



## San Diego Mayor Bob Filner's Diversity Week Appearance

*Was on the front lines of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's*

Bob Filner knows what it's like to fight the good fight and change American history in the process.

That's because San Diego's Mayor was on the front lines of the civil rights battle here in the U.S. in the early 1960s.

Mayor Filner shared his story at a special Diversity Week gathering at TJSL on April 9 – an inspiring presentation for those fortunate enough to be there.

Not many people can say they had Dr. Martin Luther King in the living room of his home as a teenager. Bob Filner can, because his father worked with the civil rights leader.

Not many people can say they were aboard one of the "Freedom Rider" buses that rode into the South to be part of non-violent protests to end segregation. Bob Filner can, and he spent months in a Mississippi prison cell at the age of 18 after the Freedom Riders were arrested when they reached Jackson. That saved them from a mob armed with chains and bricks and bats, according to the Mayor.

"It was a searing experience," Mayor Filner said of his prison time – not knowing if he would live through it. His fellow prisoners included such civil rights legends as John Lewis, now a congressman; Stokeley Carmichael of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee; and James Farmer, who organized the first freedom rides.

"If you can bring down segregation, you can do anything," Filner told his rapt audience in the 8th floor board room. "You can actually change America if you organize and have strong leadership."

Bob Filner is now trying to exercise his leadership to change San Diego.

"The city has never had as progressive a mayor as I am," he said. "San Diego probably isn't ready for me," he added, as he outlined his agenda of making the process of governing San Diego an all-inclusive one.

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### Mayor Bob Filner's Diversity Week Appearance continued...

"We are stronger if we build it on diversity," he said. "And the diversity in this city is incredible – yet decisions are not being made on behalf of everyone."

Bob Filner's message hit home with his audience.

"Mayor Filner is a civil rights hero," said TJSJ Professor Marjorie Cohn. "He was one of the Freedom Riders, who, at great risk to themselves, integrated the buses in the South. This was a critical part of the Civil Rights Movement. Mayor Filner told the assembled students and faculty about his experiences during this historic time, and how Dr. King and other Civil Rights leaders influenced his life. San Diego is lucky to have him as our mayor. It was an inspiring evening."



Professor Marjorie Cohn

"I enjoyed the event. I felt privileged to hear from someone who played an active role in such an iconic period in American history," said Lance Henry (2L). "I also liked his message of organizing to get things done."

Samantha Morales (2L) said, "La Raza was happy to support this event because it's not every day that a civil rights leader and former Congressman shares his experiences with a forum of law students. Mayor Filner highlighted his belief that the people in leadership should reflect the communities they serve and I found it admirable to learn that his appointed staff is composed of 88 percent women and minorities."



Left: Lance Henry

"Listening to Mayor Filner's presentation on his experience as a Freedom Rider sparked an intense amount of emotion inside of me," said Noël Heard (3L). "It was amazing to hear his first-hand story of the types of horrific events they had to endure in those days. His courage, selflessness and conscious decision to take a stand against what he knew was wrong made me think about myself. What am I doing to change the wrongdoing in my community? Am I doing enough to help those less-fortunate than I, in my community? I don't think so. But after listening to his speech, I'm going to start! I'm in the process of a full self-review and will be meeting with him in the upcoming week to find out how exactly I can contribute to the betterment of my community. I'm truly inspired to do more!!!"

"Mayor Filner's experience as a Freedom Rider jailed for standing up for civil rights is an inspiration to all," said TJSJ Professor K.J. Greene. "His vision for including all San Diegans in governing choices is also a breath of fresh air. It shows that our diversity as a city is our greatest strength. TJSJ was honored to host this civil rights champion."

The event organizers are grateful to both El Indio and Lolita's restaurants for donating their delicious food to the festivities.



The Mayor's appearance was part of a week-long celebration of diversity at Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

## Congratulates to Monique Rodriguez for Earning a Prestigious Internship in Missouri

By Maysa Eissa, Esq. Associate Director of Career Services

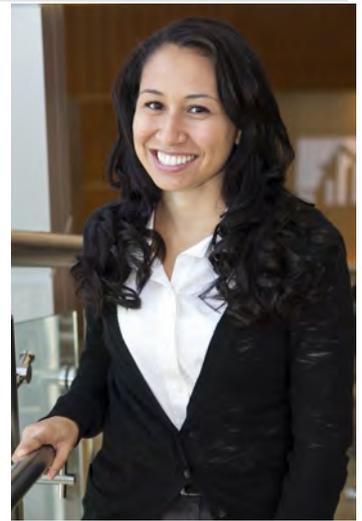
Monique Rodriguez (2L) is one of just a handful of law students across the country to be selected to take part in Just the Beginning Foundation's Summer Judicial Internship Diversity Project. Together with the Judicial Resources Committee of the United States Judicial Conference, this project aims to provide summer judicial internships for highly qualified minority, underrepresented and economically disadvantaged law students.

After a rigorous application and interview process, Rodriguez will serve as a judicial intern to the Honorable Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., Chief District Judge of the U.S. District Court of the Western District of Missouri. This summer, she will have the valuable opportunity to draft bench memoranda, judicial orders and opinions on a variety of substantive matters under the judge's mentorship.

Rodriguez's commitment to social justice and access to the courts was inspired long before law school. As an undergraduate student at UC San Diego, she was inspired to pursue a law degree after learning about recent segregation cases within San Diego County. Immediately prior to law school, she worked as a Community Impact Coordinator at the Arrowhead United Way, where she witnessed firsthand the impact of limited resources and lack of access to legal representation within San Bernardino County. With this judicial internship, Rodriguez hopes to gain greater exposure to the judicial process to help her one day represent those in greatest need of legal services.

"This whole process has been so rewarding, as I never expected to go so far in the application and interview process, nor to receive an internship with a federal judge," said Rodriguez. "I am very excited for this opportunity and to learn from this experience."

To learn more about this Summer Judicial Internship Diversity Project, visit: [www.jtbf.org](http://www.jtbf.org).



### **You are all invited to the Graduate Program's new Lecture Series that will be held live online.**

Tuesday, April 16, 5 p.m.

***The Demonization of Derivatives: The Story of the London Whale,***  
Professor Oda.

Thursday, May 2, 10 a.m.

***How to Avoid Bankruptcies of too Big to Fail Institutions and Governments Going Forward, Suggestions and Alternatives,*** Professor Jol.

Thursday, May 16, 2 p.m.

***Is the Credit Union Industry Doomed?*** Professor Oda.

Friday, May 31, 2 p.m.

***Structuring Real Estate Opportunity Funds in the US,*** Professor Rinaldi.

[Click here for login information and for more information on the presentations](#)

## **Congratulates to Samantha Morales for Earning a Prestigious Internship in Washington D.C.**

TJSL student Samantha Morales (2L) has been accepted for an eight-week summer internship at the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. beginning on June 10. She will be assigned to the Office of Tribal Justice (OTJ), which is the primary point of contact between DOJ and federally recognized Native American tribes.



“This is a tremendous achievement and shows that Thomas Jefferson students can and do compete at the highest level for the best internships and jobs,” said Professor Bryan Wildenthal, who teaches Indian Law at TJSL. “This achievement by Ms. Morales also fits well with Thomas Jefferson’s on-going efforts to reach out to Native American communities and be of service on the important legal issues affecting Indian Country. Many people are surprised to learn that San Diego County has more federally recognized Indian reservations (18) than any county in the United States. TJSL offers lots of opportunities for students interested in Indian law and its many associated fields, such as environmental law, child welfare and other areas.

OTJ, where Morales will be working, advises the DOJ on legal, policy, litigation and protection matters over Indian Country, communicates policies and positions to tribal leaders, coordinates with the Office of Legislative affairs on efforts relating to Indian Country and serves as the liaison between tribes and federal, state and local officials, professional associations and public interest groups.

Thomas Lawrence Baca, a Native American attorney and leader in the national Indian law community, and regular guest speaker in TJSL’s American Indian Law course, generously counseled Morales before her interview on how best to approach it, though he notes she had already secured the interview, and ultimately got the position, entirely on her own initiative and merits. Mr. Baca served as Deputy Director of OTJ from 2004 to 2008 and as President of the Federal Bar Association in 2009-10. He is one of a number of leading practicing attorneys whom students in TJSL’s American Indian Law course have the opportunity to interact with and learn from.

TJSL is the only law school in the San Diego area to regularly offer a course on American Indian Law. It is taught by Professor Wildenthal, a full-time faculty member who has published widely in the area. TJSL faculty, staff, and students have been involved for years in organizations such as the California Indian Law Association and the Native American Lawyers Association of San Diego County. TJSL was proud to make “Native American Women and the Law” the focus of its annual Women and Law Conference in 2011.



## ***TJSL Student Testifies in Sacramento on Homeless Youth Legislation***

Amy Louttit (3L) is an advocate and a tireless activist for the rights of homeless and unaccompanied youth. She is the Youth Director of the San Diego Task Force on Unaccompanied Youth.

It was in that role that she testified in front of three California State Assembly and Senate committees in Sacramento the week of April 1.

“It was amazing,” said Louttit. “All of my dreams were coming true at once to be able to educate lawmakers.”

Louttit says she has been working her entire life toward having a soapbox to be able to work for this cause. “It’s something I’m really good at,” she said. “California has a higher rate of homelessness among youth than any other state – it’s disproportionate. There are nearly 250,000 homeless children and youth enrolled in California public schools.”

The first bill Louttit testified for was AB 309, which would clarify a policy that categorically denied food stamp benefits to unaccompanied youth under the state’s CalFresh program. For example, the bill seeks to break down barriers to access by ensuring that social workers are defining ‘household’ when interviewing youth applying for CalFresh because the program’s definition is different than what the rest of society considers belonging to a household.

The bill passed the Assembly Human Services Committee unanimously.

In front of the Senate Education Committee, Louttit testified on behalf of SB 177, the Homeless Youth Education Success Act. The bill would make sure all homeless students are aware of their many educational rights. It would also clarify existing law so that foster and homeless youth are immediately eligible to participate in school sports.

“Sports help create a clearer path to higher education for these students,” Louttit says. “There are so many benefits of playing sports.”

The bill would also create a working group between the California Departments of Social Services and Education to address the unique needs of unaccompanied homeless youth, minimizing youths’ fears of reaching out to liaisons and seeking the services they have the rights to access.

“They don’t need to be afraid,” said Louttit. “It isn’t a crime to be homeless.”

SB 177 passed the committee unanimously and Louttit was pleased that Senator Mark Wyland, a Republican from Escondido, asked to sign on as a co-author, making this a bi-partisan bill.

Louttit also testified for AB 1068, which would allow homeless youth to consent to the release of their educational records on their own. It also ensures that these students are tagged by the school district’s homeless youth liaison. AB 1068 passed the committee unanimously.

“Homelessness among youth is really becoming a high-priority issue on the radar of our legislators,” said Louttit. “If all of these bills become law, California will become a national role model,” she says.

And Amy Louttit knows that she is playing a role in that with her outspoken advocacy. The California Legislature has not seen the last of her as she plans to be there more in the coming months to continue lending expert guidance to legislators concerned with the issue of youth homelessness.

[Watch the video of Louttit’s Assembly Human Services Committee Testimony](#)

## TJSL Alum Eric Ganci Runs for Lawyers Club Board of Directors

Eric Ganci '08, who currently serves as Vice President of TJSL's Alumni Association, is running for one of the coveted seats on the San Diego Lawyers Club's Board of Directors. Ganci has been active in Lawyers Club since 2007, having served on numerous committees, and says he "really believes in the mission of the organization," which is to advance the status of women in the law and in society.

"It's an incredible organization, filled with unbelievable people, and I hope to continue to give back to Lawyers Club as a board member," says Ganci.

Ganci and his wife, TJSL alumna Rene Galente '08, have built a thriving law practice in which he has distinguished himself as a prominent and award-winning DUI Trial Lawyer. Ganci is qualified to train police in field sobriety tests and DUI investigation, is trained on DUI breath testing (Intoxilyzer 8000 and Data Master (DMT) and was trained by the American Chemical Society on DUI blood testing.

He was named one of *SD Metro Magazine's* Best Lawyers in San Diego, DUI/DWI, 2012; one of the *San Diego Daily Transcript* Top Young Influentials, 2012; one of the *San Diego Daily Transcript's* 2010 Young Attorney Finalists; and one of San Diego's Top 40 Under 40 by *San Diego Metro Magazine*, 2011. He also earned the San Diego County Bar Association's Outstanding Service by a New Lawyer Award in 2011.

Voting for the Lawyers Club Board of Directors ends at 5 p.m. on May 1st. Visit [Lawyers Club of San Diego](#) for more information about Ganci and the election.

## TJSL Alumni President Renee Galente Honored as "Young Influential"

TJSL Alumna Renee Galente '08 has been named as one of the San Diego Daily Transcript's "2013 Young Influentials."

According to the Transcript's Jada Thomas, the 30 Young Influentials selected are "San Diego County's newest rising stars, market leaders and entrepreneurs crafting our region and our business landscape for the better."

"It's an honor to win this award," Galente said. "I especially appreciate being included in such a remarkable group of innovators, leaders and entrepreneurs. After reading of their accomplishments, I consider myself quite fortunate to have made the list."

In the article, Galente details how a flip of the coin led her to choose law school over getting an MBA, and how she and her fiancé Eric Ganci '08 built their law practice Galente Ganci APC "from scratch."

The judges selected the 30 finalists from more than 140 nominations.

Galente will also receive a special community service award from the San Diego County Bar Association in April, 2013.



## TJSL Alum Kerry Armstrong '97 is Criminal Defense Bar Trial Lawyer of the Year

Thomas Jefferson School of Law alumnus Kerry Armstrong '97 has been named as the San Diego Criminal Defense Bar Association's "Trial Lawyer of the Year."

Armstrong has quite a story to tell about his career and what led up to this award:

"I moved to San Diego from Nashville in 1994 to attend what was then called Western State. I had worked a lot through college and paid my entire way, but because of working so much, my grades were not what I wanted them to be. I knew that if I got into a good law school I could pass the Bar the first time and be a successful attorney. I just needed to get into law school to prove it. Thank goodness Thomas Jefferson (Western State) gave me that chance. I recall that first semester and having several students make fun of my fairly thick Southern accent. It was then that I decided that the only way to have that stop was to get very good grades and show my fellow students that the accent did not mean that I was stupid. So I worked like crazy and had the highest GPA in the entire school at the end of that first year. I ended up graduating *cum laude* and in the top 9 percent of my class. I really owe a lot to Thomas Jefferson. The professors were excellent and I was able to go part-time and clerk a lot during school.

Clerking during school was such a huge part of me eventually becoming a good defense attorney. I started clerking for Kerry Steigerwalt (another Western State graduate) in 1996 while going to school at Thomas Jefferson. I recall walking into his partner's (Bill Nimmo) office one day to get something. That was the first time I had seen the CDBA's Trial Attorney of the Year plaque. Mr. Nimmo had it on his wall. If I recall correctly, he had won it a year or two before. I remember just staring at it for a few minutes and thinking to myself how bad I wanted that award someday. And seventeen years later, I have it!"

Part of the reason that Armstrong was honored is the remarkable year he had defending his clients in 2012, where he had nine jury trials.

"Doing nine jury trials this past year just about killed me. From early October to Christmas Eve day, I was in four back-to-back trials. I think I had four court days off in twelve weeks. It was miserable. There were days that I was not sure I could make it to trial the following morning. I was totally exhausted physically and emotionally. But I kept on and it, of course, paid off. So, while this award might be nice to past winners, it truly means everything to me. "



## Marquetta Brown '11 Honored with President's Volunteer Service Award

TJSL Adjunct Professor and Alumna Marquetta Brown '11 is one of more than 3,000 AT&T employees nationwide listed in the March 13, 2013, print edition of USA Today to receive a 2012 President's Volunteer Service Award.

"The full page ad has 3,301 AT&T employees' names on it," explains Brown. "Which is still a small percentage and I consider it to be an honor because AT&T is over 300,000 strong internationally."

In addition to Brown's adjunct position at Thomas Jefferson School of Law, she is a full-time employee at AT&T in the Government Solutions department. Brown manages a team that writes the technical responses for Federal Government RFPs and proposals where her primary role is editorial and administrative.

Each President's Volunteer Service Award recipient volunteered over 100 hours of their time to help build better communities. "My volunteer activities included my work as a Small Claims Court Mediation Volunteer and serving San Diego's youth through a leadership enhancement program for African-American male high-school seniors with the San Diego Chapter of The Links, Incorporated," Brown said. "Last year, through our fundraising efforts, the San Diego Links awarded 21 young men over \$55,000 in scholarships. Additionally, each graduating high school senior received a laptop computer and printer to take with them to college."

Brown said she was "thrilled" to receive an email from her employer at AT&T indicating that she was one of the honorees.

"This prestigious national honor recognizes your exemplary volunteer service in your community," wrote Kara Devita, Director-Community Programs. "We are proud of your achievement and inspired by your dedication. On behalf of the President of the United States, the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation issues this honor in recognition of sustained community service over the past year. By recognizing employees like you, the award also serves to encourage every American to improve their communities through volunteer service and through civic participation."

There are three President's Volunteer Service Award categories: gold, silver and bronze. By volunteering 364 hours Brown earned silver. According to the President's Volunteer Service Award website, any individual, family, or group can receive Presidential recognition for their annual commitment to volunteer service as long as they meet the hourly requirements.

"This award is a reminder that people matter – to each other and to our communities," said Devita. "And because of people like you, our communities will be stronger."

Additionally, this month, The Catholic Diocese of San Diego appointed Brown to serve a 3-year term on the Board of Directors for Catholic Charities of San Diego and Imperial County.

For more information about the Presidential Volunteer Service Award, visit [www.PresidentialServiceAwards.gov](http://www.PresidentialServiceAwards.gov).

## "ProSlo's" Busy D.C. Trip: Moderating a Panel, Meeting Alumni and Admittees



Top Row: Edward Kuch '09, Chris Bidwell '92  
Bottom Row: Joshua Hauptman, admittee for class of 2016, Aaron Gorman '12, Louise Dunn '12, Christie Edwards '07, Jamaca Mitchell '10, Professor Slomanson; Michael Jackson '94 and friend Jackie.

Professor William Slomanson, along with TJSL alumni Christie Edwards '07 and Chris Bidwell '92, assumed leadership roles at last week's American Society of International Law (ASIL) Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Professor Slomanson moderated a panel titled "Unilateral Secession in a Multi-polar World." Edwards was elected co-chair of the ASIL's prominent Women in International Law Interest Group. Bidwell moderated a panel titled Nonproliferation Aftermath: Legal Responsibilities Under International Law Once WMD Programs Have Been Secured or Destroyed."

Professor Slomanson has been on prior ASIL panels; chaired the ASIL's United Nations section from 1995-2006; has been its Newsletter editor since 1992; and is currently a Corresponding Editor for one of the ASIL's flagship publications, International Legal Materials. He drafted his panel's hypothetical secession scenario, which is available online at:

[http://www.tjsl.edu/slomansonb/ASIL\\_Hypo\\_Secession.pdf](http://www.tjsl.edu/slomansonb/ASIL_Hypo_Secession.pdf)



Christie Edwards '07 with Professor Slomanson



Right: Professor William Slomanson Moderates ASIL Panel

The U.S. has itself experienced a dozen secessions—first seceding from England, and then witnessing eleven southern state secessions in the Civil War era. With political change sweeping through the Middle East as a result of the Arab Spring, ethnic divisions threatening the breakup of Iraq, and internal strife burgeoning in Mali, the specter of unilateral secession looms large.

The panelists included the following prominent international secession experts: Patrick Dumberry, University of Ottawa; Vanessa J. Jiménez, Public International Law and Policy Group, South Sudan

Program; Marcelo Kohén, Graduate Institute of International & Developmental Studies, Geneva; and Jure Vidmar, Oxford University, Institute of European and Comparative Law. Their background and relevant publications are viewable on the above webpage.

Christie Edwards commented, "I was introduced to ASIL as a student in Professor Slomanson's International Law class as a 2L. Since then, ASIL has played a major role in my professional development and I feel privileged to be able to give back to other students as the new Co-Chair of the Women in International Law Interest Group (WILIG), and through our newly launched WILIG Mentoring Program. It was great to witness Professor Slomanson's poignant shout out for the TJSL Ruth Bader Ginsburg annual Women and Law Conference and its Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecture Series."

Chris Bidwell's panel explored a nation state's legal responsibilities and liabilities—disposal, security, transfer, environmental remediation—when it suddenly takes possession of another country's WMD program. For example, think of a country going in to take or secure Chemical, Biological or Nuclear weapons in places like Syria, North Korea, or Iran.

Bidwell's take on the coincidence of three members of the TJSL community in prominent roles at this year's ASIL conference, is that "TJSL scored a hat-trick at the ASIL annual conference, with three TJSL members taking on leadership and speaking roles. TJSL is becoming a power house on the international law scene. It was great to see the huge plaque, at the conference entrance, listing TJSL as an ASIL partnership institution. It was also good to reconnect with my civil procedure professor again, who is partially responsible for my having litigated over 100 civil cases, having to try only a several (successfully), and all without ever being sued for malpractice."

As Professor Slomanson quipped upon his return, "Many senior TJSL faculty can speak from personal knowledge about secession—based on their having witnessed the San Diego campus's secession from Western State University in the 1990s, when Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union were also breaking up. So, it's fitting that one of us should travel to the nation's capital to speak about secessionist issues."

On behalf of the Admissions and Alumni Departments, Professor Slomanson also hosted an event at the Renaissance Marriott Hotel. Both admitted students and TJSL alumni came to the event to network. It was a great opportunity for the admitted students to learn more about the law school from successful graduates in the D.C. area.

## Lunch with TJSJ's Solo Practitioners: Learning to Go it Alone

TJSJ hosted an informative event on April 10 – “Lunch with the Attorneys in the TJSJ Center for Solo Practitioners.”

The nine TJSJ alumni who are part of the incubator program – the “new solos” - talked about their experiences at the center and answered questions posed by the students, faculty and staff that came to the event.

“The experience has been fantastic,” said Patrick Long ‘10, who, along with the other eight attorneys, has his own solo practice in the collaborative environment of the center, where they all share an office. “I am building my practice slowly, but surely. More and more clients are coming in.”

Of course, getting clients is one of the biggest challenges any solo practitioner faces.

“How do you get clients?” asked Hannah Bingham ‘10, one of the new solos. “Involvement with the community and building relationships,” Bingham said, answering the question.

Ashley Clark Stewart ‘09 added, “Network. Join associations of other lawyers.”

One important referral source the new solos stressed is the TJSJ family itself – faculty, staff, students and alumni.

“Keep us in mind,” said Jill Cremeans ‘05. “We’re trying to get the word out.”

“They are fantastic,” said Adjunct Professor Lilys McCoy, Director of the Center for Solo Practitioners. “They are go-getters. They are motivated!”

The mission of the Center, which began operation in downtown San Diego in November 2012, is not only to provide the lawyers with the resources and knowledge on how to succeed in solo practice, but to provide affordable legal services to the community as well.

“TJSJ is on the cutting-edge of realizing that legal services have become too expensive for some people to afford,” said Jeffrey Abate ‘06. “In the center, we have a lot of resources we wouldn’t have if we were practicing alone. We are very collaborative and supportive of each other. And I can say to a client, ‘If I can’t help you, I know someone who can!’”

TJSJ has a solo practitioners track for law students, some of whom asked the panel what they can do differently in the classroom while still in law school to prepare to launch their own practice when they graduate.

“You should realize how valuable the classes are,” said K. Lee Graham ‘09. “Realize the weight of what you are doing.”

“Be prepared,” was Jill Cremean’s advice. “The transition will be easier,” she added, talking about how the prepared lawyer is the more effective lawyer.

“Learn to think on your feet,” said Ashley Clark Stewart, who has been surprised in the courtroom while observing lawyers who can’t do that.

“Take as many classes as possible,” said Long. “And practice your legal writing.”

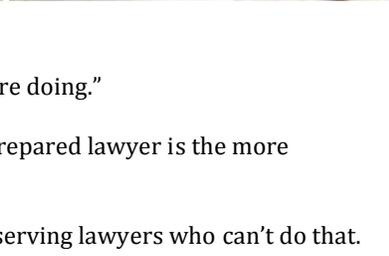
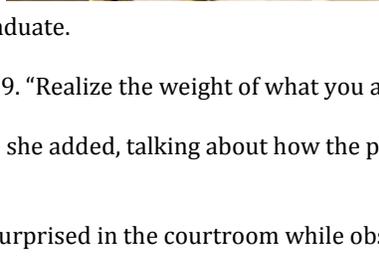
Other new solo attorneys on the panel included: Ben Aguilar ‘11, Joshua Bonnici ‘10 and Stuart Zander ‘09.

All of these attorneys are showing the way for those who will come after them in solo practice.

“This group is especially special,” said Professor McCoy.



Panelist Left to Right: Hannah Bingham ‘10, Kristi Graham ‘09, Stewart Zander ‘09, Ashley Clark ‘09, Patrick Long ‘10, Jeffrey Abate ‘06, Joshua Bonnici ‘10, Ben Aguilar ‘11, Jill Cremeans ‘05



## Strengthen Your Practice Using Cultural Acumen



Panelists L to R: Nadia Bermudez, Jennifer Siverts, Camille Guerra, Arshan Amiri, Aaron Dumas

Many lawyers could tell you that their cultural or ethnic background has been a challenge for them in some way when getting established and thriving in the legal profession.

A Diversity Week panel on April 11 presented by TJSJ Middle Eastern Law Student Association (MELSA) had a positive and valuable take on that issue.

“Strengthening Your Law Practice by Using Your Cultural Acumen” featured panelists from different backgrounds who gave personal and professional insights on how to make good use of your cultural background to be more successful.



Left: Alara Chilton



Center: Camille Guerra

What is cultural acumen?

“It is knowing who you are and knowing your culture,” said panelist Alara Chilton, an attorney of Colombian origin. “It’s not just understanding your own culture, but understanding the culture of your clients. Take the time to get to know them and don’t be afraid to ask them questions so you can better understand them. Culture is a lot more than just your native-tongue.”



Center: Bardia Pourfallah, President Middle Eastern Law Students Association, Right: Right Houtan Yaghmai, Treasure



Stephannie Obioha (2L), Yinka Glover (3L), Noël Heard (3L), Denai Mhembere (3L)

“Your clients don’t want to hear legalese when they speak with you,” said Jennifer Siverts ’06, who is active in the Filipino community. “They want to speak to someone who cares. Treat your clients as people. Real people, and not just another case. They may be people who are going through the most difficult time of their life.”

“There are still tremendous amounts of racism, prejudice and bias out there,” said panelist Nadia Bermudez, who is involved with SD Diego La Raza Lawyers and practices law in a minority-owned firm. “Be conscious, but not self-conscious of your race. I have embraced being Latina.”

“I try to be a citizen of the world,” said Camille Guerra ’04, who is multi-lingual and has spent time in many parts of the world. “I look beyond being Mexican-American and I have no problem relating to other cultures.”

Arshan Amiri, the president of the Iranian American Bar Association (IABA), feels that collaborating with others is a way of increasing your cultural acumen. “I want to move forward with other diversity organizations,” he said.

“Don’t let race be a barrier,” said Aaron Dumas, who is Jamaican. “It’s good to associate with people in similar cultures because they are going through the same struggles. But you have to go out there and meet people of other cultures as well.”

### ***Strengthen Your Practice Using Cultural Acumen continued...***

And Dumas gave some advice that virtually every panelist also talked about when dealing with any cultural group. "If you do well for one person in a community, the word of mouth will spread quickly," he said. Likewise, the panelists all stressed that if you don't do a good job for someone, the word will also get around quickly.

Alara Chilton feels that involvement with other groups is important both in law school and later on in legal practice.

"It's about getting involved," said Chilton. "Other organizations would love to have you."

"I truly enjoyed hearing the panelists speak about their experience using their cultures to not only advance their legal careers but also to better advance their clients' interests," said Yinka Glover (3L) of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA).

"I really enjoyed the panel," said Sara Denton (2L), the president of Outlaw, TJSL's LGBT student organization. "I felt that the discussion on how to effectively advocate for culturally diverse clients was not only informative, but extremely beneficial in my pursuit of a career in immigration law."

MELSA's president Bardia Pourfallah (3L) watched the successful cultural acumen event with great pride and satisfaction because it celebrated the revival the vitality of the organization.

"MELSA was a student organization that had completely died out last year," said Pourfallah. "I was on the board two years ago and last year I decided to revive this great, culturally-oriented student organization. After laying the foundation for the organizations revival, I recruited four other great students who I felt were as motivated as I was to run a student org. Nastaran Parvizi as Vice President, Houtan Yaghmai as Treasurer, Neda Shoushtari as Public Relations Officer and Danielle Al-Chalati Secretary. Over the course of the last year we have all worked hard to bring successful social and career-oriented networking events to our members and the TJSL student body. As a result of that hard work, we consistently had some of the highest student turn out numbers to our events. During this process, we have all also become great friends. This panel event is all of our board members last law school event, as we are all graduating 3Ls. We have watched this organization and its membership grow and all our hard work has paid off and has allowed us to finish on a high note with this Diversity Week panel. The event was a great success receiving praise from students, faculty and the panelists themselves. This was a great way to finish out all of our board members law school careers."

"With the competitive job market that students face today, it is important to find any strengths that may set them apart from others," said MELSA's Vice President Nastaran Parvizi. "The panel provided some helpful insights on how cultural acumen can be utilized to make students more marketable in the legal field."



Center: Sara Denton (2L)



MELSA Public Relations Officer  
Neda Shoushtari (3L)



## Copyright Fair Use: What to Tell (or not tell) Your Creative Client

By Chanel DiBlasi (1L)

Can someone use your copyrighted work and not have to pay royalties or licensing fees?

It all depends on how the material is used and one exception is “fair use.”

On April 12, five prominent and very accomplished IP attorneys, along with a songwriter, made up two panels addressing the issues of the defense of copyright fair use from both the artist’s and the attorney’s perspective. The event, “Copyright Fair Use: What to Tell (or not tell) Your Creative Client,” included hilarious videos, laughter, education and even a few live performances.

David Branfman of Branfman Law Group, P.C., the attorney for songwriter and guitarist Steve Poltz, discussed the case *Campbell v. Acuff-Rose Music*. In this case, Roy Orbison sued 2 Live Crew for using his tune “Oh, Pretty Woman” for their song “Pretty Woman.” This case established that a commercial parody could qualify as fair use.

Steve Poltz, a songwriter and guitarist, who had gotten in from traveling the road, at two in the morning discussed his views of copyright and fair use from an artist perspective. Poltz, the writer of the Jewel song “You Were Meant For Me,” told the audience how his work is always played on YouTube. He also discussed how Weird Al Yankovic, a huge fan, made a video of one of Poltz’ songs. He also explained that “he just wants to make music” and that although he doesn’t want to be completely ripped off, he doesn’t mind if some people use his music to further art.

Students enjoyed hearing the perspective of the artist. “The panel was great because it gave students the opportunity to see how copyright laws affect artist firsthand, both creatively and financially,” said Jillian Kates, 2L.

Kenneth Fitzgerald of Chapin Fitzgerald LLP discussed the lawsuits that he has been involved in by representing “The Famous Chicken.” One of those lawsuits was *Lyons Partnership v. Ted Giannoulas*. In this case, the creator of the “Barney” dinosaur character sued the owner of “The Famous Chicken” character for copyright and trademark infringement. The “The Famous Chicken” won because it was deemed to be parody.



Entertainment Law Society President Camara Mathis (3L)



L to R: Professor K.J. Greene, Guylyn Cummins, Kenneth Fitzgerald, David Branfman, Steve Poltz



David Branfman and Professor K.J. Greene

*Copyright Fair Use: continued...*

Emile Nicolaou '06, Senior Director of Business and Legal Affairs at Playboy Entertainment, Inc., discussed and showed a parody video of his work with Playboy Entertainment. He spoke of his duties as in-house counsel to give the “go-ahead” or not to give the “go-ahead” to the producers and writers who want to use copyrighted works in their sketches and shows. One example he showed the audience is a parody of the Old Spice commercial “The Man Your Man Could Smell Like.” The parody included porn star Ron Jeremy.

The use of videos and music helped the audience to understand copyright fair use.

“It was very informative and interesting to get a perspective from the industry professionals and I loved that they incorporated visuals along with each of their presentations,” said Marina Kublanovskaya (1L.) “I love that they got into detail with copyright. I didn’t know too much about it before the panel.”

The last panelist of this event was Guylyn Cummins, a partner at Sheppard Mullin. She discussed how her work with copyright fair use weighs heavily on the 1st Amendment. She went on to say that she has been sued for uses that she approved, as an attorney believing that there was no infringement and is currently in a suit for that very reason.

The panel did an excellent job of being informative and captivating. “This panel was engaging and entertaining. They showed both sides of the spectrum in copyright fair use,” noted Dominique Mounnes (1L.)

There is little doubt why Thomas Jefferson School of Law is one of the leading schools in Intellectual Property (IP). The school continues to host informative and entertaining IP panels and events. Camara Mathis (3L), Najmah Brown (3L) and entertainment law Professor K.J. Greene organized this brilliant event.

The event was followed by a reception on the 8th floor.



Entertainment Law Society Vice President, Najmah Brown (3L) and Professor KJ Greene



Guylyn Cummins



Kenneth Fitzgerald



Steve Poltz and David Branfman



## Fair Housing Council Director Speaks at TJSL

Mary Scott Knoll, Executive Director of the Fair Housing Council of San Diego, spoke to professors and students TJSL on Thursday, April 11.

Her presentation helped the audience understand the changes the Fair Housing Act has gone through since its inception in 1966. She detailed how the Act prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of being part of a protected class. Knoll spoke of the numerous ways potential tenants can be discriminated against and the federal and state laws that protect their rights.

The discussion prompted questions by the audience members relating to which individuals are protected from discrimination and where they can go to obtain more legal information. Her presentation was unique in that she demonstrated how landlord-tenant law can work hand-in-hand with fair housing laws and civil rights claims.



Mary Scott Knoll



## 2013 Law Review Banquet

On Saturday, April 13 (The 270th Birthday of Thomas Jefferson), Thomas Jefferson Law Review hosted their annual banquet at the W Hotel in downtown San Diego. Outgoing and incoming members had a great time sharing conversations over drinks and appetizers.

Keynote speaker, Dean Erwin Chemerinsky of UC Irvine Law School, highlighted the evening with an encouraging speech. In the face of negative news about "failing" law schools, Dean Chemerinsky foresaw a bright future for Thomas Jefferson School of Law graduates.

"This is a great time to be a lawyer," said Dean Chemerinsky, as he spoke of the many prospects for new graduates.

Outgoing TJSL Dean Rudy Hasl was honored for his achievements and IT Web Developer Patricia Ramert was honored for her efforts in creating the new Law Review website - she was made an honorary member of Law Review.

"The event was wonderful as well as the venue. It was nice to see all the students celebrate their accomplishments and pass on the torch to the next executive board," said Ramert. "I enjoyed working with them and putting their ideas into a working product. They are sharp, quick and, overall, a great group and I look forward to working with them on the next phase of their website."

All Thomas Jefferson Law Review members work hard to make the Journal the great scholarly work that it is. The banquet was a well-deserved break for all.



L to R: 2012-2013 Law Review Managing Editor Greyson Goody (3L), Erwin Chemerinsky, Law Review Executive Editor Travis Davis (3L), 2012-2013 Law Review Editor-in-Chief Walter Araujo (3L)

## Students Present Research on Race at Diversity Week Event



Randy Abreu

A group of Thomas Jefferson students, faculty and staff gathered on Tuesday afternoon to hear three TJSL students present their research on race and law at a Diversity Week panel.



Frank Arebalo

(3L) Frank Arebalo spoke about being Hispanic in a white-dominated society, and how Mexican-Americans face messages of inferiority that are created by a mix of law and culture. Adeyinka (Yinka) Glover (3L) discussed eyewitness identification across color lines, citing to studies showing that many people have difficulty identifying members of other racial groups, and pointing out ways that this phenomenon especially impacts African-American defendants. And Randy Abreu (2L) explained how cultural factors create racial stereotypes, and argued that openly racist pornography, which creates damaging stereotypes about women of color, ought to be legally restricted, like child pornography.



Adeyinka Glover

Each student's presentation was based on a 25-page paper they researched and wrote as part of the Critical Race Theory class last fall. Students chose their own topics and presented their work to the class. The Critical Race Theory course, offered once per year, examines ways that law interacts with and sometimes reinforces societal racism.



Randy Abreu

Attendees were very impressed with the panelists' work. "Each of the presenters spoke about such intriguing topics," said acting librarian Leigh Inman. "Attending made me miss being a law student and wish I had been able to take your Critical Race Theory class." She had high praise for the student panelists, noting that the discussion "was very informative and thought provoking . . . I was especially impressed with how you all handled the Q&A portion."

Professor Kaimi Wenger, who teaches the course and who organized the panel, concurred. "It was a fantastic set of presentations. Our students are doing groundbreaking work, and that was on display today."



Students agreed. "I was really impressed with Adeyinka's method of laying out what she would be speaking on and introducing concepts," said Christina Herbert (2L) one of many students who actively participated in the Q&A.

"I enjoyed Frank's discussion of Mexican cultural identity in America," said Tim Seeger (2L). "I think it opened my eyes to the difficulties that many Mexican-Americans face when coming to terms with their past, their present and their future." Seeger also thoroughly enjoyed Randy Abreu's discussion about racism in porn, noting that "I strongly supported his view that this type of pornography is overly obscene, holds no artistic merit and is dangerous to society."

Bryana Carey (2L) summed up what everybody seemed to be thinking: "It was a good discussion about three relevant issues that I was not even aware of beforehand, but I walked away feeling a little bit more educated about the subjects the students talked about, as well as made some connections with maybe why there are so many stereotypes."

## **“Human Trafficking Exposed” – The Truth Behind a Shocking Crime** By *Samantha Morales (2L)*

The myths and truths behind human trafficking were unveiled at TJSJL Friday night, April 12. As part of Diversity Week, La Raza Law Students Association and the Center for Global Legal Studies co-sponsored the “Exposing Human Trafficking” panel.

The panel's expertise represented all sides of the human trafficking field. Panelists included: Adjunct Professor Kris Kraus of the Federal Defenders of San Diego Inc., Alessandra Serano of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Sergeant Joseph Mata of the North County Regional Task Force on Human Trafficking and Marisa Ugarte, Director of the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition. Susan Tiefenbrun, Professor and Director of the Center for Global Legal Studies, moderated the event.

“Human Trafficking is a problem not only locally, but nationally and globally as well and it can only be addressed if enough people start speaking out,” shared event organizer and La Raza's Co-Community Chair Francisco Batara (3L).

“You can use a needle once, but you can use a woman 20, 30, 40 times a day. Slavery is not dead in the U.S. and abroad. It looms large in human trafficking as the act of recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing or obtaining a person for compelled labor or commercial sex acts,” said Professor Tiefenbrun.

“Tattoos are used to brand women like cattle,” said Alessandra Serano. The prosecutor for the Southern District of California explained, “San Diego is one of the top 10 places in the country for trafficking.”

“It doesn't matter what race, socioeconomic or household composition they come from. They recruit them all by brainwashing them and often making them fall in love,” said Sergeant Mata.

“It happens fast. The next thing they know, they are forced into prostitution with physical beatings or 'I'm going to kill your family' threats,” added Mata. “The end game is the same: one person is controlling their mind,” agreed Serano.

“We must educate youth and counterbalance with what the culture says because anywhere there are kids, there will be pimps to recruit them,” said Serano. She explained how Craigslist, other websites, social media, movies, and gang and rap culture work together to glamorize and normalize prostitution and pimping. When pimps have the audacity to rap about their crimes in YouTube videos she explains, “In my world, that's called a confession.”

“It was great to see both sides of the law as with Federal Defender Kris Kraus and U.S. Attorney Alessandra Serano, who have had several cases against each other,” said Batara.

“I'm the guy who defends the bad guys because somebody has to do it,” explained Professor Kraus. “No one would question a doctor who treats Adolf Hitler, we'd just respect his Hippocratic oath”.

Kraus shared that many of the clients don't know they are smuggling humans across the border. “They are paid a few hundred bucks to drive across the border and leave the car at Wal-Mart. Some believe there are drugs in the car only to find two to three humans in the dashboard, gas tank, sewn into the seats or even welded under the engine”.

“It's horrible to see that we focus our money on other things. We need public defenders, Wal-Mart gift cards and bus passes so victims can be reintegrated into society,” shared Ugarte, who explained how organized crime is responsible for trafficking women and children. She gave chilling accounts of how little girls are prostituted on the streets of Tijuana's “La Zona Norte” between makeshift wall partitions called “Las Paraditas”.

“It is disturbing to learn that young girls travel in search of a better future and find a life of beatings and sexual slavery. What stood out to me were Ms. Ugarte's words that part of the solution is society being less judgmental to the victims,” shared La Raza's President, Veronica Carrillo (2L).

“I was pleased to see so many students and attorneys join together in an attempt to raise awareness regarding a topic that does not get enough attention,” said Batara.

The MCLE event was a huge success. Dozens of practicing lawyers joined TJSJL students, alumni and faculty in attendance. “This was one of the best trafficking conferences I have ever attended,” said Professor Tiefenbrun.



Professor Susan Tiefenbrun



## Successful OUTLaw Panel

Thomas Jefferson School of Law's LGBT student organization OUTLaw sponsored a presentation during Diversity Week on issues and experiences that LGBT lawyers may face professionally.

Alexis Scott '07 discussed her experience as an "OUT" criminal defense attorney as well as her experience with LGBT issues that arise in both family and criminal law related cases.

Another attorney, Ginger Jacobs, talked about emerging issues for LGBT immigrants, including DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act), asylum claims, immigration remedies, as well as a Supreme Court Update on Prop 8 and DOMA.

Joanna Solozabal brought the audience up to date on estate planning strategies that are available for LGBT individuals.

And the final panelist, Danielle Barger '06, discussed the tax disparity she has found within the LGBT community during her practice.

"As previous Co-President of Outlaw, it was inspiring to see the organization put on such a successful academic attorney panel," said Jessica Lockett '12. "All the panelists were fascinating and each contributed valuable information about their fields of practice and the struggles that affect the LGBT community, from discrimination to the current SCOTUS cases."



The Event was Held in TJSL's Moot Courtroom



Sara Denton 2L, OUTLaw President



Joanna Solozabal and Danielle Barger '06



Ginger Jacobs and Alexis Scott '07



## FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP Citations Added April 8 - 15

### Linda M. Keller

#### Shorter Works:

The International Criminal Court and Palestine: Part II, JURIST - Forum, Feb. 5, 2013, <http://jurist.org/forum/2013/02/linda-keller-palestine-icc-part2.php>

The International Criminal Court and Palestine: Part I, JURIST - Forum, Jan. 29, 2013, <http://jurist.org/forum/2013/01/linda-keller-palestine-icc-part1.php>

### Marjorie Cohn

#### Presentations:

*Drone Warfare, Targeted Assassinations, Torture, and the Human Right to Peace*, Sacramento Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, Sacramento/Sierra Foothills Chapter of the Womens International League for Peace and Freedom, Sacramento Peace Action, Southside Park CoHousing Common House, Sacramento, CA (April 14, 2013)

*Drone War, Class War, and the Future of the Democratic Party*, Progressive Caucus of the California Democratic Party, California Democratic Convention, Sacramento, CA (April 13, 2013)

*Drones and Targeted Killing*, Poway Democratic Club, Poway, CA (April 11, 2013)

*Independent Journalism on War, Conflict and Human Rights*, National Conference for Media Reform, Sheraton Hotel, Denver, CO (April 6, 2013), available at <http://nlgmltf.org/library/marjorie-cohn-amy-goodman-independent-journalism-war-conflict-human-rights/>

*Drones, Targeted Killing, and Independent Media*, Interview with Free Speech TV, Sheraton Hotel, Denver, CO (April 6, 2013), available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45EzZJFaTqM>

#### Radio:

A Conversation with Common Dreams: 'From Deep Pessimism... to Enduring Optimism', CommonDreams, April 15, 2013, <http://www.commondreams.org/video/2013/04/15-1>.

Bradley Manning, Bush administration war crimes, drones and targeted killing, Earthwise, Plains FM, Christ Church, New Zealand (April 15, 2013)

Drones, Targeted Killing and Independent Media, Tell Somebody, NCMR, Kansas City (April 11, 2013)

### Susan Bisom-Rapp

#### Presentations:

*Anti-Discrimination Law in Common Law Countries: The U.S. and Great Britain and the Insights of Social Science*, Faculty of Jurisprudence, Doctoral Program in Labour Law, University of Milan, Milan, Italy, March 22, 2013

Coordinator and Commentator, *Young Scholars' Workshop in Labour Relations*, Marco Biagi Foundation, University of Modena, Modena, Italy, March 19, 2013

Discussant, *Transnational Governance of Labour Relations*, The Transnational Dimension of Labour Relations: A New Order in the Making?, University of Modena, Modena, Italy, March 19, 2013

## **The Community Economic Development Clinic is now accepting applications for Fall 2013!**

*The application deadline is April 15, 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 15-20 hours a week to client work and attend a mandatory weekly seminar. You will receive 5 or 6 units for your participation in the CED Clinic [5 hours is the equivalent of 1 unit (i.e. 15 hours/week of clinic work = 3 units). You also receive 2 additional units 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 Fall 2013, please submit a formal letter addressed to Professor Luz Herrera indicating your interest in working with the CED Clinic, a resume, and an unofficial transcript to [bnieman@tjssl.edu](mailto:bnieman@tjssl.edu) no later than April 15, 2013. For additional information about what to include in your formal letter, please visit [www.tjssl.edu/clinics/ced](http://www.tjssl.edu/clinics/ced).

**The Patent Clinic  
is now accepting applications for Fall 2013!**

*The application deadline is April 15, 2013!*

If you are interested in working with individuals or organizations having patentable ideas, now is the time to apply for a certified law student position in the Patent Clinic. As a Patent Clinic student, you will provide legal assistance to those not having the means to hire their own patent attorney. You will devote up to 20 hours a week performing client work and additionally attend a mandatory weekly seminar. The credits you can receive for the Patent Clinic can total up to 6 units.[5 hours is the equivalent of 1 unit (i.e. 15 hours/week of clinic work = 3 units). You also receive 2 additional units for the weekly seminar].

**Pre-Requisites**

- Qualifying undergraduate degree for U.S. Patent Office patent practice
- Qualified to sit for patent bar exam
- Successful completion of first year of law school
- Successful completion of Professional Responsibility
- Successful completion or concurrent enrollment in Civil Procedure II and Evidence
- No major commitments to extracurricular organizations

**Application**

To apply for a position, please submit the following to [bnieman@tjssl.edu](mailto:bnieman@tjssl.edu): a formal letter addressed to Professor Ross L. Franks describing your interest in working with the patent clinic, a resume, an unofficial TJSL transcript, and an unofficial undergraduate transcript. For additional information about what to include in your formal letter, please visit [www.tjssl.edu/clinics/patent-clinic](http://www.tjssl.edu/clinics/patent-clinic).



## **The Trademark Clinic is now accepting applications for Fall 2013!**

*The application deadline is April 15, 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 15-20 hours a week to client work and attend a mandatory weekly seminar. You will receive 5-6 units for your participation in the Trademark Clinic [5 hours is the equivalent of 1 unit (i.e. 15 hours/week of clinic work = 3 units). You also receive 2 additional units 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 Fall 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@tjssl.edu](mailto:bnieman@tjssl.edu) no later than April 15, 2013. For additional information about what to include in your formal letter, please visit [www.tjssl.edu/clinics/trademark-clinic](http://www.tjssl.edu/clinics/trademark-clinic).

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# Thomas Jefferson School of Law



## GENERAL MEETING

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION, 3L GRAD CORD CEREMONY  
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**TUESDAY APRIL 16, 2013**

**11:45AM – 12:45PM**

**ROOM 320**

**Food will be provided!**

President: Veronica Carrillo

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Secretary & Co-Community Chair: Samantha Morales

Treasurer & Co-Community Chair: Francisco Batara



# PHI ALPHA DELTA



# GENERAL MEETING

Bring your thoughts & your appetites!

**FREE LUNCH!**

**WHEN: APRIL 17**

**TIME: 12:00PM**

**WHERE: ROOM 227**



Phi Alpha Delta - Franklin Chapter (Thomas Jefferson School of Law)

*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@tjstl.edu](mailto:careerservices@tjstl.edu) with any questions.

This presentation will help you:

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# Business Clothing Drive



Street Law at Thomas Jefferson is hosting a business clothing drive to collect clothes for our high school students to wear as they compete in a Mock Trial Competition in late April.

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## APRIL 2ND - 17TH, 2013

You can drop off your donations on the first floor lobby.  
Any questions? Contact: [gloverae@tjsl.edu](mailto:gloverae@tjsl.edu)

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# A Tribute to Dean Rudy Hasl

TJSL's Dean from July 2005 - June 2013



One breezy summer day 8 years ago  
He sailed into scenic San Diego Bay.  
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His shipmates heard him say.

He had ambitious plans on his plate  
As Thomas Jefferson's new dean.  
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He didn't hesitate to take a chance.

Even with all these accomplishments,  
One special project excited him most -  
To build an extraordinary law school,  
And for that we owe him a toast.

It's back to teaching and new challenges now  
As his term as our Dean comes to an end.  
Without doubt his impressive legacy tells us  
Rudy Hasl is a TJSL supporter and friend.

Thursday, April 18, 2013

1<sup>st</sup> Floor, TJSL

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Cake and Beverages will be served



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Thursday  
April 18, 2013

At 7:30pm

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The Library will hold a contest for TJSJL students. The prize will be a Black's Law Dictionary, pocket edition. You can submit your entry at the 4<sup>th</sup> floor circulation desk Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> through Friday the 19<sup>th</sup>. To enter, just fill out the entry form with your name, email and phone number and answer two questions.

Also to celebrate, **we will waive your library overdue fines!** All you have to do is stop by the 4<sup>th</sup> floor circulation desk during one of the times listed below and present your student ID.

Monday 4/15 – 11:30am to 12:30am

Tuesday 4/16 – 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Wednesday 4/17 – 8:30am to 9:30am

Thursday 4/18 – 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Friday 4/19 – 12:00pm to 1:00pm



# Environmental Law Week Events

## Beach Cleanup & Picnic at Sunset Cliffs

**When:** Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

Picnic to follow.

**Where:** Sunset Cliffs in Ocean Beach. Please meet on the end of Ladera Street.

**Details:** Beach cleanup in Association with San Diego Surfrider and San Diego Coastkeeper. Potluck Picnic to follow. We are asking ELS Members to bring a side, drink, or chips. Donations are encouraged. If you wish to attend any of the events please R.S.V.P to Brittany Taylor at [taylorbe@tjssl.edu](mailto:taylorbe@tjssl.edu) by April 11, 2013.

## Environmental, Energy, Land Use, & Public Interest Law Networking Event

**When:** Tuesday April 16, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** The Corner at 369 10th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101

**Details:** Students will be able to connect with professionals in the environmental, energy, land use, and public interest law fields. Attorneys will share their experiences, expertise, and advice about their practice. Food will be provided, however, you must purchase your own drinks. If you wish to attend any of the events please R.S.V.P to Brittany Taylor at [taylorbe@tjssl.edu](mailto:taylorbe@tjssl.edu) by April 11, 2013.

## Panel on the Future of Water Law and Policy in San Diego

**When:** Thursday April 18, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

**Where:** Mock Trial Room

**Details:** Panelists will discuss water issues facing San Diego through an interdisciplinary approach. Panelists will include attorneys, policy makers, scholars, economists, and scientists. This is an opportunity to educate yourself on the complexities surrounding water policy and law.

## Panel on Educating Students about the Practice of Environmental Law with Pizza

**When:** Friday April 19, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** Room 229

**Details:** This panel will answer any questions you have about the environmental, public interest, energy, and land use fields of law. Panelists will explain the role environmental practice has in the global market place. In addition, panelists will share with students some of the opportunities San Diego has for internships and resources available to those interested in pursuing a career in environmental law. If you wish to attend any of the events please R.S.V.P to Brittany Taylor at [taylorbe@tjssl.edu](mailto:taylorbe@tjssl.edu) by April 11, 2013.



# MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT...

## What is Moot Court?

The TJSL Moot Court Honor Society is the appellate advocacy team at TJSL. The society's specialty is appellate work; meaning that our skill set is brief writing and appellate oral arguments. Members polish their ability to craft well-written appellate briefs and give poised oral arguments to live panels of judges.

## How Do I Join?

Tryouts are open to TJSL students graduating in May 2014 or later, in the top 50% of their class, and currently enrolled in or have completed Legal Writing II.

The tryout process has two steps:

### 1) Application for Admission

Resume, Statement of Interest, and a Writing Sample (10 pg. max.)  
email to [mootcourt@tjssl.edu](mailto:mootcourt@tjssl.edu)

**Due: April 12, 2013**

### 2) Intra-School Competition

The oral argument tryout competition will be held April 20 - 21st using anonymous ID numbers. The top 8 competitors will receive automatic invitations to join the Moot Court Honor Society. An interview process will be conducted to choose the remaining new members.

**Problem Released: April 13, 2013**

**Competition: April 20 - April 21, 2013**

## How Do I Get More Information?

If you were unable to attend the informational meetings and would like more information or have questions regarding the Moot Court Honor Society:

**EMAIL: [MOOTCOURT@TJSSL.EDU](mailto:MOOTCOURT@TJSSL.EDU)**

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TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013  
ROOM 323 | 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

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**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**



## Student Animal Legal Defense Fund

### **Animal Law Career Panel**

**Tuesday, April 23rd  
11:30 am to 12:30 pm  
Room 225**

If you are interested solely in animal law or incorporating animal law into another practice, this panel is for you!

**Mr. Bryan Pease-** Local Environmental & Animal Law attorney who has worked for several years protecting the La Jolla seals

**Ms. Jane Harrington-** Professor of Animal Law at the University of San Diego School of Law

**Ms. Anne Perry-** Office of the United States Attorney and federal animal crimes prosecutor, specifically with animal smuggling



# PHI ALPHA DELTA



# GENERAL MEETING

Bring your thoughts & your appetites!

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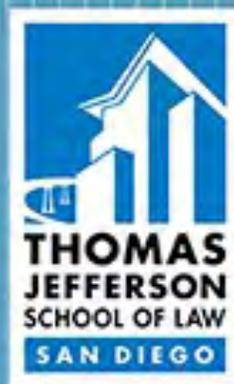
**WHEN: APRIL 17**

**TIME: 12:00PM**

**WHERE: ROOM 227**



Phi Alpha Delta - Franklin Chapter (Thomas Jefferson School of Law)



THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW PRESENTS

# ALTERNATIVE CAREERS PANEL

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2013, 11:30 A.M.–12:45 P.M., ROOM 225  
1155 ISLAND AVENUE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

## PANELISTS

### LACY J LODES '08

Licensing Director at CONSOR  
Intellectual Asset Management  
General Counsel at Cryptozoic Entertainment  
Attorney, Consultant at LacyJLaw

### CARLOS M. MARTINEZ '09

Law Office of Carlos M. Martinez

### JEREMY M. EVANS '11

Managing Attorney/Owner at CSLegal

### ELIZABETH KOREN '05

FEMA Disaster Planner

### CHRISTIE EDWARDS '07

Human Rights Advocate for Vital Voices

### PATRICIA CAMILLE GUERRA '04

Casey Gerry Schenk Francavilla Blatt & Penfield LLP

### John Tolla '06

Lead Associate at Booz Allen Hamilton

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- Free of charge for TJSJL Students, Alumni, Faculty & Staff
- Lunch will be served
- RSVP by April 22, 2013



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awareness of Genocides from  
the 20th century and  
Armenian heritage

Monday-Wednesday

4/22-4/24

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commemoration  
week on Library walk

Wednesday 7-9pm

4/24

Armenian Genocide Commemoration  
event at Great Hall

Thursday

4/25

Armenian Heritage  
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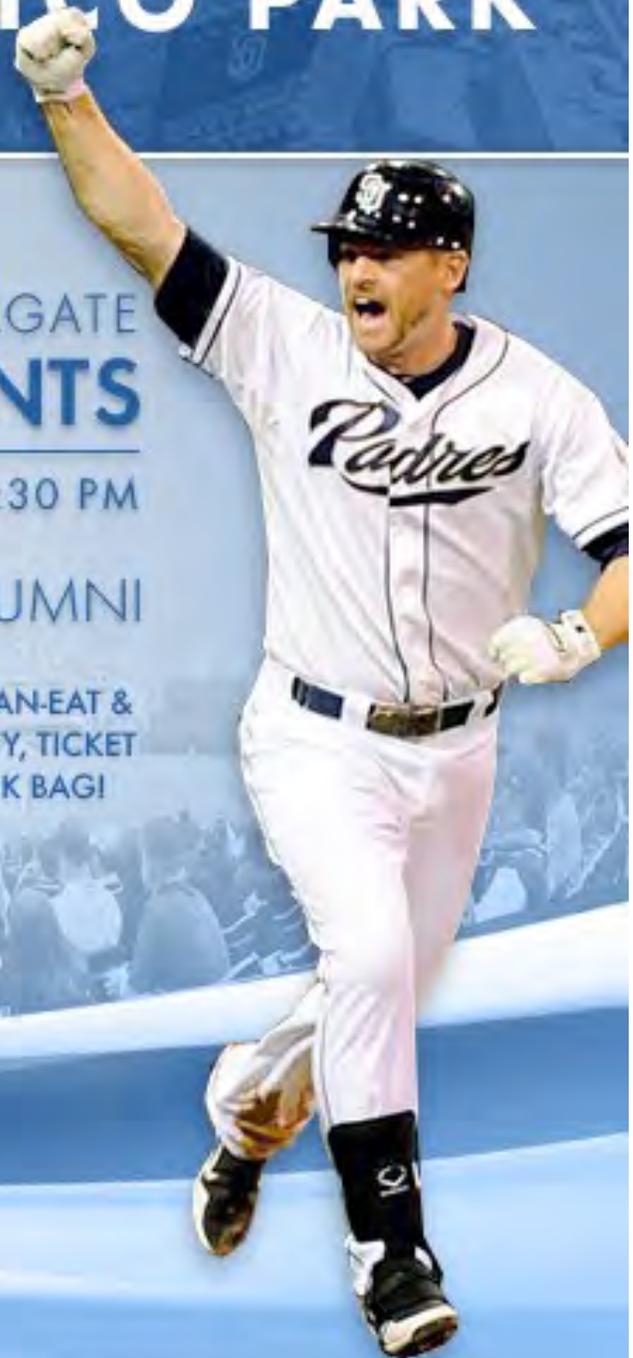
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## **TJSL SALDF Donation Drive**

### **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.



**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](mailto:cfowler@srcity.org) or [Rachel\\_Sommovilla.ci.richmond.ca.us](mailto: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.

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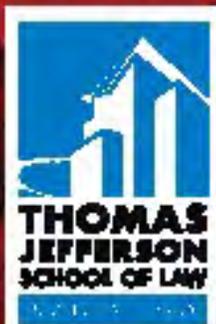
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