments, they would fill a book. It is an honor for me to be associated in the presentation of this special award tonight."

Public Defender Coker congratulated Dean Hasl on the "wonderful job" he's done and noted that "just getting the new facility built is achievement enough to deserve this honor."

D.A. Dumanis said, "Dean Hasl has been a visionary leader for more than three decades and knows exactly how to build a law school's good reputation, just as he has done at Thomas Jefferson." She also added that she is a "proud graduate of TJSL and that the experience certainly changed (her) life."

"Dean Rudy Hasl has changed the future of Thomas Jefferson School of Law," said Student Bar Association



President Jeremy Evans, who was instrumental in organizing the ball and arranging the award for Dean Hasl. "His vision, leadership and guidance have led our law school to new heights while continuing its growth both inwardly for students, faculty, and staff and outwardly toward the community. Dean Hasl has earned this recognition. He has stayed true to the principles of accessibility and diversity that have made Thomas Jefferson School of Law home to many. On behalf of my colleagues, thank you, Dean Hasl."

Dean Hasl was visibly moved as he accepted the award. "I am very honored to be recognized by the students for my work on behalf of legal education and the Thomas Jefferson School of Law," the Dean said. "The students are the reason that we, as administrators and faculty, do what we do. The great satisfaction is knowing that we have made a difference in the lives of our students. What drives me every day is the thought of what this law school community can achieve—and there is no limit to what we can achieve."

In a word, this year's sold-out Barristers Ball was "elegant," from the Westgate Hotel's opulence to the more than 500 attendees who were dressed to the nines to fit the "Great Gatsby" theme. In addition to the Dean's Lifetime Achievement Award, there were quite a few other honorees at the ball, including:

- The 2011 A. Thomas Golden Alumnus of the Year Award: **Jon H. Epsten '82**
- 1L Professor of the Year: **A. Thomas Golden**
- 2L Professor of the Year: **Leah Christensen**
- 3L Professor of the Year: **Kaimipono Wenger**
- Adjunct Professor of the Year: **Jeff Joseph**
- Lewis & Clark Award: **Communications Office**
- Lewis & Clark Award: **Professor Susan Tiefenbrun**
- Staff Member of the Year: **Lisa Ferreira**
- Staff Member of the Year: **Beth Kransberger**
- Student Organization President of the Year (Student Vote): **Ben Aguilar, International Law Society**
- Student Organization President of the Year (Presidents Vote): **Elizabeth Knowles, Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF)**
- Charles T. Bumer Civil Libertarian Award: **Laura Shaver**

Celebrating Native American Women & The Law

10TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE STIRS EMOTIONS

“It was a unique, enlightening, emotional experience,” said one of the people who attended Thomas Jefferson School of Law’s 10th Anniversary Women and the Law Conference. “You could see tears in a lot of eyes.”

The 2011 conference held at TJSL on Friday, February 18, focused on the theme of “Gender Justice and Indian Sovereignty: Native American Women and the Law.” Featured as this year’s Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecturer was Stacy Leeds, interim Associate Dean, Professor of Law and Director of the Tribal Law and Government Center at the University of Kansas School of Law.

“We live in remarkable times,” Leeds told the audience. “The number of Native American law practitioners is exploding. Women have played an integral role in advancing the law, but their stories are not often told.”

In telling one remarkable story, Leeds used a new mantra: “WWLD, or ‘What Would Lyda Do?’” Lyda is Lyda Conley, one of the pioneering Native American attorneys and also the inspirational figure in Leeds’ keynote address. Leeds told of how Conley, who was a member of the Wyandot tribe, refused to give up the land on which her ancestors are buried in Kansas after the federal government sold it to developers. Conley and her sister built shacks on the property, put up “No Trespassing” signs and held off everyone with shotguns, according to Leeds. Even after Conley was incarcerated several times, filed a lawsuit and had her claim denied by the U.S. Supreme Court, she refused to give up the land.

“She ultimately protected the land, even though she lost in court,” said Leeds, who added that it eventually led to the passage of the Native American Protection Act. “And Lyda was not a solitary figure—it was the sisters,” emphasized Leeds.

Leeds, whose Ruth Bader Ginsburg lecture was titled “Resistance, Resilience, and Reconciliation: Reflections on Native American Women and the Law,” stirred the audience when she said, “Indian women have kept advancing the law and now there’s an army of us moving forward.”

Many of those marchers attended the conference.

As former TJSL Dean Mary Lynne Perry noted, “Everyone who is important in Native American Law is here.”

The distinguished assemblage was brought together by conference organizer and Professor Bryan Wildenthal.

Many of them were “firsts,” as Leeds pointed out: “The first to be multi-tribe judges, the first lawyer in their tribe or the first to have Native American women to have tenure-track positions in academia.”

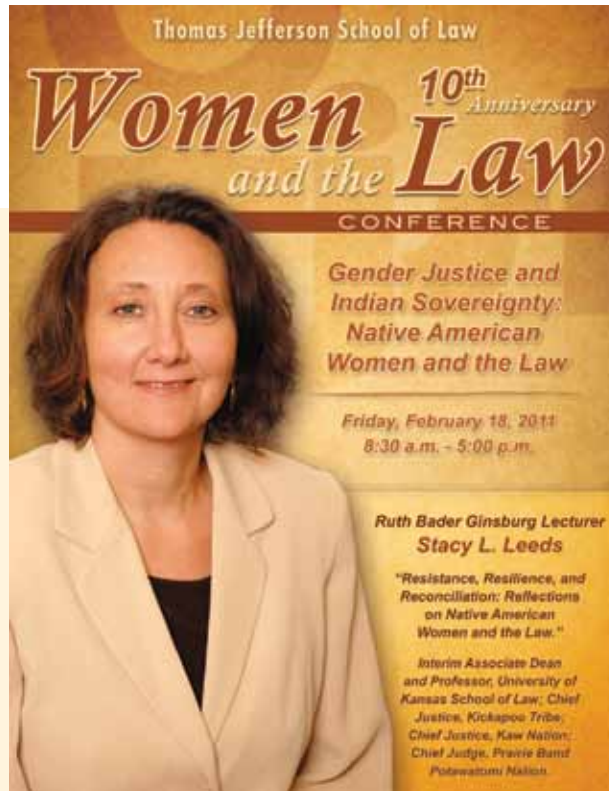
Many of those women presented on the panels featured at the conference. There were panels on Intersectionality and Civil Rights, Gender-Related Violence and Indian Country Law Enforcement, Indian Country Economic Development and Developing Tribal Governments and Courts.

One issue discussed at the conference by several presenters was the issue of tribal membership: who is a tribal member and who isn’t as well as who is an Indian and who is not.

“The issue of identity is very complicated,” said Linda Rose Locklear, a professor of American Indian Studies at Palomar College. “You can be an Indian on one reservation and not an Indian on another.” As for belonging to a tribe, she said, “One day you are a member, the next you are not. We in Indian Country must address this issue of enrollment. If we don’t come up with legislation or a policy, things are going to get worse.”

Another presenter, Dakota lawyer Angelique EagleWoman, remarked, “This is a historic conference. You are all amazing women.” She captured the spirit of the event, when she said, with tears in her eyes, “I am honored to walk in the moccasin tracks of so many of you who are here today and the many grandmas and aunts, and my mother in the spirit world who dreamed of a gathering such as this to renew our beliefs in who we are as women and culture holders in the law.”

“If there is a Native American woman in the law, the role of Native American Woman comes first, said Stacy Leeds. “Being a lawyer comes second. The law will eventually catch up.”



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For a complete look at the speakers and topics presented at the 2011 WLC, visit www.tjls.edu/node/2821.



Rebecca Tsosie



Rina Swentzell



Stacy Leeds

New Sports Law & Policy Center Coming This Fall

THE PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY AND CO-AUTHOR OF MAJOR SPORTS LAW CASEBOOK TO HEAD CENTER

The co-author of one of the nation's leading casebooks on sports law will be the inaugural director of Thomas Jefferson School of Law's new academic Center for Sports Law and Policy.

Rodney K. Smith will leave his current position as President of Southern Virginia University in early August to assume his new role at TJSL. In addition to his administrative experience and expertise in sports law, Professor Smith is well versed in constitutional law and has published several scholarly works on the First Amendment and religion. He also serves on the Advisory Board of the National Sports Law Institute and has served as a member of the NCAA's Division I Infractions Appeals Committee.

"The addition of Rod Smith to the TJSL faculty provides an extraordinary opportunity to enhance the scholarly strength of the faculty, while at the same time providing for a concentration of courses in an area of particular interest to our students and of special interest to the San Diego area," said Dean Rudy Hasl.

Smith, a native Californian, also has an impressive background in legal education. He has served as dean or a professor at several law schools, including the University of North Dakota,

Widener University, Capital University, the University of Montana, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and the University of Memphis. He earned his law degree from Brigham Young University's J. Reuben Clark Law School and his S.J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He practiced law in Bishop, CA, where he also served as City Attorney.

"Thomas Jefferson School of Law is an ideal place in Southern California for a Center for Sports Law and Policy," says Professor Smith. "We'll bring in leading thinkers on legal and policy issues, form valuable affiliations, and create a series of relevant courses that add up to a certificate program for Thomas Jefferson's students."

Some of the courses Professor Smith is considering for the new center include: Professional Sports Law, Amateur Sports Law, Sports Antitrust Law, Labor Law in Sports, Sports Law and the Media, and a practicum that would require students to work on major projects such as Title IX audits, sports contracts and negotiations. The law school has offered a highly popular course in sports law for many years that is taught by San Diego attorney and 1994 TJSL alumnus Randy Grossman, a player agent whose client list includes Major League Baseball Hall of Famer

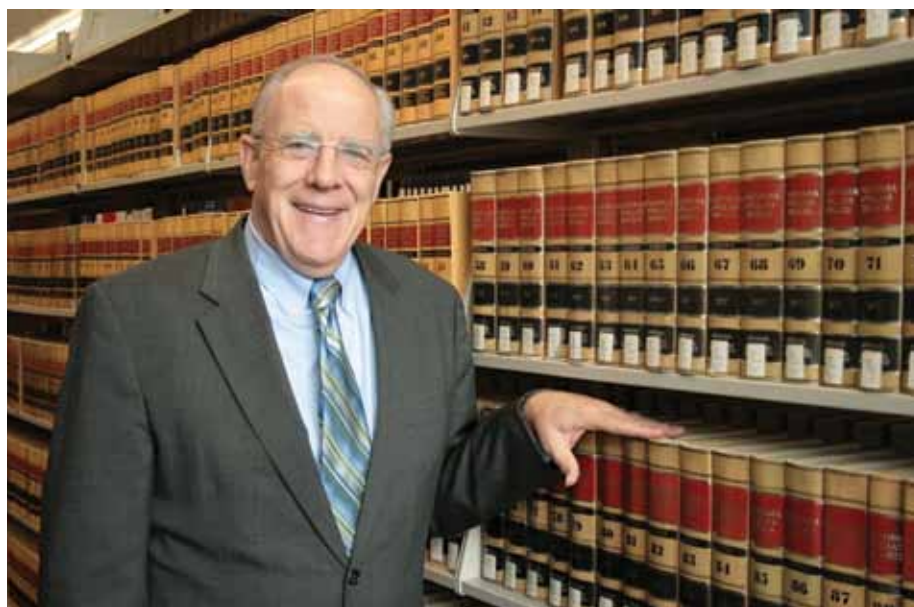
and Padres Vice President Dave Winfield. Professor Grossman, who also sits on the TJSL Board of Trustees, has brought Winfield to class on many occasions to discuss the legal issues he encountered during his sports career.

Also on Professor Smith's agenda is a national conference in November related to the controversy surrounding which college football teams should play for the Bowl Championship Series.

"We're timing the conference so it will coincide with the decisions as to which teams are going to play these games," he said, adding that one goal of the conference is to make recommendations for the reform of intercollegiate football. "We would have had different teams playing the last championship game if the BCS took into account each school's graduation rate."

It is the focus on policy issues in the world of professional and amateur sports that Professor Smith feels will distinguish the new center at Thomas Jefferson School of Law from the relatively small number of sports law programs at other law schools. "Policy leads to law," he noted. "Thomas Jefferson students will be working on cutting-edge policy issues and that will open doors for them. Their experience will be an interesting entrée in any employment interview."

Dean Hasl believes the law school's new location in the East Village will be of benefit to the new Center for Sports Law & Policy. "Our relocation to the Ballpark East area of downtown San Diego positions the law school for very creative work with the Padres organization and with the growing field of amateur athletics."





Another Successful Sports Law Symposium

The 9th Annual Sports Law Symposium at TJSJL on April 9 drew a large audience and covered up-to-the-minute issues in the world of sports and representation of athletes.

The event was moderated by adjunct professor and sports agent Randy Grossman '94, who teaches sports law at TJSJL.

The first panel, "Management, Marketing and Protecting Intellectual Property in a Digital Age," was a fascinating inside look at the different issues sports agents must deal with in representing their clients. One of the major topics was the impact the NFL's lockout and the ensuing decertification of the NFL Players Association (NFLPA) is having on the three agents on the panel who represent NFL players—Mark Bloom, Jim Miller Jr. and Mark Humenik. All three said they couldn't call themselves "Certified NFL Player Agents" because of the current labor dispute. A fourth panelist, David Rosenbaum, who represents clients in the area of digital media and marketing, had great insights on issues surrounding the use of a player's name and likeness in video games, and how lucrative it can be for athletes who send out sponsored tweets on Twitter or use other social media.

In the second panel of the symposium, the panelists discussed "The New Landscape of San Diego Sports Law." This panel welcomed the Executive Director of the Farmers Insurance Open, Tom Wilson, the Founder of LM Action Sports Management, Lucas Mirtl, and the Founder of Off-Tackle Sports Management, Jim Miller, Jr.



Benefited by the geographical advantage and favorable weather, San Diego is a hotspot to host non-traditional sports event, such as golf and motor-cross. The panelists discussed how these events benefit the City of San Diego financially, how these events are marketed and the insurance coverage of these athletes. Miller also gave the audience some insights on the new San Diego Chargers stadium issue. Although many parties are working hard to keep in the Chargers in San Diego and different locations are discussed, he is not optimistic that the team will remain here.



TJSJL to Host Sports Law Negotiation Competition in September

TJSJL's students have already demonstrated a significant interest in sports law, which makes the announcement of Professor Rod Smith's hiring and the Center for Sports Law and Policy all the more timely. For the past decade, TJSJL's Sports Law Society has hosted a well-attended annual sports symposium featuring prominent members of the sports industry. Now, members of the law school's Student Bar Association (SBA), Alternative Dispute Resolution Society and Sports Law Society, with the assistance of Professor Randy Grossman and others, have organized for this fall The First Annual National Sports Law Negotiation Competition & Sports Law Symposium for the weekend of Sept. 23-25. Law schools throughout the country are already registering for the

conference, including UCLA School of Law, which is sending two teams, Marquette University School of Law and Pace University School of Law.

According to 2010-2011 SBA President Jeremy Evans, there is no other competition like this in the nation with fact patterns that will focus on current, real-world sports issues such as contract negotiation; trading of players; salary demands and details; special requests and accommodations; intellectual property issues of individual athletes, leagues, teams and licensing companies; television rights; and torts cases.

Visit <http://www.tjsl.edu/sba/events/nslnlc> for more information about the upcoming negotiation competition.

TRIPS Symposium Draws IP Experts



By Eric Bersen, TJSL student and conference co-organizer

TJSL's Center for Law and Intellectual Property (CLIP) and the IP Fellows Program hosted a standing-room only symposium in April featuring IP experts from different industries who discussed "The TRIPS Agreement and the Global Integration of IP Law: Convergence or Controversy?" The goal of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) is to promote global commerce through adequate international protection of intellectual property rights.

The keynote speaker Tim Reif, General Counsel of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, discussed how the federal government protects products that leave the U.S. and the political issues involved. The three panels covered topics ranging from the general international enforcement of IP rights, to the effects of TRIPS on patent, copyright and trademark rights in various countries.

Panelists included attorneys from the San Diego IP firms of Foley & Lardner, Wilson Sonsini and Morrison & Foerster, the Chicago firms of Eckman Basu and Olson & Cepuritis, and the Executive Vice President of IP and Deputy General Counsel for Sony Pictures Entertainment as well as law professors from Chicago-Kent School of Law, UNLV Law School and SMU Dedman School of Law. They provided valuable information regarding the effects of international IP rights enforcement on the U.S., India, China, Russia, Brazil, Vietnam and other countries.

"The TRIPS Symposium was very successful in that it encouraged U.S. IP lawyers to learn more about the impact of our country's international IP agreements on their own practices," said Professor Berholtz. "It also helped international trade lawyers understand the needs and concerns of U.S. companies and their attorneys who are interested in protecting their intellectual

property in foreign markets."

"The symposium took a challenging subject and presented it from multiple angles so that participants could learn not only the background information, but the philosophical debates that practitioners and diplomats encounter routinely," said Professor Julie Cromer Young, Director of the Center for Law and Intellectual Property, formerly known as the Center for Law, Technology and Communication.

The TRIPS Symposium was organized by Professor Claire Wright, Adjunct Professor Randy Berholtz and students Man Huynh, Michael Huynh, Brian J. Link, Jen McCollough, Tristan Younghaus, Qiojing "Bambi" Zheng and Eric Bersen.

ANOTHER TJSL STUDENT WINS PRESTIGIOUS BURTON AWARD—AGAIN TJSL NOW EQUALS STANFORD AMONG CALIFORNIA LAW SCHOOL BURTON WINNERS



For the second year in a row and the fourth time since 2006, a Thomas Jefferson School of Law student has won the highly prestigious Burton Award for Distinguished Writing. With its fourth Burton winner, TJSL now equals Stanford as the California law school with the most Burton Awards.

Third-year student Sean E. Smith was the only California law student selected in 2011 and one of only 15 students in the nation to win this award. Smith's winning article is titled "Sealing Up the Problem of California's 'One Strike and You're Out' Approach for Serious Juvenile Offenders."

"I am extremely honored to be a recipient of the 2011 Burton Award," said Smith, who wants to go into criminal defense work. "That this prestigious Award has honored four TJSL students in the past five years is a tribute to the TJSL institution, which promotes high expectations in its students and provides them with the tools needed to achieve them. Receiving

this Award has engendered for me a sense of responsibility and motivation to pursue a legal career that is meaningful both personally and for those whom I will serve."

"As a school that has placed value on scholarly work, we are particularly pleased that our institutional emphasis on sound research has extended to our students and is recognized externally by our fourth Burton Award in the past five years," said Dean Rudy Hasl.

Smith planned to attend the 2011 Burton Awards gala in June at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. The featured speaker was to be U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Also planned was a special presentation to her colleague, Associate Justice Stephen Breyer.

Past Burton Award winners from TJSL include: Skye Resendes '11, who won in 2010, Anne Knight '08, who won in 2008; and Jennifer Sieverts '06 who was a winner in 2006.



VETERANS CLINIC RECEIVES DONATION

The Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic (VLAC) at Thomas Jefferson School of Law has received a donation of \$1,500 from the Give Something Back Foundation, the charitable arm of the law school's office supply vendor.

Ed Ecker, who is the Southern California Sales Manager for the company, presented the clinic with a check on March 31. The donation is the result of a competitive selection process that Greg Neil '08 initiated on behalf of the clinic when he was serving as Clinic Fellow last year, according to Professor Steve Berenson, VLAC Director.

"We are pleased with the recognition of the good and important work the students are doing with the clinic," said Professor Berenson.

Give Something Back Office Supplies is the leading independent dealer of office supplies in the West, and the organization donates its profits to local non-profit groups. The organization first became aware of TJSL's Veterans Clinic when Ecker and his colleagues saw the students in action, representing veterans in homeless court at the annual Stand Down event for homeless vets in Balboa Park.

TJSL's Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic is the only San Diego law school clinic that provides free legal assistance, as well as full service legal representation, to the residents and



Professor Steve Berenson with Laurie Armijo, Give Something Back Sales Rep

alumni of Veterans Village of San Diego. Veterans Village is a highly successful, residential program that provides housing, substance abuse, mental health, and job training services to formerly homeless veterans who are struggling to regain full participation in society.

Proceeds from the annual TJSL Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament are used to provide scholarships for the TJSL students who volunteer for the clinic.

Professor Winchester Named Fulbright Scholar



Tunisian law students for that line of work," says Professor Winchester.

Why Tunisia—a country that has just recently experienced a revolution?

"I speak French," Professor Winchester says of his choice of Tunisia, a choice made before the revolution, which began in December of last year. "I am excited to be a witness to the changes and to be a part of the transition there." About its physical location, he adds, "It's another San Diego. It's right on the Mediterranean and it's where a lot of people go for the sun and the surf."

Professor Winchester has taught at TJSL since 2003. During that time, he has become one of the leading authorities on federal employment taxes and the only legal scholar whose reform proposals have been considered as a policy option by Congress. His body of scholarship also examines the taxation of the closely held business, with a growing number of publications in the field of corporate tax history.

He entered law teaching after working for more than a decade as a corporate tax planner, helping privately owned and publicly-traded companies structure their business operations and financial transactions. He initially practiced at major law firms and tax boutiques in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., developing an expertise in multi-state taxation and international tax. He spent his final years in practice as an international tax attorney in the national tax office of PricewaterhouseCoopers, advising both U.S. firms investing



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abroad and foreign companies investing in the U.S.

After graduating from Yale Law School, where he was editor-in-chief of the *Yale Law & Policy Review*, he later clerked for Chief Justice Robert N.C. Nix, Jr., of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. He completed his undergraduate studies at Princeton University, majoring in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Consistently active in civic matters, he has led grassroots political organizations in Pennsylvania and also helped rewrite the charter for the city of Bowie, Maryland.

Professor Richard Winchester has been named as a Fulbright Scholar and will teach in Tunisia during his sabbatical leave, which begins in January of 2012.

Being accepted into the prestigious Fulbright program fulfills Professor Winchester's dream to teach in Northern Africa, a dream that began 30 years ago when he was working as an intern in Paris.

"I expect to spend my time in the nation's capital of Tunis, at Universite du 7 Novembre a Carthage," he says. "It has the country's most distinguished law faculty and also offers an advanced degree program in Anglo-American commercial law."

Professor Winchester will teach tax and business law to Tunisians who want to pursue careers in international business.

"As a former international business tax lawyer who has anchored the tax program at Thomas Jefferson School of Law for the past seven years, I am well-positioned to help prepare

Faculty Updates

Professor Eniola Akindemowo has accepted an invitation to co-chair the General Provisions Sub-Committee of the American Bar Association's Business Law Section UCC Committee. She is co-chairing the sub-committee with Professor Scott Burnham, Curley Professor of Commercial Law of the Gonzaga University School of Law.

She says, "I am honored to have been invited to play a small part in the practical leadership of this tremendous association. I look forward to facilitating opportunities for dialogue, debate and decisive action—some of the things the Business Law Section of the ABA is well known for—in the field of commercial law, one of my core areas of expertise. I have long been interested in the intersection of contracts, payments and e-commerce. I anticipate that the sub-committee for General Provisions and Relation To Other Law will provide ample opportunity for stimulating explorations of that topic as well as the impact of contemporary commercial law on current affairs generally."

Professor Steve Berenson's recent publications include the following: *Home Court Advantage Revisited: Interstate Modification of Child Support Orders Under UIFSA and FFCCSOA*, 43 *Gonz. L. Rev.* 479 (2009-10); *Legal Services for Struggling Veterans—Then and Now*, 31 *Hamline J. Pub. L. & Pol'y* 101 (2009); *The Movement Toward Veterans Courts*, 44 *Clearinghouse Rev.* 37 (May-June 2010); and *Empowerment, Innovation, and Service: Law School Programs Provide Access to Justice and Instill a Commitment to Serve*, 48 *Fam. Ct. Rev.* 672 (2010) (co-authored piece).

He has forthcoming publications in the *Family Law Quarterly* and the *Journal of Law and Family Studies*, and will be co-authoring a chapter on military family law for Matthew Bender's forthcoming *Desktop Guide to Military Service and Civilian Law*. He presented an MCLE class to the Foothills Bar Association on recent and proposed changes to the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct and the California Rules of Professional Conduct.

Professor Leah Christensen is teaching "International Legal Aspects of Doing Business in China" for TJSL's International Law Program at Zhejiang University Guanghua College of Law this

Professor Susan Bisom-Rapp is busy, teaching and speaking in the U.S. and abroad, and writing about global workplace law. In 2010, Professor Bisom-Rapp traveled to conferences in England and Italy. At the London conference, held at Middlesex University Business School, she delivered a paper, "*Deregulation, Safe Work, and Undocumented Workers in the New Economy.*" The Italian conference was hosted by the Marco Biagi Foundation at the University of Modena, where Professor Bisom-Rapp serves on the teaching faculty. While in Modena, she taught a workshop on American equal employment opportunity law to European Ph.D. students, attended a meeting of the Foundation's international council, on which she sits, and delivered a paper, "*Reconceptualizing Flexibility and Employment Protection,*" at the Foundation's annual comparative labor law conference. She returned to Modena for the fifth consecutive year this spring, where she and her co-author delivered a paper on "*Increasing the Employment Rate of Older Workers: European Objectives and US Lessons.*"

Professor Bisom-Rapp delivered the University of San Francisco's Annual Jack Pemberton Lecture on Workplace Justice in 2011. The keynote address, capping a day of panels at USF's School of Law, took place in the James R. Browning Courthouse, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco. Professor Bisom-Rapp's Pemberton Lecture, "*Pursuing Equality Outside an Anti-Discrimination Law Frame,*" will appear in the spring 2011 issue of the *University of San Francisco Law Review*. She received two honors during the fall 2010 semester. She became a faculty affiliate of the University of California San Diego's Center for the Study of Women in the Professions. She also became a member of the Employee Rights Center's Professional Advisory Council.

Looking to the future, Professor Bisom-Rapp and her co-authors are working on the second edition of their casebook, *The Global Workplace: International and Comparative Employment Law*, which will be published in 2012 by Aspen/KLI. Professor Bisom-Rapp also looked forward to the June publication of "*Decent Work in a Post-Recessionary World,*" a six article symposium issue she organized for the *Employee Rights and Employment Policy Journal*. Her co-authored comparative study of older workers in Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States appears in that issue.



Professor Bisom-Rapp (left) was instrumental in bringing noted German scholar **Manfred Weiss (right)** to campus in April to speak about "Developments in European Union Social Policy: What the Shift from Hard to Soft Law Means for the Future of EU Employment and Labor Law."

summer. Her recent publications include *Legal Reading and Success in Law School: The Reading Strategies of Law Students with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)*, 12 Scholar 173 (2010).

Professor Joy L. Delman has been elected to a three-year term as a member of the Board of Directors of Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest.

"The Board of Directors determines the mission and vision of Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest and assures that the organization advances toward that vision," says Professor Delman. "As a member of the Board, I am most anxious to ensure that the organization continues to receive the funding and support necessary to continue providing access to the services that our community has relied on for decades."

Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest (PPPSW) operates 19 health centers that provide affordable access to reproductive health care services throughout San Diego, Riverside and Imperial Counties. PPPSW offers health care services to every person and every family, in every community in these areas. PPPSW also provides age-appropriate sexuality education in schools as well as health care services ranging from birth control and rapid HIV testing to cervical cancer screenings and testing and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases.

Professor Maurice Dyson and **Professor William Slomanson** have coordinated faculty/student outreach at Crawford High School's Law and Business Program, which continues to develop as an outreach initiative of the TJSL Diversity Committee. This committee, chaired by Professor Dyson, enhances pipeline initiatives to increase diversity in higher education and law school.

Professor Marybeth Herald's work focuses on constitutional law, gender and social psychology. She recently published two pieces in the *Michigan Journal of Gender & Law* titled, "Situations, Frames, and Stereotypes: Cognitive Barriers on the Road to Nondiscrimination" and "Beyond the Binary: What Can Feminists

Learn from Intersex and Transgender Jurisprudence" (co-authored piece).

Professor Herald spoke at the annual meeting of the National Association of Administrative Law Judges as well as the San Diego chapters of the American Constitution Society and the American Civil Liberties Union. She is currently working on two articles—one focuses on cognitive bias and legal education and the other article focuses on government speech and the First Amendment.

Professor Luz Herrera has been appointed to the Sargent Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee. Named for the father

of former California First Lady Maria Shriver, The Sargent Shriver Counsel Act "requires the California Judicial Council to develop pilot projects to provide legal representation to low-income parties on critical legal issues affecting basic human needs," according to Professor Herrera's official letter of appointment, signed by the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court Ronald George.

"I am honored by this appointment," said Professor Herrera. "The work of the Shriver Committee will help procure legal representation to thousands of low-income Californians that now obtain only legal information and

Professor Marjorie Cohn continues to stay busy as ever following the conclusion of her term as President of the National Lawyers Guild. She lectures throughout the world on international human rights and U.S. foreign policy, and provides legal and political commentary for local, national and international media. Her latest books are *Rules Of Disengagement: The Politics and Honor of Military Dissent* and *The United States and Torture: Interrogation, Incarceration, and Abuse*, recently published by NYU Press. She also has just released a new printing of her book highly praised book, *Cameras in the Courtroom: Television and the Pursuit of Justice*, co-authored by former CBS News correspondent David Dow and first published in 1998.

In October, Professor Cohn made two appearances at UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall Law School on the subject of torture and was a panelist at Columbia University School of Law at the inaugural symposium by the *Columbia Journal of Race & Law* titled, "So Goes Arizona, So Goes the Nation?: Immigration and Civil Rights in the 21st Century." In November, she appeared on a panel at the William Mitchell College of Law's conference "Legal and Medical Impunity for Torture: From Nuremberg to California" in St. Paul, Minnesota. In February, she gave the Annual Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives (ALBA) Bill Susman Lecture in San Francisco. Her talk on "Human Rights and Global Wrongs" examined current human rights violations and was a tribute to the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, which fought in the Spanish Civil War against Franco's fascism in the 1930s.

Professor Cohn has published numerous articles in prominent law reviews, is a contributing editor of *Jurist and National Lawyers Guild Review*, and publishes frequent columns in major news and opinion websites.

She is deputy secretary general of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers and the U.S. representative to the executive council of the American Association of Jurists. She serves on the Board of Governors of the Society of American Law Teachers, the Advisory Board of the U.S. Human Rights Network and the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Agent Orange Relief and Responsibility Campaign.



Professor Cohn introduced the three speakers at a March 2 panel titled "California's Dysfunctional Death Penalty," organized by the TJSL student chapter of the National Lawyers Guild and the Center for Law and Social Justice. With Professor Cohn (from left) are Professor Gerald Uelman of Santa Clara School of Law, criminal defense attorneys John Cotsirilos and Alex Langdon, and Professor Alex Kreit, Director of TJSL's Center for Law and Social Justice.



Professor K.J. Greene is building a strong reputation as a nationally recognized scholar in the fields of Entertainment Law and Intellectual Property as his busy schedule this spring confirmed. On March 16, Professor Greene presented at a panel discussing celebrity publicity rights at the Practising Law Institute's ("PLI") New York conference titled "Counseling Clients in the Entertainment Industry." The invitation to speak in New York came from Ron Katz, chair of litigation at the powerhouse entertainment law firm of Manat, Phelps. Professor Greene met Katz at an IP conference at Howard

University Law School in Washington, D.C. in 2010, where Professor Greene was the keynote speaker. He later invited Katz, who won a \$28 million on jury award for his representation of retired NFL athletes against the league for appropriation of the athletes' licensing revenues, to speak to students at TJSJL in 2010. Professor Greene's article, which he calls "a deliberately provocative critique," is titled "*The Right of Publicity: Is the Rent 'Too Damn High'?*" will be published in the PLI course materials.

Before Professor Greene flew to New York, he produced and hosted a conference on fashion law in conjunction with TJSJL's Center for Law and Intellectual Property and the Entertainment Law Society on March 10. Following the fashion law conference, TJSJL hosted its first ever fashion show in the new facility. On March 12, Professor Greene spoke at a conference on "The Business of Social Media: The Dollars and Common Sense of Entertainment & Sports Law" at California Western School of Law. Then, in May, he led a roundtable discussion on trademark law in the context of entertainment properties at the enormous International Trademark Association ("INTA") annual conference in San Francisco. INTA is the leading trademark organization in the world. The conference attendees include trademark lawyers from around the world.

"IP is one of TJSJL's strengths," he says. "Promoting and playing up our strengths is part of our job description—one of the most important parts. We won't rest until our reputation catches up with our accomplishments."

guidance. I look forward to supporting the innovations that courts and legal services organizations will develop."

During the two year project, several legal services agencies will be selected to provide attorneys for low-income Californians who need representation in housing-related matters, domestic violence and civil harassment restraining orders, guardianship, conservatorship or child-custody matters. The pilot projects will be designed to address "substantial inequities in timely and effect access to justice in civil cases," which often create an undue risk of erroneous court decisions. Professor Herrera will serve on the committee for three years.

Professor Herrera also is in the process of setting up the new small business law clinic that will have offices on the first floor of the new campus. The clinic is scheduled to open this fall.

Professor Alex Kreit served as chair of the City of San Diego's Medical Marijuana Task Force, a position appointed by the San Diego City Council. The Task Force issued a series of recommendations to the City Council about how to regulate medical marijuana collectives and cooperatives within the City. These recommendations formed the foundation for a draft ordinance that the Council approved in March.

Professor Kreit published three law review articles in 2010: *The Decriminalization Option: The Benefits of Moving From a Criminal, to a Civil, Drug Court Model*, 2010 U. Chi. Legal F. 299; *Beyond the Prohibition Debate: Thoughts on Federal Drug Laws in an Age of State Reforms*, 13 Chapman L. Rev. 555; and *Making Sense of Facial and As-Applied Challenges*, 18 Wm. & Mary Bill of Rts. J. 657. He also gave a

number of presentations, including at the Society for American Law Teachers annual conference in Honolulu, Hawaii; the Texas Wesleyan Law Review's symposium on wrongful convictions in Fort Worth, Texas; the Law and Society Association's annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois; and the SXSW music conference in Austin, Texas, where he moderated a panel that included musician and author DJ Spooky.

He served as co-chair of the Yes on Proposition 19 Legal Committee, the California ballot initiative that would have taxed, controlled, and regulated marijuana in the state of California (the initiative was defeated but garnered 46.5% of the vote.) In that capacity, he engaged in debates and panel discussions about the initiative across the state and appeared in a number of media outlets to discuss the initiative including *Newsweek*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and Fox News.

Professor Kreit is currently finishing up work on *Controlled Substances: Crime, Regulation, and Policy*, a casebook on drug abuse and the law to be published this year by Carolina Academic Press. He also is teaching "International Business and White Collar Crime" for TJSJL's International Law Program in Hangzhou, China this summer.

Professor Rebecca Lee presented her work-in-progress, "Empathy and Judging," at the 2011 Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty/Western Law Teachers of Color conference at the University of Hawaii Richardson School of Law in December. She currently is a Board Member of the Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty (CAPALF). Professor Lee, whose expertise includes the fields of employment discrimination and employment law, also was recently appointed to the Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Labor Relations and Employment Law. In March, she was a guest speaker at the "Work, Welfare and Justice" seminar at the University of San Diego School of Law. In addition, she presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco in May.

Associate Dean and Professor Eric Mitnick was named as one of San Diego's Top Attorneys in Academics for 2010 by the *San Diego Daily Transcript*. The Top Attorneys were selected by their peers from among 600 nominations from San Diego attorneys.

Professor Sandra Rierson's article, "The Thirteenth Amendment as a Model for Revolution," will be published in Volume 35 of the *Vermont Law Review* (2011). The article examines the path to abolitionism in the United States as a model for circumstances that foster and enable revolutionary change in democratic societies. Professor Rierson also presented her most recent work in progress, "The Moral Right of Dilution," at the IP Scholars Conference at Boalt Hall last August and at the Works-in-Progress Intellectual Property Forum at Boston University in February. In this paper, Professor Rierson argues that the federal cause of action for trademark dilution effectively protect the "persona" of a famous trademark, much like the right of publicity accords a famous person the right to protect her image, or—at least in some jurisdictions—copyright law enables an author to assert moral rights in a work of authorship.

In 2010, **Professor Steve Semeraro** was appointed the Book Review editor of the *American Journal of Legal History*. He published "Property's End: Why Competition Policy Should Limit the Right of Publicity" in the *Connecticut Law Review* and a response piece in the *Harvard Law Review Forum* titled "Should Antitrust Condemn Tying Arrangements that Increase Price Without Restraining Competition: Responding to Einer Elhauge Tying, Bundled Discounts, and the Death of the Single Monopoly Profit Theory." He also spoke on a panel addressing "The Economics & Regulation of Payment Card Interchange Fees" that was sponsored by International Center for Law & Economics and the Mercatus Center at George Mason University. Last fall, he moderated a panel discussion hosted by the American Bar Association on the Federal Reserve's new statutory duty to regulate debit card interchange fees.

After publishing a chapter in *The Law and Harry Potter* last year, **Professor Aaron Schwabach** dropped back in to the "Muggle" world to work on articles on the proposed reform of inheritance law in the European Union (forthcoming in the *Columbia Journal of European Law*) and the life of Thomas Jefferson, in particular his relationship to the law of slavery, just

published in the Fall 2010 issue of the *Thomas Jefferson Law Review*. In the fall, he visited Activision Blizzard's China office, where he discussed IP law and World of Warcraft. While in China, he also visited Thomas Jefferson's partner school, Zhejiang University's Guanghua School of Law in Hangzhou, where he gave a talk on IP piracy. An article related to the talk will be published in the *Chinese Intellectual Property Review* later this year. Before returning to the U.S., he also found time to fly to Wuhan in Hubei province and visit the Zhongnan University of Economics & Law as a guest of former TJSL Fulbright visiting scholar Sun Liu, now the dean of Zhongnan's Department of Economic Law. At Zhongnan, Professor Schwabach spoke on copyright and economic rights.

Upon returning to the U.S., Professor Schwabach was invited to speak to the International Affairs Group at the University of California at San Diego on the BP oil spill and international environmental law. That completed, he once again set Muggle concerns aside, completing a book on internet fan fiction (forthcoming from Ashgate Publishing in June 2011). This summer, he is teaching in TJSL's Summer Study Program in Nice, France, not least because the eighth and final Harry Potter movie will be released there two days before its U.S. release.



Professor Brenda Simon continues to focus her scholarship and presentations on issues related to patent law. In 2010, she published a paper in *Nature Biotechnology* exploring the patent landscape surrounding induced pluripotent stem cells. This year, *Nature Biotechnology* published another of her papers, *Unsettled expectations: how recent patent decisions affect biotech*, 29 *NATURE BIOTECHNOL.* 229 (2011) (with Christopher Thomas Scott) (first author). Professor Simon also had an article published that discusses how companies use patents to prevent quality assessment of patented technology, *Patent Cover-Up*, 47 *Hous. L. Rev.* 1299 (2011). Professor Simon presented her research proposing clarity in patent licensing negotiations at the Berkeley Intellectual Property Scholars' Conference in 2010. In March, she presented at Cardozo Law School's IP Speaker Series.

Professor Ben Templin, whose research focuses primarily on Social Security reform, traveled to Japan last fall to be a visiting scholar at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo (<http://www.grips.ac.jp/>). GRIPS, which has an international faculty and student body, has been ranked as the third top economics school in Japan. At the end of November, Professor Templin presented a paper at the 9th Annual International Conference of the Japan Economics Policy Association titled, "Social Security Reform: Should the Retirement Age be Increased?" In May he traveled to Hangzhou, China, to teach "Business Contracts Drafting: The International Sales Agreement" for TJSL's International Summer Study Program there.

His most recent scholarly works include: *Social Security: Are Sovereign Wealth Funds a Model for Reform?*, 35 *FORDHAM INT'L L.J.*, (forthcoming 2011); *Social Security Reform: Should the*



Professor Slomanson (center) spoke to students at Crawford High School as part of the CLIMB (Crawford Law Institute & Mentorship Bond), a collaborative effort between the high school and TJSJ.

Professor William Slomanson will be teaching International Law at Pristina University in Kosovo for the fifth time this summer. He describes his *pro bono* work there: "This project feeds my soul. It is incredibly rewarding to learn far more from the Balkan students who live in, and come to, Kosovo for this Dutch Government funded program. No doubt the best payback for me is observing the unique experience our TJSJ students obtain, because they learn so much from their foreign colleagues—who are now able to attend college in this post-conflict society." The publisher donates and ships copies of Professor Slomanson's textbook, *Fundamental Perspectives on International Law* (Thomson Wadsworth, 6th ed. 2010), in support of his work in Kosovo. Professor Slomanson appreciates this annual donation because, as he observes: "For many, this is the first textbook that many of them get to (1) use, and (2) keep. The economics of the region otherwise necessitates reliance on photocopied course materials that are usually years out of date." While Professor Slomanson is traveling Europe, he hopes to meet up with a few TJSJ alumni.

In addition to his latest International Law casebook, his other recent books include *O'Connor's California Practice: Civil Pre-trial 2011* (with co-editors Julie Capell, David Levine, and Michol O'Connor) (JonesMcClure, 2011) and *Cases and Materials on California Civil Procedure* (with David I. Levine and Rochelle Shapell) (Thomson West, 4th ed. 2011); Electronic portion: www.tjsj.edu/slomansonb/CalCivPro.html; and *Teacher's Manual*: (forthcoming). And not that he's counting, but his scholarly works have now been cited close to 1,000 times by other legal authors.

Professor Slomanson's other summer activities include a presentation titled "Pouring Skills Content into Doctrinal Bottles" at the Institute for National Law Teaching and Learning Conference: Engaging and Assessing Our Students at New York Law School in June. Last November, he entertained and enlightened TJSJ alumni with a talk on "Civil Litigation: The Rest of the Story," an amusing account of what happened to the parties involved in the major civil procedure cases and how TJSJ practitioners might avoid such predicaments. As he told the alumni present at the Mangia Italiano Restaurant in Chula Vista, "One cannot find this information in any legal treatise."

Retirement Age be Increased?, 89 Or. L. Rev. (forthcoming 2011); and *The Government Shareholder: Regulating Public Ownership of Private Enterprise*, 62 ADMIN. L. REV. 1127 (2010).

Professor Susan Tiefenbrun has written three books in the past two years. Her book *Decoding International Law: Semiotics and the Humanities* (Oxford Press, 2010) has earned praise from legal scholars and the students who

used it in her new course on Decoding International Law and Literature. Her second book is *Free Trade Zones in the World and in the United States* (Edward Elgar Press: 2011). Her third book also will be out soon: *International and Comparative Women's Human Rights Law and Policy* (North Carolina Academic Press, forthcoming September 2011).

The China International Law Study Abroad Program, which she founded

five years ago and continues to direct each May for three weeks, has been a great success. In 2010, the program attracted 62 American students from several different law schools and 38 Chinese students who took four different courses at Zhejiang University Guanghua School of Law in Hangzhou, China. All the courses offered in the China Program are taught by TJSJ professors.

She also continues to direct the Nice International Law Study Abroad Program, which is celebrating its 19th year and has hosted U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia four times in the recent past. The Nice Program continues to grow each year, and has earned an excellent reputation for its high academic standards and cultural offerings. Last year Judge Theodor Meron, President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Crimes against the Former Yugoslavia, was the Distinguished Guest Lecturer who team-taught the course in International Human Rights. This year Former Ambassador for War Crimes, Professor David Scheffer, will be the Distinguished Guest Lecturer and will team teach with Professor Tiefenbrun the course on "International Human Rights Law" in July.

Professor Ken Vandavelde has been on a book writing streak as well. His book, *Bilateral Investment Treaties: History, Policy and Interpretation*, was published by Oxford University Press in March 2010. It is a companion to his book, *U.S. International Investment Agreements*, published by Oxford in 2009. A third book, *Thinking Like a Lawyer: An Introduction to Legal Reasoning* (Second Edition), was published by Westview Press in early 2011. The first edition of this book appeared in 1996 and its success prompted the publisher to ask Professor Vandavelde to prepare a second edition.

His article "A Unified Theory of Fair and Equitable Treatment" was also published in early 2011 by the *N.Y.U. Journal of International Law and Politics*. In February, he spoke on the future of international investment law at the International Law Association's annual event, International Law Weekend-West, held this year in Los Angeles. The National University of Singapore invited him to speak in Singapore in May at a

One of **Professor Bryan H. Wildenthal's** articles on the Fourteenth Amendment, and its application of the Bill of Rights to the states, was cited several times by the U.S. Supreme Court in its decision last year in *McDonald v. Chicago*, 130 S. Ct. 3020, 3033 n.10 (Opinion of the Court by Justice Alito) (two citations); see also *id.* at 3072 n.10, 3073 n.12, and 3079 (Justice Thomas, concurring in part and concurring in the judgment) (three citations). The same article by Professor Wildenthal had been cited more than 20 times in numerous briefs filed on both sides of the case. *McDonald* was a 5-to-4 decision that extended the individual right to bear arms under the Second Amendment so as to limit restrictions on that right by state and local governments. Professor Wildenthal's scholarship actually says very little about the Second Amendment or gun rights specifically, focusing rather on the broader issue of whether the Bill of Rights in general should fully apply to the states (he argues that it does, while noting gaps and conflicts in the historical record).

More recently, Professor Wildenthal has kept busy with conference organizing. As a Board Member of the California Indian Law Association (CILA), he co-organized CILA's annual conference at the Pala Indian Casino in October, which was also co-sponsored by Thomas Jefferson School of Law. Professor Wildenthal was then the lead organizer of TJSLS's own 10th Anniversary Women and the Law Conference in February, which was co-sponsored by CILA and focused on Native American Women and the Law. The conference was the first major national event in TJSLS's new downtown building, and generated very favorable reviews. It brought together a remarkable array of American Indian women judges, professors and practitioners from around the country.

This summer he is teaching "Comparative Constitutional Law" in TJSLS's International Law Program in Nice, France.

conference on international investment in conjunction with the Singapore International Arbitration Forum. He also was invited to speak at the London School of Economics in May.

Professor Richard Winchester has published "*Corporations That Weren't: The Taxation of Firm Profits in Historical Perspective.*" The second in a series of articles on U.S. corporate tax history, it appeared in the *Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal*. He continues to give scholarly presentations on employment tax policy, including "Obama's Omission: A Progressive Tax Plan That Will Defeat Its Purpose" at the National Professors of Color Conference hosted by Seton Hall Law School in Newark, New Jersey; and "All Work, No Pay: The Looming Tax Dodge for the Rich" at the Law and Society Annual Association Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. He gave a lecture on "Employment Tax Issues for the Employee-Owner of the Closely Held Firm" at the November meeting of the San Diego Young



2011 WLC Organizer Professor Bryan Wildenthal with Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecturer Stacy Leeds.

Lawyers Chapter of the California State Bar Tax Section. He also offered his "Personal Perspectives on a Career as a Tax Lawyer" at a meeting of the Tax Law Society of the University of San Diego School of Law in 2010.

His work on federal employment tax policy earned Professor Winchester admission into the National Academy of Social Insurance, an honor reserved for individuals who have distinguished themselves in the field of social

insurance. A non-profit, non-partisan organization made up of the nation's leading experts on social insurance, the National Academy of Social Insurance works to promote understanding of how social insurance contributes to economic security and a vibrant economy.

Professor Winchester also was elected to serve a second one-year term as a member of the board of directors of the San Diego Lawyer Chapter of the American Constitution Society.

Professor Claire Wright is teaching "Reconciling Cultural Diversity and Free Trade in the Global Economy" in Nice, France, for TJSLS's International Law Program in July. She also helped organize the highly successful conference at TJSLS in April that focused on "The TRIPS Agreement and the Global Integration of IP Law: Convergence or Controversy?" She presented the "History of the TRIPS Agreement and the International Protection of Intellectual Property" on one of the conference panels. Her recent scholarly efforts include *Torture at Home: Borrowing from the Torture Convention to Devise a Psychologically Sound Definition of Domestic Violence*, 21 B.U. PUB. INT. L.J. (forthcoming 2011) and *Censoring the Censors in the WTO: Reconciling the Communitarian and Human Rights Theories of International Law*, 3 J. INT'L MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT LAW 17 (2010).

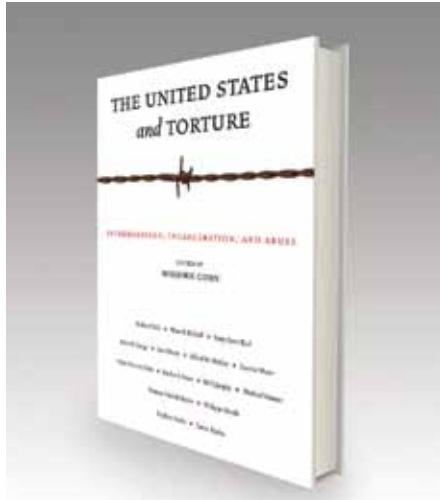
TJSL PROFS PRESENT AT SALT CONFERENCE

Five TJSL professors presented at the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) conference "Teaching in a Transformative Age: The Law School of the Future," in Honolulu in December.

Professor Marjorie Cohn, who was elected to the SALT Board of Governors, was on the panel, "Teaching Ethics in Transformative Era: Lessons Learned from Yoo and Bybee." Professor Meera Reo spoke about "Law School Interactions in Action." Also, Professors Leah Christensen and Luz Herrera appeared on the panel, "Transitioning Students Into Practice: Integrating Skills and Access to Justice in the Classroom." Professor Alex Kreit presented "Including Discussions of Drug Crimes and Policy within the Law School Curriculum."

FACULTY SHOWCASE

Thomas Jefferson's professors continue to be prolific authors and co-authors of important books.



Professor Marjorie Cohn's latest book, *The United States and Torture: Interrogation, Incarceration, and Abuse*, is a compilation she edited and was a contributing author to as well. According to NYU Publishing's website:

"*The United States and Torture* opens with a compelling preface by Sister Dianna Ortiz, who describes the unimaginable treatment she endured in Guatemala in 1987 at the hands of the United States, which was supporting that country's dictatorship. Then a psychologist, a historian, a political scientist, a philosopher, a sociologist, two journalists and eight lawyers offer one of the most comprehensive examinations of torture to date, beginning with the CIA during the Cold War era and ending with today's debate over accountability for torture.

Ultimately, this gripping, interdisciplinary work details the complicity of the United States government in the torture and cruel treatment of prisoners both at home and abroad and discusses what can be done to hold those who set the torture policy accountable."

Contributors include Professor Cohn, Richard Falk, Marc D. Falkoff, Terry Lynn Karl, John W. Lango, Jane Mayer, Alfred W. McCoy, Jeanne Mirer, Sister Dianna



Ortiz, Jordan J. Paust, Bill Quigley, Michael Ratner, Thomas Ehrlich Reifer, Philippe Sands, Stephen Soldz and Lance Tapley.

Professor Leah Christensen recently had her latest book, *Learning Outside the Box*, published by Carolina Academic Press.

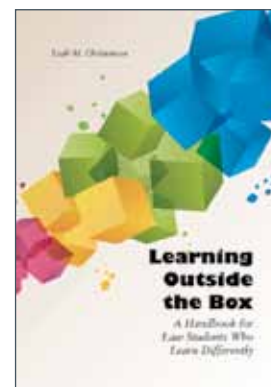
"There are a number of excellent books that give law students advice about how to navigate through the first year of law school," said Professor Christensen. "This book strives to be something slightly different. It is meant to help the law student who learns differently and to provide research-based learning strategies for these students. In my experience, it is precisely those students who learn differently that make the most successful lawyers. But sometimes students who learn differently need a more proactive way of approaching the study of law."

According to Carolina Academic Press:

"More law students than ever before come to law school having been

diagnosed with a learning disability. If you are a student who has been diagnosed with a learning disability or if you simply have a unique learning style, you may need to outline differently, read cases differently, and approach law school in a more active, engaged, and efficient manner. This book offers learning strategies grounded in empirical research to help law students who learn differently maximize their academic success."

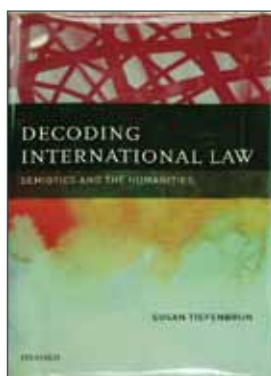
Professor Christensen is already at work on her next book, *One L of a Year*, which further addresses learning strategies for law students. It's scheduled for publication this summer.



Professor Susan Tiefenbrun's book, *Decoding International*

Law: Semiotics and the Humanities (Oxford University Press) came out in 2010.

According to the publisher: "Violations of international law and human rights laws are the plague of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. People's inhumanity to people escalates as wars proliferate and respect for

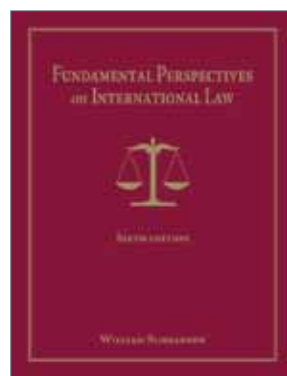


human rights and the laws of war diminish. In *Decoding International Law: Semiotics and the Humanities*, Professor Susan Tiefenbrun analyzes international law as represented artfully in the humanities.

Mass violence and flagrant violations of human rights have a dramatic effect that naturally appeals to writers, film makers, artists, philosophers, historians, and legal scholars who represent these horrors indirectly through various media and in coded language. This reader-friendly book enables us to comprehend and decode international law and human rights laws by interpreting meanings concealed in great works of art, literature, film and the humanities. Here, the author adopts an interdisciplinary method of interpretation based on the science of signs, linguistics, stylistics, and an in-depth analysis of the work's cultural context.

This book unravels the complexities of such controversial issues as terrorism, civil disobedience, women's and children's human rights, and the piracy of intellectual property. It provides in-depth analyses of diverse literary works: Joseph Conrad's *The Secret Agent* and the movie *Hotel Rwanda* (both representing terrorism); Martin Luther King's *Letter from Birmingham Jail*; two documentary films about women and family law in Iran, *Divorce Iranian Style* and *Two Women*; Lisa See's *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* (women's human rights and human trafficking in China); Uzodinma Iweala's *Beasts of No Nation* (shedding light on child soldiering and trafficking in Africa), and much more."

Professor Tiefenbrun's next book, *Free Trade Zones in the World and*



in the United States (Elgar Press) was expected to be out in May. A third book, *International and Comparative Women's Human Rights* (North Carolina Academic Press) is scheduled for release later this year.

Professor William Slomanson has published an updated 6th edition of his text *Fundamental Perspectives on International Law* (Wadsworth, January 2010).

According to the publisher:

"See international law in action with *Fundamental Perspectives on International Law*. Comprehensive yet easy-to-understand, this political science text enhances your understanding of key topics in international law through a mix of cases, articles, documents, text, charts, tables and questions. Edited cases from many countries followed by notes and questions illustrate major concepts. The author's continually updated website contains recent cases, maps, career opportunities, links to documents and a research guide making it easy for you stay on top of recent updates in the field."

Professor Ken Vandavelde

also has published three books in the last couple of years, including *Bilateral Investment Treaties: History, Policy, and Interpretation* (Oxford University Press, March 2010), which organizes, summarizes and comments upon the arbitral awards interpreting and applying BIT provisions. It's the first



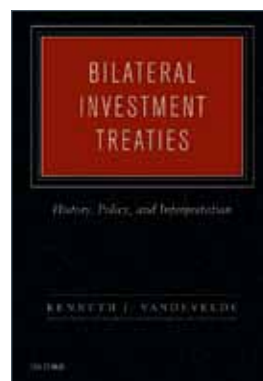
ever book to articulate a general theory of BITs.

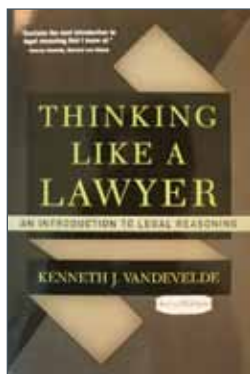
Policymakers and practitioners will find a thorough introduction to the operation of the BITs, including the principal arguments and case authorities on both sides of the major issues in international investment law. The book is intended to be a single-volume reference covering every important development in the 50 years of BIT programs worldwide, from 1959 until 2009.

Professor Vandavelde also authored *U.S. International Investment Agreements*, which Oxford University Press calls "the definitive interpretative guide to the United States' bilateral investment treaties (BITs) and free trade agreements (FTAs) with investment chapters. Providing an authoritative look at the development of the BIT program, treatment provisions, expropriation, and other provisions, Professor Vandavelde draws on his years of investment treaty and agreement expertise as both a former practitioner and a scholar. This unique and well-organized book analyzes the development of U.S. international investment agreement language and strategy within their historical context.

It also explains the newest changes to the model negotiating text (US Model BIT 2004) and additional treaties."

A third book from Professor Vandavelde, *Thinking Like a Lawyer: An Introduction to Legal Reasoning* (Second Edition), was published by Westview Press in early 2011.





The first edition of this book appeared in 1996 and its success prompted the publisher to ask Professor Vandevelfe to prepare a second edition.

Professor Richard Scott has also updated his legal text, *The International Legal System: Cases and Materials*, co-authored by Mary O'Connell and Naomi Roht-Arriaza.

The publisher, Foundation Press, says:

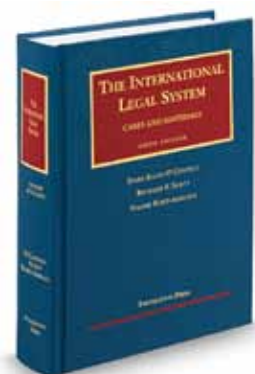
"In this comprehensive examination of international law, you'll find in-depth, substantive discussion supported by expert analysis and commentary, case citations, statutes, and court rules. You'll also reap the benefits of the authors' experience and insights. Representative topics include human rights, law of the sea, airspace and outer space, and sovereign immunity."

Also, Professor Scott and co-authors Alain A. Levasseur, Arnoud Raynaud and Melchior Wathalet have signed a contract with Carolina Academic Press to produce a second edition of their casebook on the *Law of the European Union: A New Constitutional Order*. The new casebook should be available this year.

Associate Dean and Adjunct Professor William Byrnes has published four new updated works in the international tax field. *International Trust Laws and Analysis* was edited by Dean Byrnes and Dr. Robert J. Munro.

The publisher, Kluwer Law International, says:

"In this era of global expansion, the establishment of trusts in overseas locations is becoming an increasingly popular investment option. With a



bewildering variety of offshore jurisdictions to choose from, sound advice as to the advantages and pitfalls of investing in each location is essential.

International Trust Laws and Analysis provides all the legal, tax, and estate-planning intelligence necessary for professional advisers to recommend offshore jurisdictions to their clients—as well as the tools to establish and operate trusts in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations. The full text of the trust laws of 60 countries is included with clear, concise comparison charts aimed at reducing research time. The 29 vital elements of each jurisdiction's laws are analyzed in detail.

This major reference work is a one-stop guide to the formation of offshore trusts. The work is kept up-to-date by regular supplements, which track the key changes and developments in foreign trust laws and practices.

Professional consultants involved in trust establishment, including bankers, independent lawyers or in-house counsel, tax consultants, accountants, public relations advisers and actuaries will find *International Trust Laws and Analysis* an invaluable, efficient, and reliable source of practical reference and information."

Dean Byrnes has also released updated versions of three books co-authored with Dr. Robert J. Munro and published by Matthew Bender: *Foreign Tax and Trade Briefs*, *Tax Havens of the World and Foreign Tax and Trade Briefs*—*International Withholding Tax Treaty Guide*. All three



books were originally authored by the late Walter H. Diamond.

Professor Aaron Schwabach authored one of 22 chapters by legal academics from the U.S. and abroad in *The Law & Harry Potter* (Jeffrey Thomas & Franklin Snyder eds., 2010), which considers the depiction of law and legal institutions in J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* novels. Professor Schwabach's chapter is titled "Harry Potter and the Unforgivable Curses" and appears in the section on "Crimes and Punishments." A longer version of his chapter was originally published in *Harry Potter and the Unforgivable Curses: Norm-formation, Inconsistency, and the Rule of Law in the Wizarding World*, 11 ROGER WILLIAMS U. L. REV. 309 (2006).

According to the book's cover: "The chapters are organized in five sections: Legal Traditions and Institutions, Crimes and Punishments, Harry Potter and Identity, the Wizard Economy, and Harry Potter as an Archetype. Some chapters analyze the way law and legal institutions are portrayed, and what these portrayals teach us about concepts such as morality, justice, and difference. Other chapters use examples from the

narratives to illustrate or analyze legal issues, such as human rights, actual innocence, and legal pedagogy. The volume is suitable for undergraduate or law school courses, and will be of interest to those Harry Potter fans who also have an interest in law and the legal profession."



Dean Hasl Hosts Other ABA Deans on New Campus



Dean Rudy Hasl, shown here with Jane Korn, Dean of Gonzaga University School of Law, and Michael Moffitt, Dean of the University of Oregon School of Law, hosted an Open House and Reception on March 3 at TJSL's new campus for all the deans of ABA-approved law schools who were in town for a workshop.

TJSL Professors Enjoy Making Music

TJSL's professors have talents above and beyond the teaching of law. For instance, several professors are skilled musicians. Professor Susan Tiefenbrun has performed on the piano at Carnegie Hall. Assistant Dean Arnold Rosenberg plays a mean keyboard and harmonica as well. Professors Richard Winchester and Eniola Akindemowo also are both pianists and recently performed at a piano recital at Greene Music in San Diego.

"By complete coincidence, (Professor Winchester) and I started taking lessons with the same instructor at Greene Music Education Center a couple of years ago," says Professor Akindemowo. "Our mutual instructor, Mr. Philip "J.J." Lim, was the Master of Ceremonies. The program was comprised of jazz items interspersed with a few classical pieces. Professor Winchester played 'Nocturne, Op.55, No 1' by F. Chopin, and the jazz standard 'I Can't Give You Anything But Love' by Jimmy McHugh and Dorothy Fields. His playing was masterful and assured. I played and sang two jazz standards: 'Meditation' by Antonio Carlos Jobim, and 'Autumn Leaves' by Jacques Prevert. The recital went well, and our performances were well received."

"Professor Akindemowo's two tunes very nicely showcased her singing talents, which she has hidden from us all until this event," adds Professor Winchester.

He also performs in a jazz quartet called "4L" with Associate Dean Jeff Joseph, TJSL alumnus Eric Ganci '08 and current TJSL student Brandon Primus. They have performed at TJSL events, such as the 40th Reunion in 2009 and the reception Dean Rudy Hasl recently hosted for the deans of America's ABA-approved law schools. "4L" also played at this year's "Champagne & Chocolates Affair" fundraiser hosted by the Lawyers Club of San Diego at the U.S. Grant Hotel.

Professor Eniola Akindemowo



Associate Dean Jeff Joseph



Professor Richard Winchester



San Diego Judges Mix & Mingle at TJSL

BONNIE DUMANIS '76 AND HENRY COKER '85 HONORED

"This is a great event, I love it," said Superior Court Judge Patricia Garcia as she entered the annual TJSL Alumni Association Judicial Officers Mixer at the law school in October.

"I missed the opportunity to meet a judge in law school," said Superior Court Judge Browder Willis '83. "This is priceless for the students."

Judge Maureen Hallahan agreed. "It's important for law students to get to know judges and feel comfortable speaking with them in a social setting—and to know that we're just regular people."

Judge Robert Trentacosta, the Assistant Presiding Judge of San Diego's Downtown Superior Court, said he attended out of "love and respect for the legal profession" and his "regard for law students." He added that he loves being a judge, and loved being a lawyer. To the students, he said, "Despite the current economic difficulties, there is a future and the end is worth the struggle."

One highlight of the evening was the presentation of Distinguished Alumni awards to San Diego County District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis '76 and San Diego County Public Defender Henry Coker '85. Along with the awards, they both received brand new Thomas Jefferson School of Law diplomas, as the school was still named Western State when they graduated.

Among the many honored guests was Fourth District Appeals Court Justice Patricia Benke, who is a member of TJSL's Board of Trustees.

The event was organized by Superior Court Commissioner Gary Bloch '81.



Top photo above from left to right: Dean Rudy Hasl, San Diego District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis '76, San Diego Public Defender Henry Coker '85



Photo above: Superior Court Commissioner Gary Bloch '81 (center)

Photo above: Judges Charles Ervin '89 and Carolyn Caietti

Photo right: Judge Garry Haehnle '89





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TJSL's Law Review Hosts National Conference of Law Reviews

Thomas Jefferson School of Law hosted the National Conference of Law Reviews (NCLR) from March 31-April 2, giving TJSL's *Law Review* editors a chance to show off the new campus to their counterparts from across the nation.

"It was a complete success," said an excited Sarah Harty, a senior editor for the 2010-2011 *Thomas Jefferson Law Review* who spent many, many months planning and organizing the conference with the law review staff. "Ninety-two law schools from every corner of the United States and Puerto Rico were represented here and it was standing room only at all the panels!"

"This was a great opportunity to show other law schools who we are," said Christina Mills, a TJSL Law Review notes editor. "It also was a great opportunity to meet other people from other schools and talk about the issues we all experience in publishing a law review."

One of the highlights of the conference was the keynote address by UC Irvine Law School Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, whose latest book is *The Conservative Assault on the Constitution*. Dean Chemerinsky captivated the room when he spoke about the current make-up and ideologies of the justices of the U.S. Supreme Court.

The conference included two days of panels, Thursday at the nearby Hard Rock Hotel and Saturday's session on the TJSL campus. One of the panels, "Keeping Law Reviews Relevant," was moderated by Beatrice Skye Resendes, senior editor of TJSL's *Law Review*. The panelists included Professor Sandra Rierison and the Honorable Browder Willis '83, a San Diego Superior Court Judge.

The conference also included a Friday "play-day" that allowed the attendees to experience some of San Diego's attractions, such as the San Diego Zoo, Balboa Park and Coronado beach.

Saturday's closing night dinner took place at the Hotel Del Coronado. The keynote speaker was Emmy and Peabody Award-winning journalist Jack Ford, who spoke about the role the media plays in our legal system.

"I had an amazing time," said TJSL's 2010-2011 *Law Review* Editor-in-Chief Dea Franck (left.) "Our law journal members were proud to host this conference and I couldn't be prouder of them."



Trustee Honored at December Graduation Ceremony



When Bob Ames (center) joined his first law firm in 1960, the San Diego County Bar association had just 300 members and he was able to buy his entire law library for \$19.95.

Ames, a San Diego lawyer and one of the original members of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law Board of Trustees, was awarded with an honorary degree at the fall graduation exercises on December 17. Along with him, more than 60 TJSL students were awarded *juris doctor* degrees and three students were awarded LL.M. (Master of Laws) degrees at the Copley Symphony Hall ceremony.

"This is really the beginning of your legal education,"

Ames told the graduates. "Someday you will deal with laws that didn't exist when you were in law school and deal with problems you never dreamed of."

Ames stepped down from the board in March, but will be remembered as a vital player on the leadership team whose vision and planning helped ensure the law school's vibrant growth.

"With a J.D. following each of our names after today, it is easy to forget the difficulties we overcame and the sacrifices we made," said December Valedictorian Riccola Voigt (below), who graduated *summa cum laude*. "However, we will not forget the people who made graduation from law school possible."



NEW LAW REVIEW ISSUE HITS STANDS

The Fall 2010 issue of the *Thomas Jefferson Law Review* is now out and features a lead article by TJSL Professor Aaron Schwabach on "Thomas Jefferson, Slavery and Slaves."

Professor Schwabach's article discusses Jefferson as a slave owner, the laws of slavery in his time, and his relationship to the institution of slavery, both as a slave owner and as a political figure and by using Jefferson's own words. The article also delves into Jefferson's unsuccessful representation of an indentured servant in the 1770 case of *Howell v. Netherland*.

This issue also contains these articles: "Law, Force, and Resistance to Disorder in Herman Melville's *Billy Budd*" by

Lawrence Friedman, Professor of Law, New England School of Law; "Deference to the 'Law of Nations': The Intersection between the New York Convention, the Convention Act, the McCarran-Ferguson Act, and State Anti-Insurance Arbitration Statutes" by TJSL alumnus David A. Rich '10; and a note on "Drawing a Line in Alternate Universes: Exposing the Inadequacies of the Current Four-Factor Fair Use Test through Chanslash" by TJSL student Brian Link, who is graduating in December.

This issue of the *Thomas Jefferson Law Review* is available in the TJSL library. Or, to order one, email lawreview@tjsl.edu.





Externship at The Hague: “A Dream Opportunity”

By Elisabeth Donovan, Communications Student Assistant

To third-year TJSL student Emily Cohen, getting hands-on international criminal law experience in Europe sounded like a dream opportunity. This spring, Cohen got the chance to live that dream by working at The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), a United Nations court in The Hague, Netherlands.

Cohen was selected to participate in this sought-after program along with TJSL students Morgan Simpson, Taylor Olson, Joey White and Suzie Mohr. Last fall, TJSL students Doug Mallet, Taylor Olson and Sarah Hudson, were chosen for the program, as well as TJSL alumna Meera Patel '10.

“The ICTY internship provided me with an opportunity to learn a great deal about international law and at the same time be a part of a case with great historical significance,” said Mallet. “It was great to see many of the international law theories I’ve learned at TJSL in action in a very real setting.”

Specifically, the ICTY deals with war crimes that took place during the conflicts in the Balkans in the 1990’s. According to its official Website, the ICTY has irreversibly changed the landscape of international humanitarian law and provided victims an opportunity to voice the horrors they witnessed and experienced.

“I couldn’t wait to start,” Cohen said. In anticipation of the adventure, she moved all of her belongings into storage, gave up her apartment and found a new place on the other side of

the world to call home.

Upon arriving, Cohen was stunned by how cold the weather was in comparison to San Diego. “I was so shocked, I couldn’t leave my apartment for a few days,” she recalled. However, Cohen didn’t really mind staying inside as she described her European pad as “one of the coolest she had ever seen.”

When Cohen explored The Hague, she was pleased that most people spoke English, which made navigating the city easier. “The Dutch people have incredible linguistic talents, as they speak Dutch, German and English, and most speak French as well as various other languages,” she said.

Cohen delved into international humanitarian law, which helped prepare her for her assignment at ICTY. She worked on the Karadzic Standby Defence Team representing Radovan Karadzic, the former President of Republika Srpska, who is accused of war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide committed during the war in Bosnia from 1992-1996. Cohen worked with international lawyers Colleen Rohan and Richard Harvey, whom she described as being “very smart and worldly.”

“I learned something new every day,” Cohen said. “At work, we continuously learned about the Bosnian conflict and international law, which can be very different from American law. For example, international civil procedure is so different than federal civil procedure. Another example is that there is no hearsay in international law.”


Outside of work, Cohen continued to take advantage of opportunities to broaden her view of the world. “When you go home, your friends, who are usually from different countries, continue talking about different political situations throughout the world,” she explained. “It’s really great to discuss current issues with people who see the world through a different perspective. It was also really interesting to hear the perspectives on the legality of Osama Bin Laden’s assassination from some of the most experienced international law lawyers.”

One of Cohen’s most memorable experiences at ICTY was being there for the Dorvedic Trial Judgment. “These cases last a long time, so it was surreal seeing one come to an end.”

Although Cohen says she worked hard, she also enjoyed her downtime, which allowed her to experience the culture first hand and soak up the beauty of Europe. “One of the best experiences outside of The Hague was going to the Keukenoff Gardens,” she said. “Keukenoff is a park full of tulips, hyacinths and other flowers. It was so beautiful, especially looking out and seeing a sea of beautiful colors.”

Cohen also traveled on weekends to destinations such as Turkey, Belgium, Switzerland, Serbia and Bosnia. During her last week, she backpacked from Budapest to Brussels.

“Although I missed home, I had so much fun that I don’t regret one second!” she said. Definitely a “dream opportunity.”



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TJSL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM RANKED 12TH IN NATION

Thomas Jefferson School of Law's Externship Program is ranked 12th in the nation! TJSL is the only San Diego law school that made the top 20 in the rankings published last fall by the *National Jurist Magazine*. The top 20 law schools were ranked in order of placements for their full-time students based on the information provided in the *Official Guide to ABA Law Schools*.

Emily Cohen at the Blue Mosque in Istanbul.

Good Advice Offered At SBA Ethics Panel

"As a lawyer you will be challenged and tempted to cut ethical corners," San Diego Superior Court Judge Robert Trentacosta cautioned those who attended the TJSL Student Bar Association's Second Annual Ethics Panel in February. "But the most important thing you have when you stand before a judge is your credibility."

The panel also featured Appeals Court Associate Justice Gilbert Nares, criminal appellate attorney Charles Sevilla and Professor Claire Wright. One of the questions moderator and Professor Leah Christensen asked was: "What is the balance between zealously representing your client and following your own moral standards? Is there a gray area between lying and lawyering?"

"You cannot have justice if there is a lie," said Justice Nares. "There is no excuse for lying."

"If you lie to me, you lie to 153 of my closest friends," said Judge Trentacosta, referring to his colleagues on the bench. "They will know you are a liar."

Defense Attorney Sevilla told a story about a lawyer who asked a judge for a delay because her father had died. The judge decided to go to her Facebook page and found newly posted photos of the lawyer partying and enjoying herself.

Professor Wright, who chairs the TJSL Ethics Committee, talked about some ethical challenges she faced while in private practice. One involved a corporate client who wanted her to sign a letter that misrepresented the "approximate amount" of Customs duties the client owed by millions of dollars.

"I refused to sign it, but you will sometimes deal with some very tough, very smart clients who will pressure you to do unethical things like this," she noted.



TJSL'S MIKE GREEN SCORES BIG WITH IMPRESSIONS AT LAF-OFF

TJSL student Mike Green did the law school proud in March by winning the 2011 LAF-OFF presented by the San Diego Volunteer Lawyers Program (SDVLP). Green brought down the house down with his jokes and impressions of Arnold Schwarzenegger, Charles Barkley and President George W. Bush. LAF-OFF is an annual fund raiser for the SDVLP that invites members of the San Diego legal community to showcase their comedic talents.



"His impressions of Schwarzenegger, Barkley, and Bush were dead-on," said TJSL Adjunct Professor Dan Lawton, who was one of the LAF-OFF Judges. "He structured a joke around the idea of each of these gentlemen visiting the new downtown campus and then taking turns teaching a law class. He owned the stage and killed the audience."

Green says he hopes he made a big impression on the audience of lawyers and judges and that they were thinking "Hey, let's hire that guy! I'd like to work with him!"

Who's Who at TJSL

Thomas Jefferson School of Law has 14 students on the 2011 list of finalists for *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Each year, *Who's Who Among Students* rewards and recognizes academic excellence on a national level. Nominees are for academic standing, participation in extracurricular activities and community service.

The following TJSL students were nominated for 2011 *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*:

Shelby Alberts
Melodie Dan
Amy Estrada
Dea Franck
Pejman Kharrazian
Beatrice Resendes
Steven Riley

Andrea Rodriguez
Stephanie Sciarani
Laura Shaver
Tiffany Steward
Robert Udall
Matthew Vesterdahl
Riccola Voigt



SUCCESSFUL ABA LAW STUDENT DIVISION CONFERENCE HOSTED AT TJSL

Thomas Jefferson School of Law's Student Bar Association hosted a successful two-day spring conference for the American Bar Association—9th Circuit Law Student Division on Feb. 25-26. Joshua Goodrich was elected the new 9th Circuit Governor, marking the second consecutive year that a TJSL student will serve in that position. TJSL's Student Bar Association, which planned this conference, was recognized as one of the best SBA's in the circuit with an appreciation award.

The conference kicked off with a social mixer, followed by a day of insightful panel discussions. The first panel, titled "Establishing Yourself as an Effective Leader in the Community," was moderated by TJSL student Ben Aguilar, 9th Circuit Lt. Governor. Panelists

included: Colin Parent, Private Practice; Ben Cramer '08, Mulligan & Banham (Personal Injury); Anna Romanskaya '07, Stark & D'Ambrosio, LLP (President of the New Lawyers Division for the San Diego County Bar Association); Jon Baumunk, Assistant Dean for Bar and Academic Services, Whittier Law School; and attorney Lea Fields-Bernard.

Moderated by TJSL student and outgoing 9th Circuit Governor Jessica Williams, the second panel focused on "Public Interest or Private Practice." Panelists included: Robert Brewer, Jr., Managing Partner for the San Diego office of Jones Day, LLP; Juan Ordaz of Ordaz Law; Wil Rumble and Ricardo Garcia, Public Defenders; Alex Simpson, Chief Counsel, California Innocence

Project; and Garrett Smees, Private Practice.

The third and final panel was moderated by student Sterling Williams, 9th Circuit Lt. Governor, who said, "This was a great opportunity to dialogue with attorneys who know first-hand what employers are looking for and how to make ourselves the best candidate for the job. Their advice was helpful for competing against other law students and even experienced attorneys."

Panelists included: Jennifer Creighton, Hiring Partner with Winet, Patrick, & Weaver, LLP, and Vice President of the North San Diego County Bar Association; Jon Baumunk; and Hass Sadeghi, General Counsel and Mediator, Sadeghi Resolutions.



"MOTION TO STRIKE... A POSE" COMBINES FASHION, BUSINESS AND LAW

With music thundering, models descended the runway—the marble staircase in the lobby of the new building—on the evening of March 10, each with beauty, elegance and, of course, attitude. Wearing original designer apparel and striking poses for the large audience below, the models were part of "Motion to Strike... a Pose," an event presented by TJSL's Entertainment Law Society, the Center for Law and Intellectual Property, the Intellectual Property Law Association and OUTlaw.

The event began with a fashion law panel in the afternoon, which featured the chief counsel at True Religion Jeans, Deborah Greaves; IP lawyer Joanna Tsai '02; Stacy Riordan of the L.A. firm Fox Rothschild and San Diego designer Jesus Estrada, a former contestant on the television show Project Runway.

"It's the first event of its kind in San Diego—maybe in California," said Professor K.J. Greene, who had the idea for the event and worked with the students to make it happen. "To have the top legal officer from True Religion Jeans, the top fashion lawyer from LA, one of TJSL's IP lawyers and the fabulous designer Jesus Estrada all on one panel made for an amazing fete of knowledge. The fashion show, mixing our own students and professional models on the grand staircase, was over-the-top fabulous. This shows the power of what TJSL student-faculty-staff collaborations can do."

San Diego La Raza Lawyers Award Bar Stipends to Graduating Students

The San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association (SDLRLA) recently announced six May 2011 TJSL graduating students as recipients of the newly inaugurated 2011 SDLRLA Scholarship Fund Bar Stipend.

Danaly Barajas, Oscar Gonzalez, Erika Mallorquin, Romina Otoy, Emily Wietzel and Andre Zakari will each receive financial assistance to help defray the cost of taking the July 2011 or February 2012 California Bar Exam. Each student was selected based on his or her significant contributions to the Latino community, leadership and academic achievement.

Each year, Thomas Jefferson students engage in a wide variety of challenging public interest legal work on behalf of needy individuals from the local Latino community. Danaly Barajas, who served as President of TJSL's La Raza Law Students Organization in 2010-2011, devoted significant legal work at the San Diego County Office of the Public Defender, using her Spanish fluency to advocate for immigrant clients in the criminal justice system. Other honorees contributed countless volunteer hours at

local agencies, including the Employee Rights Center, Casa Cornelia Law Center, San Diego County District Attorney's Office and Family Law Facilitator's Office, providing legal services to underserved communities and Latinos.

"It is gratifying to see some of our top law students honored for their outstanding *pro bono* service and leadership abilities," said Dovie Yoana King, Associate Director of Career Services at TJSL. "In addition to their legal advocacy on behalf of Latinos and the immigrant community, these students participated in rigorous extracurricular activities, such as Moot Court, Alternative Dispute Resolution, the Public Interest Law Foundation, Criminal Law Society and more."

Last fall, the San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association awarded scholarships to Barajas and fellow students Elizabeth Knowles and Xasha Valderrama

"It was inspiring to hear the passion and determination that shined through each recipient's story, and to know that the San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association values each one of our

journeys and encourages our success," said Knowles.

"I feel so honored to be recognized by the San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association," said Valderrama. "It's such a great organization that empowers the Latino community."

"It feels incredible to be recognized for the hurdles I have had to overcome and I look forward to the challenges that lay ahead," added Barajas. "It was very inspiring to be amongst incredibly successful Latino and Latina lawyers and I cannot wait until the day I return to the Scholarship Awards Gala as an attorney."

Formed in 1979, the San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association represents over 300 Latino lawyers in San Diego County and strives to advance the cause of equality, empowerment and justice through service and advocacy.

SDLRA President Eran Bermudez remarked, "We applaud the scholarship recipients from TJSL and we hope that they continue to be a part of San Diego La Raza Lawyers as they move forward in their careers."



FIRST LAWYERS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP GOES TO CATRINA SKOR

The Lawyers Club of San Diego honored May 2011 graduating student Catrina Skor in December as the first recipient of the Lawyers Club of San Diego Women and the Law Project at Thomas Jefferson School of Law Scholarship. Skor, accompanied on stage by TJSL Dean Rudy Hasl, was presented with a large mock \$2,000 check in front of about 300 judges, attorneys and other members of the legal community at the Lawyers Club Annual Holiday Luncheon.

The law school established the scholarship in collaboration with Lawyers Club to recognize a TJSL student in the top 50 percent of his/her class who demonstrates support of the mission of Lawyers Club. Lawyers Club of San Diego is a non-profit specialty bar association seeking to advance the status of women in the law, to support and improve the administration of justice and to promote equality of men and women in our society.

"Anyone who knows me knows of my passion for women's rights and for advancing women in society and in the law," said Skor. "When I first began law school, I was very excited about TJSL's encouragement of feminist coursework and community involvement...and to represent TJSL as its very first Lawyers Club scholarship recipient is truly an honor."





Fun in the Sun with TJS� Faculty: “Last Day of Class Run & Walk”

“It’s just a fun end of semester event,” said TJS� student Andrew Poland. “It’s a chance to blow off some steam.”

The event was a run/walk on May 4 organized by Professor Ben Templin, who was joined by several colleagues, including Professors Eniola Akindemowo, Ellen Waldman, Kaimi Wenger, Leah Christensen, Steve Semeraro, Maureen Markey, Julie Cromer Young, Marybeth Herald, Julie Greenberg and Marjorie Cohn.

And, yes, it was a chance to blow off some steam under the very warm San Diego sky that day. The run/walk through the East Village and the Embarcadero areas was designed to allow students, staff and faculty to celebrate the end of classes together with a little healthy exercise and to raise money for one of TJS�’s student organizations.

“We raised over \$300 for PILF (TJS�’s Public Interest Law Foundation) and had over 30 runners and walkers,” said Professor Templin. “We hope to make it an annual event on the last day of class.”

TJS� STUDENT VOLUNTEERS HELP SERVE 1,000 MEALS TO HOMELESS

As part of the Student Bar Association’s ongoing efforts to assist San Diego’s homeless population, a group of TJS� students, along with Associate Dean Jeff Joseph, volunteered their Saturday morning on April 23 to help serve a special Easter holiday meal at Father Joe’s Village. During a three-hour period, the volunteers and Father Joe’s staff served more than 1,000 meals at the mission-style residential facility in the downtown area that houses homeless families and single individuals every night.



TJSL'S INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY CAPTURES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The law school's International Law Society (ILS) scored a big one this year: Best All Around Chapter Award of all the student International Law Societies in the United States. This award is bestowed by the International Law Students Association, the organization that, on behalf of the American Society of International Law, runs the worldwide Jessup Moot Court program.

According to ILSA Board Member Robert Palmer, "There were a number of highly qualified schools that were nominated this year for the various ILSA awards. It was extremely difficult to choose the award winners, but Thomas Jefferson School of Law stood out as the winner in this category based on what the school has done in the international arena this past year."

"It feels great to end my term of service with this distinction for our school and our ILS chapter," said 2010-2011 ILS President Ben Aguilar. "I devoted endless hours to this student organization and it was all worth it because many of our constituents benefited from the programming



we brought to TJSL. ILS is now one of the most active student organizations on and off campus. Our hard work has been recognized on campus by the student body voting us student organization/president of the year, in the San Diego community by the continuous support of many of the most prominent legal organizations in town, and nationally by this recognition from ILSA."

TJSL's ILS Faculty Advisor, Professor William Slomanson, is incredibly proud of his team for their efforts this year, including the signature ILS "Monte Carlo" casino event, the popular annual ILS fundraiser to support student scholarships and educational programs.

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS CENTER RECOGNIZES CHRISTY MILLS

The Employee Rights Center honored May 2011 graduating student Christy Mills at its Fifth Annual Fall Fundraiser and Award Ceremony in November for her outstanding service on behalf of low-income workers in San Diego. The Employee Rights Center is a nonprofit law firm dedicated to representing working families with their employment law and immigration needs.



"For over a year, Mills interned at the Employee Rights Center, appearing at more than 100 administrative hearings to recover unpaid wages and unemployment insurance benefits for her clients," said Dovie Yoana King, Associate Director of Career Services.

In addition to Mills' award, TJSL received recognition from Peter Zschiesche, Executive Director of the Employee Rights Center, for its continued support.

PRO BONO AWARD FOR ROMINA OTOYA

The Casa Cornelia Law Center honored May 2011 graduating student Romina Otoya with the prestigious 2010 La Mancha Award for outstanding *pro bono* services on behalf of the immigrant community. Otoya interned at Casa Cornelia in the Domestic Violence and Unaccompanied Children's Program, contributing significant *pro bono* hours to assist clients in need.



"I am truly honored to be recognized for my part in Casa Cornelia's mission of providing quality legal services to victims of human and civil rights violations," Otoya said. "Although CCLC is limited in their funding, the individuals who make up the organization put their hearts and souls into ensuring justice for a population of individuals who need a voice. I am very fortunate to have been a part of CCLC's mission of providing quality legal services to indigent persons within the immigrant community."

NATIONAL AWARD FOR TJSL'S LAW STUDENTS FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

TJSL's Law Students for Reproductive Justice hosted the national organization's West Coast Conference in February and earned the Cari Sietstra Excellence in Organizing Award. The TJSL chapter was recognized out of all of the 81 LSRJ chapters around the nation for its outstanding achievements in the past year. The West Coast Conference was also the most attended conference in LSRJ history, with students attending from around the west coast, including Washington, Colorado and Arizona.

According to chapter Co-President Sarah Clarke-Davidson, "Receiving the award for excellent organization rounded out a great weekend, and our chapter deserves it. We have worked extremely hard in the past two years and are very grateful for the honor for our achievements."



2-YEAR APPOINTMENT FOR BEN AGUILAR ON NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TJSL's Ben Aguilar has been appointed to a two-year position on the National Advisory Committee of Equal Justice Works, a prominent public interest law organization based in Washington, D.C. Aguilar is one of seven students selected from across the country who will work together to mobilize the next generation of public interest attorneys committed to serving underrepresented individuals, communities and causes.

Equal Justice Works has a 20-year track record of providing a continuum of programs to law students interested in social justice and the largest post-graduate fellowship program in the country. Aguilar interned with the American Civil Liberties Union of San Diego and Imperial Counties and last fall attended the meeting of the National Advisory Committee in Bethesda, Maryland, which was held in conjunction with the Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair attended by thousands of law students each year."

TJSL STUDENT NAMED "VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR"

May 2011 graduating student Danaly Barajas has been named by the San Diego County Office of the Public Defender as "Volunteer of the Year." This honor is part of the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors' annual recognition of outstanding volunteers in each County Department.

The award recognizes an individual with a passion for representing those whose civil liberties are at risk as well as an impeccable work ethic. Barajas has volunteered as a Certified Legal Intern for four consecutive semesters in the Felony Division of the Public Defender's Office.

"My passion to protect the rights of indigent individuals has led me to the field of criminal defense, where I have been able to fight for the poor, uneducated and those unfamiliar with the legal system," she says. "I have witnessed first-hand the importance of effective, vigorous and loyal advocacy," referring to her volunteer work on numerous cold cases, drafting and arguing motions in criminal court, and interviewing Spanish speaking individuals in the County jails.

Barajas, who grew up in a Latino migrant community, has served as President of the La Raza Law Students Association this year and was the 2010 recipient of the San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association Scholarship for her contributions to the local Latino community.

"Danaly has dedicated her entire law school career to public interest law and student activism. She has a genuine interest in using her law degree to help the most vulnerable individuals in society who lack the financial means to access justice," said Dovie Yoana King, Associate Director of Career Services.



TJSL STUDENTS COMPETE FROM WEST COAST TO D.C.

TJSL competition teams performed strongly this academic year, often beating some of the top ranked schools in the nation. These students devote hours and hours of research, writing and practice in preparation for these prestigious competitions, which hone advocacy, mediation and negotiation skills.

Mock Trial Team

- October 2010 San Diego Defense Lawyers Competition (Third Place)
- November 2010 Buffalo-Niagara Law School Invitational (Third Place)
- February 2011 Texas Young Lawyers Association National Trial Competition

Phi Alpha Delta Mock Trial Team

- March 2011 Phi Alpha Delta Competition

Black Law Students Association Mock Trial Team

- March 2011 National BLSA Conference Competition

Baseball Arbitration Team

- February 2011 National Baseball Arbitration Competition

ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) Team

- October 2010 Entertainment Law Negotiation Competition (Third Place)
- November 2010 ABA Regional Negotiation Competition
- February 2011 National Representation in Mediation Competition
- March 2011 Environmental Negotiations Competition

Moot Court Team

- October 2010 National Criminal Procedure Tournament
- November 2010 ABCNY/ACTLA National Moot Court Competition
- November 2010 Chicago Bar Association Moot Court Competition (Octo-Finalist)
- February 2011 Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition
- February 2011 Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (10th Place)
- February 2011 ABA National Appellate Advocacy (2nd Place Best Brief, Octo-Finalist)
- March 2011 Duberstein Bankruptcy Competition (Semi-Finalist)
- April 2011 Roger J. Traynor Moot Court Competition

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Registration & Putting Contest
12:30 P.M.
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Why I Stay Connected by Eric Ganci '08

Before entering Thomas Jefferson, Admissions recommended reading *Guerrilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams* by Kimm Alayne Walton, J.D. This book proved a true asset about approaching entrance into the legal profession, and I particularly embraced the sections discussing networking, where the main message was clear: early and often.

It's no small wonder that the legal profession is small. Take that small profession and magnify it by living spaces of cities or states, although contacts obviously reach far beyond these circles. Within our profession, everybody knows everybody, even across state lines. The contacts made during school, including students, professors and staff, will continue by your side through your entire career, and may present themselves as co-counsel, opposing counsel or just general support and advice.

I am very proud to have connected to faculty and staff during my time at Thomas Jefferson. However, these connections need not fade upon graduation. The professors and staff at Thomas Jefferson are well-known and widely respected for maintaining wide open-door policies. Keeping in contact is usually just an email, phone call or cup of coffee away. For example, I have contacted Professor Steve Berenson within his expertise of professional responsibility and the Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic. And I will not even begin to discuss how the wonderful Career Services and Alumni Relation staffs must be sick of me! The personnel within Thomas Jefferson, and those who come out of Thomas Jefferson, are naturally wonderful people. Staying connected is easy, even if not within the practice of law per se. In addition to connecting with other alumni within my field, DUI defense, I am proud to be playing in a jazz quartet with Professors Jeff Joseph and Richard Winchester, and a current student, Brandon Primus. Thomas Jefferson has provided a wonderful education and experience, and I look forward to staying connected and giving back!

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