

## The SBA Torch is Passed from the Outgoing to the Incoming Board

Now in its second year, the passing of the torch from the outgoing to the incoming Student Bar Association board has become a tradition at TJSL.

“We hope you can work together to create a smooth transition,” said Student Services Director Lisa Ferreira at the ceremony, held in the 8th floor board room on May 1.

The new SBA president is 2L Isaiah Artest, who thanked the current SBA board and president Gabe Baldini and said he is “looking forward to the challenge.”

Baldini jokingly said he didn’t know what he was getting himself into when he became SBA president last year, and that Artest is about to find out. Baldini also thanks his SBA team, saying “I can’t say enough about our board and they job they did.”

“It’s important you get the recognition for the work you do,” Dean Rudy Hasl said to all of the student leaders.

Dean Hasl also had a big announcement to make: the negotiations have just been completed for the lease on TJSL’s new café, which will be located just off the main lobby. The Dean said the company running the café is called Catering by Giuseppe and will feature food stations as well as a full-service restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating.

“It’s really going to be an enhancement to TJSL,” said Dean Hasl.

The ceremony ended with the new president Isaiah Artest introducing all of the members of his new SBA board as well as the committee chairs.

Here are the 2013-2014 Student Bar Association Officers:

**President** Isaiah Artest, **Vice President** Benjamin Weiss, **Secretary** Jacqueline Nicolas, **Treasurer** Katie Smith



(Left to Right) Isaiah Artest (2L), Dean Rudy Hasl and Gabriel Baldini (3L)



(Left to Right) Gabriel Baldini (3L), Student Services Assistant Director Angela Bayne, Student Services Director Lisa Ferreira and Isaiah Artest (2L)

## TJSL Student Testifies a Second Time in Sacramento

Amy Louttit (3L) made a return trip to Sacramento to once again testify successfully on legislation that affects homeless children in California. She was there representing not only her work with the San Diego Unaccompanied Youth Task Force, but also as a Board Member of TJSL's Law Students for Reproductive Justice (LSRJ) Chapter.

Louttit was first in Sacramento in early April, testifying on behalf of three bills benefiting homeless youth, and all three of the measures were passed in committee. ([See the Story](#))



This time, Louttit testified against SB 312 on Wednesday, April 24, in the California Senate Education Committee. SB 312, which sought to restrict the age at which students may leave their schools without parental consent (the bill's sponsor suggested 16 and older only) in order to obtain confidential medical services. This would have left students ages 12 to 15, who have a statutory right to consent to the services themselves, with no reasonable avenue to obtain such services.

Confidential Medical Services (CMS) include: Mental health counseling; Treatment/prevention of pregnancy; Testing and treatment of infectious, contagious and communicable diseases (including STD's); Medical care required due to rape or sexual assault; and the diagnosis and treatment of alcohol and drug related problems.

"There are many situations in which vulnerable adolescents simply cannot confide in a parent/ guardian," according to Louttit. "The parent may have been the source of abuse in the adolescent's life. Sometimes the parent refuses to accept or acknowledge the adolescent is suffering and needs professional help with a problem. It may also be the case that adolescents fear retaliation from the parent/guardian if they were to bring up sensitive medical issues. These same situations apply to 'unaccompanied youth' in regard to the person giving them room and board, except that some unaccompanied youth have the additional barrier of not having an adult offering them shelter, and thus, have no one to give consent.

"The way these situations play out include a vast array of barriers to services including: a teen identifying as LGBT who seeks mental health services due to bullying, but has not come out to his/her parents; an unaccompanied youth practicing 'survival sex' and is seeking sexual abuse counseling; an adolescent who fears he/she is abusing substances and wants help, but fears retaliation for admitting to drug or alcohol use; or an adolescent female who is seeking professional guidance with deciding on a birth control method, but whose parent/guardian's religion would not support this conversation at home.

"These barriers result in minors choosing not to seek care for sensitive, confidential services; this results in life-altering, or potentially life-threatening, consequences for the adolescent."

In her testimony, Louttit focused on a few issues: the negative impacts of schools restricting access to these services by clinics becoming overwhelmed when school gets out and because of the rush in the clinics, students are going unseen; Unaccompanied youth, who make up a significant number of youth enrolled in public high schools in California (about 18,000), suffering physical and sexual abuse more frequently and being more likely to utilize services covered by CMS.

"Finally, I gave examples of services that kids (ages 12-15) I have worked with personally have left school to use, and the reasons they told me they couldn't turn to their parent for help. I also had Andrea, one of my formerly unaccompanied youth (she's now 18), give me a specific message she wanted the legislators to hear."

That quote was: "If you take this away, girls that young might think they had an STD, or be pregnant, and not say anything because they can't get it taken care of on their own. That is the type of thing that will change a kid's future. It's better to let them talk to a trusted professional than no one at all!"

After the testimony was finished, the committee voted against SB 213 5-3.

"I feel really fantastic about defeating this bill!" said Louttit. "It also felt really great to be sitting next to Valerie Small-Navarro of the ACLU's California Legislative chapter and to have so many health care advocates I respect very much come up and support my opposition to the bill after I spoke! Not only is it important for homeless youth to have access to these services, but it is really important for ALL youth to have the option available to them. Even if the only reason for the youth not addressing the parent directly is because he/she is too embarrassed, as with Andrea, the formerly unaccompanied youth put it so wonderfully, 'It is better to let them talk to a trusted professional than no one at all.' This was the perfect bill for me to work on because it overlapped my passion for access to health care with my drive to ensure unaccompanied youth have all of the resources they need available to them to fulfill their own paths through life and school. I feel like California will continue being a champion for these youth and will continue to break down barriers to them achieving their full potentials!"

## Three from TJSL Honored at San Diego County Bar Association Law Week Luncheon

Thomas Jefferson School of Law's dean and two alumni were honorees at the 2013 San Diego County Bar Association Law Week Luncheon and Celebration of Community Service on April 30. All were honored for their service to the legal community.

Dean Rudy Hasl was honored with the Service to the Legal Profession Award for "furthering the goals of the legal profession and promoting the ideal of professionalism."

"I am deeply honored by the recognition given by the San Diego County Bar Association," said Dean Hasl. "My years as Dean have seen the development of a much closer relationship between the School and the Bar Association, through student involvement, through faculty participation in programs, and through graduates taking on leadership positions. These are all signs that the School is gaining recognition as a major player within the San Diego legal community."

TJSL Alumna Renée Galente '08 was honored with the Outstanding Service by a New Lawyer Award, which goes to a new lawyer who "provides outstanding service to the New Lawyer Division and/or the Association and has demonstrated a significant commitment to serving the legal community via legal education, mentoring or community service efforts."

"I am so honored to be recognized by the SDCBA for Outstanding Service by a New Attorney," said Galente. "Today's luncheon was beautifully done and I was buoyed by the support of the SDCBA, TJSL, SDLRLA and Lawyers Club. It's so nice to be recognized for doing work that I love."

The Service to Diversity Award went to another TJSL alumna, Nory Pascua '98, for "outstanding service by a member of the legal profession and encouraging diversity within the legal profession."

"What a joyous occasion! I was overwhelmed by the heartfelt support of my friends who attended the ceremony," said Pascua. "Receiving the Service to Diversity Award is a tremendous honor, and I am so grateful. The San Diego County Bar Association did a fabulous job with the luncheon and program."

Both Pascua and Galente commented upon the fact that TJSL had three honorees for the prestigious Service Awards.

"It was wonderful to celebrate with Dean Hasl, Renée Galente and everyone from Thomas Jefferson School of Law," said Pascua. "To have three Service Award recipients come from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law family makes me proud."

"It was great to have so many folks representing from TJSL!" said Galente. "Congratulations to Nory Pascua and Dean Hasl!"

Indeed, congratulations to all of TJSL's honorees from the entire TJSL family!



(Left to Right) Nory Pascua '98, Dean Rudy Hasl, Renée Galente '08



Renée Galente's Award was for Outstanding Service by a New Lawyer



Dean Rudy Hasl's Award was for Service to the Legal Profession



Nory Pascua's Award was for Service to Diversity

## Student Veterans Present Dean Hasl with U.S. Flag Flown Over Afghanistan



Alonso Zavalasoto (2L), Dean Rudy Hasl, Kasey Paquette (2L), JC Harkins (3L), Jennifer McCollough (3L), Eric Schneider (3L)

In a very moving ceremony, TJSL’s Student Veterans of America chapter presented an American flag to Dean Rudy Hasl – a flag that was carried by a National Guard unit on a mission in Afghanistan in December of 2012.

The flag was presented in Dean Hasl’s office on April 30 by SVA president Kasey Paquette (2L), a Navy veteran, along with fellow Navy veterans Eric Schneider (3L) and J.C. Harkins (3L) and USMC veteran Alonso Zavalasoto (2L).

“We are very grateful for everything you have done for the veterans,” Paquette said to Dean Hasl as the flag was presented.

“The gift of a flag from a mission in Afghanistan presented by the student veterans group is a very thoughtful remembrance of the terrific law students at the School who have served in the military,” said Dean Hasl. “I am pleased that we have been successful in recruiting students with a military background. It is an appropriate commitment by the School that reflects their service to our country. We are proud of what they have done and what they will do with a legal education.”

After the presentation, Dean Hasl chatted informally with the students about his own experiences in Vietnam, where he served with the U.S. Army as a legal officer.

Paquette said that TJSL has done so much for its many veterans and the flag was presented “because we needed to give something back to Dean Hasl.”



Dean Hasl Chats with the students about his experiences in the Vietnam War



## TJSL Student to Intern with the Department of Homeland Security

By Maysa Eissa, Esq., Associate Director of Career Services



Cameron Oxberry (1L)

Cameron Oxberry (1L) will join the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Principal Legal Advisor ("OPLA") in Los Angeles as a legal intern this summer. This flagship office is the largest legal program within the Department of Homeland Security, providing legal advice, training and services to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). Oxberry will join OPLA attorneys in their litigation efforts against convicted felons and human rights abusers who have illegally entered the United States. Also, Oxberry will have the opportunity to work with the Joint Terrorism Task Force, a multiagency unit that combats domestic terrorism. Towards the end of the ten-week

program, Oxberry will take charge of his own case from initial stages to completion. He will investigate, research and represent the U.S. government in a deportation proceeding.

Upon earning his bachelor's degree in International Business and Management at Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA, Cameron Oxberry went on to serve as the finance director for The Automotive Group, a San Diego based car dealership chain. Despite the lucrative aspects of this career, Oxberry transitioned to a position with the U.S. Border Patrol in 2009, where he specialized in border intelligence. Having spent his freshman year at a Mexico City high school, he utilized his Spanish fluency on the U.S./Mexico border. In August, 2010, Oxberry was awarded "Agent of the Quarter" for his sector when he dove into fast moving water and saved two car crash victims from drowning. While serving in the Intelligence Unit, he played an integral part in the uncovering of an Eastern European child trafficking operation. Throughout his career, he also apprehended thousands of pounds of narcotics illegally entering the U.S. Due to these experiences, Oxberry realized the tremendous impact he could have in ensuring that individuals arrested for the most egregious crimes, including rape, child molestation, murder and terrorism, are prosecuted and subsequently convicted for their crimes.

Currently, Oxberry is a TJSL Criminal Law Fellow and a member of Phi Alpha Delta. Upon graduation from law school, Oxberry hopes to either serve as a federal prosecutor or continue to combat human trafficking with Homeland Security Investigations.

"I am very excited for the opportunity to learn from such a diverse and passionate group of individuals who work each day to keep us safe from those who have harmed us or may do us harm. Working with Homeland Security's Office of Principal Legal Advisor will give me exposure to the different practice areas, including the Human Rights division, Labor and Employment Law Division, and of course, the Homeland Security Investigations Law Division."

To learn more about the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Principal Legal Advisor, visit: [www.ice.gov/contact/opla](http://www.ice.gov/contact/opla).

Oxberry secured this internship through the 2013 Southern California Public Interest Career Day. Registration details for the 2014 Southern California Public Interest Career Day will be available in December.

## TJSL Student to Intern in Italy

By Maysa Eissa, Esq., Associate Director of Career Services



Yasser Clor (3L)

Yasser Clor (3L) has accepted a post-graduate 3 to 6 month funded internship in Bergamo, Italy. Clor will be working with ADAPT, a nonprofit organization aimed at promoting research in the field of industrial and labor relations from a comparative and international perspective. As a fellow with the organization, Clor will collaborate with attorneys on comparative labor and employment law issues.

Prior to law school, Clor set aside multiple offers to play professional baseball to earn an undergraduate degree in political science at UC Berkeley. There, he maintained his love for the sport by playing in Division 1 baseball.

In law school, Clor has gained a diverse set of experiences in both criminal and civil law. He interned at both the Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office and clerked at a local civil law firm. He is also active in the TJSL community by serving as Public Relations Chair of the Muslim Student Association. Clor has deferred his acceptance to an LL.M. program in international law at Santa Clara University as well as to a program in banking and financial transactions at Boston University to pursue this unique opportunity.

"I am thrilled for this chance to advance my interest in international law," said Clor. "I am really looking forward to working with attorneys from other countries, and I am hoping this experience will aid my understanding in international law and employment law issues. I am so grateful to Professor Susan Bisom-Rapp for bringing this opportunity to TJSL and for her guidance in the process."

For more information about ADAPT, visit: [www.adapt.it/englishbulletin/docs/Adapt\\_EN\\_2013.pdf](http://www.adapt.it/englishbulletin/docs/Adapt_EN_2013.pdf).

## TJSL Student Secures Internship in Geneva, Switzerland



Stephannie Obioha (1L)

Stephannie Obioha (1L) will be doing an internship in Geneva, Switzerland this summer at [WaterLex](http://www.waterlex.org), a non-governmental Swiss organization dealing with water governance and human rights, affiliated with the United Nations.

"I am originally from West Africa's Nigeria, so as a foreign national, I've always been interested in international law as well as environmental law," said Obioha. "A Swiss contact of mine was able to get me in touch with the chairman of WaterLex, who was delighted to have me intern with their lawyers in terms of the legal aspects of the organization."

According to its official website, the mission of WaterLex is "sustainable solutions based on human rights to improve water governance worldwide."

"I'm looking forward to this incredibly amazing opportunity to learn whatever I can and implement it into my legal portfolio!" Obioha added.

## Two TJSL Students to Intern in University Athletics Departments

By Randolph C. Reliford, Esq., Associate Director of Career Services



Samantha Birkner (2L)

This summer second-year student Samantha Birkner (2L) and first-year student Alyssa Casiple (1L) will embark on exciting compliance internships with area universities in their athletics departments. Samantha Birkner received an impressive opportunity with Point Loma Nazarene University to work as its compliance intern. Casiple was recently selected by University of California, San Diego to work in its Department of Athletics as a compliance intern.

Birkner will be assisting PLNU with its bid to become an NCAA institution. About the position she stated, "I am enthusiastic about working with PLNU as they are in their 2nd year of candidacy for Division II athletics with the NCAA." Because of my passion for athletics and sports law, I am eager to be a part of the various compliance challenges ahead of them: working on the compliance manual, updating the procedures, and preparing for the next NCAA visit. I will also work with educating the coaches on eligibility rules and other aspects of compliance."

At UCSD Casiple will be working with Abrina Wheatfall '11 and Katherine McGann, Associate Athletics Director. Casiple was selected during a competitive interview process for the year-long internship and is looking forward to working with UCSD. "I am extremely excited about the opportunity to intern in the field of athletic compliance," said Casiple. "The field is interesting and engaging and I am thrilled to be in the environment of NCAA sports. I hope to gain experience in NCAA athletics and compliance so that I can pursue a future career in the sports law area."

Both Birkner and Casiple will use the skills they develop during these internships to apply for careers in collegiate athletics. Administrators in collegiate athletics must rely on strong communication, reasoning, research and writing abilities. A career in athletic compliance is an excellent way to utilize the skills you developed in law school. The Career Services Office developed internship opportunities with several area Athletics Departments in compliance and it helps alumni obtain full-time positions with NCAA Athletics programs.



Alyssa Casiple (1L)

If you have questions about applying for a compliance internship or full-time opportunity, please schedule an appointment with a member of Career Services.

Join us all in congratulating and wishing success for both Birkner and Casiple!

## TJSL Student Will Intern in Istanbul, Turkey with PricewaterhouseCoopers



Jason Miller (2L) will Intern with PwC in Istanbul, Turkey

Jason Miller (2L) will be working at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) in Istanbul, Turkey. Miller will be working for Umurcan Gago, a Director of Tax Services at PwC, writing treatises on doing business in Turkey and the Middle East. Among other projects, he will be writing the Turkey chapters in Foreign Tax & Trade Briefs, Anti-Money Laundering, Company Law and FATCA. PwC is a network of firms in 158 countries with more than 180,000 people who are committed to delivering quality assurance, tax and advisory services.

“This is a tremendous opportunity to gain valuable international legal experience while immersing myself in a foreign culture,”

said Miller. “I had always liked the idea of traveling abroad, though never traveled too far away from the U.S. and Mexico. That all changed last summer when I studied abroad in China and Nice through TJSL. Both programs were unique and opened my eyes to a new world - one which I very much wanted to be a part of.”

Miller says his world traveler friends spoke very highly of Istanbul: that it is an exciting and historically significant place to visit, and the food is excellent.

Upon learning of Miller’s interest in studying in Istanbul, TJSL Associate Dean for Academics Eric Mitnick put him in touch with William Byrnes, the Associate Dean for Graduate & Distance Education Programs at TJSL. “Dean Byrnes has contacts in Istanbul and at PwC, and is mainly responsible for presenting me with this wonderful opportunity,” Miller said.

## TJSL Student Ian Seruelo named to a Peggy Browning Fellowship



Ian Seruelo (2L)

Ian Seruelo (2L), who is president of the newly formed student group LELA (Labor and Employment Law Association), has received a prestigious Peggy Browning Fellowship. This Fellowship will fund his summer internship with the IUE-CWA, which is the industrial division of the Communication Workers of America. He will be working with IUE-CWA Legal Counsel Lela Klein in Dayton, Ohio.

“I learned a lot as a participant in last year’s Peggy Browning Fund’s 14th Annual National Law Students Workers’ Rights Conference in

Maryland,” said Seruelo. “I know that I will learn a lot more from being a Peggy Browning fellow with IUE-CWA this summer. The reason that I applied for this internship is to pursue my passion while at the same time learning the nuts and bolts of our labor laws. Further, I hope to contribute to the union’s effort in promoting the rights and well-being of workers and their families.”

“Ian, who hails from the Philippines, and worked as a journalist and with non-governmental organizations advocating for marginalized workers in his home country, continues to display an all-consuming passion for the most vulnerable,” said TJSL Professor Susan Bisom-Rapp. “He serves as a liaison officer with the Philippine Labor Party, and has worked with migrants from the Philippines who have been lured to the U.S. by fraudulent recruiting schemes. Ian is driven in his quest for social justice and committed to institution building at TJSL. This latest achievement—his Peggy Browning Fellowship -- is one more feather in the cap of a TJSL student who is absolutely outstanding.”

## TJSL Student Named to Diversity Fellowship Position at SONY Electronics



Pamela Rivera (1L)

Pamela Rivera (1L) has been named to a Diversity Fellowship position at SONY Electronics, through the San Diego County Bar Association and Association of Corporate Counsel-San Diego Diversity Fellowship Program.

“I have been truly humbled by this opportunity and will work very hard to leave a positive lasting impression on my employer,” said Rivera.

To obtain this prestigious fellowship, Rivera was selected for an interview with SDCBA members. Then she was chosen as a finalist and invited to a reception with the actual employers. There, each employer was allowed to give their input as to which candidate they would like to work this summer.

“After the reception, I was notified that I had received an offer to work with Sony Electronics, Inc.,” said Rivera. “I cannot convey through words the level of excitement I felt when I received the offer. This Program gives diverse students the opportunity to gain experience after our first year and exposure to the legal community of San Diego. For a student like me, this presents an unparalleled opportunity to network and create lasting ties to this community because I am originally from the East Coast and did not know anyone in San Diego before moving here for law school.”

The San Diego County Bar Association website describes the diversity program as follows:

“The San Diego County Bar Association and Association of Corporate Counsel-San Diego Diversity Fellowship Program (Program) was created in response to the low number of diverse attorneys practicing law in San Diego County law firms and corporate legal departments. The Program provides an opportunity for diverse, first year law students to learn and develop skills necessary to be successful in law firm and corporate legal department environments and exposes law firms and corporate legal departments to qualified individuals who might not otherwise be considered. The Program is modeled after similar initiatives in Sacramento, Puget Sound/Seattle, Cleveland, St. Louis, Columbus, Atlanta, and the Bay Area.”

## TJSL Student Will Intern with the Prestigious Baker & McKenzie

Antonina “Nina” Prestigiacomio (1L) will be doing a summer internship in the tax litigation department at Baker & McKenzie in Chicago. The tax litigation department represents clients before the U.S. Tax court, U.S. District and Bankruptcy Courts, U.S. Court of Federal Claims and the U.S. Court of Appeals.

“I anticipate working long hours, doing a lot of research and brief work. I will be also helping with some pro bono cases,” said Prestigiacomio.

Baker & McKenzie, the law firm for which Prestigiacomio will be interning, is one of the premier firms in the world.

“I feel incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity this summer to not only spend time in and around one of the most well-known and respected law firms in the world, but also to learn from some of the brightest minds in the legal community,” Prestigiacomio added. “While I’m honored to have been selected, I’m also anxious to get started and see what the life of an intern will be like at Baker & McKenzie.”



Nina  
Prestigiacomio (1L)

## Recent Alum Mark Greene Begins Career in Higher Education

By Randolph C. Reliford, Esq., Associate Director of Career Services



Mark Scott Greene '11

Mark Scott Greene '11 is embarking on a career in higher education administration. Greene has been hired by the University of California, Merced ("UC Merced"), as its Admissions Recruitment Specialist. Having prior knowledge of UC Merced, the school's reputation, and the benefits of working for the University of California system, Greene sought out opportunities on its website.

Greene is ecstatic about the job and his career path.

"This position allows me to play an important role in the process of helping others achieve their dream of attending college. Also, I am given the opportunity to be part of the growth of UC Merced, which is the first new American research university built in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and the newest addition to the prestigious University of California system."

Greene believes that one of the secrets to his success was sending timely thank you emails to the employer after each of his interviews. Greene stated, "After my first interview I simply sent an email thanking the main facilitator of the interview for their time and consideration in interviewing me. I was then asked back for a second interview, so I once again made it a point to send a follow up email to those who interviewed me, personally thanking them for the opportunity."

His persistence and follow-up also played an important role in his obtaining the job. According to Greene, "After the first and second interview there was a wait of a little under 2 months until I was offered the position. During this time I would contact the Assistant Director of Admissions by phone or email every 7 to 10 days to further express my interest in the position. It is an effective practice to show persistence and can set you apart from others who may not follow up and just hope to hear back from a potential employer."

Greene notes that TJSL was helpful in his obtaining the position. Greene stated, "Reaching out to Career Services was very beneficial and I was fortunate enough to meet with Randy Reliford, who was a big help. Randy helped me to tailor my cover letter and resume specifically to the requirements of the job description. After our initial meeting, Randy took the time to reach out to me on numerous occasions to see if I needed help with anything. I appreciate that and it was nice to receive that kind of support."

Greene feels that he was successful in his job search because he was persistent, and humble. The importance of sending timely thank you emails or letters cannot be overstated. A thoughtful, error free thank you letter will help you establish a reputation for being polite, humble and a team player.

If you have any questions about how to craft a thank you letter, please contact Career Services.

Please join us in congratulating Mark Scott Greene in his new position!

## Professor Cohn Attends Peace Congress in Istanbul, Turkey

TJSL Professor Marjorie Cohn recently spent two days in Istanbul, Turkey, attending a special conference on world peace. Here is her account of the trip:

“On April 25 – 27, I attended the International Peace Congress in Istanbul, sponsored by the World Peace Council and the Peace Association of Turkey. Delegates from many countries, including Turkey, Greece, Sweden, Germany, Ukraine, Palestine, Serbia, Lebanon, Brazil, Jordan and Syria came together to discuss strategies for preventing foreign intervention in Syria. I represented the International Association of Democratic Lawyers.



Professor Marjorie Cohn  
(at right end of table in blue)

“I delivered a presentation on the ‘Responsibility to Protect,’ a doctrine that is not part of international law, but which may be used as a justification for a military attack on Syria. ‘R2P’ was used to justify the US-French-British armed attack and regime change in Libya. I met with Turkish lawyers who had been arrested by the government for representing unpopular clients. Some of their colleagues have been in custody since January with no charges or court dates. The conference was an excellent opportunity for me to meet with progressive activists from around the world, all of whom are committed to working for peace in the Middle East.”



Christie Edwards '07 at the Western Wall  
in Jerusalem

## TJSL Alumna Christie Edwards Elected to Prestigious Position with International Law Group

TJSL alumna Christie Edwards '07 has been elected as the Co-Chair of Women in International Law Interest Group (WILIG).

“I’m extremely honored to have been elected as the WILIG Co-Chair, which gives me the opportunity to give back to the international legal community and invest in the next generation of women leaders,” said Edwards. “As we launch the WILIG Mentoring Program this summer, I look forward to encouraging students and young professionals to think creatively about

opportunities to use their legal skills to serve communities in need and to advocate for those who have no voice.”

“This is truly a great honor, and I could not be happier or more proud of our own Christie Edwards,” said TJSL Professor Susan Tiefenbrun.

In its official announcement of the election, WILIG said:

“Christie Edwards has worked on gender issues (including trafficking, violence against women, and legal advocacy) for several D.C. organizations, including Vital Voices Global Partnership, the Institute for Women's Policy Research and Women Thrive Worldwide. She received her J.D. from Thomas Jefferson School of Law, specializing in international human rights law. In addition to her private practice of asylum representation for political refugees, she became an Adjunct Professor and Pro Bono Fellow at TJSL in 2007, teaching an international human rights course and coaching students to compete in an international moot court competition. Christie also completed her LL.M. degree at AU’s Washington College of Law, specializing in human rights and gender. In 2010, she received a Helton Fellowship from the American Society of International Law, which allowed her to work in Casablanca, Morocco, with local NGOs on an advocacy campaign for greater legal rights for single mothers. She has published law review articles on the cultural context of sex trafficking in China, the use of gender budget analysis to achieve educational parity for women and girls, and legal advocacy strategies for women's rights in Morocco.”

Edwards recently traveled to Israel, where she was doing advocacy training with a group of Jewish and Israeli-Palestinian women.



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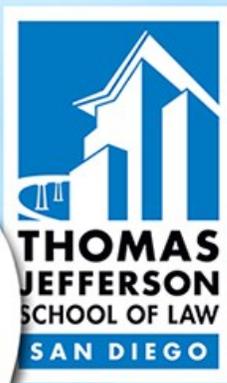
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# 2013 SUMMER

## RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITIONS

**LOOKING TO EARN ADDITIONAL MONEY THIS SUMMER?  
INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING BETTER RESEARCH SKILLS? IF  
YOU ARE INTERESTED, TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:**

- 1 DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR WORK STUDY BY MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

Visit the Financial Aid Office or email [financialaid@tjssl.edu](mailto:financialaid@tjssl.edu). If you are eligible, you will be asked to complete a Financial Aid Hiring Agreement and a Research Assistant Preference Form (the "RA Work Study Packet").
- 2 TURN IN THE RA WORK STUDY PACKET BY MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

Please turn in your RA Work Study Packet to the Financial Aid Office by Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. You will not get paid for work until you turn in a completed RA Work Study Packet.
- 3 SIGN UP FOR RESEARCH ASSISTANT TRAINING**

All Research Assistants must participate in a training to receive payment. Training will include advance research skills and other tools to help you find the information you will need to be an effective Research Assistant. Training will be for three hours and you will be paid for your time at the training. You must complete two sessions of one and a half hour of training during the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. the week of May 20-23. The sign-up sheets are available in TWEN. Log on to Westlaw and add the TWEN page Research Assistant Training. For questions, email Marie Templo-Capule at [mtemplo@tjssl.edu](mailto:mtemplo@tjssl.edu).
- 4 RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT: MAY 20-JUNE 30**

Once you complete the training, the library staff will contact the professors who will give you your research assignment. We look forward to working with you!



# 2013 LAW STUDENT SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Are you interested to intern with a San Diego Public Interest Organization this summer? Do you have work study funds still available?



In partnership with Thomas Jefferson School of Law, Community Lawyers, Inc. ("CLI") is expanding its summer internship program to San Diego!

The 2013 Summer Internship Program, commencing Wednesday, May 29th, currently seeks independent, responsible, diligent, hardworking and entrepreneurial law students who are interested in devoting their legal career to serve low-income and moderate-income clients for its five-week summer internship program. Students may also have the option to continue their internship after the five-week program has concluded.

The internship program focuses on providing legal assistance to low-income and moderate-income clients throughout San Diego. Through a local placement at a public interest organization, law students will obtain first-hand working experience in the community-based legal services area. In addition, students will be given the opportunity to build relationship with judges, attorneys and community leaders throughout the summer.

To apply, submit your cover letter and resume to Ms. Maysa Eissa, Esq., Associate Director of Career Services, at [meissa@tjssl.edu](mailto:meissa@tjssl.edu). Application deadline is 10 AM on Monday, May 13th.

**APPLY NOW**

**Application deadline is 10 AM on Monday, May 13, 2013**

# **The Public Law Section Student Writing Competition**

**\$2,000 CASH PRIZE AND AN**

**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 should have a minimum of 2,000 words and a maximum of 3,000 words. Articles should include citations in either Bluebook or California Style Manual format, and citations must be included in endnotes.

**SUBMIT ARTICLES TO [CFOWLER@SRCITY.ORG](mailto:CFOWLER@SRCITY.ORG) OR**

**[RACHEL\\_SOMMOVILLA.CI.RICHMOND.CA.US](mailto:RACHEL_SOMMOVILLA.CI.RICHMOND.CA.US)**

For More Information Visit: <http://publiclaw.calbar.ca.gov/PublicLaw/>

**The Public Law Section Student Writing Competition**  
**\$2,000 cash prize and article published in Public Law Journal**  
**Deadline May 13, 2013**

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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.



# THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW GRADUATION INFO

**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013**

DOORS OPEN AT 9 AM

GRADUATION PROCESSION STARTS PROMPTLY AT 10 AM

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# THE DIVINE INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE:



**AN OVERVIEW OF LDS INVOLVEMENT  
IN THE PROPOSITION 8 CAMPAIGN**

Presented by TJS� Professor Kaimipono Wenger

**MAY 28, 2013, 5:30 PM–7:00 PM, ROOM 225**

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS or Mormon church) was heavily involved in the passage of Proposition 8 in California. Church members participated in the Proposition 8 campaign in a variety of ways, including extensive fundraising and various publicity efforts such as door-to-door get-out-the-word campaigns. Statements by the church and its leaders were a central part of the LDS Proposition 8 strategy. The church issued three official statements on Proposition 8, which combined theological and religious content with specific political, sociological and legal claims. For instance, in their support for Proposition 8, LDS church leaders (most of them not legal professionals) made a series of detailed predictions about the legal consequences of same-sex marriage. These official declarations were supplemented and reinforced by a variety of unofficial statements from church leaders and members. Professor Wenger will discuss LDS involvement with Proposition 8, in particular the legal claims made by the church and its leaders. He will recount the statements made by church leaders and church members during the Proposition 8 campaign, briefly examine the accuracy of some of the most broadly circulated claims and discuss some of the legal implications.



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# University of Connecticut School of Law

## Student Legal Writing Competition

### Deadline

June 3, 2013

### Description

The University of Connecticut School of Law has established a Student Legal Writing Competition to encourage and reward original student writing on legal issues affecting persons struggling with homelessness, mental illness, addiction, or substance abuse.

### Topic

Entrants should submit a paper on a legal issue affecting persons struggling with homelessness, mental illness, addiction, or substance abuse.

### Eligibility

Papers will be accepted from any student enrolled for the 2012-13 academic year in an ABA-accredited law school in the United States or Canada. Papers must be the law student author's own work and must not have been submitted for publication elsewhere. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a student may incorporate professorial feedback as part of a course requirement or supervised writing project. All students intending to enter the competition must register by April 15, 2013. The registration form is available via

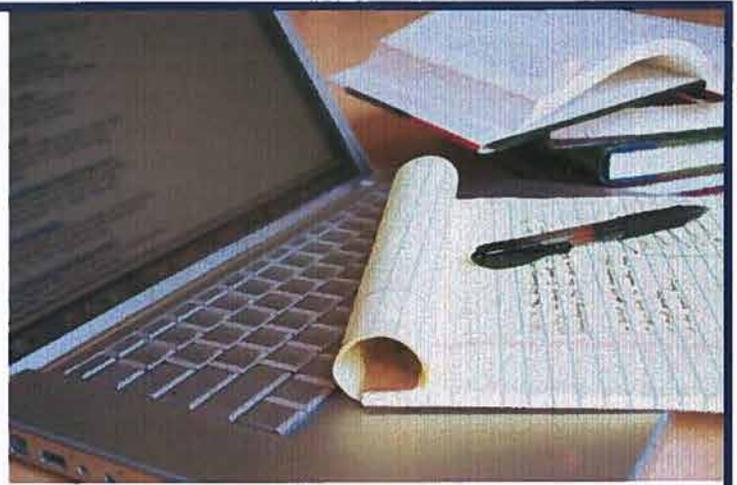
<http://www.law.uconn.edu/node/9768>

### Format

Papers should be a minimum of 15 pages in length and shall not exceed 30 pages, including footnotes. They must be typed, double-spaced and with one-inch margins, on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper, in a 12-point font, such as Times New Roman. All citations and footnotes should conform to the current edition of *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation* and should also be in a 12-point font.

### Judging

Papers will be judged by a panel appointed by the University of Connecticut School of Law. Judges will evaluate papers based on the substance, clarity of the proposal or thesis, logical force, support of argument, and quality of research. Grammar, syntax, and form will also be taken into consideration.



### Submission

Entries must be received by 5pm on June 3, 2013. Entries must be submitted in two formats: (1) email an electronic version (in Microsoft Word or PDF format) to [Karen.DeMeola@law.uconn.edu](mailto:Karen.DeMeola@law.uconn.edu); and (2) mail, with a postmark dated by June 3, 2013, four copies of the paper to:

Student Legal Writing Competition  
University of Connecticut School of Law  
55 Elizabeth Street  
Hartford, CT 06105  
Attn: Assistant Dean Karen Lynn DeMeola

Papers are judged anonymously, and no identifying information should appear on either the original or the copies of the paper. Entrants must submit a separate cover letter listing the author's name, address, telephone number, email address, name of law school, and year of graduation.

### Awards

Up to three cash prizes may be awarded: \$750 First Prize, \$500 Second Prize, and \$250 Third Prize. The contest organizers reserve the right not to award prizes if no papers meet quality standards. Winners will be notified by July 30, 2013. All decisions of the judges are final.

## *Take Me Out to the Ballgame!*

TJSL's membership in the San Diego Padres Group Manager Program gives TJSL Faculty, Staff and Students access to tickets for select Padres home games at **up to 50% off the single game price.**

This month's games:

Miami Marlins vs. San Diego Padres – Monday, May 6 at 7:10 PM

Miami Marlins vs. San Diego Padres – Wednesday, May 8 at 12:40 PM

Washington Nationals vs. San Diego Padres – Friday, May 17 at 7:10 PM

Padres Retro Night – Padres Players will wear uniforms from the early 80's.

Features Knockaround Sunglasses Giveaway to first 20,000 fans



Washington Nationals vs. San Diego Padres – Saturday, May 18 at 5:40PM

Features Padres T-shirt Giveaway to first 25,000 fans



St. Louis Cardinals vs. San Diego Padres – Monday, May 20 at 7:10PM

Seattle Mariners vs. San Diego Padres – Wednesday, May 29 at 7:10PM

Toronto Blue Jays vs. San Diego Padres – Friday, May 31 at 7:10PM

Toronto Blue Jays vs. San Diego Padres – Sunday, June 2 at 7:10PM

Features Jr. Padres Sunday Signings and Military Salute

Atlanta Braves vs. San Diego Padres – Monday, June 10 at 7:10PM

Atlanta Braves vs. San Diego Padres – Wednesday, June 12 at 12:40PM

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<https://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/go.html?l=EN&t=padres&o=2582321&g=64>.

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# 2013 NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON ANIMALS AND THE LAW STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION

The Committee on Animals and the Law of the New York State Bar Association is very pleased to announce the Fifth Annual Student Writing Competition. The deadline for submission is July 1, 2013.

The Committee on Animals and the Law was established to provide information resources for the New York State Bar Association's members and the public about non-human, animal-related humane issues, which arise from and have an effect upon our legal system. This competition seeks to foster legal scholarship among law students in the area of animals and the law. This competition provides law students with an incentive and opportunity to learn more about this area of law.

Law students (which include J.D., L.L.M., Ph.D., and S.J.D. candidates) are invited to submit to the Committee on Animals and the Law an article concerning any area of Animal Law. All submissions will be reviewed by a panel of attorneys and other professionals practicing or otherwise involved in animal law. The winner will be chosen in accordance with the rules. The first place winner will receive \$1,000 and a certificate of achievement. The second place winner will receive \$500 and a certificate of achievement.

- TOPIC** Any topic on Animal Law.
- ELIGIBILITY** To be eligible for consideration, the submission must be written by a student currently enrolled (full-time or part-time) in an ABA-accredited law school. Students expecting to receive their degree in 2013 are eligible for consideration. The submission must be written by one and only one student, i.e. papers jointly written by more than one student or that have been subjected to line editing by professors or advisors shall not be considered. No paper that has been previously published in any form shall be considered. We will only accept one submission per entrant.
- DEADLINE** Papers must be postmarked no later than July 1, 2013.
- AWARD CRITERIA** Written submissions will be judged based on quality, clarity, originality and organization. All essays must also meet the following criteria:
- LENGTH:** Type written, double spaced, no less than 12 point Times New Roman font, on 8.5" x 11" paper, with 1 inch margins, and no more than 25 pages, including footnotes. Footnotes should be single spaced and no less than 10 point font.
- FORMAT:** One hard copy of the written submission and one electronic copy in Microsoft Word format on a disk or CD must be submitted by mail, postmarked no later than July 1, 2013, and addressed to:

**Kim Hojohn, Liaison  
Committee on Animals and the Law  
New York State Bar Association  
One Elk Street  
Albany, NY 12207**

- COVER PAGE** Entrants must submit a cover page indicating the entrant's name, law school, expected year of graduation, mailing address, email address and telephone number. All other references to identifying information, such as name, law school, and contact information should be deleted or redacted from the body of the submission.



<i><b>Sunday</b></i>	<i><b>Monday</b></i>	<i><b>Tuesday</b></i>	<i><b>Wednesday</b></i>	<i><b>Thursday</b></i>	<i><b>Friday</b></i>	<i><b>Saturday</b></i>
5	6 TJSJ Law Library <b>Extended Hours</b> Monday night/ Tuesday morning May 6/7, to 2 a.m. through Thursday night/Friday morn- ing, May 16/17, 2 a.m.  <i>National            Teachers Day</i> <a href="#"><u>Click here for            more info</u></a>	7	8  <i>Start of Final            Exams</i>	9	10	11
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