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Free Legal Clinic Services in District 8 During the Month of June

*Thomas Jefferson School of Law Alumni to Provide Free Legal Advice
At Three Locations to San Diegans of Modest Means*

SAN DIEGO – This Thursday, June 13, Thomas Jefferson School of Law and San Diego City Councilmember David Alvarez will launch a unique initiative designed to bring legal services to San Diegans of modest means.

Nine alumni from Thomas Jefferson School of Law will be stationed at libraries and community centers in San Diego's District Eight on various days over the following two weeks. There, the lawyers will counsel individuals with diverse legal needs in the following practice areas: landlord/tenant, immigration, family law, foreclosure law, criminal law, small business law, estates and trust, consumer law, and employment law.

The legal advice will be free to members of the public. The costs of the program are covered by a modest grant from the City of San Diego.

"It's a win-win" said director of the TJSL Center for Solo Practitioners, Lilys McCoy. "New solo practitioners who are eager to work with people who have traditionally been cut-off from legal help can do so. And members of the public who have previously felt excluded from the legal system or intimidated by the cost or inconvenience involved in getting legal advice can do so in their own communities."

The Free Legal Clinic is an outgrowth of the solo practitioner incubator launched by TJSL in November 2012. TJSL is one of only a small percentage of U.S. law schools to have started a post-graduate program for alumni who wish to start their own law practices. Modeled after the first-ever law school "incubator" in the nation at the City University of New York School of Law, the TJSL incubator exists to help alumni start law practices that are geared toward the delivery of legal services to populations who have traditionally not been able to afford legal representation.

"I am so pleased to offer this important service to my district," said Councilmember David Alvarez. "Access to justice is extremely limiting to those with low incomes. My hope is that many will take advantage and use these legal services that Thomas Jefferson School of Law is generously providing."

The Free Legal Clinic program will offer assistance to walk-ins or by appointment at (619) 550-4879 or solocenter707@gmail.com. The clinic locations, dates and times of operation are:

Thursday, June 13, 20 & 27	3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Otay Mesa-Nestor Library
Friday, June 14, 21 & 28	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Sherman Heights Community Center
Saturday, June 15, 22 & 29	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	San Ysidro Senior Center

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