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Thomas Jefferson School of Law Gets an "A" for Diversity!

SAN DIEGO, CA --- The [November issue of the *National Jurist*](#) ranked Thomas Jefferson School of Law as one of the most diverse law schools in the country giving it an "A" letter grade. The *National Jurist*, a leading news source in legal education, formulated the rankings by assessing faculty and student minority percentages.

This year, Thomas Jefferson School of Law ranked #15 in the country placing it above California Western School of Law, UC Davis Law and Stanford Law School. In 2012, the *National Jurist* compiled a similar ranking in which TJSL also received an above average grade of "A-."

After calculating each school's percentage of faculty minority and five categories of student minorities, these percentages were compared to national averages. Comparison was used as a way to assign scores from one to ten in each category. Schools that matched the national average in a category were given a seven and those that came in thirty percent above the national average or higher were given a ten. The faculty's score was weighted as twenty-five percent of the final score and the student population score as seventy-five percent.

The article emphasizes that diversity is so important to the legal profession and it should be regarded in rankings.

[TJSL's long standing commitment to diversifying the legal profession](#) has made it a forerunner in producing practice ready graduates. [TJSL's highly ranked externship program](#) and [multiple hands-on clinics](#) ensure TJSL graduates obtain an education that will make them competitive in today's job market.

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