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 TJSL Women’s Law Association and the TJSL Career Services Office. “As co-sponsors of this event, the Office of Career Services is dedicated to bringing valuable programming to TJSL 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.”

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 Symplicity.

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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.”

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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.”

“I 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 I 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. "Eve," Marshall 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. “Building connections, networking 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 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 at the bar, and I prepared myself for it in advance. I started studying early, continued until late at night, and kept my eyes on the prize. “Eve,” Marshall 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.”

During his presentation, Evans highlighted 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.

The TJSL Alumni Video Series, filmed and edited by Art Director Sherwin Laranga and produced by Communications Coordinator Denise 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 discuss their journey from law school to career.

**TAKE A VISUAL TOUR INTO THE LIVES AND EXPERIENCES OF TJSL ALUMNI**
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, TJSL 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 TJSL 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 TJSL 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 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 TJSL 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

VITA TAX CLINIC AT TJSL TO OPEN IN FEBRUARY

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MARCIE COHN

Presentation


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

WILLIAM H. BYRNES, IV

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.

Want to Submit a TOUCHSCREEN FLYER?

If you are a TJSL organization and would like to have your information promoted on the Touchscreens, please follow these flyer guidelines:

- **Dimensions**
  6.6 inches (width) x 10.1 inches (height)

- **File Format**
  PDF or JPG

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The City of San Diego prohibits the use of e-cigarettes and vaporizers in the same locations where smoking of cigarettes and other tobacco products is prohibited. TJSL’s policy is consistent with the City's ordinance and does not condone their use outside the designated smoking areas.

Thank you for your cooperation.