ADR Team Effort Adds to TJSL’S Remarkable Record in the California Bar’s Environmental Negotiation Competition

The TJSL team of Sean Kelley 2L and Lawrence Kleinman 3L, ably coached by Patrick Downing 3L and Khouloud Elmasari 2L, won second place and a $500 prize in the 13th Annual California Bar Environmental Negotiation Competition held in San Francisco on March 15. This continued TJSL’s remarkable record of six final four appearances in the 13 years of the competition with two wins, three seconds and one fourth.

In this year’s competition Shawn Kelley and Lawrence Kleinman beat 18 other teams, including teams from UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Hastings, UCLA, California Western, Golden Gate, Loyola, Santa Clara, USF and Western State. Also competing strongly for TJSL were Michael Morphew and Timothy Thiel, ably coached by Yvonne Ruiz and Rachel Wechhorst Espejo. They narrowly missed the final four.

The second place finish for Kelley and Kleinman was truly a team effort. They spent six weeks preparing for the competition, drilled by their coaches Patrick Downing and Khouloud Elmasari and sparring with a wide array of the ADR team members. They practiced in a “fishbowl” in front of the entire team and got instant feedback from the whole ADR team.

The problem they negotiated was based on the water issues in California's Delta, where the farmers and residents from northern and southern California vie for water supplies and where 80% of California’s rain falls but where only 20% of its population lives. Professor Spiegelman, the faculty advisor to the ADR team, said it was by far the most complex problem set he had seen in any competition over the many years has been coaching student negotiation team.

When they reached the final four, Kelley and Kleinman had one hour and 15 minutes to prepare a problem that was five single-spaced pages involving the paring down of a bond proposal from $10 billion to $7 billion. The bond issue involved six separate project titles and the parties had differing priorities on almost all of them. The team operation went into gear. Kelley, Kleinman and Professor Spiegelman developed a strategy and system for presenting and moving on the numbers, Downing and Elmasari developed bullet points for the subject matter and priority of each project title, and Thiel and Weckhorst put together a list of the monetary ranges the team was authorized to agree to for each title. While the team members put the final touches on their preparation, Professor Spiegelman attended a conference on any possible clarification of the facts. The judges commented on the amazing grasp of the problem the negotiators had.

“Although we have done well in many competitions over the years, this one stands out as the result of the most collaborative effort I have ever seen. Sean Kelley and Lawrence Kleinman performed extremely well and came up with innovative approaches to the problems, but they would not have accomplished what they did without the insightful and assertive coaching from Patrick Downing and Khouloud Elmasar; the support and friendly competition from Tim, Mike, Rachel and Yvonne; the feedback from the rest of the team; and the all-around positive vibe of this year's ADR team,” said Professor Spiegelman.

“The prospects for the ADR teams future are extremely bright with a very talented group of returning members and a solid base of experience and success to build on for next year.”
For most TJSL students, March 13 was just the day after midterms. But for the volunteers and panelists who helped La Raza Law Students Association put on its annual King Chavez High School College Day, the day was about paying it forward, sharing inspirational stories, and reflecting concrete and attainable goals to a new generation of college bound students.

“Every student walked away knowing that they can, and will, meet their goals and to never give up,” said King Chavez High School counselor Stacey Praizner.

TJSL students were asked: “Take a step forward if either of your parents graduated college... if they owned the home you grew up in. Take a step back if money was an issue in your family growing up...if you were ever teased by your appearance... or if English was not your first language.” Eventually, all the TJSL students who participated in the icebreaker made it to the made up finish line, which represented law school.

I used this powerful demonstration because my vision was for students to know others before them had overcome some of their same obstacles and challenges. More importantly, I wanted them to go home believing anything was possible, even law school. A mission accomplished and driven home thanks to the 25 volunteers who helped put on this event.

The junior and senior high school students began their day at TJSL by participating in a mock trial inside the Moot Courtroom using a fact pattern courtesy of San Diego La Raza Lawyer’s Association. TJSL’s Director of Admissions, Tim Spearman delivered a heartfelt welcome encouraging them to go to college and to pursue a legal career.

Afterwards, La Raza members escorted the students on tours of the campus and law classes, in which they were graciously welcomed by Professors Steve Berenson and Julie Greenberg, and Assistant Dean Arnold Rosenberg.

During the lunch hour, students attentively listened to the inspirational educational journeys of panelists Tara Almazan 2L, Leo Fuentes 1L, Justin Hall 2L, Armando Murillo Jr. 1L, Karen Barragan 2L and Christina Hebert 1L.

Ms. Praizner helped close the event by giving each high school student a chance to get up and offer their gratitude to the TJSL students who took time out of their busy days to mentor them.

“I have been on countless college visits over the last 10 years. Our visit to TJSL exceeded any visit or program I’ve seen for high school students,” said Praizner. “La Raza took mentoring and educating our students to another level by sharing their life stories about obstacles and challenges they faced.”

“We’re passing you the torch now. Keep looking back and pay it forward by inspiring those that come behind you,” I said to them in my closing remarks.

“Students have asked if they can go back and/or re-connect with the TJSL students to tell them that they are now seriously considering law school because they were inspired by the TJLS students, and that they have a desire to help people. They want to be role models someday,” shared Praizner.

The ultimate reward is knowing that in only a few hours, we were able to make a difference in so many young lives.
Street Law Students Visit Thomas Jefferson
By Adeyinka Glover, 3L

On Friday, March 15, students from ALBA Community Day School came to Thomas Jefferson to tour the campus and sit in on Professor Ben Templin’s Contracts II class. ALBA students are a part of this year’s Street Law Program at TJSL.

“I liked it. Professor Templin actually gets you into it,” said Stephany Guera, an ALBA high school student who expressed her thoughts about Professor Templin’s class.

“It was interesting and I liked listening,” said Michael Goodall, another ALBA student.

Street Law is a course taught at Thomas Jefferson School of Law that allows TJSL students to teach teenagers from San Diego high schools about different aspects of the law that are applicable to them currently and as they progress into adulthood. Topics taught include how to create a law, search and seizure rights, and the juvenile justice system. The program ends with the teenagers competing in a mock trial competition against other schools in the Street Law Program.

This year Street Law is taking place at both ALBA Community Day School and Clairemont High School.

ALBA Street Law instructors, Adeyinka Glover 3L, Taly Haghighi 2L, and Monica Kazemi 2L, wanted to bring their students to the TJSL campus to peak their interest to attend college and even law school.

“Having our Street Law students visit campus today was so rewarding,” said Monica Kazemi 2L. “We really want these bright students to consider all the opportunities the world can offer them and bringing them to Thomas Jefferson not only shows how much we care for their well being and success but allows them to see where a little hard work can take you.”

“It is an honor to teach Street Law at ALBA,” said Taly Haghighi 2L. “The students are very intelligent, and I am looking forward to their final trial.”

The final mock trial competition will take place in late April.
Avoiding the State Bar Discipline System: A Workshop

“We see a lot of good people do bad things,” said Kristin Ritsema, who appeared at TJSL on Friday, March 15, for an MCLE presentation by TJSL’s Center for Solo Practitioners called “Avoiding the State Bar Discipline System.”

Who better to explain it than Ritsema? She is the Supervising Senior Trial Counsel of the state bar’s Office of Chief Trial Counsel. She tries attorney disciplinary cases in the State Bar Court, but as she said, their “favorite thing is to not have to prosecute.”

Disciplinary violation outcomes range from disbarment to suspension to merely a letter of warning. Some attorneys even have to attend “ethics school.”

According to Ritsema, the best way to avoid the bar’s discipline system is to “know what your ethical obligations are.” She listed several sources and said the California Rules of Professional Conduct are required reading for all attorneys. “If you know the rules, you’re not likely to violate them,” Ritsema said.

Ritsema also said the State Bar Act of the Business and Professions Code (B&P Code §§, et. Seq.) is important, as is keeping up with case law from both the California Supreme Court and the State Bar Court Review of Department cases.

Two of the most common disciplinary violations, according to Ritsema, are failure to keep your client advised of significant developments and failure to respond to your client’s inquiries on the status of their case as there is a duty to keep the client informed under the Business and Professions Code. (B&P Code § 6068 (m)). One way to avoid that problem is to “shoot a copy to the client of all the correspondence you write and motions you file,” she said.

Another violation Ritsema cited is failure to act with competence. One example she gave is a client who walks into your new solo practice office with a huge potential class-action suit. She said you have to ask yourself, “Do I have the competence and the resources to handle this case.” She says one option you have is to associate yourself with a large firm to handle the case because “that way you stay involved.”

Another rule that is often broken is what Ritsema called The Golden Rule – “The case file belongs to the client. If you take nothing else away from this presentation today, that is the most important thing. You can’t hold the client’s file hostage – even if they haven’t paid you.”

Ritsema also went over the rules of handling Client Trust Accounts. Co-mingling funds and misappropriation of funds are two of the most common CTA violations.

“Mistakes happen, but is it willful misconduct?” Ritsema stressed, in explaining one of the most important questions she and her colleagues ask whenever a potential case is referred to them.

"We are fortunate to have access to an experienced attorney from the state bar give us insight about how her agency vies and handles complaints against attorneys," said TJSL Professor Luz Herrera, who founded the Center for Solo Practitioners. "Our students, alumni and staff who attended were equipped with practical information they can use throughout their career."

“The MCLE offered concrete, practical guidance regarding what pitfalls to avoid that could get you in trouble with the State Bar Discipline System. It’s one thing to refer you to the rules of professional conduct,” said attorney Alara Chilton, who practices criminal defense and consumer litigation. “It’s quite another to inform you of how the discipline system works, what you can do if someone files a complaint, and the procedures you can implement to help comply with your ethical obligations. I am most grateful to TJSL and its Center for Solo Practitioners for putting on this terrific program.”

After the discipline workshop, the Center for Solo Practitioners held an intensive training for its New Solos on how to handle client trust accounts. This is an area of law that is often confusing and difficult for lawyers. According to Professor Herrera, "Ms. Ritsema helped us better understand the resources the bar provides to help lawyers navigate this critical part of their practice."
Networking is one of the most important tools of the trade when it comes to getting established in the legal profession. But as those students who attended the TJSL Alumni Associations Networking Dos and Don’ts event at the law school on March 14 learned – networking is both an art and a science.

The three panelists were TJSL alumni who each networked successfully to launch their own careers: Lacy J Lodes ’08; Eric Ganci ’08 and Jeremy Evans ’11. The emcee was Alumni Association President Renee Galente ’08.

The consensus was: Don’t just walk up to someone at a networking event, stick a resume or business card in their hand and ask for a job. It won’t work. In fact, Eric Ganci thinks that’s one of the biggest “don’ts.”

“Networking makes genuine connections,” said Lacy J Lodes. “It won’t necessarily get you a job, but it does allow you to plant the seeds. To get a job, you need to be around the people you want to work with and look up to. Instead of asking for a job, ask for advice on getting a job.”

And Lodes stressed getting involved with both legal organizations as well as non-legal organizations, such as business associations.

“Network early and often,” said Eric Ganci. “What Lacy J said is the goldmine. Get involved with legal organizations outside of law school. It gives you more contacts when you get into practice. Also, meet lawyers in the fields you’re interested in. Take them out to coffee. Learn what their typical day is like.”

“Where your heart is is where you’ll find your treasure,” said Jeremy Evans, speaking of the importance of knowing exactly what you want to do with your JD degree. He added that, “Professionalism starts the first day of law school.”

The panelists also said it’s not just getting to know others, but letting them get to know you. At networking events it’s quality, not quantity. You can’t get to know everyone at a networking gathering, but you can get to know several people by having good conversations with you that they will remember.

One good piece of advice they offered: “try to get information, not a job.” Another piece of advice: “Always have business cards with you.”

And Lodes is a big believer in thank yous. “I got a job offer from an interviewer who didn’t treat me very well. But I had sent her a thank you card, and she said that’s why she hired me.”
TJSL Alumni Association Presents Networking DOs and DON’Ts continued...

There were networking opportunities for the students at the event itself. Several legal organizations from the San Diego legal community had representative attorneys in attendance, who graciously and enthusiastically gave of their time. These organizations included: the San Diego County Bar Association, Lawyers Club of San Diego, North County Bar Association, the American Immigration Lawyers Association, California Appellate Defense Counsel, Consumer Attorneys of San Diego, Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association, Iranian American Bar Association (SD Chapter), Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego, San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association, St. Thomas More Society and the Filipino American Lawyers of San Diego.

These lawyers also had great networking advice for the students, including attorney Anna Romanskaya ‘07 of Lawyers Club, who said the most important thing she sees in law students is “follow through.”

“You need to learn how to sell yourself,” said attorney Rafael Acosta of the North County Bar Association. He added that people you network with need to know who you are, where you’re coming from and what you want to do. “Nobody cares about how much you know until they know how much you care,” he said.

One way of doing that, according to the lawyers, is to “interview for information, not for a job.”

”You should know what fields you are interested in and determine what you want to do with your law degree,” said attorney Alara Chilton of San Diego La Raza Lawyers. “Take a look in the mirror and ask yourself, what do I really want to do. That will make your networking more effective because now you know the direction you want to take.”

The students who attended said they got a lot out of the event.

“It was wonderful,” said Jessica McCracken 1L. “This is exactly what I need to hear. I’m excited to start showing up at events.”

“This event was awesome,” said Neda Shoustari 3L. “It has definitely given me insight that attorneys are approachable. They are normal people.”

“This cleared up some misconceptions I had about networking,” said Danny Radford 1L.

“It put more of a face on how it works – the reality of it,” said Jimmy Harris 1L. “The ‘how to do it’ opened a path to me.”

That’s exactly what the alumni who organized the event were hoping for.
A Message from the Admissions Team

Are you interested in helping law school applicants learn more about TJSL? Are you having a positive law school experience?

If you answered yes, then we want **YOU** to join the Admissions team. We are interested in having current students participate in the First Annual Phone-a-Thon by making phone calls to new students to give a warm welcome and answer questions about the student experience at TJSL.

The phone lines will be open from Thursday, March 21st until Friday, April 5th during the hours of 12pm-2pm and 5pm-7pm. You will need to commit to making calls for 1 hour on any day during this time frame.

Pizza will be served and all participants will receive a **FREE TJSL** t-shirt.

To be considered for this opportunity, please email [admissions@tjsl.edu](mailto:admissions@tjsl.edu) and include your:
1. first and last name,
2. phone number
3. availability.

Admissions will contact you to share more details about the selections.

Thanks,
Your Admissions Team
TJSL Opening a Veterans Self-Help Legal Clinic This Week

Thomas Jefferson School of Law will open a Veterans Self-Help Legal Clinic this Wednesday, March 20, to help former military service members with their legal needs. The veterans will be assisted by volunteer lawyers from the community working side-by-side with TJSL law students.

The self-help clinic will be appointment-only and will operate the third Wednesday of every month from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at 495 Eleventh Avenue. The clinic is now taking appointments.

“San Diego is home to more recently returned veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan than any other city in the country,” according to the clinic’s director, Professor Steve Berenson. “Many of them are grappling with a variety of legal issues without the assistance of counsel. The new clinic is designed to provide as much help as possible to these struggling veterans to represent themselves successfully in their legal matters. The clinic will also provide an additional opportunity to students at TJSL to get hands on legal practice experience, work with established volunteer lawyers and serve the San Diego community.”

On March 6, Professor Berenson presented a training session for the volunteers who will be staffing the self-help clinic – both attorneys and law students. The class focused on the substantive issues that are likely to arise in the clinic. The class can be viewed online.

“The class went very well,” said Professor Berenson. “We had some of the top practitioners in San Diego presenting on issues that are likely to be prevalent among the veterans seeking services from the clinic. They included former VLAC Fellow Tiffany Gilmartin ’10 addressing family law issues; Patrick Long ’10 discussing veterans benefits; Susan Clemens ’85 addressing offender reentry issues; and Michael O’Halloran discussing bankruptcies. We also had Steve Binder ’84 from the Public Defender’s office discussing his experience in nearly three decades of working with struggling veterans here in San Diego.”

Each appointment at the Veterans Self-Help Clinic includes a half-hour consultation with a licensed attorney and a law student, who will provide limited assistance only, and not full or ongoing legal representation.

A number of important self-help services are available to veterans.

- **Document Assistance**: Help with filling out forms to be submitted to the court.

- **Computer Access**: The computers will be available to assist with filling out legal forms and conducting legal research.

- **Document Review**: Pre-filled out forms will be reviewed prior to submitting them to the court.

- **Additional Resources**: Information on how to move forward with your case.

Since 2006, TJSL has operated a highly successful Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic at Veterans Village of San Diego (VVSD). Our law students have been specially trained to work with VVSD’s residents on with their many legal issues.

This new Veterans Self-Help Clinic expands the law school’s commitment to help our country’s veterans with the many legal issues they may also face.

For veterans interested in an appointment, please call 619-961-4369.
The Public Law Section Student Writing Competition
$2,000 cash prize and article published in Public Law Journal
Deadline May 13, 2013

The Public Law Section is seeking entries for its annual Student Writing Competition. In addition to the cash prize, the winning entry will be published in the Public Law Journal. Articles should pertain to one of the following topics: Administrative Law; Constitutional Law; Municipal Law; Open Meeting laws; Political/Election Laws; Education Law; State and Federal Legislation; Public Employment and Labor Law; Government Contracts; Government Tort Liability and regulations; Land Use/Environmental issues; Public Law Ethics; or Public Finance. Articles must be submitted and written by a student enrolled as of May 13, 2013, in good standing at a California law school's Juris Doctor program that is accredited by the Committee of Bar Examiners of the State Bar of California.

The article must be submitted in a format suitable for publication in the Public Law Journal. The article should be the original work of the submitting student without substantial editorial input from others. A student need not be a member of the Public Law Section to participate in the writing contest.

Articles should have a minimum of 2,000 words and a maximum of 3,000 words (not including endnotes). Articles should include citations in either Bluebook or California Style Manual format, and citations must be included in endnotes, not footnotes.

AWARD
The author of the winning student article will receive a $2,000 cash prize from the Public Law Section and will have his or her article published in the Public Law Journal. The winner also will be recognized at the Ronald M. George Public Lawyer of the Year Award reception sponsored by the Public Law Section at the State Bar's Annual Meeting in September 2013. The Public Law Section will pay the winner's reasonable transportation and hotel accommodation expenses for two nights to attend the award reception.

DEADLINE/METHOD OF SUBMISSION
Articles must be received by midnight (PST) on May 13, 2013 to be eligible for consideration in this writing contest. Please submit articles by email as attached Microsoft Word documents in Times New Roman 12-point font, single-spaced, with one line between each paragraph. Citations must be included in endnotes, not footnotes. Email articles to cfowler@srcity.org or Rachel_Sommovilla.ci.richmond.ca.us (PST) on May 13, 2013. By submitting an article as part of this contest, the author grants the Public Law Section the right to edit (as necessary) and publish any article in the Public Law Journal.

JUDGING
Articles will be judged by the Executive Committee of the Public Law Section based on the following criteria, though not necessarily in this order: Complexity of topic, Relevancy to one or more areas of public law, Timeliness of topic to current developments in public law, Originality, Quality of writing, Compliance with contest rules.

A member of the Public Law Section’s Executive Committee will notify the winner by June 14, 2013. Please direct any questions regarding this contest to Caroline Fowler at (707) 543-3040 or Rachel Sommovilla at (510) 620-6509.

MISSION
The mission of the Public Law Section of the State Bar of California is to ensure that laws relating to the function and operation of public agencies are clear, effective and serve the public interest; to advance public service through public law practice; and to enhance the effectiveness of public law practitioners. Comprised of over 1,300 members, including law students, the Public Law Section focuses on addressing issues related to administrative law, constitutional law, municipal and county law, open meeting laws, political and/or election law, education law, water law, state and federal legislation, public employment, government contracts, government tort liability, agency regulations, land use/environmental issues, and public lawyer ethics.

The Public Law Section provides topical educational programs, seminars and resource materials; works to enhance the recognition of, and participation by, public law practitioners in the State Bar; presents its annual "Ronald M. George Public Lawyer of the Year Award" to public law practitioners who have made significant and continuous contributions to the profession; and publishes the quarterly Public Law Journal.
The MPRE is April 6! Are you ready?

To help you study for the MPRE, TJSL will hold a FREE, LIVE workshop hosted by Themis Bar Review on Tuesday, April 2, from 6 to 9 p.m.

More information will follow on the room and materials provided, but this will be an active workshop ending with a simulated MPRE exam. Therefore, you will be instructed to review the Themis video (on their website) prior to the workshop so that you will have an introduction to the substantive rules of the ABA Model Rules.

Save the date for this FREE workshop! You do not need to pre-register for this program.

Be sure to register with Flemings by March 25 to hold your slot. Seats are going fast at the $150.00 price.

For more information, contact Leah M. Christensen, at lchristensen@tjsl.edu Assistant Dean of Academic Success and Bar Preparation and Associate Professor of Law

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Lawyers Club of San Diego

Advancing the Status of Women in the Law and Society Since 1972
Academic Success & Writing Center Workshops Spring 2013

All workshops will be held on Wednesdays from 11:30 am to 12:45 pm

3/6/2013 and 3/13/2013 Room 227
Writing in Agreement (Part I and II)
This workshop focuses on correct writing skills, and specifically, subject-verb agreement, subject-noun agreement, verb tense, parallel structure and possessives. Students will complete practice problems to reinforce correct writing and agreement.

3/20/2013 Room 227
Writing with Clarity
The Writing with Clarity workshop is intended to hone the students’ writing skills in a manner that makes the content easy for the audience to read. The workshop will include lecture and practice relating to misplaced modifiers, vague referents, tricky pronouns, and transitional words.

4/3/2013 Room 227
Using Your Words Effectively
This workshop focuses on word selection for precision and conciseness. The bulk of the workshop will be spent completing practice problems, including word choice selection problems and editing wordy, cluttered statements for conciseness.

4/10/2013 Room 227
Countdown to Final Exams
This workshop begins with a brief overview of time management and planning strategies for the last month of classes, leading up to finals. Students participate in a reverse-scheduling and calendaring exercise to plot out what they need to do to successfully prepare for exams.

Weekend Writing Workshops (Saturdays 9 am -12pm)
These three-hour writing workshops will begin by discussing outlining and organizational learning schemes particular to the subject focus of the class, as well as how professors grade using rubrics and how students can organize their time more effectively to get the most points on their exams. Students will be provided rules to complete practice pre-writing and outlining activities. Students may be offered the opportunity to write a short essay and self-grade, or they may be afforded the opportunity to submit their practice essays to the Writing Center for individualized feedback.

The Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2013 Paul Faherty Tax Law Writing Competition. James Lynch, a partner at Winston & Strawn LLP, has graciously endowed this writing competition to honor Paul Faherty, former director of the Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits.

**Prizes and Eligibility**

Awards include one grand prize of $3,000 and two honorable mentions, each $1,000.

Any student currently enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school in the U.S. may enter. Topics may include any aspect of tax law.

Submit papers by email to aberkow@jmls.edu by Sunday, March 31, 2013.

For further information, contact Professor Kathryn J. Kennedy, Director of the Center for Tax Law & Employee Benefits, at 7kennedy@jmls.edu or visit http://www.jmls.edu/academics/taxeb/writing-competition.php
The Trademark Clinic is now accepting applications for Summer 2013!

The application deadline is April 1, 2013!

If you are interested in working with artists, entrepreneurs, small businesses and non-profit organizations in the trademark legal area, now is the time to apply for a certified law student position in the Trademark Clinic. As a Trademark Clinic student, you will provide legal assistance to San Diego County residents who do not have the means to hire legal counsel. Students must devote 20 hours a week to client work and attend a mandatory weekly seminar. You will receive 3 units for your participation in the Trademark Clinic [10 hours is the equivalent of 1 unit (20 hours/week of clinic work = 2 units). You also receive 1 additional unit for the weekly seminar].

Pre-Requisites

- Successfully complete first year of law school.
- Successfully complete Professional Responsibility.
- Successfully complete or currently enrolled in Civil Procedure II and Evidence.
- No major commitments to extracurricular organizations.

Application

To apply for a position for the Summer 2013, please submit a formal letter addressed to Professor Tim Dennison indicating your interest in working with the Trademark Clinic, a resume, and an unofficial transcript to bnieman@tjsl.edu no later than April 1, 2013. For additional information about what to include in your formal letter, please visit www.tjsl.edu/clinics/trademark-clinic.
“Supporting Community Entrepreneurship”

The Community Economic Development Clinic is now accepting applications for Summer 2013!

The application deadline is April 1, 2013!

If you are interested in transactional law and working with entrepreneurs, small businesses, and nonprofit organizations, now is the time to apply for a certified law student position in the Community Economic Development Clinic (CED Clinic). As certified law student, you will provide legal assistance to San Diego County residents who do not have the means to hire legal counsel. Students must devote 20 hours a week to client work and attend a mandatory weekly seminar. You will receive 3 units for your participation in the CED Clinic [10 hours is the equivalent of 1 unit (20 hours/week of clinic work = 2 units). You also receive 1 additional unit for the weekly seminar].

Pre-Requisites

- Successfully complete first year of law school.
- Successfully complete Professional Responsibility and Business Associations.
- Successfully complete or currently enrolled in Civil Procedure II and Evidence.
- No major commitments to extracurricular organizations.
- Preference given to students with prior legal work experience.

Application

To apply for a position for Summer 2013, please submit a formal letter addressed to Professor Becky Nieman indicating your interest in working with the CED Clinic, a resume, and an unofficial transcript to bnieman@tjsl.edu no later than April 1, 2013. For additional information about what to include in your formal letter, please visit www.tjsl.edu/clinics/ced.
ANNUAL AUCTION

“SPEAKEASY. BID OFTEN!”

PASSWORD IS: SOCIAL JUSTICE

FRIDAY APRIL 5, 2013
SILENT AUCTION 5PM – 7:30PM
LIVE AUCTION 8PM – 9PM

TJSL SECOND FLOOR
COMPLIMENTARY FOOD & DRINKS

TICKETS: $10
TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT TJSL.EDU/PILF OR AT THE DOOR

ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO PILF MEMBERS WORKING IN PUBLIC INTEREST JOBS OVER THE SUMMER
ATTENTION MAY/AUGUST GRADS

CAREER SERVICES PRESENTS:

JOB SEARCH FOR

MAY/AUGUST GRADUATES

Attendance at this information session is mandatory for all May/Aug. graduates. Please choose ONE of the following sessions to attend and RSVP in the events tab in Symplicity. Food will be provided.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD

12:00-12:50, ROOM 325 OR
4:45-5:45, ROOM 227 OR

THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH

12:00-12:50, ROOM 325

For more information contact Career Services at Ext. 4233 or careerservices@tjsl.edu
Lawyers Club of San Diego invites you to the first annual
Equal Pay Day Leadership Luncheon

Featuring Lorena Gonzalez, Secretary – Treasurer/CEO of San Diego - Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Equal Pay Day represents the date in the current year through which women must work to earn the same amount their male counterparts earned the previous year. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, on average, full-time working women are paid 77 cents for every dollar paid to their male counterparts. To learn more, visit the National Committee on Pay Equity website at http://www.pay-equity.org.

As head of the Labor Council, Ms. Gonzalez has worked tirelessly for equal pay for union members. She will discuss the significant and crippling impact of unequal pay upon women, their families, society, and our nation. Join us to discuss how to make a difference and close the gap.

Tuesday, April 9th, 2013
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
The Westgate Hotel, Downtown San Diego
1055 Second Avenue San Diego, CA 92101

Presented by
Lawyers Club Equality & Action and Professional Advancement Committees

Co-hosted by
AAUW, HBWA, League of Women Voters, Run Women Run, San Diego Commission on the Status of Women, Voices of Women, and Women Give San Diego

$25 for LC Members and Co-Hosts; $40 for Non-Members
Please register early at lawyersclubsandiego.com, as space is limited.

Contact subcommittee co-chairs Shalini K. Kedia at shalini@kediamediation.com and Maggie E. Schroeder at schroedterm@higgeslaw.com for more information and co-hosting opportunities.
Did You Know That April Is Fair Housing Month?

FAIR HOUSING: LAW, POLICY AND ADVOCACY

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013
11:30 AM–12:45 PM  ROOM 225
1155 ISLAND AVENUE
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

The Fair Housing Council of San Diego works to eliminate unlawful housing discrimination in the housing rental, sales, lending and property insurance markets on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status (presence of children in the family), disability, age, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, source of income, or other basis as defined by law affecting the San Diego regional housing market.

Speaker: MARY SCOTT KNOLL
Executive Director of the Fair Housing Council of San Diego

Ms. Knoll has 20 years of experience as a fair housing advocate, attorney, and educator. She will discuss:

• Housing Discrimination
• Fair Housing Laws and Policy
• Litigation and Advocacy under Federal and State Housing Laws

This is a BYOL (BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH) Event
Attention: TJSL July 2013 Bar Candidates!

Fleming’s Fundamentals of Law in conjunction with Thomas Jefferson School of Law presents:

A Live 12-Hour Performance Workshop Preparation for the July 2013 CA Bar

Be a Successful Bar Candidate! Master the Performance Exam!

Dates:

- Friday, April 12, 2013: 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- Saturday, April 13, 2013: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Costs:

- TJSL Discounted Price: $150.00
  ($12.50 per hour)

*In order to qualify for the TJSL discounted price of $150, TJSL student must register by March 25, 2013, otherwise the price will be $195.00.

A Small Investment to Pass Performance!
Each Performance Question is Equivalent to Two Essays. You Can’t Afford to Miss this Important Workshop!

To Register
Call FFOL Offices: 1 (800) LAW EXAM

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(949) 770-7030 + Fax: (949) 454-8556
Email: info@ffol.com + Web: lawprepare.com
1 (800) LAW EXAM
Career Services Presents ...

Getting a Grip on Your Student Loans

with Joe Braxton, Student Loan Expert

Wednesday, April 17, 2013
11:30 a.m. in Room 323
Brown Bag—Bring your own lunch/refreshments.

To attend, please RSVP in the Events Tab on Symplicity. Contact Career Services at careerservices@tjsl.edu with any questions.

This presentation will help you:
Determine what kind of loans you have and why it makes a difference, evaluate income-based repayment and other options, And learn simple steps to qualify for public service loan forgiveness.
THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW AT PETCO PARK

ALUMNI & FRIENDS TAILGATE

PADRES VS GIANTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2013 3:30 PM

$25 STUDENTS / $30 ALUMNI

INCLUDES ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT & DRINK TAILGATE PARTY, TICKET TO GAME AND SNACK BAG!

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE VISIT:

HTTP://ALUMNI.TJSL.EDU/EVENTS/INDEX.ASP?EVENTID=278
TJSL SALDF Donation Drive
Pets of the Homeless
Last day to donate is May 1

What is Pets of the Homeless?
Pets of the Homeless is a nonprofit volunteer organization that provides pet food and veterinary care to the homeless in local communities across the United States & Canada.

3.5 Million Americans are homeless. Between 5-10% of homeless people have dogs and/or cats. In some areas of the country, the rate is as high as 24%.

How do I donate?
TJSL SALDF is now a donation site for Pets of the Homeless- please help us help the pets and pet-owners that need it most! Donations can be dropped off at SALDF desk in student organization room

Things to donate
Dog Treats - Rawhide strips, ears, chewies
Packages of food - Dry dog food or canned wet food
Items must still be in their original packaging.
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SUMMER 2013 INTERNATIONAL LAW PROGRAM IN HANGZHOU, CHINA

MAY 20 - JUNE 7, 2013

with Distinguished International Guest Lecturer:
THE HONORABLE PIERRE LEVAL
FEDERAL JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS, 2ND CIRCUIT

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“The most beautiful and luxurious city in the world”
Marco Polo

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

● Distinguished faculty from the U.S. include Thomas Jefferson School of Law Dean Rudy Hasl and Professors Susan Tiefenbrun, Aaron Schwabach and Claire Wright
● Distinguished faculty from China include Professors Hongdao Qian, Yongxin Song, Leslie Kuan-Hsi Wang and Jun Zhao
● Morning Classes, Monday - Friday
● Visit the Chinese Supreme Court in Beijing
● Organized weekend tours to Beijing and Xian, the city of the ancient terra cotta warriors

EARN 4 CREDITS IN 3 WEEKS

● International Business Transactions (co-taught by The Honorable Pierre Leval)
● Comparative Trial Advocacy
● International Environmental Law
● WTO Law and China
● Chinese Legal System and Its Reforms

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
Office of International and Comparative Law Programs
Phone: 619.661.4318
Email: chinaprogram@tjsl.edu
Visit the China Program online at www.tjsl.edu/study-abroad/china
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STUDY LAW IN

NICE, FRANCE

JUNE 24 - JULY 18, 2013

with Distinguished International Guest Lecturer:
THE HONORABLE RICHARD GOLDSSTONE
FORMER JUSTICE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONSTITUTIONAL COURT
AND PROSECUTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNALS
OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA AND RWANDA

EARN 4 CREDITS IN 4 WEEKS

● International Human Rights
  (co-taught by The Honorable Richard Goldstone)
● International and Comparative Drug Control Law
● International Intellectual Property
● International Trade Finance Law

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

● Distinguished faculty includes Thomas Jefferson
  School of Law Professors Susan Tiefenbrunn,
  Alex Kreit, Ben Templin and Richard Winchester
● International guest speakers
● Morning classes, Monday - Thursday
● Visit a French courthouse in Nice
● French conversation course (optional)
● Opportunities to visit Cannes, St. Tropez, Paris,
  Monaco, Venice and other renowned cities

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
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