

A Divided Friendship

TJSL Criminal Law Society takes a trip to the U.S.-Mexico border

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Less than 20 miles south of our beloved downtown campus lay the world’s busiest port of entry. With an estimated 40 million people crossing the border between San Ysidro, CA and Tijuana, Mexico each year, our United States Border Patrol really has their work cut out for them. Through the coordinated efforts of the TJSL Criminal Law Society and the good people who work so hard to protect our borders, this past February, an adventurous group of CLS students took a trip down to the U.S. Border Patrol Station in Chula Vista. There, they were greeted by agents who gave the group a 45 minute crash course in everything pertaining to the U.S. Border. From costs, to statistics, to history, the orientation truly was an eye-opener for things that we Americans take for granted every single day. As we sip our lattes and worry about deadlines, these brave men and women expose themselves to drug smugglers and human traffickers, uncovering secret tunnels dug by deep-pocketed Mexican drug cartels that connect empty Tijuana shacks 50 yards across the border into warehouses on U.S. territory where law enforcement otherwise couldn’t search for lack of cause.

The situation is not simple on the Tijuana side either. Even though the city is rich in history, and has grown to become a cultural hotbed for young artists and free-thinkers, the city has been overrun with poverty, joblessness, corruption and cartel influence. People from all over Latin and South America use Tijuana as a platform to cross the border into the U.S. illegally, in search of a better life and opportunities. Their situations are so grim that they leave their own children with other family members, and pay violent cartels thousands of dollars to be smuggled through the border. They give away their life savings to be led through midnight



Photos by Josh Goodrich

Top: A U.S. Border Patrol agent sits watch over the U.S.-Mexico border from his vehicle. **Above:** The border fence zig-zags on for miles between Tijuana and San Diego County.

trails with no guarantees about what lies ahead. They then go on to expose themselves to groups of men who stalk the trails in search of people to rob, and worse. This is the reality of today, and the reason why it is necessary to have the U.S. Border Patrol monitoring activity and protecting human life on both sides of a very real national border.

It’s hard to believe, but there was a time when none of this was necessary. There was a time when fences, expensive surveillance equipment, state of the art weaponry and a large force of agents monitoring activity around the clock were not needed. It’s even harder to believe,

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Prison Can Be Fun

The TJSL Criminal Law Society takes a trip behind bars

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On February 23rd, Professor Anders Kaye and fourteen Thomas Jefferson students walked behind the walls of one of California’s most notorious prisons, Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility. The Criminal Law Society’s goal in having students visit Donovan was to talk to prison officials and inmates and discover what it is like to work and live in prison. So what did we discover? Well, we all left with smiles on our faces and great stories to write home about, so prison must be fun!

When the group arrived we were greeted in the parking lot by Tomas, who kindly offered us ladies in heels a lift to the front gate. Once



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Students outside the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility

we were checked in and the men wearing blue shirts suited up in full-body white suits to avoid being mistaken for inmates, we were on our way! First stop – the yard!

As Kelis said – milkshakes do bring the boys to the yard. And there were hundreds on this yard. Some men shouted to get our attention, some did not even notice we were there, but one thing was for sure the entire group was

mesmerized as we watched hundreds of men walk the track, play basketball, or joke around with fellow inmates. Our tour guard, Mr. Davis escorted us to the prison library, which was a tiny building located on the yard where about ten bookshelves and three cages stood. And we thought Old Town was bad! Before we knew it,

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Entrada fire displaces TJSL student

As if your first year in law school was not hard enough...

Amanda Pollard
1L Staff Writer

A fire in the apartment complex Entrada broke out February 20, 2011 causing damage that resulted in the relocation of one TJSL student. Half of the Entrada apartment units are occupied by Thomas Jefferson students. Officials say damage could have been much worse.

Entrada residents including 51 TJSL students were without water Sunday night, February 20, 2011 after the boiler in the crawl space above one apartment caught fire. At approximately 5:00 p.m. that evening, Lindsay Demery, a first year TJSL student, returned home to find Entrada surrounded by numerous police cars, an ambulance, and 11 fire engines. Demery’s unit was most affected by the fire, as the space above her entry way was where it originated. The management company called the fire department after two tenants reported seeing smoke come out of their air vents. The tenant under Demery reported hearing no smoke alarms. The fire department responded quickly before the sprinkler system activated and were on site for seven and a half hours. Had the system activated the entire building would have become drenched in water and the damage would likely have been more extensive.

The backup boiler caused a leak about 14 days prior to the fire. The small leak grew larger and covered Demery’s apartment in water. The maintenance team drilled dozens of holes in the tenant’s walls to allow the water to drain and placed fans in the entryway to dry the walls. After one week of holes in the walls and fans in the entry way the issue was not resolved. The leak moved from the entry-way to the bathroom and began to again drip water into the tenant’s studio apartment. After about 9 days the leak ceased and maintenance patched the holes and reported the problem solved. At this point, the incidents are not believed to be related and no other tenant has experienced problems.

Tenants surrounding the affected unit were allowed back in shortly after the fire was extinguished, and hot water was only regained late Monday evening. Demery was allowed into her unit late Sunday night to collect her belongings and has been residing at a downtown hotel at the time this issue went to print. Total damages to her unit have yet to be determined, but numerous personal belongings including clothing, shoes, and bedding were damaged by smoke and water. Two other units, neither of which are associated with TJSL, were shortly displaced to hotels but are now back home.

The school has been working closely with Demery in regard to her living situation and loss of possessions. “The situation is difficult,” said Demery. “There are a lot of uncertainties because of the insurance appraisal. I don’t have a lot of information, but Dean Kransberger has been extremely generous and kind. The staff at Entrada has been really sympathetic.”

Thomas Jefferson has a triple net lease on Entrada, which means that particular terms of the lease ascribe responsibility for maintenance, upgrades, and accidents to the building owner, TJSL, or the management team. TJSL hired Oliver McMillian as the management company for Entrada, and Associate Dean for Student

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Josh Goodrich

The Border Fence stretching into the ocean

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as the CLS crew ultimately discovered, that at the westernmost edge of the border wall, where land finally dips into the sea, a monument is found which was placed over 150 years ago, and marks the original border location. This area came to be called “Friendship Circle,” and become a state park in the 1970s where citizens from both sides of the border were freely able to go and chat with each other. It was common for families to watch the bullfighting ring on Mexico’s side and then walk over to the park on the U.S. ground to have picnics or play soccer.

As the TJSL group got to it, however, they saw something completely different. For policy reasons, over the last several years, a 15 foot wall had been constructed. Also, the park had been completely demolished. The monument is still there, and it has become a part of the fence. People can still come up to the wall, but the Border Patrol was forced to place surveillance there in order to stop drug smuggling. On the other hand, that particular portion of the fence is one of only a handful on the U.S.-Mexican border where divided families can go to see each other. It is a place where a husband, who snuck into the U.S. to find work, now goes on a Sunday afternoon to see the wife and child he left behind. The fence prevents them from really visiting each other, but they are able to manage partial hugs through the tall metal beams. When the CLS group walked up to the monument,

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Affairs Beth Kransberger said they are very happy with the job the company has been doing.

“We wanted a company that is good at what they do, and would work under our direction and understand that our goal is not to operate as a for profit entity,” said Kransberger. “The great thing is, the staff responded so quickly, and the fire department was there quickly enough to keep it contained.”

Kransberger said the damage could have been much worse. The ceiling and the floor of the boiler room kept the fire contained enough so that actual damage from flames did not reach the tenant’s unit. Most of the damage comes from smoke and water.

The building’s owner Security Properties, Inc. will be held liable for damages caused by the fire. However, Dean Kransberger and Entrada’s management team are attempting to repair most of the damage quickly to reduce the amount of negative impact on Thomas Jefferson’s students.

Entrada’s has 172 units, 93% of which are studios that Thomas Jefferson intends to eventually occupy.

The cause of the fire appears to have been due to an electrical short and is likely not due to negligence on the part of maintenance or management. An insurance adjuster will perform a cause and origin assessment. However, the official report was not complete for the public at the time this article went to print.

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yard time was over and it was time to visit Mr. Davis’s friends in Administration Segregation, or Ad-Seg for you Lock-Up junkies.

Mr. Davis is pretty familiar with the inmates in Ad-Seg because he works on the Special Investigations Team at Donovan. Inmates are moved to Ad-Seg if they are unable to “play nice” with the other inmates. We visited two Ad-Seg units, one for inmates suffering from mental health defects and one for documented gang members. While touring both units, the hooting and hollering was constant. Mr. Davis tried to tell the inmates we were on their side, but they were having none of it. Mr. Davis explained that some inmates were in Ad-Seg for stabbing other inmates, assaulting staff, or exposing themselves. The two units differed drastically; the mental health unit reeked of stale urine and feces, and the inmates screamed about conspiracy theories. Entering the gang unit, not only was the smell much different, but the atmosphere was calmer. One guard explained that the gang unit housed many well respected, high-ranking gang members who kept control over the unit.

Donovan was designed to house 2,200 inmates, but it currently houses approximately 4,700. Due to the overcrowding, several hundred inmates sleep in gyms that were originally designed for recreation. Walking into the gym, we were greeted by a line of inmates sizing us up. Aside from hundreds of bunk-beds and a small area in front of an 18 inch television, it was like any other – hot, muggy, dark. The gym housing unit probably does not stack up to the living conditions inmates see in general population. With overcrowding there must also be budget implications throughout the California Prison system and indeed there are

When asked what programs were available to the inmates a guard chuckled and said “what programs?!” The guard explained that in 2005, former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger changed the name of California’s prisons from “Youth and Adult Correctional Agency” to “California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.” Those with loved ones in prison believed inmates would receive

rehabilitation services, but instead this clever name change resulted in a drastic decrease in funding to California prisons. Without funding inmates cannot access programs such as, GED courses, substance abuse programs, anger management programs, etc. Education and rehabilitation programs are vital to these inmates not only to educate them while they are incarcerated, but to better them for society upon their release. The guard indicated that California isn’t interested in rehabilitating these men, they are only interested in housing them until their release date. This is a very sad reality and anyone aspiring to be a criminal defense attorney should know what their client is facing with any plea or verdict. Not only are inmates living in units at twice the capacity, but they are left with idle hands in tiny cells.

As I walked into a cell, which was the size of my studio apartment’s bathroom, I looked at Ashley Whitham and uttered “how do they do it?” How do these men live in such small quarters with another inmate? Some people may think that if a person is in prison they likely deserve to be there and we shouldn’t care about their living conditions. But when you’re standing on this side of the fence you meet men and women who are amazing people with incredible stories. These people did make a mistake and that mistake landed them at Donovan, but if everyone, aspiring prosecutors and aspiring defenders, sat and heard the stories of some of these individuals their perspective on how inmates are housed and treated might change.

Leaving Donovan was bittersweet. I think the entire group could have toured every inch of that facility and been ready for more incredible stories from Mr. Davis. As Professor Kaye said, “We had an enthusiastic and informative guide and saw (and heard) a lot of eye opening things.” It might have been the highlight reel of prison yard fights that intrigued everyone the most...or maybe the giant kitchen making bread for all of the California prisons. Whatever it was, everyone student walked away knowing more about the California prison system and every student saw and felt what it was like to be in prison...even if just for a couple of hours!

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ADR Society Goes to Pepperdine

Two Teams Compete in Annual ABA Mediation Competition

Scott Greenwood

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Imagine someone asking you to bat in the big game, but you have literally been playing baseball for only two weeks — and that was just during team practices. You’ve never actually swung a bat in an actual game before. This is the situation that faced the Alternative Dispute Resolution Society (ADRS) when the operative fact pattern was expedited for the ABA’s Representation in Advocacy Competition at Pepperdine University with only two weeks to prepare. And when Professor Paul Spiegelman asked, “who wants to get in there and take a swing?” Serina Monder, Nick Snow, Ari Stein, and Jared Drucker all volunteered to step up to the plate even though none of them had been to a competition before.

Coached by Christine Tornatore, Scott

Tidwell, Michael Whitmore, and Scott Greenwood, both teams worked every day from when the facts arrived until the morning of the competition analyzing the problems, honing their skills and polishing their arguments. The two competition teams were supported by the Society every step of the way. Each day, members of the team sat in and acted as attorneys, mediators, and clients so that by the time they reached Pepperdine they had seen the problems worked through in so many permutations that even the curveballs looked hittable.

The competition featured two different rounds. In the first round the teams worked their way through an employment contract dispute between a near-retirement age doctor and a young doctor in the practice. The second round featured a landlord – tenant dispute spurred on by the death of the landlord’s dog (cleverly named “pooch” by the ABA problem writer). In each of the rounds, one of the students acted as the attorney and the other played the client—switching roles for the next round. The opportunity to portray both roles helped the students to empathize with the client.

“Anyone can get along well with the other



ADRS

The Two ADR Teams and their Coaches with Professor Spiegelman

side if they give them everything they want,” commented Professor Spiegelman. “The trick is to be able to assert your client’s interests and

still understand the other side’s needs as well... The group did a remarkable job of learning these skills.”

District of Columbia Bound: PAD Mock Trial

Phi Alpha Delta sends a team to the Nation’s Capital

Jonathan Cooper

3L Managing Editor

Phi Alpha Delta’s Mock Trial Team competed this past weekend, March 5th and 6th in Washington D.C. The team, comprised of Erika Mayorquin, Samantha Massau, Jennifer Goldman and John Culver along with faculty advisor Professor Randy Grossman and student coach Jonathan Cooper diligently prepared for this year’s competition since tryouts in November.

During the months leading up to this competition, the team practiced Monday, Wednesday, and Sunday nights in preparation. Apart from the three days every week, each member of the team put in countless hours writing and rewriting their opening and closing statements and working on their direct and cross examinations.

Flying out to Washington, D.C. on Thursday March 4th, the team was nervous with anticipation, yet held their heads high knowing that they had done everything necessary leading up to the event. After an incredible six hour flight on Southwest aptly coined “South-Worst” by several members of society, the team quickly checked in, unpacked their suitcases



Phi Alpha Delta Mock Trial Team

The PAD Mock Trial Team in the U.S. Supreme Court Building

and immediately met in the lobby to go over last minute details and practice.

Day one started with a bang, bright and early at 5 a.m., or 8 a.m. EST. Unfortunately, our internal clocks had not yet reset. Round one went off as expected, with our Defense

poised to take on their foe. Jennifer Goldman and Erika Mayorquin played defense attorneys. Each witness, John Culver and Samantha Massau, handily played their roles while defense counsel defended their client and hammered the prosecution. The judges considered this round

too close to call as each team was exceptionally prepared.

After the team completed round 1, Professor Grossman through his multitude of contacts treated the team to a behind the scenes tour of the United States Supreme Court. It turns out that the infamous adage “It’s not what you know, it’s who you know” plays true. We were treated to a private tour of the Supreme Court including the beautiful spiral staircase, shown below, as well as the aptly dubbed “highest court in the land.” This phrase came about from an unknown Supreme Court Justice in regards to the basketball court, which is located directly above the Supreme Court. Our time spent in the Supreme Court House was a blessing and we were all fortunate enough to have Professor Grossman lead this group.

After our tour we grabbed a quick bite to eat and promptly returned to the hotel to set up, practice and mentally prepare for round 2. The Prosecution, consisting of John Culver and Samantha Massau handily shut down the Defense played by another school in round 2. Jennifer Goldman got into character as her witness, playing a detective, while Erika played up the role of losing her best friend by pulling out the show stopping tears. Each team is only as good as their weakest link. Finding that

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Barristers: A Lovely Affair

In the end, Jay Gatsby would have been proud.

Ryan Ciriaco

2L SBA Social Director

If someone were to ask me to describe the 2011 Barrister’s Ball in one word, it would have to be “elegant.” When attendees stepped foot inside the beautiful Westgate Hotel, they were transported to another world. The antique, yet chic décor underscored the theme of the evening which was inspired by the 1920’s and F. Scott Fitzgerald’s timeless classic *The Great Gatsby*.

The evening could not have been more beautiful. Thanks to the immaculate weather, students, faculty, staff, and alumni were able to enjoy the cocktail hour under the stars on the third-floor rooftop terrace. After an hour of schmoozing and enjoying a few cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, guests were directed to the



DGEvents

Students pile into the photo booth at Barrister’s

event tent, which was adorned with string bulb lights, chandeliers, and up-lighting in Thomas Jefferson’s signature blue. Shortly after everyone found their seats, the awards ceremony began.

This year’s show was a slight departure from past show formats, much to the delight of everyone in attendance. The show format was inspired by award shows like the SAG

Awards and the Golden Globes. The program started with a monologue by SBA Social Events Director and emcee Ryan Ciriaco. Aside from welcoming everyone to the Ball, he threw in a few clever jokes and quips about the differences between the old and new campus.

The annual Barrister’s Ball is held to honor outstanding achievements by faculty, staff, and student leaders as well as celebrate the successes of the previous year...and what a year it was. During a year that marked big changes and even bigger steps towards building a bright future for the Thomas Jefferson School of Law, the Student Bar Association, with the help of Professor Randy Grossman, Henry Coker and Bonnie Dumanis, honored Dean Rudy Hasl with the Lifetime Achievement Award for the amazing work he has done over his 30+ years as a law school dean. An emotional Dean Hasl reminded us all that it is the students that drive him to do what he does on a daily basis. It is because of visionary deans like Rudy Hasl that Thomas Jefferson is among the best up and coming law schools in the nation.

Once the dinner and awards concluded, the party began! Attendees were ushered to the after party which took up the entire second floor. Coffee and desserts were served in one room while

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weakness and exploiting it will certainly garner points, but this competition is won and lost by the totality of every member.

Being in Washington, D.C., the mecca of American law and legislation was a thrill for us all. We met up with Hallie Lyn (Alumni, 2010) and Alex Balkin (3L) who are engaged and living their lives as TJSL student/Alumni from Washington, D.C. We discussed the new building, graduation, life after graduation, the competition and working for a Congressman, all while enjoying comfort food from the restaurant of Founding Fathers. Our dinner started with laughter and ended with laughter as we all said our goodbyes and look forward to seeing one another at graduation.

Day two started for most teams at 9 a.m., but we had a few extra hours for breakfast, sleep and a morning practice prior to our 12 p.m. start. It turns out the Commonwealth of Virginia do not object during openings and closings and it is highly frowned upon. We team learned this the hard way and were quickly told to sit down despite timely and sound objections. This took everyone back to one of the first rules every trial attorney or Professor will inundate you with, "Know your judge, know your audience".

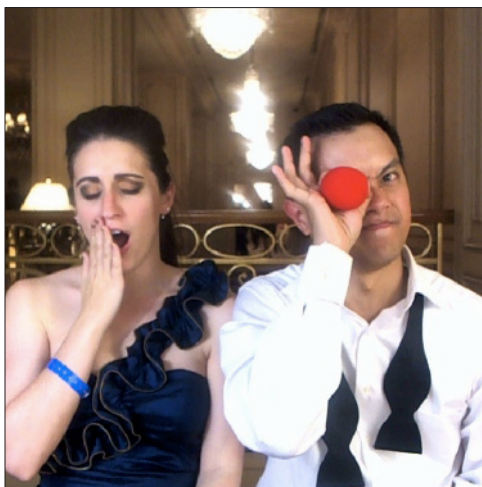
Overall, this team performed exceptionally well. If you see any of these individuals throughout the school take a second to congratulate them. Their representation of Thomas Jefferson was exceptional, and they should be commended. At the end of the day we did not make the final 4: comprised of Fordham, Tennessee, and two William and Mary teams. This team has two graduating members, yet looks forward to building on their successes from this year at next year's competition.

Congratulations to the PAD's Mock Trial Team. Their representation of the Franklin Chapter and Thomas Jefferson School of Law was sensational.

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people danced the night away in another room. Attendees even had the chance to commemorate the evening at the free photo booth!

All in all, the 2011 Barrister's Ball could not have been more of a success. Many people in attendance expressed that this was one of the best Barrister's Balls in the history of the school. There is one problem, however, that surfaced from this year's Barrister's Ball: How is the SBA going to top this next year?



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Everything you wanted to know about the Crawford Legal Institute & Mentorship Bond Program

C.L.I.M.B.
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Rahel Temesgen
11th grade student at
Crawford High School

The C.L.I.M.B. program's guest speaker series at Crawford High School kicked off Wednesday afternoon with an amazing guest speaker by the name of Kim Carter.

Mrs. Carter shared her inspirational story with a group of Crawford law students in Mr. Steven Luttbeg's classroom. She shared with students the importance of chasing their dreams no matter what obstacles they may encounter along the way. She also taught us the power of the word "no," teaching us that this word only makes a difference in your life if you let it.

Mrs. Carter was able to connect with us on a more personal level because she comes from a background and upbringing similar to many of the students. Getting to see that she "made it" and what she has accomplished made us all feel like we could make it too. She was a true inspiration and I hope to be just as successful, happy, and accomplished as she is.

CLIMB

"Promising Dreams, Practical Steps."

Vision Statement: The purpose of the Crawford Law Institute & Mentorship Bond (CLIMB) program is to stimulate the growth of the minds of youth that have a keen interest in the legal profession. Through a collaborative effort between the youth participants from Crawford High School and a staff composed of Thomas Jefferson School of Law students, faculty, and affiliates, participants get the chance to broaden their vision and develop the skill set necessary to excel in their professional lives.

Mission Statement:

- Teen Court affords participants the opportunity to gain simulated legal experience while reaching out to youth already involved in the juvenile court system by providing them a chance to expunge their legal record through compliance with the program.
- One hour each week, community leaders from all walks of life will share their stories of overcoming adversity as well as providing insight on how to meet challenges head-on that they may encounter in their professional endeavors through a series of interactive presentations.
- Youth will be educated on the subject of professional decorum and provided with the opportunity to create their overall goal and a vision, with practical steps to achieve that goal.

Please e-mail Clinton Minus for more information: minuscm@tjisl.edu

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Afterthoughts
from a
C.L.I.M.B. Guest
Speaker

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On Wednesday, February 16, 2011, I spoke as a guest of "the court" and shared my experience of overcoming adversity with the students of Crawford High's School of Law and Business. The number of questions and feedback I received was an indicator of the students' level of interest in the field of law, be it the study of law, jurisprudence, or law enforcement.

The students at Crawford High School's Teen Court Program were a smart and interesting group. Mr. Luttbeg's class and the CLIMB organization are a great assistance to the juvenile justice system as first-time offenders are tried and sentenced in the "courtroom." Since rehabilitation is the focus of the juvenile system, these students and the offenders are given the opportunity to reform their lives without a permanent record. Additionally, they learn first-hand how it works to be judged by a jury of their peers.

I am astounded by the level of commitment and believe that through this program, the youth participants of CLIMB will be well assisted in getting/staying on the right path. I hope to be of assistance as CLIMB progresses and the students continue to contribute to a system designed to benefit youth.



C.L.I.M.B. Program

Speaker Kim Carter with Mr. Luttbeg's Class



C.L.I.M.B. Program

Speaker Wade Tang with students from Mr. Luttbeg's Class

How You Can Get Involved in C.L.I.M.B.

A Message from Clinton Minus, the C.L.I.M.B. Program Coordinator

Professor Slomanson and Professor Dyson are heading up the CLIMB (Crawford Legal Institute & Mentorship Bond) program. I am assisting them on the student end as the CLIMB Program Coordinator.

Currently, we are looking for law students and faculty to participate as guest speakers at Crawford High School of Law and Business. Our scheduled time for guest speakers will be every Wednesday from 11:00 AM- 12:15 PM. Our first speaker will be on Wednesday February 9th.

Anyone who signs up to volunteer as a guest speaker will have one hour to hold an interactive presentation with about 30 students at Crawford High School of Law and Business.

During the first half hour the guest speaker should speak to the youth about his/her background and the obstacles that he or she dealt with growing up as well as his or her journey to law school.

The next half hour should include information of how the speaker was able to overcome obstacles in his or her life, experiences in law school and/or professional life, with steps the youth can take to achieve their goals and become successful. The presentation will be followed by a fifteen-minute discussion and question & answer session.

Guest speakers will need to e-mail me at minuscm@tjisl.edu, their itinerary 48 hours before the scheduled presentation (in 10 minute intervals). This should include the topics that will be discussed during their presentation.

This is a great opportunity for law students and legal professionals to work with a diverse group of students interested in the legal profession.

Please contact me with any questions, concerns, or comments. Thank you for your time.



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Post-Grad Manifesto

Andrea Monk
TJSL Graduate

If you're like most graduating students, you're eagerly looking forward to a period of well-deserved R & R before you start bar study. Not so fast. Your life post-graduation will hardly be stress-free. The following, for your leisurely perusal as a current student, is a play-by-play of some of the events you can expect.

First, know that the minute you get on that graduation list, it will change your life. As those who have read the New York Times in the past couple of months realize, law school is VERY BIG BUSINESS. VERY BIG BUSINESS can't afford to waste much time with nonpaying customers, which is exactly what you become once you graduate. This is not to say that there aren't individual staff and faculty members who will treat you with the same kindness and consideration that they always have, but it does mean that your needs are a lower priority for the school. In this regard, remember the adage, "The squeaky wheel gets the grease."

The initial manifestation of your altered status is likely to be getting kicked off of Westlaw, the school website, and just about any other website you have access to due to your student status.

No due process here. Is your access to these sites a property right? I would think so; they contain information it would be difficult to find elsewhere, and you've paid for it. Will you get any notice whatsoever?

Well, one day around the time of graduation, you will have full access. The next day, and it could be the day after graduation - or the day

You're Welcome

Practical advice for law school and beyond
Scott Greenwood | 2L Editor

Dear Scott,

You've previously written about door holding etiquette and taking the elevator up only one flight of stairs. It looks like your topics and responses are getting a bit thin. It seems like this is more like your personal blog and isn't an advice column at all.

Sincerely,
Just Sayin'

Dear Just Sayin'

I'm glad you brought up elevators because many people have asked me to address this topic more thoroughly. First off, yes I said that the elevator should only be used for going up more than one flight. Yes, I now realize that I can't get away with doing this myself anymore. And yes, I realize that some people have those wheelie bags. It's just a rule. For the record there are a few other rules too:

1) Please wait until people get off the elevator to board. When a full elevator stops at the first floor odds are that some of those people will need to get off.

2) Please don't hide in the corner of our new spacious elevators unless it is full; move to the middle when you are going to disembark. Elevator hiding may cause an otherwise well-meaning person to break rule 1.

Dear Scott,

Is it bad that I think my boyfriend is totally stupid and I wouldn't want to introduce him to my father let alone my family, but yet he is an amazing kisser so I keep dating him?

Sincerely,
Kissing v. Personality

Dear Kissing > Personality,

There are really two different issues here—dating a person you're embarrassed to introduce to your family and dating someone only because they have one good characteristic that you value. If your current boyfriend wouldn't pass muster with the family, consider introducing them to a different male friend of yours who is even more embarrassing. This way, when they do meet your current bf he will seem at least a little better by comparison. Also, consider the value in dating someone less intelligent than yourself. As a law student you will probably be able to get your way most of the time with persuasive arguments. Be careful though, unintelligent people are notoriously difficult to win actual arguments with.

The second issue here is keeping someone around because they have one good quality that outweighs the many bad—in this case kissing. I call this situation the reverse-Seinfeld. Seinfelding occurs when you break up with someone because, despite their many good characteristics, you find one small thing wrong with them and use that to end the relationship (i.e. man hands). As everyone knows, the reverse-Seinfeld is not as bad as the regular Seinfeld, so this is a clear situation where you should trade up when you get the chance and not feel guilty.

You're Welcome,
Scott

before -you will make several frustrating tries at logging on and find that "You are not authorized to view this site." No warning letter, no e-mail. Your post-deprivation "hearing," consists of the runaround that Very Big Business is infamous for.

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Expect More, Demand Less

Craft and Commerce Serves Up The Comfort Food Of Your Childhood, But With Cocktails!

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Honestly, I almost walked right past it. The low key restaurant and bar appears to be tucked away in an apartment building, with only a small, barely noticeable red neon sign displaying the restaurant’s name. Even the entrance, near the corner of Beech and Kettner, is difficult to find unless you’re expecting it. After figuring out which unmarked panel of windows was actually the door, the journey became even more confusing. I thought I had entered a mine shaft. The restaurant was packed with people even though it was a Sunday night at 7 p.m.; it is dimly lit with low wooden ceilings and bearded bartenders wearing flannel shirts and suspenders. Surprisingly, I was greeted by the wandering hostess who informed me and my accompanying gentleman that we simply needed to sign our name on the chalk board near the unassuming door, and we would be seated within about thirty minutes. When a table was ready, she would come find us. At

first I was skeptical that she would be able to find us in this tightly packed room, until I realized it actually isn’t all that large. I realized I was standing next to a ceiling to floor mirror that boasted something along the lines of ‘this mirror is here to make the room look bigger.’ Seriously. It actually has something to that effect written on it.

We managed to grab the miner-bartender’s attention and put in our drink orders. I chose the ‘Kentucky Gentleman,’ and waited with bated breath. It turns out that Craft and Commerce is also owned by the man who runs the Noble Experiment, the secret bar inside the restaurant the Neighborhood (located only a few blocks from TJSL). The Noble Experiment is known for proper cocktails; well made, stiff drinks that are hard to come by in the ‘rum and coke’ culture of the Gaslamp. But I’ll save the Noble Experiment for another article. Craft and Commerce carries on the same tradition of extraordinary, proper cocktails. My drink order comes up, and I’m surprised. It’s served in what appears to be a tiny, ornately detailed wine glass. I take one sip and realize why. If this drink was served in a larger glass, I would need someone to help me finish it. Made with rye whiskey, punt e mas (vermouth), averna (Italian liqueur) and mole bitters, it was a bittersweet delightful surprise of a drink. Incredibly strong, but incredibly smooth, I happily dove in.

And not a moment later, the wandering hostess found us and seated us. Looking around the room, I couldn’t quite put my finger on how I could describe the décor. My first impression

was a mine shaft, with its low exposed wood ceilings and kerosene style lamps on the tables. The hipsters turned miners turned bartenders added to this conclusion. And then I noticed the book shelves built into the walls. The mine shaft décor was coupled with an old library. Like a gentleman’s library of days gone by. My accompanying gentleman quipped that they were probably all law books, as they were thick and terribly boring looking. He earned a swat on the arm for that one. Upon reading the spines, we realized they were cocktail recipe books, likely used by bartenders in the past to learn the trade.

I fell in love with the concept once I had digested it. The restaurant is hidden, like a secret miner’s bunker; this is a place for the hardworking blue-collar workers to nourish themselves, apart from the overindulgent metropolis outside. But once you’re inside, it’s actually welcoming and feels like home. Craft and Commerce includes a short description of what they’re trying to achieve within the menu; a place that recognizes ‘true value’ and a ‘simple quality of life.’ They argue the world is subjected to a media that creates needs that weren’t there before, and this is their response. A restaurant that fulfills the needs you already have, instead of creating new ones. Their tag line succinctly concludes ‘expect more, demand less’.

As my cocktail slowly started to seep into my veins, I surveyed the menu and found an appetizer that begged to be tried; mini corn dogs. But once they arrived, I was shocked.

They were full size corn dogs, and the succulent hot dog inside was bacon wrapped. It was like being a kid again, indulging in hearty comfort food. The appetizer impressed me immediately, and left me half full. Craft and Commerce had seized its niche; gourmet comfort food. For dinner, I ordered the brisket sandwich, another food I happily stuffed myself with as a kid. The food arrived surprisingly fast, considering the number of people packed inside the pseudo mine shaft. The sandwich did not disappoint. Buttery, grilled toast encompassing smoked brisket *and* pastrami, a hint of cheese and a slathering of buttermilk slaw. And on the side, a helping of light, crunchy, homemade potato chips. The meats were smoked to perfection, thinly sliced and full of flavor. The cheese, gouda to be exact, was a light complement and didn’t overpower the sandwich. And the buttermilk slaw was so good it was almost sinful; the buttermilk was thick and hearty, contrasting with the perfectly timed crunch of slaw. I wanted to ask the chef to pack my lunch for school every day.

I ate as much as my half full stomach would allow, taking the rest for home. Leftovers will have to do for my lunch at school the next day. Next time I’d have to save room for dessert—an ice cream sandwich coupled with candied bacon called my name, and loudly. We left the restaurant with full, contented bellies and excitedly formulated a plan to return soon; so much of the menu had yet to be conquered.

Price: \$10 for a cocktail. Appetizers range from \$4-\$15. Dinners range from \$9 to \$14.

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not understand IT’s instructions well enough to follow them perfectly the first time around, remember that they are busy attending to all of the new technology in our new campus and do not have time to help you learn to use it; nor does anyone else. Thanks for your \$100,000-plus; maybe you should have checked into the level of computer knowledge required before enrolling. We’re Big Business; full disclosure is not our job.

Note that you are likely to lose access and have to go through the runaround even if you have a change of plans, do not actually complete your requirements by graduation date, and enroll for another semester. It seems that the unstoppable forces that kick you off of all your school accounts simultaneously are put into motion simply by getting on “the list.”

Next up during your pre-bar study period; about the time you are rushing to take care of the personal business you have put on hold for three-plus years, you will likely start getting at least three messages per week from your student loan servicers, reminding you of all the things they won’t hesitate to do to make your life miserable should you fail to make payments as scheduled. At least you will be told exactly when payments will start coming due. It’s a good idea to get deferments lined up before the grueling period of bar study starts. It’s been my experience that the school has adequate staff to help with this.

While all this is going on, you will need to make preparations for bar study. This includes finding a comfortable place to study for hours at a time, buying the materials you will need and printing out essay questions and performance exams from the California Bar website. When the model answers are included, these print jobs run about 100 pages each, so start early and find a place where they can be printed cheaply.

Doing practice essay questions while finishing your classes is probably not a realistic expectation, but multiple choice questions can be done a few at a time and can be found in a lot of the study aids or online. Getting a head start on the thousands you will need to do to prepare for the MBE will make your bar study period a little easier. For many, preparations will include telling significant others that you will, once again, be unavailable and preoccupied for several weeks.

One of the worst aspects of post-graduation life is the necessity of saying goodbye to professors and staff who have helped you throughout your time at TJSL. Another is the prospect of job-hunting in this economy, especially for those students contending with disabilities, family constraints on where they can relocate, age discrimination, and the like.

In other words, your post-graduation and bar study period will be about as stressful as your first year of law school. Enjoy!

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Objection to the maintenance fee for lockers EACH SEMESTER!

Objection to \$1.50 water in the student lounge. Really?

Objection to the professor who decided to have a group meeting in his office, which happens to be in the library, and not closing his door. Anybody see a problem with that?!?

Objection to the so-called sound proof study rooms. Umm...not so much!

Objection to being told we can't go onto the balcony but seeing random staff walking out there, even without a hard hat.

No objection to intramural sports

Objection to the recent weather. I want Spring Time!

No objection to cougars- They're sadly just groupies that never made it big.

Objection to having to log in a million times a day to get internet access.

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Objection to the guy who moved in above me; guess I won't be studying the bar at home.

Objection to the Staff and Admin. being way too scattered with a lot of things at the new building.

Objection to being busy during my last semester of law school. I thought this was going to be a breeze!

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