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SAN DIEGO LAW SCHOOLS COME TOGETHER FOR “WOMEN LAWYERS” PANEL



The tri-school Women Lawyers Panel and Champagne Reception, hosted at Thomas Jefferson School of Law on Wednesday, January 28, 2015, brought together attorneys and students from across San Diego for a candid discussion on the challenges women face in the legal profession.

The panel included alumnae from each of the local law schools and was co-sponsored by the TJSJ Women’s Law Association and the TJSJ Career Services Office. “As co-sponsors of this event, the Office of Career Services is dedicated to bringing valuable programming to TJSJ students,” said Paula Gluzman, Associate Director of Career Services.

The event was also co-sponsored by the Women’s Law Caucus at the University of San Diego School of Law, Women’s Law Caucus at California Western School of Law, the Office of Career and Professional Development at the University of San Diego School of Law, and the Office of Career and Professional Development at California Western School of Law. California Women Lawyers and Lawyers Club of San Diego were also co-sponsors.

“Law school is the time to start relationships that will continue for years to come,” said President of the Women’s Law Association Kaitlin Shelby. “Having all three law schools come together and participate in a panel for the first

time was wonderful. It also provided a unique networking opportunity for all three schools where everyone was able to mingle with individuals they may be working with in the legal community throughout their career.”

Kaitlin Shelby, Kelli Blackburn, Vice-President of Cal Western’s Women’s Law Caucus, and Sam Keil, President of University of San Diego’s Women’s Law Caucus moderated the discussion which spanned topics from the importance of being outspoken about your accomplishments to finding the right balance between personal style and a professional demeanor.





“Women should educate themselves on the statistics of women’s success rate in the law,” said Lawyers Club of San Diego Board Member, University of San Diego School of Law alumna and panelist Olga Álvarez. “Women should decide what their values are, build relationships with people in the community that they want a job from, and hone in on their craft and build great legal skills because that will be the gateway to their success.”

Renée Galente '08, who is a Board Member of both California Women Lawyers and Lawyers Club of San Diego, represented TJSL on the panel. “If we are not there to help the next generation why are we wasting our time,” Galente said of the importance of becoming a mentor. “We need to be reaching back constantly.”

“Women can have it all, just not at the same time,” said panelist Wendy Behan, a Cal Western alumna who also serves as President of California Women Lawyers. “Follow your passion, you can build a career in the law and have a family. You just have to know there are trade-offs at different times.”

A champagne reception following the panel discussion was held on the 8th floor terrace.

“The reception provided a unique and welcoming space to expand on the important topics discussed during the Women Lawyers panel.” said Gluzman. “I was happy to see students introducing themselves to attorneys and speaking with judges. Throughout the reception, groups of law students listened attentively to a panelist providing further words of wisdom. It is this type of networking environment that allows law students to build relationships and ultimately find

their place within the legal community and profession.”

A raffle was held at the reception that raised \$300 for Lawyers Club’s Fund For Justice which is the charitable foundation arm that serves to reach out to the community, in particular to serve at-risk women and children. Gluzman added, “We are lucky to have California Women Lawyers Association and Lawyers Club of San Diego that are led by women like Ms. Behan, Ms. Galente, and Ms. Alvarez. They inspired our law students at this event, so it felt fitting to support their charitable foundation that helps such a relevant cause.”

Future Career Services co-sponsored events include: professional career panels with the ABA Tort, Trial, & Insurance Practice Section (TIPS) and the CA State Bar’s International Law Section, Dress for Success workshop and a Speed Networking Night with attorneys, interview skills workshops, and other professional development presentations. For more information, visit [Simplicity](#).



On Monday, January 26, twenty-one Moscow State University (MSU) professors and students met with Dean Thomas Guernsey who welcomed them to the Thomas Jefferson School of Law. “TJSL is a great law school,” said one of the visiting MSU students. “All of the professors I met use effective methods while teaching students in their classes. I hope the links between MSU and TJSL will strengthen and I hope that they flourish.”

While visiting California from January 25th-30th, TJSL’s special guests met with Professor Aaron Schwabach and Associate Dean for Graduate & Distance Education Programs William Byrnes to learn about TJSL’s JD and LL.M. programs. “After this trip and having this experience, I am thinking of taking the LL.M. program and returning to California,” said MSU student Roman DUBYANSKY.

They also met with Professor Thom Golden who presented an Introduction to US Law class. “It was difficult to imagine that the program at TJSL would be so informative, amazing, and unforgettable.

The school has the cleverest professors, the richest library, and the best atmosphere. I’ll never forget my visit to San Diego and TJSL,” said Alim Ulbasha.

Throughout the week, the Russian students attended a number of TJSL classes. “The lectures were very informative and useful,” said one MSU visitor. “Students at TJSL were very polite and friendly. They always wanted to help and tell

us more about the U.S.A. and the school. All of the teachers are great specialists and I am proud to have had such an experience.”

Also included in their experience was a visit to the Federal Courthouse where they observed court proceedings, and had a question and answer session with Judge Anthony Battaglia. “I am so thankful for this experience,” said L. Liasev. “I will remember this for my whole life.”

They also attended a Federal Jobs Panel where they heard from a US Marshal, a US Attorney, a Federal Defender, a Courtroom Deputy, a Court Interpreter, a Court Reporter, a U.S. Probation Office, and a representative with the U.S. Pretrial Services Office.

Alumna Camille Guerra '04, who is an attorney with the CaseyGeary law firm, arranged a visit for the visitors. Alumni Association Board member Lorena Slomanson '03, who is an attorney with Legal Aid offices at the downtown Superior Court, also arranged a visit for The Moscow State University Professors and students.

This group is here due to the efforts of Professor William Slomanson, who is Russian. “My several visits to MSU set the stage for this program,” said Professor Slomanson. “Professors Claire Wright



and Dean Byrnes’ subsequent visits later helped to solidify our academic association. The MSU group is here as a result of our program, whereby our professors go to Moscow to lecture, and their law students can visit TJSL with a view toward hopefully attending our graduate programs. We are quite honored that they chose to spend a week with us.”

“I’m very grateful to Professor Slomanson for this exceptional opportunity to be in San Diego,” said Moscow State University Professor Gaya Davidyan.

“Moscow State University has historically been ranked as the top university in all 15 former Soviet Republics,” said Professor Slomanson. “So we are of course pleased that 6 MSU professors and 15 law graduates—all of whom are now pursuing their Ph.D.’s in law—visited TJSL.”

TJSL HOSTED MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS



BRENDON W. MARSHALL '13 BUILDS A CAREER AT THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Soon after graduating from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law, Brendon W. Marshall '13 found what he considered to be the perfect job for him. "After passing the bar, I was afforded a position as a Deputy Attorney General with the California Department of Justice. I became a statewide criminal prosecutor, representing the people of the State of California in state and federal trial courts, appellate courts, and Supreme Courts," Marshall recalls. "None of this would have been possible without the support and motivation of my colleagues and professors during my time at TJSL."

"Interestingly enough, I never intended on going into criminal law," Marshall acknowledges. "In fact, my journey to the California Department of Justice and acquisition of the title Deputy Attorney General was more or less an accident. It started as another internship, a resume builder, and frankly that is all I thought it would be." Enthusiastic about his career and the people he works with, Marshall added, "The attorneys are top

notch, incredibly helpful, and devoted. The opportunities and resources are limitless and the work is intellectually and emotionally stimulating. In sum, I became interested in criminal law when I dove into it head first."

Although Marshall did not anticipate pursuing a career in criminal law he has found great personal satisfaction as Deputy Attorney General. "The most rewarding part of my job is being able to represent the State of California in the pursuit of justice against individuals who have, at times, destroyed the lives of others," said Marshall. "Whether it is capital murder, sexual assault, abduction, robbery, or a gang related crime, the goal at the beginning of every day is the same, to insure that justice is carried out. Simply put, it is an honor being able to stand before a trial court, an appellate court, or the Supreme Court with the understanding that I represent the people of the State of California, and more specifically, the victims of merciless crimes."

Like many students, Marshall found law school challenging, "I entered law school with the understanding that in order to succeed it was going to require extensive perseverance and dedication." Marshall also admits, "Along every step of the way I had extremely supportive colleagues and professors that went out of their way to make sure I had every nuance for a given legal subject well versed."

During law school, Marshall was involved in Phi Alpha Delta, editor of the student run newspaper The Jeffersonian, member of Moot Court and lead notes editor of the Law Review. Marshall credits the Law Review note writing process in particular for sharpening valuable skills. "It taught me to manage my time, focus my energy, and how to produce a high quality piece of legal scholarship on a deadline," Marshall said. "This process which paired me with one of my 1L professors as a

mentor greatly shaped the attorney that I am today."

"After law school came the Bar exam. Again, I knew this would be a challenge and I prepared myself for it in advance. I started studying early, continued until late at night, and kept my eyes on the prize, "Esq.," Marshall said. "Yes, bar study is an extremely long and daunting process but with a good work ethic and reasonable goals along the way, it can easily be viewed as a job with a nifty title as a paycheck. Luckily, I did the job right the first time."

Academic achievements aside, Marshall recognizes that connecting with colleagues is what opens doors in the legal community. "Network, network, and continue to network," Marshall said. "Life is not a fairytale and, consequently, jobs will not fall from the sky into your lap. You need to be a go-getter. I attribute most of my success thus far to networking and seizing opportunities that presented themselves. Go to an event, find common ground with a person of interest, and chat them up. Carpe diem."

In addition to making connections outside of TJSL, Marshall values the relationships he was able to build with professors. "It was incredibly helpful being able to connect with professors who not only enjoyed what they did, but who were also willing to take additional time outside of the classroom to make sure you enjoyed the learning process as well," Marshall said. "Some of my fondest memories while at TJSL pertained to my professorial relationships. To name a few, Professors Rebecca Lee, Maurice Dyson, and Steve Semeraro went above and beyond their duties by insuring that not only my sanity remained intact, but also that I understood their respective fields inside and out. It was a blessing having such dedicated professors."

"My law school experience at Thomas Jefferson School of Law was enjoyable and highly memorable," Marshall stated. "While law school in general is a challenge, I contribute much of my pleasurable experience at TJSL to the collegiality of the students and the support of the staff and faculty."

PROFESSOR MARJORIE COHN PRESENTS AT THE INTERFAITH CONFERENCE ON ARMED DRONES



Professor Marjorie Cohn spoke at the Interfaith Conference on Armed Drones at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey that ran from January 23-25. At the conference, Professor Cohn drew from her book *Drones and Targeted Killing: Legal, Moral, and Geopolitical Issues* where she discussed the illegality of targeted killing and assassination off the battlefield. Professor Cohn also explained why killing with drones in an armed combat zone may also be immoral, using the

'sleeping soldier' example. She detailed why the administration's rationales for its targeted killing program violate the law.

The conference was attended by 150 representatives of the Catholic, Protestant, Muslim, Jewish, Unitarian, and Quaker faiths, as well as several anti-drone activists.

Professor Cohn's interview on this topic appeared on Philly.com.

DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR SPORTS LAW & POLICY SPEAKS AT BERKELEY

On Wednesday, January 21, Managing Attorney of California Sports Lawyer, President of the TJSL Alumni Association and Director of the Center for Sports Law & Policy, Jeremy Evans '11 was invited to speak about sports and entertainment law at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.

"I think Mr. Evans is an ideal person to come to UC Berkeley and share his experience as a legal professional in the fields of sports and entertainment," said one of the event organizers, Johnathan Aloni, LL.M. student at UC Berkeley Law.

During his presentation, Evans distinguished the differences between being a sports agent and a sports attorney. He discussed his journey through law school and how he has developed his career. Evans also gave

advice about how to get into the sports and entertainment law industry. Evans discussed the ethical responsibilities, and pointed out common pitfalls to avoid when starting your career.

"I was honored to have been invited and I relished the opportunity to speak to up-and-coming law students and future lawyers," Evans said. "The audience was engaged and asked a lot of great questions."

Evans was invited by the Berkeley Center for Law & Technology, the Sports and Entertainment Law Society, and the Berkeley Journal for Sports and Entertainment Law which is dedicated to providing intellectual and practical discussions pertaining to current issues that impact entertainment and sports law.



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The [TJSL Alumni Video Series](#), filmed and edited by Art Director Sherwin Laranga and produced by Communications Coordinator Denice Menard, showcases a wide variety of Thomas Jefferson School of Law Alumni and focuses on their areas of expertise and experiences.

In this ongoing series, past graduates give you a glimpse into their lives and discusses their journey from law school to career.

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VITA TAX CLINIC AT TJS� TO OPEN IN FEBRUARY

From February 21 to April 13, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program operated by Thomas Jefferson School of Law's Tax Law Society will provide free income tax return preparation for students, low-income families, senior citizens and others who can't afford professional tax services or are unable to complete their own tax forms.

Since 1998, TJS� students have annually offered this service to the San Diego community. The clinic's student volunteers receive training to become

IRS-certified, operate the TaxWise software, interview clients effectively and assemble a proper tax return. This year, approximately 15 students, who are IRS-certified will participate.

The TJS� tax clinic is open to walk-in clients on Mondays from 5 – 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 – 5 p.m. The clinic will be closed on Monday, March 2, Saturday, March 7, Monday, March 9 and Saturday, March 14.

The Tax Law Society is advised by TJS� Professor Richard Winchester, a former

attorney in the national tax office of PricewaterhouseCoopers, who is a national authority on employment tax policy and the taxation of the closely held business.

The tax clinic is located in the Law Clinic office at the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in the East Village area of downtown San Diego. The entrance to the clinic is at 495 Eleventh Avenue. The Park & Market Trolley station is adjacent to the law school and there are commercial parking lots available nearby as well as limited on-street parking.



Items you need to bring to the TJS� Tax Clinic to have your tax returns prepared are:

- Proof of identification
- Social Security Cards for you, your spouse and dependents and/or a Social Security Number verification letter issued by the Social Security Administration
- Birth dates for you, your spouse and dependents on the tax return
- Wage and earning statement(s) Form W-2, W-2G, 1099-R, from all employers
- Interest and dividend statements from banks (Forms 1099)
- A copy of last year's Federal and State returns, if available
- Bank Routing Numbers and Account Numbers for Direct Deposit
- Total paid for day care provider and the day care provider's tax identifying number (the provider's Social Security Number or the provider's business Employer Identification Number)
- To file taxes electronically on a married filing joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms
- If you rented your home, the name and address of your landlord or property management company and their phone number

FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

MARJORIE COHN

Presentation

Drones and Targeted Killing: Legal, Moral, and Geopolitical Issues, National Lawyers Guild, New York City (January 25, 2015)

Radio

Senate torture report; Drones and Targeted Killing: Legal, Moral, and Geopolitical Issues, Stir it Up, Free Speech Radio, KFCF, Fresno, CA, Feb. 4, 2015

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Books

LEXIS GUIDE TO FATCA COMPLIANCE (3d ed. Lexis 2015)

PRACTICAL GUIDE TO U.S. TRANSFER PRICING 2015 (3d ed. Lexis 2015)

2015 TAX FACTS ON INDIVIDUALS AND SMALL BUSINESS (with Robert Bloink) (National Underwriter Co 2015)

2015 TAX FACTS ON INVESTMENTS (with Robert Bloink) (National Underwriter Co 2015)

2015 TAX FACTS ON INSURANCE & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (with Robert Bloink) (National Underwriter Co 2015)

Presentation

Exchange of Information of Corporate Financials of MNEs for Addressing BEPS, University of Amsterdam Centre for Tax Law, University of Amsterdam Law School, Amsterdam (January 22, 2015)

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THE 15TH ANNUAL
WOMEN AND THE LAW
CONFERENCE

WOMEN AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

MARCH 27, 2015

Noted criminal defense attorney Leslie Abramson will deliver the Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecture at the 2015 Women and the Law Conference, which will be held at Thomas Jefferson School of Law on Friday, March 27.

Abramson, now retired, handled the first Menendez Brothers trial, Phil Spector's case, and many other high-profile cases. Abramson wrote, *The Defense Is Ready: Life in the Trenches of Criminal Law* and has a great story to tell.

The theme of the 2015 WLC is *Women and the Criminal Justice System*. There will be panels with experts who have worked in the criminal justice system, followed by a reception on the eighth floor terrace.

More information coming soon.

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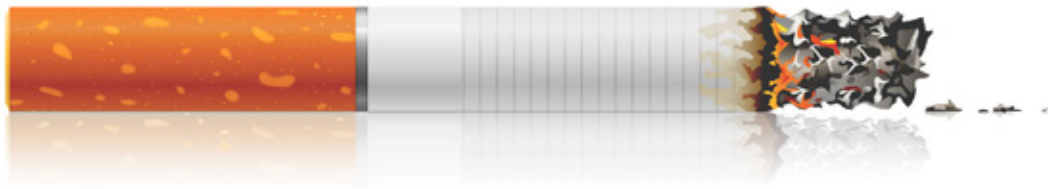
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