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New Teaching Fellowship Program Begins at Thomas Jefferson School of Law

Three New TJSL Faculty Fellows Selected for 2010-2011 Academic Year

SAN DIEGO – Thomas Jefferson School of Law here will welcome its first group of TJSL Faculty Fellows this week for the inaugural year of the school's new Teaching Fellowship Program.

Professor Linda Keller, Chair of the Faculty Appointments Committee at Thomas Jefferson, is excited to welcome the three new Fellows to TJSL and says their diverse backgrounds and scholarly interests will enhance the intellectual culture of the law school.

"We received more than 100 applications for the 2010-2011 academic year, so the process was very competitive," said Keller. "Anastasia Boles, Liz McCuskey and Patricia Shepard all bring incredible experience and enthusiasm that will benefit the TJSL community. I'm confident that all three Fellows will make significant contributions as teachers and scholars. We are delighted to have them join us as TJSL Faculty Fellows."

The purpose of the fellowship, according to Keller, is to provide the Fellows with an opportunity to move from practice to law teaching and scholarship and to supplement the tenured/tenure-track faculty who teach Legal Writing I with Fellows from diverse backgrounds. The fellowship program is designed to provide mentoring and training to promising teachers in order to continue to provide Thomas Jefferson students with high quality instruction.

Anastasia Boles first came to TJSL in January 2010 as an Adjunct Professor. Boles plans to focus her scholarship at the intersection of employment law and race, gender, disability, sexuality and class. Since her graduation from Columbia Law School, Professor Boles has practiced labor and employment law for several years with the Los Angeles office of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, the litigation department of O'Melveny & Myers LLP in Los Angeles and the litigation department of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP in New York. Boles also clerked for the late Honorable Napoleon A. Jones, Jr., Southern District of California.

Prior to becoming a TJSL Faculty Fellow, Liz McCuskey practiced law with Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP in Philadelphia. Her litigation practice focused on appellate, antitrust and professional responsibility matters, as well as federal jurisdiction and attorney general litigation over Medicaid and FDA issues. She also maintained an active *pro bono* practice in which she litigated First Amendment and federal habeas issues. McCuskey graduated from Penn Law School and clerked for the Honorable David A. Faber on the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia.

Patricia S. Shepard's research interests include adultery law, civil procedure and legal ethics. She was a litigation associate at Latham & Watkins LLP in Los Angeles, California and Washington, D.C., where her practice focused on complex and international commercial litigation and antitrust litigation. She graduated from Stanford Law School in 2006 with *Pro Bono* Distinction. While at Stanford, she served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Stanford Journal of Law, Business & Finance*. Shepard received her undergraduate degree in Political Science from Yale College. She is fluent in French and Spanish.

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