

Walking the Walk: TJSL's Commitment to Diversity in the Legal Profession



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FROM THE DEAN'S OFFICE

Dear TJSL Community,

The start of the 2008-2009 academic year represents an exciting transition for Thomas Jefferson School of Law, which will ultimately transform it in some very dramatic ways.

During the past few months, the School has sold its Old Town campus and entered into a lease of the existing facilities for three years, with two six-month extension options. It has concluded a major tax-exempt bond financing to consolidate its previous indebtedness and to provide the funds for the construction of the downtown facility, at an extraordinarily challenging time in the financial markets. There was a narrow window of opportunity and the School successfully concluded the transaction before the current national financial crisis. Finally, the School has entered into a contract with Bovis Lend Lease to construct the new facility over the next 25 months, with occupancy expected for the start of the second semester of the 2010-2011 academic year. Demolition of the existing building on the construction site has been accomplished and a groundbreaking ceremony scheduled was held in late October to celebrate the start of the construction process.

The new eight-story facility will consist of 177,000 square feet of space dedicated for law school use, with a bookstore, café, and law clinic on the ground floor, usable terraces on the fifth and eighth floors, and an attractive design to sustain the academic and social environment the School has fostered. There also will be a three-story underground parking facility of nearly 90,000 square feet.

At the same time that these activities have been occurring, the School has continued to strengthen the academic programs. With the active involvement of Drs. Dennis Saccuzzo and Nancy

Johnson, the School has developed an imaginative and creative academic support program and bar preparation program that draws heavily on fundamental cognition theory in preparing students for success in law school, on the bar examination and in the practice of law.

We also have added four new faculty members with distinguished records of accomplishment, two of whom are persons of color. Faculty members of color now consist of nine individuals or in excess of 20 percent of the faculty. Through aggressive recruiting and cultivation efforts managed by Dean Beth Kransberger, the students of color in the School make up 38 percent of the student body.

Our new LL.M. programs have brought in foreign students from China, France, Mexico and Morocco, as well as American students in the program in foreign trade and investment. The on-line LL.M. and J.D.S. program in International Tax and Financial Services have a robust enrollment of about 60 students from around the world. This issue of *The Declaration* also highlights the extraordinary achievements of our faculty members in creative scholarship and publication activities, a clear factor in the School's inclusion as a member of the Association of American Law Schools.

As we start this new academic year, there is a special excitement in the air. We are in the process of transforming the School of Law into an even more vibrant academic, intellectual and social environment for our students, faculty and graduates.

Rudolph C. Hasl
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The mission of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law is to provide an outstanding legal education for a nationally based, diverse student body in a collegial and supportive environment with attention to newly emerging areas of law, particularly those related to technological development, globalization, and the quest for social justice.



TJSL's Commitment to Diversity in the Legal Profession

Diversity isn't an option at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. It's an ongoing commitment that stems directly from the core values and philosophy of the law school, which are reflected in its mission statement:

The mission of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law is to provide an outstanding legal education for a nationally based, diverse student body in a collegial and supportive environment..."

These aren't just words to which the school gives lip service. For the past several years there have been major efforts underway at Thomas Jefferson to "walk the walk" rather than just talk about an inclusive environment that welcomes individuals of different perspectives and backgrounds. At Thomas Jefferson, diversity goes beyond race to encompass ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, and political and religious beliefs.

That's not to say, however, that racial diversity isn't a significant piece of the law school's mission, just as it is for the American Bar Association and local bar organizations across the nation. Those groups continually sponsor and support diversity programs and survey law firms and government agencies to keep tabs on whether the legal profession is doing all it can to encourage racial and other forms of diversity.

"The members of the legal profession do not reflect the increasingly diverse population that they seek to serve," according to Dean Rudy Hasl, whose statement is supported by numerous reports and studies showing that hiring practices in the legal profession are not keeping up with the diversity of the U.S. population. The ABA is working with law schools, bar associations and corporations to achieve a more racially diverse profession.

"As the gatekeeper to the profession, law schools need to find ways to generate interest in being a part of the profession, to sort through the numerous applications that they receive, and find and admit those applicants who are likely to succeed in legal studies and who reflect the diversity and differences of our society," says Dean Hasl. "Thomas Jefferson School of Law has made substantial efforts to create a

welcoming environment for students where we can celebrate the strengths that derive from differences.”

Assistant Dean Beth Kransberger and her Admissions Office staff are largely responsible for a major milestone

in TJSL history last year. The Fall 2007 entering class included 46 percent students of color, the highest percentage of minority students in any entering class since the law school opened in 1969. It also was among the highest entering classes of minority students in California and the nation last year.

In recent years, TJSL’s overall minority enrollment has climbed from about 12 percent to 38 percent. The Fall 2008 entering class has about 37% percent students of color, which is still a powerful figure that speaks to the success of TJSL’s diversity efforts.

So what has changed? TJSL has always used a “whole person” philosophy when considering which students to admit, meaning that test scores and grades aren’t and haven’t been the only factors considered. According to Director of Admissions Tim Spearman, that philosophy is an integral part of the admissions policy.

“We are able to identify candidates who are ready to accept the academic and professional challenges of the legal profession by using a more holistic review of applications, valuing many different factors and measures of merit,” says Spearman. “Our goal is to recruit a highly qualified student body and work with each student to facilitate their successful entrance into a rapidly shifting and increasingly competitive legal profession.”

Assistant Dean Kransberger says law schools that don’t use a “holistic” approach are “turning away some very talented students of color.” But, she adds, the issue goes even deeper.

“We live in an increasingly global world and must compete on a global level. To achieve that, we cannot continue to ignore this country’s diverse population. We have to be accountable and compete on a diverse



Students at recent “Club Rush”

level with lawyers, leaders and other professionals who reflect that diversity.”

TJSL’s diversity recruiting efforts aren’t just directed at university graduates and undergraduates.

From visiting elementary, middle

and high schools, to inviting those students to visit the law school for special programs, to working with community groups, TJSL’s “pipeline” efforts play an important role in the diversity commitment.

“The law school has consistently worked with area educators to reach young people from underserved communities and uses these opportunities to bring the prospect of law school into focus for them,” says Spearman. “Also, each outreach program is an opportunity to emphasize to young people how important it is that they use their unique backgrounds to enter a profession where they can directly impact the needs of their communities and contribute to addressing issues of the changing U.S. demographic.”

TJSL’s diverse environment includes a 42-member faculty, half of which are women, that has grown to include more than 21 percent minority members. The 79-member staff has about 30 percent minority members and is more than 50 percent female. The total number of female students is about 48 percent.

There are on-campus academic support programs to help students succeed in the classroom, on the bar and as individuals, beginning from the day a student is admitted or applies. Our dedicated and accessible faculty welcomes the opportunity to work with students and help them succeed. The number of student organizations that represent diverse perspectives also has grown in recent years, allowing students to find support and companionship

and to share diverse perspectives with the law school community. It should be noted, too, that all student organizations actively encourage membership and participation from the entire student population. One of the most popular student events of the academic year—Diversity

Jazz Night hosted by the Black Law Students Association



Week—is held each spring and there is now discussion of hosting a Diversity Week in the fall as well.

In addition to ongoing efforts to encourage diversity among the TJSL community, the law school's administration is working to develop stronger relationships with San Diego's various bar associations and organizations that represent diverse perspectives. Also, diverse members of the legal profession are constantly invited to TJSL to speak and meet with students. Since 1996, the law school has been a member of the Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO), which began as a non-profit project of the ABA Fund for Justice and Education. Dean Hasl served on CLEO's governing board with prominent members of the nation's business and legal communities. The law school also has hosted two CLEO Summer Institutes, bringing nearly 100 qualified low-income, disadvantaged and minority students to TJSL in 2006 and 2008 to become better prepared for law school.

In 2003, then Dean Kenneth Vandeveld created a Diversity Committee "to assist the law school in increasing the diversity of the students, faculty and staff of the law school and in providing a collegial and supportive learning and working environment

for all members of the law school community."

As Dean Vandeveld noted at the time, "Thomas Jefferson wrote shortly before his death that law schools could train students to be champions of liberty, but this they cannot do if the legal profession's own conduct is inconsistent with the values of a free society."

TJSL's Diversity Committee, comprised of students, faculty and staff members, is active today. In October, the committee and the Outlaw student organization hosted a forum on California's controversial Proposition 8 featuring Evan Wolfson, the founder and Executive Director of Freedom to Marry.

Professor Julie Greenberg, chair of TJSL's Diversity Committee, stresses that diversity means more than "just counting the numbers of people of different races—it means taking appropriate steps to ensure that diverse persons and their viewpoints are fully integrated into Thomas Jefferson School of Law."

Thomas Jefferson would be proud of the law school's commitment to diversity in the legal profession. TJSL's efforts have resulted in a dynamic and inclusive community that embraces diversity and that will serve the legal profession well.

DIVERSE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The 30 student organizations on the TJSL campus reflect the diversity of our student body as well as a diverse range of interests. Among them are:

American Constitution Society for Law and Policy
Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
Black Law Students Association
Christian Legal Society
Environmental Law Society
Family Law Society
Federalist Society
Immigration Law Society
International Law Society
Jefferson Law Republicans
Jeffersonian Democrats
Jewish Student Union
La Raza Student Association
Middle Eastern Law Students Association
National Lawyers Guild
Outlaw
Public Interest Law Foundation
Women's Law Association



Members of APALSA (Asian Pacific American Law Students Association)



Members of MELSA (Middle Eastern Law Students Association) and guest speakers

"The legal profession makes verbal commitments to diversity all the time. We talk about it because it is a safe topic with a built-in safety valve that excuses the lack of results. That safety valve is the lack of diversity at the law school level. Without a com-



mitment from the law schools to aggressively pursue minority students nothing will change. That is why I am so proud of the incredible results TJSL has obtained over the last few years. The commitment to diversity far exceeds any other program in the state. Hosting the CLEO program twice is a prime example of putting actions ahead of words. The legal community should be applauding the efforts of TJSL."

Judge Browder Willis '83
San Diego Superior Court

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—Dean Rudy Hasl*

TJSL Adopts Diversity Pledge

The Thomas Jefferson School of Law faculty has unanimously endorsed the San Diego County Bar Association's Diversity Pledge, and the school has adopted the pledge wholeheartedly.

"The School of Law is committed to helping diversify the profession through its admission practices and in the creation of an environment for faculty, staff and students that is inclusive and supportive of a diverse community," said Dean Rudy Hasl.

Selected excerpts from the SDCBA Diversity Pledge reflect TJSL's philosophy.

- We recognize that diversity is an inclusive concept that encompasses, without limitation, race, color, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age, and disability.
- We believe that a diverse group of talented legal professionals is critically important to the success of every law firm, corporate law department, law school, public service organization, and every other organization that includes attorneys. With greater diversity, we can be more creative, effective, just, and bring more varied perspectives, experience, backgrounds, talents, and interests to the practice of law and the administration of justice. We further recognize that diversity in the legal profession is good for the profession, good for business, good for our communities and critical for enhancing the public's confidence in the judicial system.
- We acknowledge that the American Bar Association and the California State Bar both have the goal to promote the full and equal participation of racial minority groups, women, and all other persons of diverse backgrounds in the legal profession. We agree.
- We recognize that diversity is not about quotas or different standards. Rather, the opportunity to increase diversity should be one important consideration in the decision-making process. We also acknowledge that the goals set forth in the Diversity Pledge are not quotas. We further recognize that specific examples of practices in the Pledge are to be viewed as guidance, and may not be feasible or appropriate for all.

An online link to the San Diego County Bar Association Diversity Pledge is available on the Thomas Jefferson website: www.tjsl.edu/mission_statement

"As the globe becomes smaller, it is increasingly important we embrace diversity. I was fortunate to be born into a bicultural family where my appreciation for diversity was nurtured, as I enjoyed exposure to both my Mexican and Russian heritage. Engaging in diversity programs at TJSL enhanced both my law school experience and my ability to relate to and serve various communities. As attorneys, we are in a unique position to help disenfranchised people, and many come from backgrounds unlike our own. The ability to connect with our clients and opposing counsel in any legal matter makes us better problem-solvers. Participating in TJSL's La Raza Student Association and now as President of the Board of Directors of the San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association, I am able to work on bringing issues affecting the Latino community to light, and support all students through the San Diego County Bar's diversity programs, many of which offer student scholarships and mentoring opportunities."

Lorena Slomanson '03
Associate, The Advocates, LLP



CLEO Scholars Enjoy Another Summer Institute at TJSL

One of the American Bar Association's strong symbols of its commitment to diversity in the legal profession is the Council for Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO), founded in 1968 as a non-profit project of the ABA Fund for Justice and Education. Thomas Jefferson School of Law enthusiastically helped CLEO celebrate its 40th anniversary this year by once again hosting a CLEO Summer Institute, marking the second time in recent years that TJSL has done so. In 2006, TJSL was the first California law school in more than a decade to host a CLEO summer institute.

Since CLEO began, more than 8,000 students of varied backgrounds, including low-income, disadvantaged and minority, have benefited from CLEO's academic support programs and become members of the legal profession. The annual CLEO Summer Institute is a means for students to "jump start" their legal careers.

"Participating in the CLEO program has, at the very least, given me an idea of what to expect my first year," said Sterling Williams, a CLEO Scholar who chose TJSL for his legal studies. "I decided to attend TJSL after the CLEO program because, out of the schools I had applied to, this was the only one where I had the opportunity to become familiar not only with the campus, but also to build a network with the faculty and staff."

Bettina Campbell, another CLEO Scholar who is attending TJSL this fall, said "CLEO helped me to decide on TJSL because I already knew what to expect here after six weeks. I had become comfortable with starting law school. I no longer feared it."

Instrumental in helping bring the CLEO Scholars to TJSL in 2006 and 2008 was Beth Kransberger, Assistant Dean for Admissions, Financial Aid and Student Counseling Services. According to Assistant Dean Kransberger, "It is vitally important that CLEO came back to California, which is one of the most racially and ethnically diverse states in the country. We also think it's appropriate because of TJSL's national leadership efforts in bringing greater diversity to the legal profession and our success at recruiting students with diverse backgrounds at the law school."

The 44 CLEO scholars came to TJSL this summer from 19 different states and Nigeria. They arrived in San Diego on June 8 and got to know their "new best friends" at a welcoming dinner the next night at San Diego State University, where they lived in residential halls during the program.

Dean Rudy Hasl, who served three years on the CLEO governing board, greeted the Scholars at the dinner and showed his support with a Superman-like unveiling of his CLEO diversity t-shirt beneath his

*Right:
Dean Rudy Hasl
proudly reveals
his commitment
to diversity.*

*Far right:
CLEO Scholars with
Federal Judge John
Houston (center) in his
courtroom.*



dress shirt, much to everyone's delight.

The Scholars also were welcomed by members of the TJSJL faculty and staff, as well as prominent San Diego Superior Court Judges such as TJSJL alumnus Browder Willis '83, Vallera Johnson and Randa Trapp. United States District Court Judge and CLEO alumnus John Houston also was on hand to greet the students, as was San Diego Deputy District Attorney Victor Nunez and Supervising Deputy Attorney General Lilia Garcia.

The students got their first taste of law school the next morning in a contracts class taught by Professor Thomas Golden, who said he was very impressed by the incisive questions and enthusiastic participation of the CLEO Scholars.

According to Williams, "The wonderful thing about it was that we all knew that we could openly express our confusion and uncertainty about different issues without hesitation. These questions and concerns were encouraged and welcomed by Professor Golden, who credited us with raising issues his law students had not thought of in the past."

On Friday, June 20, the CLEO Scholars jumped at the chance to get out of the classroom and into the courtroom to visit Judge Houston in the Federal District Courthouse. Judge Houston welcomed the opportunity

to invite his honorable "friends" to talk to the students about what to expect during law school and after graduation.

The CLEO Scholars were enlightened by four Federal District Court judges, including Chief Judge Irma Gonzalez and Federal Magistrate William McCurine, Jr., who is a member of the TJSJL Board of Trustees, along with two former Assistant U.S. Attorneys. Also on the panel were two California Deputy Attorney Generals, two San Diego Superior Court judges, three Deputy District Attorneys and two of Judge Houston's former law clerks who now work at firms, including TJSJL alumna Lori Westin '04.

Williams recognizes that this was an experience of a lifetime: "As if the opportunity to meet a CLEO alum who is a Federal Judge is not a great privilege in itself, Judge Houston had everyone from his court clerk to other judges come in and give us words of encouragement, which were eagerly written down."

During other breaks from the books, the CLEO Scholars were introduced to all that San Diego has to offer, including the wonderful weather, days at the beach, VIP treatment at the Petco Park during a Padres game and a tour of the Mexico-California border provided by the U.S. Border Patrol.

On July 17, the 2008 CLEO Scholars said goodbye to TJSJL and their new extended

family and friends. There were some emotional moments as administrators, faculty and the Scholars told everyone how much the experience meant to them. Almost every student who stood up to speak acknowledged how much, in the beginning, they were not looking forward to spending six weeks cooped up in a dormitory and virtually spending every waking moment with 43 other strangers. But then they also explained how learning to know their 43 new best friends quickly replaced those earlier fears.

Assistant Dean Beth Kransberger described the experience as "an amazing day as each shared very personal stories of how they developed their own 'armor' and the importance of support and reaching out."

"The staff was the major reason why I decided to attend Thomas Jefferson," said Campbell. "They were my family while here and still are even now. They all really care as any parent, big brother or big sister would."

Not only did they depart with great memories, the CLEO Scholars also left with a head-start on law school that other entering students won't have—the CLEO edge—the unique experience that the Council on Legal Education Opportunity and TJSJL provided for them. For all, it was an experience none of them will likely ever forget.



Native Americans Enrich

They call themselves by many names—Native Americans, American Indians or simply Indians. But they are a diverse group in and of themselves, who often identify themselves by their tribe or nation, be it Cherokee, Choctaw, Mohegan or Yakima.

And so it is at Thomas Jefferson School of Law, where Native Americans are among the many diverse groups on campus and individually represent some of the more than 500 federally recognized and unrecognized tribes across the U.S. There are an estimated 2.1 million Native Americans and, according to the 2000 Census, an estimated 400,000 of them reside on reservation land.



MARY CHENEY

Second-year TJSL student **Mary Cheney's** ancestry dates back to the Cherokee Nation in the early 1700s. She and her family continue to be very active in Indian affairs.

"With my family, I have attended several

Pow Wows," Cheney says. "I also have attended the Cherokee National Holiday in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, where I met Principal Chief Chad Smith. Chief Smith supported my application and acceptance to Thomas Jefferson School of Law, and continues to encourage the educational and professional goals of all his tribal citizens."

"I think it's exciting to have an increasing number of Native American students at TJSL," adds Cheney. "Thirty or forty years ago, people were not as proud as they are today. Many young people are tracing their ancestry and taking pride in their heritage."



CRISTIN MORNEAU

Student **Cristin Morneau's** mother is Mississippi Choctaw. Morneau, also in her second year at TJSL, believes people have a lot of misconceptions about American Indians.

"We're all usually portrayed as Plains Indians in the movies," she says. "We're not all like that—we all look different." Not only

that, but Morneau, who is an actress, says there are only about 200 acting jobs a year for Native Americans—and only about 30 of those are for women.

Morneau also notes that all Indian tribes are not getting rich off casinos: "People relate tribes to casinos. Well, there are 500 tribes and most of them don't have casinos. Most are not rich."



DEREK MONTEBLANCO

New TJSL student **Derek Montebalanco**, who grew up going to Pow Wows, is from Oregon and has Yakima ancestry on his mother's side. He identifies strongly with his Indian heritage and he followed what he calls "a very strong tradition" among Native Americans—military service. He joined the Marine Corps right after high school. "It's a rite of passage," he says."

Montebalanco says the diversity at TJSL was definitely a factor in his decision to come here, and he's especially glad that the school is teaching Native American Law,

the Diversity at TJSL

as well as attracting more students of Indian ancestry. “It’s good to know the law school is making strides in that realm of diversity,” he says.

Diversity was the most important reason that **Meredith Kiser**, also a first-year student, chose Thomas Jefferson. “It was really appealing to me as a prospective student,” she says.

“I’m so proud that there are other Native American students at Thomas Jefferson,” adds Kiser, who is a member of the Mohegan tribe of Connecticut. “I thought I was the only one.”

So important is her tribal membership that Kiser says, “if my tribe needs me, I will drop everything and go. I’ve always been involved with my tribe—it’s the most important thing in my life.”

In fact, Kiser is hoping to intern with her tribe next summer. She has a strong interest in Native American rights under federal law and what she sees as an erosion of federal recognition of tribes. And Kiser agrees with Morneau about the economic status of the majority of Native Americans. “We are one of the most impoverished of all groups in the country,” Kiser says.

Professor Bryan Wildenthal has been teaching a course in American Indian Law at TJSL since 1996. Then Dean Kenneth Vandavelde asked him to design the course when Wildenthal first joined the law school. In fact, TJSL is the only law school in San Diego to consistently offer a full course in Indian law taught by a full-time faculty member.



PROFESSOR BRYAN WILDENTHAL

“It is very important for TJSL to stay involved in legal issues affecting American Indian Nations,” says Professor Wildenthal, “in part because San Diego County has more Native American reservations (18) than any other county in the United States, and also because of the increasing importance to our economy of Indian gaming and other enterprises (entertainment, shopping, etc.) on tribal reservations.”

As Professor Wildenthal’s course description states, the curriculum covers federal statutes, treaties and case law relating to American Indians, including issues such as Native American Sovereignty, self-determination, criminal and civil law and jurisdictional issues. It also covers economic development and gambling issues. Among those statutes covered is Public Law 280 (discussed on page 10 in the article on Judge Tony Brandenburg.)

“Issues affecting Native American rights are an important part of the tragic legacy of

American history, which includes centuries of injustices perpetrated against America’s Native peoples,” says Professor Wildenthal. “Thus, this is part of TJSL’s core mission—to be involved in social justice issues.”

“I absolutely will take the American Indian law course,” says Kiser. “I look forward to it.”

Monteblanco says he also plans to take Professor Wildenthal’s course, and Morneau says she may even go into practice working with gaming tribes after graduation. She already has experience working at the Barona Tribe’s museum.

“Not a lot of schools have Indian study programs,” Morneau says. “These issues are often left on the back burner.”

“It’s very rewarding to learn that Thomas Jefferson is enriching its already diverse program,” says Monteblanco.

Professor Wildenthal was once the advisor to the National Native American Law Students Association (NNALSA) at TJSL. The students interviewed for this article seemed very interested in being part of such a group—so it’s very possible NNALSA will re-form on campus in the near future. Professor Wildenthal says he would once again be interested in being the advisor to the group.

He may not have long to wait. Kiser says she hopes to form a new NNALSA chapter at TJSL when she’s eligible to do so as a second-year student next year. She wants to unite the Native Americans at the law school.

“I’d like to see the presence grow.”



Judge Anthony Brandenburg '79

From Superior Court Commissioner

“This is your calling. This is what you were meant to do.”

Anthony Brandenburg '79 says those are the words his wife Cynthia used when he was asked about serving as Chief Judge of the Intertribal Court of Southern California.

At the time, Judge Brandenburg had served as a North County Superior Court Commissioner since 1987, after serving as a Municipal Court Commissioner for five years. Within days, he decided to retire and take the new position, which he says is “something I’ve always wanted to do.” In fact, Judge Brandenburg says he had suggested an intertribal court years before when he was doing a lot of *pro bono* legal work for the Hopi tribe in Arizona and commuting back and forth to San Diego.

In part, because of his Native American heritage—his mother was half Indian—Judge Brandenburg has taken a passionate interest in the legal affairs of all tribes.

“I identify very strongly with Native Americans,” he says.

The Intertribal Court has jurisdiction over several types of cases, which fall under the tribal laws of the 10 tribes in this region that participate. In existence for three years now, the Intertribal Court recently moved to a new home on the Rincon Reservation, less than a mile up the road from Harrah’s Rincon Casino. At the building’s dedication, Judge Brandenburg said: “Today is about history...it is about justice, it is about Native people bringing the rule of law to their tribal nations.”

Judge Brandenburg says that many people don’t stop to think when they drive across San Diego’s Indian reservations that they are really in “another world, where the laws, customs, rules and expectations are completely different. And a lot of people don’t respect that.”

But, he notes that courts in other

jurisdictions *do* respect the rulings made by the Intertribal Court, especially rulings made in accordance with laws like the federal Violence Against Women Act. In fact, family law cases are prevalent in the tribal court, including child custody, domestic violence and abuse against women and children. The Intertribal Court also hears a lot of land dispute, environmental, torts, assault and trespassing cases. It is a court of last resort for tribal members.

The tribes have written their own codes and ordinances, which are not enforceable by outside agencies like the County of San Diego or the Sheriff’s Department, according to Judge Brandenburg. However, the state criminal code is very enforceable by the Sheriff’s Department, which has working agreements and even enforcement contracts with some tribes.

Judge Brandenburg emphasizes that “we work extremely closely with the Sheriff and the District Attorney.”

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California is one of six states covered by Public Law 280, which was passed in 1953 and still remains in effect. PL 280 makes the Indian reservations within these states subject to most of the state's laws, meaning that local and state law enforcement agencies have jurisdiction over criminal matters that happen on reservations.

But PL 280 doesn't hold the reservations to the full scope of the California's civil regulatory codes, which gives the tribes jurisdiction over the types of cases decided

When Judge Brandenburg started law school in 1971 at what was then Western State University San Diego's downtown campus, it was housed in the old Trailways bus station.

“We had real diversity there, ethnically and by gender,” says Judge Brandenburg. “It was a very diverse group of students. It was also a close-knit group—we were tight—everybody knew everybody, and most students were working full-time and going to school part-time.”

“Talk about accommodating,” he says. “I took off three-and-a-half years and they let me back in. That's the ultimate in being accommodating.”

He describes the legal education he received as “more practical than theoretical.” He recalls: “We learned how to practice law.”

Law isn't his only interest. Citizen Brandenburg is also engaged in politics. He currently is running for a city council seat in Encinitas, where he has lived for many years and once served as a board

to Intertribal Court Chief Judge

in the Intertribal Court. Therefore, local law enforcement agencies cannot enforce tribal laws. Where there is a gap in tribal law, the tribal courts fall back on Federal laws, according to Judge Brandenburg.

He also notes that the rules of evidence are completely different in the Intertribal Court. For example, Judge Brandenburg says that in a land dispute, one of the parties might testify: “My uncle told me in 1947 that we own this land.” Hearsay, you say? Not necessarily in an oral culture where there may not be any written record of ownership. Thus, the court must give appropriate weight and credibility to such oral representations.

In other cases, an attorney might say—“Objection! Under California Civil Procedure...” whereby Judge Brandenburg will remind the attorney: “You're not in California.”



The Intertribal Court's new home in North San Diego County

Many, including Judge Brandenburg, had young children.

“The law school took care of you—they were really accommodating,” he says. “It was more of a family atmosphere than a law school atmosphere. And students and professors were always socializing after class.”

Judge Brandenburg took a long break in the middle of law school to work in Connecticut and complete undergraduate and graduate degrees.

member on the Encinitas Union School District. He says he owes Encinitas a lot and wants “to give back now,” just as he is giving back to his Native American heritage by serving on the Intertribal Court.

When it comes to matters of tribal law, Judge Brandenburg feels that the residents of the reservations don't want any more peace and security than people in, say, Encinitas or Rancho Bernardo or Poway want. “But they also don't want any less,” he says. “They want to be able to walk the streets of their neighborhoods in safety—just like anyone else.”

And when it comes to helping enforce the laws that keep the peace on the reservations, it seems as though Cynthia Brandenburg was almost clairvoyant when she told her husband: “This is what you were meant to do.”

Successful Jurist Is Role Model for Women in Law Today

Retired San Diego Superior Court Judge Marguerite “Marge” Wagner knows what it was like to be a female law student and later a lawyer in the '70s—a time when men greatly outnumbered women in the legal profession. Only seven percent of all lawyers were female in 1975.

She graduated in 1976 from Thomas Jefferson, then known as Western State University, and says she and the other female law students had to help each other succeed. Together they formed the Women’s Legal Caucus, the ancestor of TJSL’s current Women’s Law Association. According to Judge Wagner, only seven percent of the student body was female when she started law school—reflecting the nationwide ratio of men to women in the profession.

Known as Marge Bryant during her law school days, she was a single parent, working full-time and taking law classes part-time. Even with that heavy load on her shoulders, she graduated fifth in her class. “It was really, really tiring,” Judge Wagner says. “But if I start something, I’m going to finish it.”

The fact that she recently retired after 19 years on the bench is testament to that, but at the start she faced hurdles that men didn’t have to jump over. During law school, when she applied for a clerkship at a large San Diego law firm, Judge Wagner says she was told outright: “We don’t hire women for those jobs.”



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Gardening is one of Judge Wagner's passions.



Judge Wagner (right) receiving the Lawyers Club Athena Award.

Photo: Julie Baker Photography

Another time a prominent attorney offered her this bit of legal advice: “What I suggest when you appear before a jury is that you wear a short skirt.”

Later, when she joined her first law firm as an associate, she was steered to family law, even though she wanted to practice corporate law. She was told: “You wouldn’t have any credibility.”

“This is the ’70s,” she said when this writer shook his head incredulously at the blatant bias Judge Wagner encountered in her early law career.

She became a partner in that first firm, and later went into practice on her own, doing family law. She looks back on it all now as the recently retired Supervising Judge of the Vista Superior Court. She served first as a Municipal Court judge, and was elevated to the Superior Court by Governor Pete Wilson in 1994.

During her first five years on the Superior Court bench, Judge Wagner heard family law cases and then moved into hearing felony cases. “It was fascinating,” she says. “It was the most enjoyable area (of the law) I’ve ever been in.”

Of her retirement last December, she says, “It was time. I accomplished what I wanted to accomplish and now I want to do other things.”

“Other things” is an understatement. She had made a list of 40 things she wanted to do when she was mulling over retirement. And that’s exactly what she’s doing now—fulfilling her passion for travel, spending time with her grandchildren, photography, gardening and art classes, among many “other things.”

“I’m a very, very busy person,” she says from her home in the North County, but she hasn’t exactly hung up her judicial robes for the last time. After a successful career, Judge Wagner finds that her services as a jurist are still in demand.

She occasionally hears cases as an assigned judge, which means substituting for sitting judges when the need arises. She also has heard cases for the Fourth District Court of Appeals during a four-month period, at the invitation of the justices on that bench.

The legal community did not allow Judge Wagner to retire without the recognition she deserves. She recently was honored by the Lawyers Club of San Diego with the Athena Award, an award created especially for her. She was a founding member of a luncheon group of female attorneys, which eventually became the North County affiliate of the Lawyers Club. And, in December 2007, Judge Wagner was given a Lifetime

Achievement Award by the North County Bar Association—having spent her entire legal career working in the North County.

When she reflects on her days in law school, her recollections are much the same as TJSL’s most recent graduates.

“It was a close community,” she says. “Everybody was friendly and helpful—and it was a very nice group of professors and students—a great environment for studying and learning.”

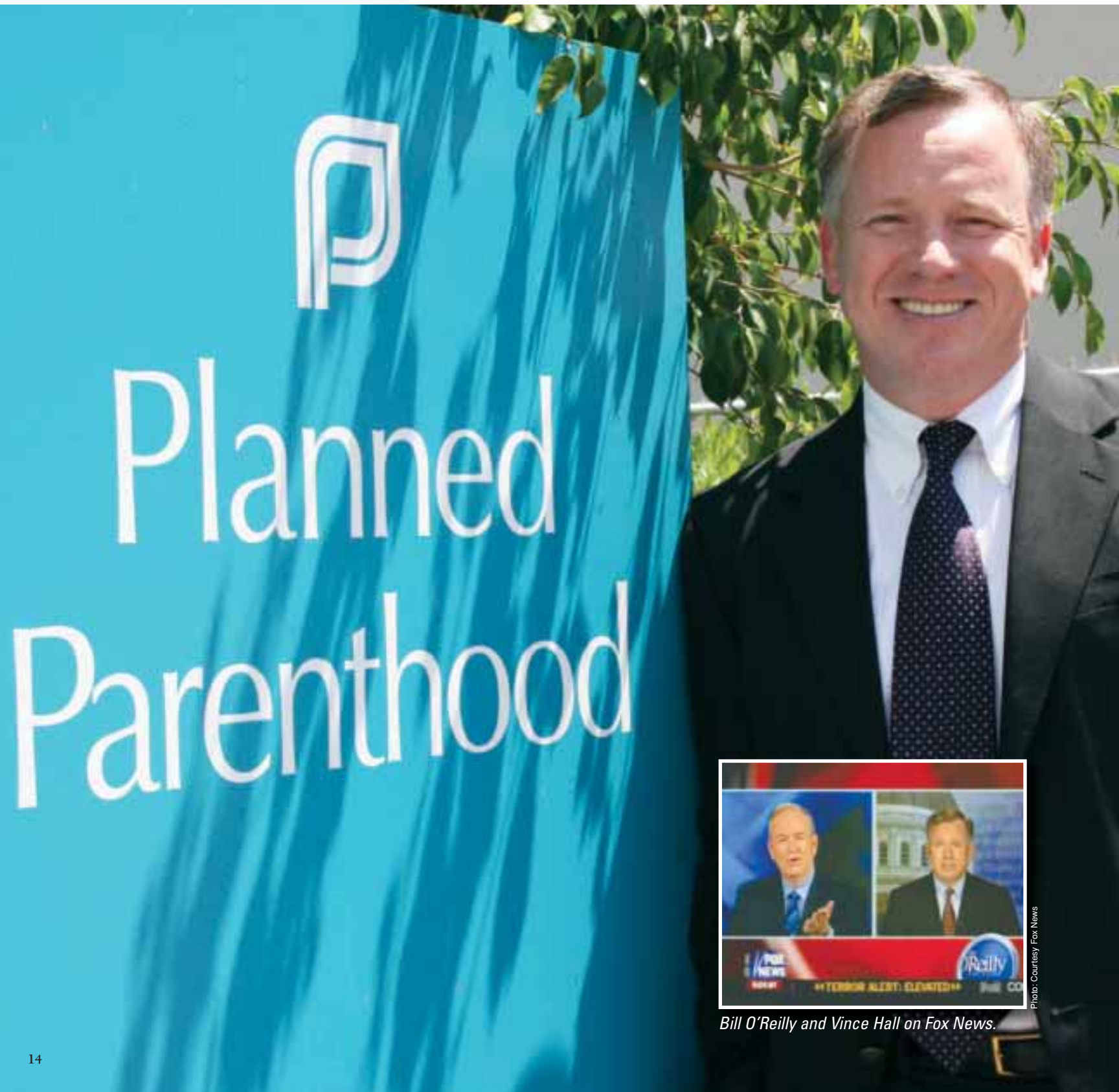
Looking back at the way things have changed in the legal profession since she started law school, she says “I’m so pleased to see women so successful in every area of law. Outwardly, we’ve achieved our goal—but we don’t have total equality. There are still unspoken opinions and prejudices.”

Since today’s enrollment of women in law schools nationally is 46.8 percent, and 48 percent currently at Thomas Jefferson, Judge Wagner says she can’t help but think about the days when she was one of only a seven-percent minority of women in the law school.

“Seven to nearly 50 percent is pretty darn good,” she says.

Vince Hall '08

Legal Training & Skills Prove Useful For Planned Parenthood's New VP



Bill O'Reilly and Vince Hall on Fox News.

Photo: Courtesy Fox News

Whether he's holding his own with a combative and surly Bill O'Reilly on national television or arguing his case in a public forum, TJS� graduate Vince Hall is in his element—advocating the mission of Planned Parenthood of San Diego & Riverside Counties.

Hall is the Vice President of Public Affairs & Communications, a position he was offered just after graduating in May. He's a great example of a law school graduate who is using his *juris doctor* and his legal education to further his career outside the legal profession.

"A legal education is beneficial to any person whether they practice law or not," says Hall.

The *juris doctor* is especially beneficial to Hall in his position with Planned Parenthood. A quick glance at his office shelves shows his law books close at hand and well-thumbed.

"I'm putting my law degree to work every day," notes Hall, "by explaining Supreme Court opinions to the media, interpreting statutes and even drafting legislation. I'm drawing heavily on my legal education."

And, because Planned Parenthood is at the center of a contentious public debate, Hall adds, "I argue my case in these forums much like an attorney speaking to a jury."

The art of political persuasion is something in which Hall is well-schooled.

Hall's resume includes staff director for former California Governor Gray Davis, San Diego County campaign manager for the Clinton-Gore ticket in 1996 and nine years as an aide to Congressman Bob Filner. There also was an unsuccessful run for State Assembly in 2002 and two years as Planned Parenthood's Communications Director before he was promoted to vice-president after graduating from TJS�. He also taught a course in political communications at San Diego State University, where he earned a degree in communications.

He feels his political experience, communications expertise and his law degree all "dovetail nicely in this new position," and they fit quite well with Planned Parenthood's mission.

Hall took the position as Planned Parenthood's Director of Communications just after his last exam as a first-year student at TJS� in May 2005. In the fall of that year, he became a part-time student. And in fall 2007, Hall was promoted to his current position as Vice-President of Public Affairs and Communications.

Hall's original thought upon graduation from law school was that he might be able to become in-house counsel at Planned Parenthood and use his law degree that way. But the offer of the vice-presidency "sealed the deal" in his mind and, much like an in-house counsel, Hall says he deals with legal issues every day.

With the retirement of so many baby boomers happening across America, Hall thinks there is a developing vacuum of experienced leadership in the non-profit sector. He sees himself as well positioned to be a non-profit executive with his law degree and his management experience with Planned Parenthood.

Right now, Planned Parenthood is a prominent voice in the statewide debate over Proposition 4, an initiative that would ban the termination of the pregnancy of a minor unless their parents are notified 48 hours in advance of the procedure. And, Hall is the voice of Planned Parenthood in this region.

Hall says Planned Parenthood "strongly encourages" female minors who become pregnant to notify their parents. The organization feels that Proposition 4 would take away the protection that a small number of women have who can't go to their parents "for many reasons, including fear of violence or being thrown out of the house," says Hall.

Proposition 4 is similar to 2006's Proposition 85 and 2005's Proposition 73, both of which were defeated by California's voters. When Hall debated Proposition 85 "tete a tete" with Fox TV host Bill O'Reilly, O'Reilly became indignant with him.

O'Reilly: (heatedly) "You're dodging the issue...What you're saying is I don't have a right to know and you have a daughter yourself...I don't have a right to know about a major medical procedure...that is gonna impact on my young daughter and I don't have a right to know about it? How can you sit there and do that?"

Hall says he kept his cool and waited silently for O'Reilly to finish before calmly replying.

Hall: "You know, Bill, my wife and I work hard every day to build a strong bond of family communication with our daughter. I want to be involved in that decision. But if we don't establish that communication ourselves as parents, no law is going to fix it."

Hall's well-learned strategy in situations like that—particularly with confrontational hosts like O'Reilly—is not to engage, but to wait quietly until it's his turn to speak.

"I'm not going to debate him," Hall says. "I'm going to make my point in a calm, rational, well-reasoned response."

Such appearances are all in a day's work for Hall, who decided to go to law school mid-career, while in his forties. His neighbor, Professor Steve Semeraro, helped him decide on TJS�.

"I'm so impressed with the quality of the faculty (at TJS�)," Hall says. "It's an extraordinary institution with terrific people."

Maybe his biggest endorsement of TJS� is that he has recruited three acquaintances to enroll in the law school—people who also understand the value of a law degree.

"A J.D. is a very serious degree," Hall says. "And a B.A. is like a high school diploma was 20 years ago. A graduate degree helps you develop your powers of critical thinking and proves your mettle."

Now, Hall's mettle is being tested in the campaign over Proposition 4. He is devoting a lot of his energy to defeating the initiative by working with the Campaign for Teen Safety, for which he is a member of the executive committee. In that capacity, there's little doubt he once again could tangle with the likes of Bill O'Reilly—or other media commentators—in the near future.

And, should it happen, it's a pretty safe bet to say that Vince Hall will hold his own.

We The People – Class Notes

Class of '74

Rickard L. Borg happily writes from his office, "I am just getting into the community law practice in Carlsbad. I wish to thank TJSL for facilitating my wonderful career of about 33 years, which has supported the life I enjoy very much." He calls his workplace "the most enjoyable office where suits are only worn as courthouse uniforms." He and his officemate, David Brahms, who is a retired Marine Corp Brigadier General, work in jeans and bare feet. "We always look forward to a visit from retired Judge Victor Ramirez, who picks up his mail and sees clients here at the office, sometimes not even wearing socks. This is a fun place where we focus on results over the appearances the outside attempts to dictate. We are rebels with a bunch of causes." Borg serves on a board that supports the Learning Center in Carlsbad and another that provides money to defend soldiers that are charged with crimes in Iraq.

Class of '75

After graduating, **H. Thomas Cadell, Jr.**, worked for the State of California, Department of Industrial Relations, as a hearing officer and then as a trial attorney. In 1984, he was appointed Senior Counsel to the State Labor Commissioner and in 1986, was appointed Chief Counsel. He had the pleasure of handling most of the appellate court work for the Labor Commissioner, including one U.S. Supreme Court argument (1994), nine appearances before the California Supreme Court, six appearances before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal and numerous arguments before the California Appellate courts. He retired in 1998 and worked as an expert witness in labor law cases. He returned to State service as a retired annuitant in 2000 to write an operations manual for the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement and to write opinion letters on

behalf of the Labor Commissioner. He left State service in 2003 and now resides in Geneva, Illinois, on the banks of the Fox River.



Donna J. Eyman has enjoyed a full-time, successful private practice in San Diego for the last 32 years. She specializes in bicycle and automobile accident cases. She also has been involved in breast implant cases since 1993. She is an early member of International Alliance of Holistic Attorneys. She found her "authentic self" and incorporates "positive lawyering" into her practice. Her goal is to successfully resolve cases in the best interest of the client, while at the same time de-escalating the stress mentality. Eyman says the spirit of goodwill and respect for all involved in a case is contagious. She has been involved in the Recovery/12 Step community for 28 years—both inside and outside the legal community. She volunteered to be the facilitator in the Navy's CREDO program for 10 years, helping active military and their dependants. She was a Pro-Tem Judge for eight years. Today, at 65, she is expanding her practice to include her daughter, Lisa (Banks) Jefferson '99, and hopefully, some day, her 11-year-old granddaughter (who already says she wants to be a lawyer). Eyman is active in the bicycle community with her retired husband, who races and coaches bicyclists. They also both love politics. She tries to keep up with her three grandchildren by maintaining a healthy lifestyle, with daily exercise, meditation, and good nutrition. She says she successfully uses and promotes Alternative Healing.

Class of '76

After graduation, **Carol Nelson-Selby** moved to San Joaquin County, initially directing a legal services clinic and then working in the District Attorney's office. In February 1979, she was hired by the Ventura County District Attorney and enjoyed 17 years of criminal jury trials. One highlight of her career was trying the first California case in which DNA evidence was admitted, *Peo. v. Axell*. Since retiring from

Barry Berkowitz '75

Business Started While in Law School Gives Him Time for Charity and Golf

He may have thought differently when he started law school, but now **Barry Berkowitz** says, "I discovered that I am non-adversarial—I am a gentle, low-keyed marshmallow."

He started an attorney service business to pay for law school, which he expanded to the Los Angeles market while he was still in school. When Berkowitz graduated, he decided to stay with it because he discovered he really enjoyed business development. It also has allowed him to develop a golf game and a passion for charity work.

"I have spent the past thirty years at a childcare center in Los Angeles, volunteering with abandoned and abused kids," says Berkowitz. "I have no kids of my own, so this experience has been very selfish and rewarding."

His business, Now Legal Services, was ranked #1 in Los Angeles by a local magazine, but he says his most satisfying accomplishment has been to keep his dad, who is 90, practicing law. Berkowitz gave his father a secretary, computer, voicemail and office space even though the elder Berkowitz wanted to retire 15 years ago.

It's not all about work, though. He and his father have played golf every Wednesday morning for the past 20 years.

active practice, she moved to San Luis Obispo County and now volunteers her services, mostly in the high schools and at California Polytechnic University, coaching Mock Trial and guest lecturing on subjects related to the law. She also team-teaches an undergraduate class in forensic psychology at the university with her husband, Michael Selby, a forensic psychologist and clinical neuropsychologist.

Class of '77

John Hope returned to Nevada in January 1978, where he passed the bar. He then successfully challenged the State Bar requirement concerning graduation from an ABA accredited school. Following work with a litigation firm,

he became a sole practitioner in 1982. He currently is the chairperson for the Northern Nevada panel of the Nevada State Bar fee dispute committee.

Shortly after passing the bar, **Joseph A. Lestyk** was promoted from the Contracts Department to the Law Department at General Atomics. By 1986, he was the Corporate Secretary and the head of both the Law and Contracts Departments. In 1987, he was hired as General Counsel of Pyropower Corporation, a subsidiary of Ahlstrom Corporation of Helsinki, Finland. In 1989, he assumed global legal responsibility for the power generation business of Ahlstrom, including project financing of new power plants, international strategic alliances and major equipment sales. In 1996, Ahlstrom transferred him to its Singapore office, where he had legal responsibility for the Asia-Pacific region as well as the power plant ownership in North America. In 1999, he returned to San Diego as Vice President and General Counsel of Ahlstrom USA, Inc. and continued as Senior International Counsel for the parent company. He retired in 2003, shortly after preparing a corporate compliance program for Ahlstrom. He currently manages North American litigation for Ahlstrom Capital, a venture capital company in Finland, and is the Director of Camelot Trust Pte Ltd in Singapore. Lestyk is a former member of the Executive Committee of the International Law Section of the State Bar of California and is presently an Advisor Emeritus to the Section. He has been a Personnel Commissioner to two school districts in San Diego County and is a former Chair of the San Diego Chapter of the American Diabetes Association. He also was an adjunct faculty member at TJSJL for several years. He has two children and two (almost three) grandchildren. He now resides in Escondido with his wife, Rosemary, and plays golf when he is not traveling.

Stephen P. Levine, after being in solo practice for 16 years, has become a partner in the firm of Milligan, Beswick, Levine, & Knox LLP in San Bernardino, specializing in family law, criminal defense and personal injury. Levine and his family climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro on New Year's Day. He's busy planning his next once-in-a-lifetime trip.

C. Logan McKechnie, former special assistant to the San Diego District Attorney and attorney for the San Diego Padres, relocated to Merced in 1992 and opened a private practice. He currently serves as a part-time commissioner for the Merced Superior Court, is the Athletic Commissioner for the Central Valley Community Colleges and is beginning his second three-year term on the State's Commission on Athletics, which oversees all sports at California's 103 community colleges. McKechnie is in his 10th year teaching criminal law and evidence at the local college.

Class of '78

Ken Glick is Senior Regulatory Counsel for NorthernStar Natural Gas Company, an energy project developer headquartered in Houston, Texas. He authored several reports on energy affordability in California, Oregon and Washington, with particular focus on the impacts of higher energy prices on low-income households. He was an attorney with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for eight years and then senior attorney for Great Lakes Gas Transmission Company, a billion dollar interstate natural gas pipeline headquartered in Troy, Michigan. Later, he was an attorney for the California Fair Political Practices Commission. As an attorney for the California Energy Commission, Glick co-authored the task force's discovery and authored the recommended legislative changes put forward in the task force report to the Governor. He also co-authored several documents filed at FERC, which persuaded that agency to reverse its rate design standards for high voltage transmission lines. This reversal is now allowing permitting to go forward for a previously stalled high voltage transmission line to interconnect wind generation and solar energy resources with California's electric grid.

Stuart Kaye was employed as an attorney for the State of California after graduating from TJSJL until 2004, when he retired. Since then, he has been employed as a U.S. Administrative Law Judge in Los Angeles, dealing with Social Security Administration matters. Much of his practice has been devoted to labor law. He has been designated on a number of occasions as an expert witness on wage and hour issues.

After retiring in 2003 from a career he loved as a Federal Agent, **E. Wayne Kempton** began his studies at Fuller Theological Seminary. Kempton, together with his son Jeffrey Kempton, walked together in commencement as they completed their Master of Divinity degrees this summer (yes, exactly 30 years after his JD!) In the fall, both father and son will be seeking calls for ordination as pastors in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Tom Lamone was in private practice for a short time after passing the California Bar Exam in 1978. He then moved back to the Washington, D.C., area. In 1981, after becoming a member of the Maryland Bar, he worked as a Trademark Examining Attorney with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, then as a Senior Attorney in 1984 and, finally, as a Managing Attorney in 1985. Lamone retired on April 3, 2003, and is currently enjoying retirement with his wife Peggy, spending winters in Florida and California.

Joseph Daniel Seckelman, a member of the California Bar since 1979, is a member of the Ninth and Seventh Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, the U.S. Tax Court and the Federal District Court for Southern California. He has a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Taxation from the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois. He was a real estate broker in the Chicago suburbs and is also a licensed California Real Estate Broker. He is a former staff editor for Commerce Clearance House in Chicago and worked on C.C.H.'s Standard Federal Tax Reporter. Seckelman has been an adjunct professor at Western State University School of Law in Fullerton, teaching Taxation Law. He is a member of the State Bar of California Taxation, Business Law and Estate Planning Committees. He speaks, reads and writes Spanish fluently and is also conversant in Japanese. Visit his website at www.irslaw.org

Teri T. Wyly has been practicing law in Mississippi since 1979. After passing the California bar exam, she moved to Mississippi. She married Jim Wyly, whom she met in Oxford, England, through the University of San Diego comparative law program in 1982. They both practice law: he works at Phelps Dunbar and she is a partner with Balch Bingham, practicing in the area of environmental law.

We The People – Class Notes

Class of '79

Francie M. Fields is the Director of Employer Outreach for Career Services at Case Western Reserve School of Law. She took the July 2008 bar exam in Ohio. She is already admitted to the New York and Florida bars.

Since graduating, **Eric J. Larson** has worked at two civil litigation firms in San Diego and has completed a number of jury and bench trials. His emphasis is in defense of employers in labor issues. He was married in 1995 to Linda and they have two children: daughter Lane, who is 11, and son Reid, who is 8. Larson also served on the Ocean Beach Town Council Board of Directors for two years.

Susan Groves '79

Appointed Family Law Facilitator In the San Diego Superior Court

As she nears her 29th year of practicing law this November, Susan Groves has a new position to celebrate. In April of this year, the San Diego Superior Court appointed her to be the Court's Family Law Facilitator.

Groves was in private practice for more than 20 years, handling primarily family law, personal injury and immigration litigation cases, when she changed gears in July 2000 and began working for the San Diego Superior Court as a staff attorney in the Family Law Facilitator's program (state mandated program pursuant to Family Code Section 10000 et seq.). Each county in California is required by statute to maintain an office of the Family Law Facilitator, who shall be appointed by the Superior Court. The program provides assistance to self-represented individuals who need help with family law issues.

Groves says her years working for the Family Law Facilitator's Office have been the most rewarding of her career.

Patrick L. McCrary is in private practice in La Mesa, California, and was named a San Diego Top Attorney for 2008 by the *Daily Transcript* newspaper.

Jeanne Molineaux is the Director of the Office of Clients' Rights Advocacy (OCRA), a program of Disability Rights California (DRC). OCRA has more than 50-employees statewide, who advocate on behalf of people with developmental disabilities. Molineaux established the program 11 years ago when DRC was awarded the contract by the state, and has since continued to direct the program. DRC is the largest disability rights organization in California.

James A. Ricketts retired in 2006 as Vice President of TD Ameritrade, where he had worked since 1986. The list of his assignments and responsibilities included management of legal and compliance departments along with brokerage firm management. His brother, J. Joe Ricketts, founded Ameritrade. Ricketts is presently the Assistant Director of Opportunity Education Charitable Foundation. Opportunity Education (www.opportunityeducation.org) provides educational tools for children in developing countries around the world. He is also an arbitrator for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). He received his undergraduate degree from Wayne State College (1974) and is a member of the California bar.

Donald F. Seth shares that his accomplishments are "raising two daughters, staying out of jail the past 28 years and having several screeds to the local newspapers published." He "successfully resisted the nearly overwhelming urge to go to Washington, D.C., remove his clothes on Pennsylvania Avenue and scream at the White House." He says he has established a true consumer protection law firm and has recovered money from wrongdoers for nearly every one of his grateful clients.

Class of '80

James D. Bivins worked in the San Diego City Attorney's Office from 1981 to 1988 (Criminal Division DCA, Presiding DCA, Consumer Fraud DCA, Civil Litigation DCA).

He then worked for the State of Maine Office of Attorney General from 1989-1991 (General Government Division AAG—represented professional licensing boards). Bivins then began working for Dyer, Goodall & Larouche from 1991 to 1997 (Municipal and Environmental law practice). He briefed and argued before Maine's highest court two times. From 1997 to 1998, he was the City Attorney for the City of Rockland. He briefed and argued before Maine's highest court two more times. Bivins currently is the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer for the Maine Department of Health and Human Services and is running the administrative appeals hearing operation. He says he managed to sky dive somewhere between all of the above, and continues to play golf poorly.

Thomas F. Brooks is currently working with The Blatz Law Firm in Ojai, California, a general practice law firm. His area is civil litigation. He writes: "It is hard to accept the fact that I have been out of law school almost 28 years. I am not one of the 'Old Lawyers'. I didn't even notice until a young secretary asked for my bar number and I gave it to her and she said, 'But that's only five numbers' and I said, 'yes, that's right' and she looked at me and said, 'Oooooooooo!'"

Rodger E. Overholser was a Deputy District Attorney in San Diego from 1980 to 1985 and became Counsel for the Enforcement Division from 1987 to 1990; served on the California Fair Political Practices Commission from 1985 to 1987; and was Assistant United States Attorney for Northern District of Iowa from 1990 to 2000. He retired for a few years, but that didn't last long. He is presently Presiding Magistrate in Camp Verde Municipal Court in Arizona. He has received a number of commendations and awards, including a Directors Award from the U.S. Department of Justice, and others from the Resolution Trust Corp., the IRS and other federal agencies. He served two years as a volunteer moot court judge at the University of Iowa College of Law.

Barbara Silber Katz is a Certified Family Law Specialist and has been in practice for 24 years. She has served as a *pro tem* Settlement Judge, Minor's Counsel, and is a member of the San Diego Collaborative Family Law Group that provides an out-of-court team approach to divorce.



Rod Underhill '79

First MP3.com...Now Podlinez.com and a "Webby Award"

While many of us can't begin to fathom how a gizmo that fits in the palm of the hand can actually connect to the internet, shoot photos AND video, and store hundreds of our favorite tunes, Rod Underhill '79 is one of those keen observers of popular culture who stays on the cutting edge of the technology curve. Author, attorney and MP3.com co-founder, Underhill continues to impress.

Underhill is the co-founder of Bandtones, LLC, which owns Podlinez.com, for which he received a "Webby Award" (People's Voice Award) this year for his contribution to cell phone technology. Podlinez.com is a free service that lets you listen to podcasts on your phone and a "Webby" is the "Oscar" of the Internet. You can learn more about the Webby Award ceremony at http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2008/05/06/stephen-colbert-william-e-n_100359.html

Underhill obviously has found the secret to success when it comes to riding the technology wave, but what makes this founder of multi-billion-dollar companies even more unique is that he's not stingy about sharing the secrets to success. He gives back to the entrepreneurial community by providing low cost legal services to start ups and helping start ups reach their goals with venture capital, business modeling and invention enhancement. Underhill is one of the "professionals" available through www.elance.com, an online network of certified technology and creative talent who help businesses succeed.

Underhill also serves as a senior advisor to nimbit, inc., a Massachusetts-based company that offers Web-based career management solutions for independent artists and labels.

And, if you think he's not busy enough, Underhill has written two technology-related books (with Nat Gertler), titled *The Complete Idiot's Guide to MP3* and *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Making Millions on the Internet*.

After spending the past 28 years in private civil litigation practice in Las Vegas, Nevada, and the past seven years representing law enforcement personnel in disciplinary issues, grievances, arbitrations, officer involved shootings and collective bargaining matters, **Richard P. McCann** has accepted a new position. He is now the full-time general counsel and chief labor representative for the new Nevada Division Office of the California Organization of Police & Sheriffs (COPS). The Nevada Division office commenced operations on May 15, 2008. McCann currently handles all representation throughout Nevada for those police unions and their member officers who are affiliated with COPS.

Class of '81

After earning his JD, **Woodrow Douglas English** started closing down his insurance agency/brokerage in La Mesa, California, to work as a patent agent/attorney with the U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Naval Research at China Lake in Kern County. English stayed there for a few years, "cutting his teeth in the patent law practice." Then he worked as in house intellectual property counsel with Del Mar Avionics (DMA), an Orange County corporation, and promptly became their in house general counsel. A few years later, after a brief stint with the U.S. Department of Energy at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Alameda County, English returned to Southern California to set up a private IP practice in Ventura County while concomitantly commuting to Orange County for a couple days each week to serve as part-time IP and general counsel for DMA again. DMA has since pretty much sold off its major divisions, so his trips to the OC are few in number these days. He says he is trying to continue a "semi-retired" IP practice in Ventura that continues to look more like a "full-time solo practice." English asks, "Does a lawyer ever just quit and do nothing?" His answer: "No, I don't think so."

Arlene M. Tokarz has been practicing family and bankruptcy law in Orange County for the last 28 years. Recently, she opened an office in Big Bear Lake where she has lived part-time for

the past 20 years. Tokarz says that she intends to retire to Big Bear in a few years, where she describes life as "definitely slower-paced." She will be leaving her Santa Ana practice to her two children, Christine and Matthew Tokarz. They are both actively involved in the Santa Ana practice now—one in bankruptcy and one in family law. She says the practice is very fast-paced: in the last 28 years, they have closed almost 12,000 bankruptcy and family law cases. Tokarz says, "It has been rewarding and I thank TJSL/WSU for the opportunity provided by them."

Class of '82

John Loughman practiced law as a sole practitioner in the San Diego County area until retiring in 2003. He is now living in Indianapolis, Indiana.



Michael J. Martindill is now semi-retired and working out of his home office in Pine Valley, California. After he was admitted to the CA Bar, he opened a solo practice in La Mesa, California, in June 1983. By 1990, his practice included estate planning and probate and, in 1998, he became a certified specialist. He has been an adjunct professor of wills and trusts at California Western from 1990 to 1992 and at TJSL from 1989 to the present (read the article on page 43 about the other course he teaches at TJSL). Martindill has been an MCLE presenter at Equine Law Conferences, TJSL Alumni Association functions, IRS agent seminars and San Diego County Bar Association for Animal Law and various Probate and Estate-related topics. He is a current "Board Member Emeritus" for the Cowboy Lawyers Association and served as the group's past president. He also volunteers for fundraisers as a parade announcer and as an auctioneer for local children's groups. He

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enjoys time with his grown son, four grandsons, his “cowboy” horse and his Indian motorcycle.

Brenda Mason worked at the U.S. Attorney’s Office in San Diego as a student intern and a paralegal for three years during law school. That led to a permanent job there for 25 years until she retired in 2005. The Attorney General of the U.S. Department of Justice signed a certificate of honor on her behalf when she retired. While there, she served as a Zero Tolerance Paralegal, Juror Paralegal, Freedom of Information Specialist, Legal Researcher, Victim Witness Coordinator, Citizen Complaint Coordinator, Law Enforcement Coordinator for the Organized Crime Unit and Staff Specialist for the Drug Enforcement Task Force. She served under at least 10 U.S. Attorneys. One of them nominated her to receive a Congressional Award for Exemplary Service to the Public. She received several other certificates and cash awards over the years as well. Mason now volunteers in the community and legal field.

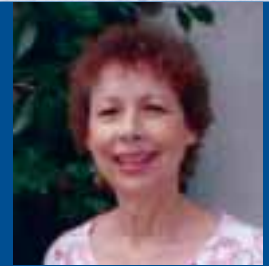
After graduating from TJSL, **Terrence McEvoy** practiced civil litigation and workers’ compensation law in the Orange County and Los Angeles areas. From 2003 to 2005, he was house counsel for St. Paul Travelers Insurance Company, practicing workers’ compensation defense. During this time he also taught law classes for the Los Angeles Community College system at Rio Hondo College in an ABA-approved paralegal program. In March 2005, he was appointed as an administrative law judge for the Bakersfield office of the Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board. McEvoy says he has enjoyed the intellectual challenge of this position, especially with the 2004 changes in California’s workers’ compensation laws. Several of his decisions have been before the 5th District Court of Appeals. One decision upheld at the 5th District is currently being considered by the California Supreme Court.

Class of ‘83

Since graduation, **Robert C. Baumgarten** has practiced law as it relates to construction matters and, in 1988, moved forward as a sole practitioner. In 1984, he began serving as an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association and when mediation came to the foreground, he served as a mediator. His full practice since 2000 has been only in ADR as it relates to construction and real estate matters. Beginning in the late 1990s, Baumgarten served on the national faculty for AAA in the continuing education of neutrals for eight years. He exclaims, “Yep, been a great 25 years since graduating from WSUSD!”

Tamara D. DeHaan prevailed in a two-week jury trial in San Diego Superior Court last October, where her client was awarded \$453,349 plus costs. The case arose out of an employment contract containing a non-competition clause written by DeHaan in 1998 and breached in 2005 by the client’s former employee. No appeal was filed. On behalf of her client, DeHaan collected on the judgment in full in March 2008.

Glenda Peace is proud of having worked with CHUM (Consortium of Community High Schools, Undergraduate and Medical Schools) for the past dozen or so years. Peace says CHUM has a dynamite math and science outreach program, funded through the auspices of UCSD. She served as Program Director/Administrative Assistant and helped make it a choice program to help advance capable and inquiring minds to science goals and ambitions. Peace notes that many of CHUM’s graduates went on to college and universities, some prestigious and far away; others local and noteworthy. Her son Edward recently graduated from Columbia University with honors in math, an achievement in which she takes great pride. Last, the Delta Sigma Sorority, Inc. San Diego Alumnae Chapter honored Peace for her work in the community to create a legacy of leadership and service for children to follow. “Breakfast for MiLady was an honor” Peace says she will not forget.



Sandee Witcraft-Schlaefli ‘83

Very Grateful for Liver Donor; Encourages Others to Register

In December 2007, Sandee Witcraft-Schlaefli had a complete liver transplant. She is still recovering and has concerns that one day her body may reject the liver. Her donated liver was from a 21-year-old boy and while Witcraft-Schlaefli is sad that he had to die for her to survive, she does consider the young donor to still live within her. Now the young donor is helping her to continue to manage her corporation, Urban Systems Associates, Inc. (USAI), mostly from home, but soon she plans to return full steam ahead. Her problem was a genetic one; in fact, her cousin last month just got a new liver, too. Before all of this happened, Witcraft-Schlaefli admits she wasn’t sure about organ transplants, but now she wants to encourage all her schoolmates, their friends and families to register to be donors. She says: “It is easy and does so much good. Plus, it is a chance to live on for sometime. My liver, as long as it remains in excellent condition, may be even used again. Thanks for letting me share this exciting news.”

James S. Scarcelli has specialized in Sales Management, Training and Coaching since 1980. He worked in private automotive firms in the San Diego and Orange County areas and has a wealth of industry and occupational knowledge that reflects the dynamic region in which he lives. Known for his straight-forward approach combined with a sincere interest in his clients’ and employees’ areas of concern and dreams, Scarcelli says he has successfully guided a broad range of sales professionals to achieve their individual goals. He also has conducted seminars/workshops in Sales Development for Managers, Goal Setting, Career Planning, Interpersonal Communications, Career Change and other related topics to groups of individuals across a variety of industries and functional levels. Scarcelli earned his BA in Political Science from Niagara University in Niagara Falls, New York.

Class of '84

Edward K. Beadle started a long-standing legal research and related services business, Express Legal Assistant. He became a credentialed teacher in 1997 and started working for the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation as of June 2004. He was married in November 2003 and has traveled in the U.S. and abroad. Beadle also has become active in SEIU Local 1000 as a steward, delegate and DLC Secretary. He is an active member of the Knights of Columbus.

Thomas H. Lemmon gets right to the point with his news: "Twenty years of marital bliss, five children and so much debt it would choke a horse!"

Penny Weigand is CEO/attorney for Bellissima Publishing, LLC. A recent publication by her company, *Surfer Girl* by Penelope Dyan, was the winner of "Best Teen Book" at both the 2008 New York and Hollywood Book Festivals and is recognized by the Girls Voices In Literature Database, Miami University, Florida. Another Bellissima book, *Everything You Never Wanted To Know About Your Nonprofit Corporation* by Ms. Cellaneous, an unknown attorney, is required reading for a BYU public management graduate class. Bellissima has seven writers, a photographer (Weigand's husband John D. Weigand) and a cover illustrator (artist Courtney Quinn). All Bellissima books are Ingram listed and widely available. You can learn more about Bellissima at www.bellissimapublishing.com.

Class of '89

Thomas Loffarelli is currently working as an investment consultant and real estate broker. His offices are in Los Angeles and San Diego. He also works out of the Inland Empire in the Lake Arrowhead area. He says, "Please give me an email or a ring, and we can discuss strategic plans to create wealth, acquire bargain investment real estate, prepare for retirement and keep our clients out of court." He also enjoys beach volleyball, tennis, swimming, golf, basketball, fencing, running marathons and dancing. He is a patron of the arts— theatre, opera, rock concerts, jazz and museums.

He concludes that "life is short—extend your horizons and your life."

Class of '90

Catherine Tancredi passed the February 1991 bar and was sworn in on June 10 of that year. She started her own practice in El Cajon, California, specializing in family law. She did much *pro bono* work through the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program and also served on the SDVLP Board of Directors. She has volunteered as a small claims judge in El Cajon since 1996. She also volunteered as a Family Law Settlement Conference Judge from 1998 to 2001 and then became a certified Family Law Specialist from 2006 to the present. She has been a speaker for various organizations (CEB and local Bar Associations) on law office management as well as the editor of the Foothills Bar Association monthly newsletter since 1995. Tancredi married for the first time in June 1999 and gained four stepsons in the process. After she and her husband had their first son together in 2001, she closed her law office to focus on being a mom (that summer her husband got full custody of his four older sons). Tancredi had another son in 2003 and was back to work part-time in 2006. She's up to three-quarter time now that her youngest is starting full-day kindergarten and continues to practice family law, including guardianships and adoptions. Tancredi says she has considered applying for a judgeship, but really enjoys being a lawyer and the unique position she's in to help her clients and their families.

Class of '91

Carla Nasoff has just celebrated her firm's 10-year anniversary. Her office has successfully represented patients, physicians, and hospitals in all aspects of medical malpractice and personal injury cases. She has 15 years of large firm experience and is president of her own law firm, Nasoff & Associates in San Diego.

Bradley Tamm is a partner in the boutique bankruptcy litigation and appellate law firm of Shults & Tamm LLP in downtown Honolulu, Hawaii. Recently, he prevailed after trial against mortgage companies Amerquest Mortgage

Co. and WM Specialty Mortgage LLC, obtaining judgment for unfair and deceptive trade practices in the wrongful exercise of non-judicial foreclosure under Hawaii law. This case is currently on appeal to 9th Cir. BAP. In a different case (*Hoopai v. Countrywide*, 369 B.R. 506 (9th Cir. BAP 2007)), he succeeded in overturning judgment in favor of Countrywide on an attorney fees award. Countrywide appealed. Tamm also continues as a member of the Disciplinary Board of the Hawaii Supreme Court.

Class of '93



Dennis R. Hoagland

has been married to Mary Ellen Hoagland (BA, MA, JD and PhD) for the last 40 years and together they have raised three sons: Jason Hoagland (BS, MD);

Jonathan Hoagland (BA, MA and JD); and David Hoagland (BA and MA). They also are raising nine grandchildren, some of whom they hope will be future JDs. Dennis Hoagland is the Vice President and Trust Officer of MEMBERS Trust Company, and Vice President and Senior Trust Officer of Mountain America Credit Union. He has served in the trust and estate planning industry as a trust officer, as the senior executive officer for several trust companies and as a private trustee/entrepreneur for more than 30 years. During this time, he also served for more than 20 years as a private banker, several years as a director of a Catholic foundation and a corporate senior executive supervising foundations and institutional trusts, and for more than 10 years as a private trustee, entrepreneur, developer and private business owner. He has been with Mountain America Trust Services for more than six years. He holds a baccalaureate degree from Brigham Young University and is a graduate of Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington's Graduate School of Business. He is an adjunct professor at LDS Business College, where he teaches and lectures in Business Law, Economics, International Business and Entrepreneurialism.

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Salim Khawaja has moved his law office to 1010 Second Avenue, Suite 1750, San Diego 92101. This year, he settled a very difficult case for a client—the plaintiff—who was involved in a small car collision. Both cars did not have visible damages and defendant's car had only \$500 damage. Before this collision, his client had extensive problems with his neck and had been involved in another car accident just one month before this collision. Khawaja obtained a settlement of \$200,000 for his client. Last year he settled another case involving a golf cart. During the production of a golf tournament in Rancho Santa Fe, his client and a passenger were thrown out of their golf cart going down a hill. Both plaintiffs settled the case for the confidential, seven-figure policy limit.

Adam Prossin is President, Corporate Counsel and Athlete Agent Advisor with Prossin Sports Management, Inc., an International sports agency that is currently representing clients in various sports throughout the world, such as football, basketball, hockey, auto racing, horse racing and other individual sports, including in the Olympics. You can get more information at www.prossinsports.com. Prossin is an NFL-certified Agent and is approved by FIBA (International Basketball). He is licensed to practice in California and Washington States and the U.S. Tax Court. Prossin has lived in Seattle, Washington, for four years with his wife Jan and their two girls, Hannah (5 years) and Marina (2 Years). Prossin says he'd love to reconnect with classmates who can reach him at adam@prossinsports.com.

Immediately after graduating, **O. Brent Redelsperger** landed a position as an assistant city attorney for Chico, California. About one year later, he switched offices and became an assistant district attorney in Chico, where he has remained for 14 years. His current title is Supervising Deputy District Attorney. He has a

Melinda Lord '94

Human Rights Work Takes Her to New Post in Baghdad



It's not uncommon to find Melinda Lord where the action is—her international human rights work during the past decade has led her on a fascinating path that would give many foreign diplomats a run for the money. Lord's newest position is In Country Project Director at the American University Center for Global Peace in Baghdad, Iraq. There she advises Iraqi stakeholders on the formation of the Iraqi High Human Rights Commission.

Lord has extensive experience as an international legal advisor and human rights trainer in Afghanistan, the Balkans and the Middle East. Recently in Afghanistan, she worked with the Ministry of the Interior and the Office of the Attorney General (AGO) to promote the rule of law and access to the formal justice sector for Afghan women through assistance in planning and implementation of programs, such as training and recruitment of women police. Additionally, Lord developed course materials using provisions of the Constitution, the Penal Code and Sharia, as well as analysis of traditional methods and their application to gender crimes, for the AGO prosecutors one-year training course.

Lord also supported a proposal for a Special Victims Unit in the Attorney General Offices. Lord collaborated with the Ministry of Women's Affairs to conduct a gender justice/rule of law campaign. The campaign included nationwide dissemination of information to professionals in the justice sector and the public at large on the law and ending violence against women.

This isn't Lord's first experience in Iraq. In 2004, Lord served as a legal trainer for an International Bar Association initiative there. Starting in 1997, Lord served for four years as a human rights legal advisor with the OSCE and the United Nations in consecutive posts in the former Yugoslavia.

A U.S. citizen, Lord grew up in Saudi Arabia and Lebanon and served in the Peace Corps in North Yemen. In addition to her JD from TJSU, she holds two LLM degrees—one in intellectual property law and the other in international legal studies.

team of four prosecutors, who are all assigned to specific areas of the law. He prosecutes special victims crimes, including child abuse/molestation, elder abuse and all sex related crimes involving adults. He has convicted people for everything from first-degree murder to complex child molestations, which resulted in sentences reaching into more than 100 years in the state prison. Redelsperger says he's "obtained a guilty verdict in every jury trial I have done, knock on wood."

Stephen R. Soden is the founder and Partner of Soden & Steinberger, LLP. Prior to becoming an attorney, he was an electrical engineer and engineering consultant with more than 15 years of engineering, business development

and management consulting experience. After law school, Soden worked for NCR (then AT&T) in their intellectual property division. From 1995 to 1996, Soden was corporate counsel for AGE Logic, Inc., a privately held entity in San Diego that was acquired in late 1996 by NetManage, Inc., a publicly traded company located in Cupertino, California. From 1996 to 1999, Soden served as the general counsel for NetManage, Inc., until he decided to relocate to San Diego. In late 1999, Soden went into private practice and formed Soden and Associates, which later became Soden & Steinberger, LLP, a limited liability partnership with Robert J. Steinberger. His practice includes intellectual property (trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, and

technology licensing), corporate engineering and business formation, securities, contract law and corporate litigation. He currently holds positions as general counsel for several start-up companies located throughout California and continues to support these companies in various corporate and intellectual property matters.

Class of '94

Ferdinand "Dino" Innumerable is currently a Senior Deputy Public Defender in the Ventura County Public Defender's Office. His current caseload involves everything from simple drug possession cases to special circumstance homicides. In June, he received the Ventura County Criminal Defense Bar Association Richard Erwin "Trial Attorney of the Year" Award. He is married to Anna, who is also an attorney, and they have two kids, Brandon and Alyssa. Innumerable writes, "San Diego is still my favorite city and we try to visit as much as we can. I would like to say 'hi' to all the class of '94 Grads."

Since graduation, **Roxana Miller Pierce** has focused on international law. She has worked in approximately 72 countries in contract negotiations, litigation, arbitration and business development. Most recently, she is working with a large firm in establishing the firm's presence in the Middle East. She is married with two daughters and lives in Maryland.

Class of '95

Katharine R. Bird has worked since 1997 as a Deputy County Counsel for the County of San Diego in the juvenile dependency division. She does primarily appellate work, and has been part of numerous published cases at the appellate level. Bird also has participated as amicus counsel at the California Supreme Court. She became one of the first certified legal specialists in the field of child welfare in the country as part of a three-state pilot program several years ago. She also practiced in both San Diego and Fresno County Juvenile Courts. She has represented children, parents and the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency in juvenile dependency actions.

In April 2007, **Leslie A. Braun** was appointed by the State of California as a judge *pro tem*. She serves as a judge *pro tem* in the Family Law Division and as a settlement conference attorney in civil litigation. She is the recipient of America's Registry of Outstanding Professionals 2004-2005, Strathmore's *Who's Who* and Global *Who's Who*. She is a member of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of California and the San Diego County Bar Association. Currently, Braun represents developers and her areas of practice include construction law and civil litigation. She previously represented plaintiffs in employment law claims, including racial discrimination, national origin discrimination, religious discrimination, age discrimination, gender discrimination, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, defamation, interference with contractual relations, breach of contract, constructive discharge and wrongful termination.

With law degree in hand, **Stella V. Logan** has continued to build and expand her 15 years of pre-law school experience as a paralegal. She is currently an independent contractor working as a paralegal. She does general litigation document preparation and legal research as well as advising of new attorneys. Her involvement with construction defect litigation includes organizing and attending site inspections. She is also an inspector of elections for homeowner associations, a notary public and a realtor.

Dan Vrechek just celebrated his 10th anniversary at Qualcomm Incorporated and currently serves as Division Counsel in the Internet Services group.

Class of '96

Roberta Clark started her legal career working for an estate planning attorney in Escondido, California, which led to opening her own office in nearby Fallbrook in 1999. Her practice centers on estate planning, trust administration and probates. She was the co-chair of the Probate Section of the North County Bar for four years and is currently on the Board of Directors for Lawyer Referral Service for the North County Bar.

Randy Grossman '94

Travels to China for First MLB Games Between Padres and Dodgers

This past March, five months before the Olympic Games, the first ever Major League Baseball games were played in China between the San Diego Padres and Los Angeles Dodgers. Adjunct Professor Randy Grossman '94 accompanied the Padres, along with his client, Hall of Famer Dave Winfield and his wife, prominent San Diego criminal defense attorney Jerry Blank and Gary Jennings, Grossman's old college room-mate.

Grossman watched two exhibition games played at the Beijing Wukesong Sports Center Baseball Field, the same field where the Olympic baseball games were held. Bud Selig, Commissioner of Major League Baseball, and John Moores, owner of the San Diego Padres, also were in attendance.

The two teams, as well as Grossman and his group, toured many of the historic sites, such as the Great Wall and Forbidden City. Although it was extremely smoggy in Beijing, Grossman says it was amazing how clean the city was.

"The architecture is a blend of modern and ancient," said Grossman. "It was truly stunning. The people were friendly and the food was good. We all had a really amazing experience."



Dave and Tonya Winfield with Randy Grossman outside the Forbidden City.



Dave Winfield, Randy Grossman, Jerry Blank, their tour guide and Gary Jennings in Tiananmen Square.

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After graduating, **Don Fobian** pursued a career in Alternative Dispute Resolution and teaching. Fobian specializes in mediation, facilitation and arbitration. He is the immediate past president of the California Dispute Resolution Council and is on the board of ADR-San Diego. He is also an adjunct professor at San Diego State University, where he teaches in the Criminal Justice Program, and at Chapman University College, where he teaches in the Human Resources Program. His ADR career focuses on civil matters involving construction, employment, real estate, business, homeowners' associations and community disputes.

James "Jim" P. Miller, Jr., currently practices with his father, James P. Miller, Sr. '74. Their practice has developed from general civil litigation with a focus on the construction industry to one of the top practices in family law in the county. His father is consistently recognized as one of the top 15 or so family law attorneys in the *San Diego Daily Transcript* each year. After passing the bar, Jim Miller, Jr., went to work for a small plaintiff's firm in downtown San Diego and won his first Superior Court trial (a complex commercial real estate matter) three months later. Shortly thereafter, he joined his father in the East County practice. In addition to a general civil litigation practice for which he was nominated for "Trial Attorney of the Year" in 2006 (*Sermon v. City of La Mesa, et. al.* in Federal Court regarding federal civil rights violations and police excessive force), Miller has been a certified NFL Agent since March 1997. In addition, he has lectured at all three San Diego law schools on the topic of sports law/agency and has been invited by the San Diego State University Master's of Sports Business Administration Program to lecture on the business of sports agency. He was also certified and sat as an arbitrator for four years with the Better Business Bureau for on its Lemon Law arbitration panel. He currently sits on the San Diego County

Bar Association's arbitration panel for attorney/client fee disputes. However, he says his biggest and most fulfilling accomplishment since leaving law school has been the birth of his daughter, Jamie Lynne Miller, in October of 2007! He invites you to learn more by visiting his website at www.offtacklesports.com.

Class of '97

Anthony E. Galyean joined the 100-year-old A-V-rated firm of Rich, Fuidge, Morris & Lane of Marysville, California, in 1998 as an associate. He became a shareholder in 2002 and presently is acting as the firm's corporate secretary. He practices in the areas of commercial litigation, personal injury, real estate disputes, insurance defense litigation and municipal law. He is also serving as the contract City Attorney for two small towns. He has significant experience in pharmaceutical malpractice defense and construction defect litigation. He is married to Cindy with two children, Joshua (5 years) and Kiera (2 years).

After graduating, **David Landry** spent eight years in private practice, primarily in the areas of Immigration and Criminal defense. In May 2008, he took a position with the American Bar Association as the Director of the Immigration Justice Project of San Diego. The mission of the Project is to provide competent, *pro bono* representation for individuals placed into deportation/removal proceedings in San Diego. Unlike criminal proceedings, there is no requirement that the government or the courts provide legal representation to those who cannot afford representation. The Project provides a free legal orientation presentation four days a week to those recently placed into custody, pending their deportation/removal proceedings. For those who have a viable defense and are truly indigent, the Project places that person with *pro bono* representation. The Project has represented citizens of many countries, including the United States. Landry can be reached at landryd@staff.abanet.org for those who are interested in learning about immigration defense, volunteering for *pro bono* representation or donating to this worthy cause. Currently, he says office space downtown is urgently needed.

Kelly M. Maloy has worked as the Deputy District Attorney in Butte County in Northern California for the last eight years. She is assigned to the Special Victims Unit and her caseload includes the prosecution of adult sexual assault, child molestation and physical abuse, elder abuse and sexually violent predator commitments. She entered law school with the hopes of becoming a trial attorney and her dream came true. She re-married in 2004 to a "wonderful man" she met at work. Her daughters are in college, one of whom will graduate from UC Santa Cruz in December. Her son is a senior in high school. Maloy says she feels very blessed! She thanks the Thomas Jefferson School of Law for giving her "the opportunity to become a lawyer!"

In the past year, **Jeff Mangar** successfully prosecuted a first-degree murder case with special circumstances, became a certified legal specialist in criminal law and was promoted to Senior Deputy District Attorney. The first-degree murder case is *P v. Suze Alma Adams* (Stanislaus County Docket # 1079502). The case arose out of events that occurred on June 18, 2004, at around 3 a.m. The defendant walked one-and-a-half miles to Kristina Soult's home and lit rosemary soaked in alcohol on the front and rear doors, the only exits from the house. The defendant lit the home on fire because Soult and she were involved in a love triangle, dating the same man. The case made headlines because the defendant learned to soak rosemary in alcohol in order to start campfires while in the Girl Scouts. Although Soult's three-year-old grandson James V., son Joey Lopes and family friend Andrea Marr were able to escape the blaze, Soult never made it outside her burning home. Soult could be heard for several minutes frantically screaming for help while the victim's grandson, son and neighbors helplessly watched as the home was engulfed in a towering inferno of flames. Soult's body was later recovered in a fetal position from the bathroom floor. The defendant also had previously tried to light the victim's front door on fire March 25, 2004, but firefighters were able to extinguish it before the fire spread. "Fire is the worst way a person can die," says Mangar. "It's the stuff nightmares are made from." The defendant was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.



Since graduating from TJSL, **Darlene P. Palaganas** has practiced law in San Diego for eight years at Fitzmaurice, Demergian & Palaganas. She also worked in-house for Composite Technology

Corporation in Irvine and is now in-house counsel at CalPOP.com, Inc. in downtown Los Angeles.

Jose C. Rojo will soon be celebrating 10 years of practicing law in San Diego. In September 2006, he filed a petition for a writ of mandate seeking to have an indictment in a murder case dismissed for prosecutorial misconduct because the grand jury was not told about exculpatory evidence. The California Court of Appeal ruled in a published opinion on April 6, 2007, *Berardi v. Superior Court*, 149 Cal. App. 4th 476 (Cal. App. 4th Dist. 2007) that the indictment had to be dismissed because the prosecutors had seriously interfered with the grand jury's independence by misstating information that strengthened its case and omitting evidence that directly contradicted its key witness. Two newspaper articles were written about the opinion: a *San Diego Union Tribune* article by Greg Moran, published April 7, 2007, and a *Metropolitan News-Enterprise* article by Tina Bay, published April 9, 2007.

After being admitted to the California Bar in June 1998, **John C. Scholz** practiced solo until he began working with the firm of Lerner & McDonald in Santa Ana, California, in 1999. Scholz remains there today, advising clients on matters related to the formation of businesses and negotiating contracts involving corporate, general business, real estate, employment and partnerships. His practice also includes pre-litigation negotiation and general civil litigation for a variety of clients. The areas of his litigation practice include real estate (with a particular expertise in escrow work), personal injury, business, corporate, employment, insurance coverage and unfair business practices in the State and Federal Courts. Combined, his firm has 60 years of experience to draw on to benefit their clients.

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Mark Blane opened his private law practice in 2005 and is located in downtown San Diego. He handles all personal injury matters, including pharmaceutical drugs, product defects, serious injury cases and bad faith claims. Fellow alumnus Chad J. McGuire '99 is his "Of Counsel" and assists Blane with all complicated civil matters.

Clinton O. Carney currently serves as the Director of Communications for Southwest Strategies, a full-service public affairs and communications firm that specializes in the development and implementation of strategic programs for businesses, organizations and public agencies seeking to build productive relationships with their stakeholders, customers and the community. For more details, visit his company website at www.swspr.com.

Andrew "Drew" Fiorica initially began his practice in a criminal defense firm in San Diego, but then joined the civil litigation defense firm of Gibbs, Eppsteiner & Stagg in 1999. The firm has since moved to Solana Beach under the name Eppsteiner & Smith, LLP and Fiorica became a partner in the firm in 2003. His practice includes transactional work, risk management advice, risk transfer strategy and civil litigation for a variety of business clients. His successes include resolution of construction defect litigation on behalf of developers with little or no contribution from the clients, as well as recovery from homeowner insurance companies on behalf of the homeowner and successful prosecution for elder abuse. He recovered \$804,000 on behalf of two homeowners in Huntington Beach whose homes had been damaged by contractors working for the city. In 2007, Fiorica recovered \$4.2 million on behalf of an owner/converter of a condominium project for defects traceable to original construction. Fiorica makes his home in Carmel Valley (San Diego) and his free time is spent spoiling his daughter, who turned three in September.



Michael Kielsky '01

Candidate for Top Prosecutor In Maricopa County, Arizona

Michael Kielsky is the Libertarian candidate for Maricopa County Attorney in Arizona this November. The Maricopa County Attorney is the chief prosecutor for the county, responsible for prosecuting all felonies that occur in Maricopa County and all misdemeanors that occur in unincorporated areas. The county seat is in Phoenix, Arizona's largest city and capital. Kielsky is running on a platform of limited government, individual rights and responsibilities. According to Kielsky, "the only legitimate function of government is the protection of individual rights and, as chief prosecutor, the County Attorney is responsible for bringing to justice those who would violate the life, liberty, or property of anyone in our county. Importantly, this means that my focus in this office is limited to the prosecution of those who have, through force or fraud, harmed others, while expending no resources on the prosecution of those accused of 'victim-less' crimes. Yes, this means dedicating the resources of the office to prosecuting murderers, rapists, and thieves, instead of those accused of possession or prostitution."

Since graduating, **Shauna Strong Hill** has successfully passed the New Mexico and Nevada bar exams. She was a Domestic Violence Assistant D.A. for five years and has been a family law practitioner since April 2004. She married her best friend from TJSL in 2000. They are living in Las Vegas with their beautiful 4½ year old daughter and are expecting their second daughter.

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Shelia Bryant-Tucker has been elected to the Board of Directors for Tri-City Healthcare District. She recently returned from a tour in Baghdad, Iraq, as the Special Advisor for Inspector General working on implementing the Rule of Law in the government of Iraq.

Carlos R. Jimenez is an associate at Archer Norris in Walnut Creek, California. He represents various clients in defense of asbestos litigation, including electrical and welding suppliers, and construction contractors. He also has relevant litigation experience defending manufacturers and premises owners.

Philip S. Kaprow is licensed to practice in all state courts for Florida and California, as well as the Federal Middle District of Florida. In 2007, he earned an appointment as a Florida Civil Law Notary, a designation currently held by less than 150 attorneys statewide. For more information about Florida Civil Law Notaries, you can visit his firm's website at www.Kaprowstratton.com and look at the FAQ section under "What is a Civil Law Notary?" In March 2007, he opened the Law Office of Philip S. Kaprow, P.A. in Oviedo (a suburb of Orlando) and, as of July 1, 2008, it has become Kaprow & Stratton, PL. Most recently he was asked to serve as a director for the Oviedo-Winter Springs Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Chad J. McGuire received his LL.M. from the University of San Diego School of Law (environmental law) in 2003. He is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in environmental science from the University of Massachusetts, Boston. He was just hired as a full-time professor of policy studies at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, beginning Fall 2008. He has been teaching as an adjunct professor at UMD since 2005.

After several years at Kaye Scholer in Los Angeles, **Ray Warner** has accepted a new position as staff attorney with the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

Class of '00

Joseph L. Benson II is Senior Partner at the Law Firm of Benson & Bingham and is celebrating his firm's five-year anniversary in October 2008. His practice is exclusively personal injury representation and civil litigation. He is a member of Nevada Trial Lawyers Association, American Association for Justice, Clark County Bar Association and the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum. His most recent case resulted in a jury verdict of \$1.2M for a slip and fall in May 2008. For more information, you can visit his firm's website at www.bensonbingham.com. He is married with a two-year-old son, Joseph Barron.

Karin Schumacher has been practicing law in the public interest arena for the past seven years. At Elder Law & Advocacy, she has successfully helped more than 4,000 clients during her past four years there. Elder Law & Advocacy provides legal services to seniors aged 60 and above. Schumacher counsels and assists seniors in several areas of law, including estate planning, wills, trusts, contracts, landlord/tenant, Social Security, Medi-Cal and many other legal issues. She enjoys her job immensely and says she is glad she is able to make a difference in the lives of her clients. She has a beautiful, talented 16 year-old daughter and, since 1989, has been happily married to her wonderful husband, who enabled her to pursue her dream of being an attorney.

Class of '01

Donna Brown-Martinez has just opened her own law firm, Olivere & Martinez, LLC., in Denver, Colorado. The firm specializes in estate planning, wills, trusts, powers of attorney and guardianships. Please visit www.OandMlaw.com for more information.

Danielle G. Nelson is a senior associate at her law firm. She is on the Executive Board of the San Diego Defense Lawyers as treasurer and was a general board member for the

SDDL in 2007. She was just elected to a three-year term on the board of directors for the USO in San Diego.

Class of '02

Lise Breakey is President of the San Diego chapter of California Appellate Defense Counsel.

Marty Burbank married Dr. Seon Chun-Burbank on June 3, 2002. In 2007, he received his LL.M. (tax) from Chapman University Law School.

Constantinos Gus Fountas re-located to Las Vegas, Nevada, in 2005. He worked for a major immigration law firm until early 2007 and then opened his own law practice, specializing in immigration law. He opened a partnership in April 2007, but has since dissolved the partnership and is now a solo practitioner. He opened his new firm on March 12, 2008. His primary practice is still immigration law, but he also practices family law and minor criminal matters. He passed the Nevada bar in October 2007 and is also licensed in California and D.C.

Sabrina L. Green is a managing partner at Stratton & Green, ALC, a plaintiff's firm with emphasis in plaintiff's labor/employment, mediation and general civil litigation with offices in San Diego, Oakland, Pleasanton and Sacramento. She is also a certified mediator through the National Conflict Resolution Center and currently serves on the Thomas Jefferson School of Law Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Damon A. Hagan is a partner in the law firm of Mayer, Ross & Hagan PC in Long Island, New York. He was offered the opportunity to join the firm as a partner in 2006 after the practice's business clientele rapidly expanded. Prior to entering private practice, Hagan was General Counsel to Bridge Business & Property Brokers and Vice President of Corporate & Legal Affairs for Arrow Security, where he was responsible for one of the largest personal security firms on Long Island. Hagan earned his B.S. from the Roy H. Park School of Communications at Ithaca College in Ithaca,

New York. He is licensed to practice law in both New York and Nevada. He currently resides in the Hamptons and is looking forward to his wedding this fall.

Since graduating from TJSL, **Simon A. Kubiak** took and passed bar exams in Nevada and New Mexico (both on his first try). He practiced law for about a year and then opened his own law firm in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 2004. Since then, he has represented thousands of clients, mostly criminal law, family law and personal injury cases. He has hired one attorney and two support staff and adds, "We are doing awesome!" Courtney B. Lockhart lives in Los Angeles and has an in house position with a full service commercial real estate insurance firm.

Brian D. Richardson shares that "The last year has been exciting, both personally, and professionally." In January 2008, he and his wife welcomed the birth of their first child, Chelsea Diane Richardson. Richardson and his family have relocated from Southern California to the N.Y. Capitol Region (Albany) to be close to their extended family. He continues to work as an Associate Attorney in Staff Counsel for GEICO Insurance. He says his caseload is diverse and rewarding, involving the defense of personal injury litigation in upstate New York.



Joanna Y. Tsai says, "Life has been quite exciting since I got my degree from TJSL and passed the Bar." She became a corporate lawyer with Hang Ten in early 2003 and then opened a solo practice in 2006. She is blessed to be able to keep both jobs and enjoy what she does very much. She notes that "My education at TJSL helped me acquire the requisite skills to enter a challenging legal profession." She also adds that her real world experience taught her that the legal career is tremendously rewarding only if you can take the constant stress and huge responsibility that are inherently built into the job description. She admits, though, that sometimes you've just got to reflect on the paychecks to feel it's all worthwhile at the end.

Steven R. Vartazarian recently arbitrated a medical malpractice case against Kaiser Permanente that had a zero pre-arbitration offer. Liability, causation and damages were heavily contested and not much discovery had been done other than medical experts, which he did himself after receiving the case three weeks before the arbitration. The claimant was awarded \$250,000 for pain and suffering (which is the med mal cap on general damages) and claimant's husband was awarded \$30,000 for loss of consortium. Vartazarian says "Thank you to professors Greenberg and Bisom-Rapp for imparting on me an understanding of torts, which has made my career possible. Thank you, TJSL."

Class of '03

Jennifer M. Bunyan is an associate with the law firm of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, LLP, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Since joining the firm in 2005, Bunyan's practice focuses primarily in the areas of general and professional liability litigation. In addition, she is an active member of the Clark County Bar Association and is co-chair of the Association's New Lawyers Committee.

Kevin L. Cadora says the law firm that he started from scratch is "exploding." He practices family law, estate planning and probate litigation. For more information, please visit <http://www.cadoralaw.com>

William E. Frazier passed the California Bar in July 2003, the Nevada Bar in February 2006 and the Utah Bar in February 2007. In Sept 2007, he tried his first jury trial to verdict (represented Plaintiff and received jury verdict of \$112,500 in favor of Plaintiff). In June 2008, he tried a second jury trial to verdict (represented Defendant and received defense verdict). Frazier concludes, "Gosh—it seems like there would be more. Am I slacking?!"

Debora Gerads works for Immigration and Customs Division of the Department of Homeland Security as a legal advisor. She teaches advanced 4th Amendment at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Academy, oversees denaturalization, works on policy development and is involved in the federaliza-



Photo: Courtesy NBC 7/39

Lorena Slomanson '03

Newly Elected La Raza President

When she's not representing plaintiffs in personal injury and civil litigation matters for The Advocates Law Firm, LLP, Lorena Slomanson finds plenty to do, including being a frequent guest at TJSL speaker events, receptions, graduations and new attorney breakfasts.

Slomanson is now President of the San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association Board of Directors. She also is serving as chairperson of this year's La Raza annual scholarship fund gala to be held October 18th. The theme of the event is "Uniting Communities: Art + Culture."

In July, she attended the National Council of La Raza Convention in San Diego at which Presidential Candidate Barack Obama appeared. Slomanson became part of the media event when she was interviewed by NBC 7/39 News about Senator Obama's speech. View the video at <http://video.nbcsandiego.com/player/#videoid=275381>

Slomanson also is featured in the July newsletter of the Young/New Lawyers Division of the San Diego County Bar Association. The article was written by another TJSL alumna, Anna Alaburda '08, who is an associate editor of the newsletter.

And, yes, her father, Professor Bill Slomanson, and her brother, Michael Slomanson '04, are very proud of her!

tion of the Northern Mariana's immigration laws, which is where she clerked following law school.



Since **Olga I. May** graduated from TJSL, she clerked for U.S. District Judge Roger T. Benitez '78 during 2004-2005 and 2007-2008, and for U.S. Magistrate Judge Cathy Ann Bencivengo from 2005 to 2007 in the U.S.

District Court for the Southern District of California. In March 2008, she joined the business litigation group in the San Diego office

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of Fish & Richardson P.C. Her practice includes complex business litigation, trade secret litigation and class action defense.

Todd A. Warshof worked for three years at two of the largest consumer bankruptcy filing firms in San Diego and, in June 2008, he opened his own practice, "The Law Offices of Todd A. Warshof," practicing bankruptcy law exclusively.

Class of '04

John Bernitz is working in Gallup, New Mexico as an Assistant District Attorney doing general misdemeanor and felony prosecutions. He says he has good assignments, but the winters are a little hard. He still gets to San Diego about once a month.

Chris D. Burk moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, after graduation to practice law. Burk passed the Nevada, Arizona and California bar exams in July 2004, February 2005 and July 2005 respectively. He practiced insurance defense (construction and med mal) for his first 2½ years. In July 2007, Burk says he "saw the light" and realized his true calling—plaintiff personal injury. He now works for the Law Offices of Daniel Simon as the only associate. He handles all personal injury cases, but is passionate about prosecuting medical malpractice and wrongful death cases. In his spare time, Burk is the newly elected President for The Ohio State Alumni Club of Las Vegas. He also enjoys volunteering for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Las Vegas and hiking with his girlfriend.

Garry Davis has taken and passed the Florida and North Carolina bar exams. He practiced in Miami, Florida, for 1½ years before "retiring" and moving to Charlotte, where he has practiced for nearly two years at the law firm of McAngus, Goudelock & Courie, LLC. Though he maintains a retired status, Davis remains a member of the Florida Bar. He is also a mem-

ber of the North Carolina State Bar and the Mecklenberg County Bar Association, and is seeking admission in the Middle and Western Districts of North Carolina. His practice focuses on civil general liability defense, with an emphasis in construction and trucking law.

Tyr Loranger served as the Assistant District Attorney for the 4th Judicial District of New Mexico for one year, then as an Assistant District Attorney for the 1st Judicial District, County of Rio Arriba, for two years. He entered private practice in January 2008 and is located in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Sean Parmenter recently transferred from the Palo Alto office of the intellectual property law firm of Townsend and Townsend and Crew to the Townsend office in Walnut Creek, California. He has settled in Walnut Creek with his wife Elena and two children Addison and Macie. They welcomed their third child, Brooks, in early 2008. Parmenter's practice focuses on the preparation and prosecution of patents in the electronics and software arts for clients such as Pixar, Electronic Arts, Oracle and Apple.

S. Brooks West, II passed the New Jersey Bar Exam in 2005 on his first try. In New Jersey, he practiced as a sole practitioner and served as legal counsel for a conglomerate of small businesses through 2006. In October 2006, he became an associate for an environmental law firm, The Calwell Practice, in West Virginia. He passed the West Virginia Bar Exam on the first try in February 2007. West is admitted in the United States District Court in the Southern District of West Virginia and the Fourth Circuit Federal Court of Appeals, where he has participated in appealing a case involving a worker's exposure to toxic substances. He currently spends most of his time working on a number of class actions, particularly two against Monsanto Company involving allegations that they polluted Nitro, West Virginia, with 2,4,5-T, an active ingredient in Agent Orange. He says there are approximately 25,000 class members who may have been affected by Monsanto's alleged conduct, which spanned more than fifty years. West is also on the board of a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the environment in a way that compliments the economy and individual well being.

In August 2005, **Wendie Wigginton** joined Lockheed Martin's legal department, handling Business Development and Regulatory Compliance Requirements that include export compliance and FCPA requirements for a large international program. In 2007, she transferred to the Contracts Organization to manage and negotiate foreign government and commercial contracts. She is licensed in California and is an active member of the ABA.

Class of '05

Nathaniel M. Berwind has been practicing in Bremerton, Washington, but he just accepted an in-house job with General Dynamics in Spokane, Washington, and will be settling there with his family in August.

Timothy Dennison has been working on contract basis in intellectual property for a small law firm in Escondido, California, since he graduated. Last year, he also started working for a private practitioner in La Mesa, California, doing strictly patent work. He will be returning to school to get an MBA this coming year.

Alicia L. Emberton wrote, "Since graduating, I took a year-and-a-half off and did nothing! It was so great." She took the California bar in February 2007 and passed the first time. She was sworn in October 5th, 2007. One month later, she was offered the Director of Legal Affairs position for a privately held four-year-old start-up corporation, a wireless software solution provider, exclusively partnered with Atheros Communications (NSDQ: ATHR), which is a world-class, market-leading, wireless chip manufacturer. Her company is located in the heart of Silicon Valley, Santa Clara County and she lives in Mountain View. Recently she was elected to the office of secretary of the corporation. Additionally, she is a share-holder in the company. She is now up for the position of "Vice President of Legal" at the end of 2009.

Desiree Gray took the Colorado Bar and passed! She worked as a law clerk for a domestic violence shelter. She then went on to open her own practice. She is now an associate for a firm in Fort Collins where she focuses primarily on family law, but occasionally has cases in pro-

bate, estate planning, landlord-tenant, collections, and whatever else is assigned to her.

Following graduation from TJSL, **Robert W.G. Grosz** incorporated the Atoll Institute (atollinstitute.org) as a California 501(c)(3) public benefit corporation dedicated to helping the Pacific islanders residing on low-lying coral atolls adapt to sea level rise due to climate change. Following an inspection on December 4, 2006 of Tabuaeran (Fanning) Atoll, located 1,000 nm south of Hawaii, his organization launched plans to establish a field station there, intending to implement a pilot program to help the islanders raise the islets. Sand and coral rubble is to be dredged from the lagoon and filled onto the surrounding islets in an environmentally benign manner. In support of this program, as there is no scheduled ship or air services, they require a small fleet of ships and thus contracted on July 3, 2008 to accept a donation from the U.S. Coast Guard of a decommissioned 180' buoy tender, and will seek Congressional authorization for the donation from the U.S. National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) or the U.S. Navy of a decommissioned 224' oceanographic research vessel, and from the U.S. Maritime Administration of a decommissioned 109' tug and 250' covered barge. Additionally, they are planning a one-year sailing expedition to roughly 90 atolls in the equatorial Central Pacific in order to film a television documentary series about the islanders and their struggle with sea level rise. Grosz says "Many legal and other opportunities exist for TJSL alums, professors and students to join our organization in this humanitarian cause, so welcome aboard!"



Sharma Hammond has experienced "an exciting few years post graduation!" After passing the bar exam and being admitted to the California Bar, she began work as a contract attorney conducting extensive legal research. Although this position was exciting, she sought to gain experience in the courtroom. She applied for the staff attorney position with the Immigration

Reform Law Institute (headquartered in D.C.) and has been working for there for more than 18 months now. During this time, she also became licensed to practice law in Arizona. Currently, she is working in Phoenix, Arizona, since she recently convinced her organization to relocate her out West because her family resides there.

Lyndsay Smith Hyde is still practicing white collar criminal defense and civil litigation with Neal & Harwell in Nashville, Tennessee. She recently married Philip Hyde in Anguilla, British West Indies on May 16, 2008.

Edward J. Kuch is an associate counsel with the firm Skoloff & Wolfe, P.C. in Livingston, New Jersey. He practices in the area of real estate tax appeal and valuation, representing both municipalities and plaintiffs. He has been with the firm for about two years since finishing his clerkship in the New Jersey Tax Court. This fall, he plans to begin classes towards achieving a tax assessor's certification. Kuch is still living in Summit, New Jersey. He is also in a band called Our Local Fauna. If you would like more information, check out their band website on mspace.com.

Amy C. Lujan has been promoted to partner at Wagner, Lynn & Lujan with offices located in Pacific Beach.

After graduating, **Christopher Ramey** started his own practice, focusing on business litigation. This year, he partnered with Kelly Stairs '05 and they opened offices in Mission Valley and Vista. They practice in the areas of business, employment and real property law.

Barbara Treash-Osio has teamed-up with Jose C. Rojo '97 since May 2006 on civil and criminal cases. Since March 2008, she also has worked for Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc., in their Unlawful Detainer and Domestic Violence legal clinics.

Class of '06

Proud parents **Kathleen Phillips Aguon** and Prudencio Aguon gave birth to their daughter, Celestina Irene Aguon, on March 18, 2008.

Corey FitzGerald '04

If You Have Questions About Doing Business in Qatar, He's Your Man

Following graduation, Corey FitzGerald struggled to find a job in international business law. Having no luck, he took a job as a contract attorney for Bernstein, Litowitz, Berger & Grossman, a very reputable plaintiff class action litigation firm in San Diego. After more than a year, there he had emergency back surgery and was consequently let go due to too much time off for recovery.

He then opened his own firm, specializing in estate planning and international business. He says he was pretty successful with the estate planning and also managed to help a few San Diego companies expand into the Middle East. That gave him enough exposure to be recruited by the Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization, the largest international business company in the Arab world.

FitzGerald is currently the manager/lead attorney for the organization's legal services firm in Doha, Qatar. His areas of "expertise" are Qatar corporate and commercial law, intellectual property rights enforcement and protection, energy law, and banking and finance law. He has personally collected all of the data used for the upcoming 2008 World Bank Report on "Doing Business in Qatar." He is currently involved in projects to expand their staff from 45 to 100 by the end of the year, and to work together with Shiekha Moza (the Emir of Qatar's wife) on hosting an educational conference and establishing advanced educational programs/facilities in Qatar. He aims to be accepted by the Qatar Bar by the end of the year. FitzGerald expressed these words of appreciation for some of his TJSL professors: "Thank you to Professor (KJ) Greene for being so great, Professor (Richard) Scott for being so accomplished and admirable, Professor (William) Slomanson for being so passionate, Professor (Aaron) Schwabach for being both the smartest and the funniest man I have ever met, and former Dean (Kenneth) Vandeveld for assembling such a wonderful faculty."

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Angela A. Gochenour Buono married Nicholas M. Buono, III of San Diego in December 2006. She began working for the Law Offices of Rhonda A. Dowdy in September 2007 as a paralegal/assistant and continued to study for the bar. She passed the bar in February 2008 and is now practicing family law as an attorney for the same law office.

Suman Chowdhury just finished her LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Denver.

Following graduation from TJSJ, **Neal Goyal** founded Blue Horizon Asset Management, a Chicago-based investment management firm, where he currently serves as chief investment officer. The firm oversees a portfolio of hedge funds and offers customized investment solutions to institutions and high net-worth individuals. He also founded Equity Research Advisors, an independent research firm that offers subscribers stock market guidance, equity research and investment strategies through its various newsletters. He recently co-founded a venture-backed solar energy company based in Silicon Valley, where he currently serves as Chief

Financial Officer. Goyal has passed the Illinois bar exam and plans to launch a legal advisory firm that caters to hedge funds and the investment management industry.

Since graduation, **Zachary Reibstein** has been working as an Assistant District Attorney in Queens, New York, where he handles all types of felonies and misdemeanors at the preliminary and trial stages.

John C. Tolla is a consultant for BearingPoint, whose primary focus is on corporate strategy and contract management. He has more than five years experience in implementing successful business plans for a wide-ranging set of objectives. He currently acts as the engagement counsel for the County of San Diego infrastructure project. In this role, he is charged with developing legal strategy, deploying business transformational efforts and monitoring restructuring initiatives. He was formerly the assistant to the chief legal officer for a large dietary supplement company. His experience in regulated industries dates to 1998, when he founded a seafood distribution company. During his studies, Tolla was frequently recognized for his outstanding classroom and project performance, particularly for his work with alternative energy. Tolla says he is concerned for the future availability and sustainability of energy, water resources and other environmental factors in the United States. His professional ambitions are geared towards designing and



Mindy Joy Gulati '06

Lands "Dream Job" as Public Defender in the OC

Mindy Joy (Facer) Gulati writes "Since graduating, life has been nothing but spectacular." She was hired by the Orange County Public Defender's Office and her dream job became a reality. She moved to the OC and found quite a few of her TJSJ friends around the area, with whom she keeps in close contact. She is still active in the National Lawyer's Guild and other community groups. She is now in her second year as a public defender and loves it more and more every day. She says, "It is great seeing so many awesome and dedicated attorneys at work each day. I was also fortunate enough to have met the greatest man in the world, who I married one year ago this week. He makes my life more wonderful than I could have ever imagined. I miss San Diego at times and I miss TJSJ, but I stay close to my friends and hope to see more of them in the OC. I am always available for any of my TJSJ family."

securing innovative and reliable long-term solutions to optimize use of natural resources. He earned an M.B.A. in 2007, the same year he was admitted to practice law in California.

Matthew Miller '06

Entrepreneurial Endeavors Keep Him Busy

Following graduation, Matthew Miller continued to promote his product "Surf Drops." Surf Drops is a nasal protection solution targeting water-sport enthusiasts like surfers, divers, triathletes, kite surfers, etc. In addition to Surf Drops, he has launched a software company that specializes in chat room platforms. Uzoom.com offers free chat for any website, professional chat with live customer tracking for e-commerce/service-based sites among a few other products. He is involved in both businesses and gets a healthy dose of legal transactional work. He says these two ventures keep him sufficiently busy. In his free time, he continues to surf and travel, learn the finer points of yoga movements and dominate the ping-pong table at TJSJ.



Class of '07

Ethan Birnberg is an associate in the Reno office of Holland Hart LLP. Birnberg has been practicing in all areas of commercial litigation, but is primarily focusing on creditors' rights in Chapter 7, 11 and 13 bankruptcy cases. In late summer 2008, Birnberg began doing *pro bono* work for the Nevada Disability & Advocacy Law Center, a nonprofit organization that serves as Nevada's federally-mandated protection and advocacy system for the human, legal and service rights of individuals with disabilities. In addition, Birnberg participates in Washoe County School District's Read & Succeed and Math Path programs, comprised of volunteers tutoring below-grade-level students in reading and math.

Since graduating in December, **Nick Cassidy** has been very busy. He studied for and passed the California Bar exam (he says "Thank you, Bar Secrets!"), applied for numerous jobs, landed a job as an elbow clerk to a judge on the Colorado Court of Appeals, moved to Denver, studied for and took the Wisconsin Bar Exam, and "read for pleasure." A day after the Wisconsin Bar and with only a single full-time job to occupy his hours, Cassidy worries that he's floundering. He says he may take up sleeping again, but doctors say this is unlikely since his body seems to have unlearned the practice. Should Cassidy fail to relearn to sleep, he swears he will figure out a way to put out California's wildfires using the state's second greatest natural resource—mudslides.

Shannon Edwards passed the February 2008 Texas Bar Exam and is currently working as an Assistant Criminal District Attorney in Collin County, Texas. Edwards currently tries misdemeanors in the County Court at Law 6. She was given the chance to run the court for an entire week on her third week of work and she is happy to report she currently stands at 100% guilty verdicts for all jury trials she has led or picked.

Demetrios A. Sparacino accepted a position as an associate attorney with the civil law firm, Winet, Patrick & Weaver, at their headquarters in Vista, California. Sparacino works on a variety of issues, including school law and personal injury defense. He has worked for the firm since graduating from TJSJL.

WHAT'S NEW?

We'd love to hear your news! Have you moved lately, changed your practice or careers, gotten married, added to your family, received an award or been published or interviewed? If so, tell us about it! Photos are welcome, too. Please submit your information to alumni@tjsl.edu.

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April 3, 2009

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This symposium will explore alternatives to patent adjudication. Such alternatives include making changes to the current Federal patent adjudication process, creating new Federal adjudicative bodies, and improving the accessibility, affordability and success of mediation and arbitration. MCLE credit is available.

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unrestricted gift provides the critical bridge between tuition revenue and the cost of running the school.

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- 73 part-time and 293 full-time students receive scholarships
- Student body is 38% students of color
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 - LL.M. in International Trade & Investment
 - LL.M. in American Legal Studies for Foreign Lawyers
 - Joint JD/MBA with San Diego State University
 - Summer programs with International Legal Community in Hangzhou, China and Nice, France
- AALS (Association of American Law Schools) awards TJSL membership, recognizing faculty and student excellence

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Benefits include a quarterly update from the Dean and an invitation for the donor and a guest to an annual dinner with the Dean and Trustees. Members will have preferred seating at special lectures and be recognized for their leadership in The Declaration and on the TJSL website as Honored Donors.

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Emerging Leaders (Alumni who have graduated within the last two years) receive an annual report from the Dean regarding new initiatives and the future of TJSL. They also receive an invitation for two to a reception with the Dean and the TJSL Trustees.

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- Thomas Jefferson School of Law is a 501(c)(3).
- You can make your gift securely online at: <https://alumni.tjsl.edu/efr/index.asp>
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An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.
- If your company or firm will match your gift, please include the form with your gift.
- Gifts to the TJSL Annual Fund must be received during the fiscal year July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009.
- If you have questions, please contact Karen Goyette at 619-397-9700 x1491 or kgoyette@tjsl.edu.

Salute to Alumni Involvement

By Elena Marie Fewell, Third-year Student

My experiences with TJSL Alumni have been very positive and informative. My initial contact was through my first *pro bono* experience in my second semester of law school. I was interested in experiencing what practicing the law entailed. Mr. Ruben F. Arizmendi, Esq. '81 of Arizmendi Law Firm allowed me to get a feel of what being a lawyer is like. Working with him has put the law and its relation to real people into perspective. Beyond gaining valuable experience in practicing law, I have established a friendship and mutual respect with the great people who work in his office.

I have met TJSL Alumni at *pro bono* projects—alumni who are eager to give advice to me and other students. Ms. Nikki Love, Esq. '04 is one of those extremely helpful people I met during my time volunteering at the Unlawful Detainer Clinic in Downtown San Diego. At the Clinic and in her current position in TJSL Career Services, she has always been motivating and inspirational. She has helped me by being my career counselor, but also by listening and talking to me. After speaking with her, I always feel reassured and a little less stressed.

Recently I had the pleasure of meeting



Ms. Brenda Mason, Esq. '82 while I was volunteering at the Lawyers Club Annual Dinner. She graciously lent her ear and her advice during the event and since then we have had a few friendly conversations, with hopefully many more to come.

I have met many other TJSL Alumni, but these are the instances where alumni have made a lasting impact on my life. I am thankful for their time and hope to one day mentor future TJSL graduates or candidates for graduation in order to give back the kindness of the TJSL Alumni I have had the pleasure to encounter.

Thank you to the following Alumni who have participated on panels for student organizations and the Career Services Office in recent months:

Ruben Arizmendi '81
George Chammas '05
Robert Colosia '93
Christie Edwards '07
Affi Eghbaldari '06
Jon Epstein '82
Bill Fox '06
Susan Groves '79
Randy Grossman '94
Hilda Hernandez '07
Bea Kemp '75
Patty Klingenberg '96
Frank Mead '00
Deborah Parkin-LaTouche '00

Tim Purpura '91
Andrew Quinones '92
Anna Romanskaya '07
Dan Schwender '07
Philip Shapiro '85
Michael Slomanson '04
Lorena Slomanson '03
Kerry Steigerwalt '84
Richard Stevenson '05
Amanda Thompson '07
Joanna Tsai '02
Robert Waller '93
Lorelei Westin '04
Judge Browder Willis '83

From The Hague to Sierra Leone:

The Adventures of Jovana Ostojic '08

The past year has been an amazing one for Thomas Jefferson alumna Jovana Ostojic '08 and all of it has been an outgrowth of her law school experience.

"Anything you dream about, the school will make it happen." That's what Ostojic says she loves about Thomas Jefferson School of Law—especially since her dreams have been coming true lately.

After completing an externship at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) in The Hague, Netherlands, from January to May of this year, she took advantage of her location to



Jovana Ostojic during her TJSL days

travel around Europe and visit with family. Ostojic flew back to San Diego to graduate on May 17th. Within a couple of days, she was off to Africa for an internship with the Special Court of Sierra Leone, accompanied by her fiancé Alex Paredes, whom she met during her internship in The Hague.

Ostojic, who was born in Serbia, hopes to be a human rights attorney. A series of recent opportunities that evolved during law school have put her well on the way to that dream.

Last year, Ostojic was awarded a national scholarship from the Serbian Bar Association of America (SBAA). She received the Jovan Mitrovic Memorial Scholarship in November 2007 at the SBAA's annual gala in Chicago. Mitrovic was a graduate of California Western School of Law in San Diego who drowned in a tragic accident shortly after he passed the California bar exam.

It was a moving experience for Ostojic to meet Mitrovic's family. They established the scholarship in Mitrovic's name in 1997 to assist law students of Serbian descent with their legal education. Ostojic immediately bonded with Mitrovic's sister, Vesna Jovic, as they hugged and cried together.

"It was amazing to meet her and be so comfortable," said Ostojic, noting that Jovic told her, "You're the one we picked and we try to pick someone my brother would like."

"I'm honored they chose me," Ostojic said.

About the same time, Ostojic also received the good news that she had been selected for the prestigious externship at The Hague. She worked in the Office of the Prosecutor for the ICTY. The ICTY has authority to prosecute individuals who have committed serious violations of international humanitarian law in Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Macedonia.

Ostojic described the internship as an invaluable experience in her plans to practice human rights as well as international criminal law:

"Working at the ICTY was a very emotional experience—I learned more about the atrocities that occurred in 'my country' than I could have imagined. It was also amazing to work with lawyers from so many different countries. I loved walking through the building and hearing French, Serbian, Bosnian, Croatian, as well as many variations of English, such as Irish, British, Canadian, and Australian. I also realized how incredibly complex international criminal justice is, and because of its complicated nature, lawyers have to spend a lot of time doing organizational data entry-type tasks in order to fully prepare the case. Seeing how much data entry is required was enough to discourage some interns from continuing to pursue this career path. For me, however, the time spent in Court with international judges, lawyers, and accused war criminals, was enough to fuel my desire to continue seeking a career in international justice."



Jovana and her husband Alex at the Special Court of Sierra Leone



Interior of the orphanage in Freetown



School children in Sierra Leone

***“... my heart is just so overwhelmed every day.
That said, I wouldn’t trade this life changing experience for anything.”***

For Ostojic, the contrast between The Hague and Sierra Leone is vivid... and stark—a real eye-opener.

Again, her own words:

“Freetown is a very difficult place to live. It is a constant struggle to get ‘First World’ basics, like food, water and electricity. You are surrounded by bugs and trying not to get sick. It makes me understand better the struggle that people here undergo on a daily basis. Unlike in The Hague, where I was removed from the war in Yugoslavia as soon as I left work (since the Tribunal is located in an entirely different country), in Sierra Leone I am always seeing the remnants of the war. Victims are everywhere. There are no prosthetic limbs for amputees, no wheel chairs, and medical care is clearly deficient. But it makes the experience so much more ‘real,’ and my heart is just so overwhelmed every day. I wouldn’t trade this life changing experience for anything.”

Ostojic’s journey began at TJSL, and she credits TJSL Professor William Slomanson for helping her realize her dream.

“It has been incredibly rewarding to

observe Jovana’s accomplishments—both at TJSL and abroad—while participating in the evolution of this passionate rising star in the field of international human rights law,” said Professor Slomanson. “As one who has been drenched in Albanian perspectives about the former Yugoslavia, I was quite fortunate to have the benefit of her Serbian perspectives on the Balkans.”

Lately, in addition to her duties with the Special Court of Sierra Leone, Ostojic and fellow TJSL intern Dylan Marvin together have taken on a rather large cause—helping an orphanage in Freetown. They raised more than \$2,400 during a “sponsorship weekend” they held recently. Some of the money donated came directly from TJSL students in response to an email Ostojic and Marvin sent about their fundraising efforts.

“The response has been truly overwhelming,” Ostojic says. “And although this is a large amount of money, it’s still not enough to buy what all the children need.”

The orphans are not the only ones who have captured Jovana’s heart. Being in Sierra Leone also meant a wedding for Ostojic and her fiancé Alex—a small civil

ceremony held this summer on July 4.

What’s next for Ostojic and her new husband?

When their internship in Sierra Leone ends, Ostojic says they plan to come back to the states and study for the Arizona bar exam. Then, who knows what adventures lay ahead?

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Alex and Jovana on their Wedding Day

Professor William Slomanson

The “King of Civ Pro” and an All-Around Popular Guy



Veteran Professor William Slomanson has never forgotten what it felt like to be a first-semester law student.

That’s one of the reasons why even though Professor Slomanson teaches Civil Procedure, traditionally one of the least popular courses at most law schools, he is one of the most popular professors at Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

“I always put myself in their place,” he says. “I remember that nervousness and queasiness I felt.”

Professor Slomanson also hasn’t forgotten what it was like to be a new lawyer, walking into the courthouse for the first time and being completely ignorant of civil procedure—something that wasn’t offered at his law school and at a lot of others.

“The file clerk carted in some half-dozen brown file holders for my first assignment,” he recalls. “They contained some 50 pleadings, all in the same case, mostly containing the quite foreign term ‘cross-complaint.’ Like many graduates in their real first year of law, I felt that neither law school nor passing the bar had prepared me for that initial Alice-in-Wonderland experience. Then, there were few, if any, law school procedure courses to expose future California lawyers to the essentials of California practice.”

That’s when Professor Slomanson had his first inkling that he might want to be a law professor—and teach the very thing his legal education lacked: civil procedure.

“I didn’t want what happened to me to happen to other students.”

When it comes to California civil procedure, “Bill” Slomanson wrote the

book—literally. He has written seven books altogether on California civil procedure—books he wishes were around when he was a law student. Without argument, he has earned the title “King of Civ Pro” at TJSJL and beyond.

One of the things that inspired him was a former student of his who dropped out of the legal profession when, as a young lawyer, he made a huge procedural error in court. The former student confused federal with state civil procedures and became completely “flummoxed,” the exact word used by Professor Slomanson.

“I can’t help but think that if we had prepared him better in law school, his promising career wouldn’t have come to such an abrupt end, at least for this reason,” Professor Slomanson told the *ABA Journal* in 1997 in an article about his pivotal role in the teaching of California civil procedure in the state’s law schools.

Though Professor Slomanson won’t take credit for it, as of July 2007, California civil procedure is now a tested part of the California Bar Exam—and is also tested in several other states as well.

“I convinced my colleagues to send a copy of our second edition table of contents to the California bar examiners,” he says. “That way, we influenced the direction that the examiners would take regarding testable issues. It appears to have worked first time around because the bar examiners used (1) the type of testing I use; (2) a main issue I pressed my students about—(hybrid) legal malpractice statute of limitations; and (3) the context of a “Demurrer,” which is the state counterpart to what students get in the

fed course, known as a ‘Motion to Dismiss.’”

How does Professor Slomanson take such a dry subject and make it so interesting? His teaching is really an extension of his personality—engaging, warm and full of humor.

“He makes it entertaining,” says third-year student Wendy Dimpfl, one of his current students. “He makes people want to learn and listen and become engaged in the material and class discussions.”

It’s hard not to be engaged in class when you know the odds are you’re going to get called on at any moment by the luck of the draw. As any student who has ever been in Professor Slomanson’s class knows, he puts the name of each of his students on a playing card—then shuffles the deck and picks a card to decide who he’s going to call on to explain a case.

“He says, ‘it’s not me calling on you, it’s Lady Luck’ when he picks your card,” says Dimpfl.

What a card! He’s not only the “King of Civ Pro,” but apparently he’s an “Ace” professor as well.

“I thought Cal Civ Pro, like my Fed Civ Pro class, was going to be about as dry as a piece of burnt toast,” said Lisa Pisano ’07, “but Professor Slomanson’s sense of humor and insights into the cases kept the discussion lively and interesting. I really never thought I would enjoy the class as much as I did.”

“There are few professors in universities, and even fewer in law schools, who will cater



“Then, there were few, if any, law school procedure courses to expose future California lawyers to the essentials of California practice.”

to all of the different learning styles of their students,” says Jovana Ostojic ’06. “Professor Slomanson uses props, repetition, the Socratic Method and everything in between to make sure that every one of his students understands what he is teaching. Now, two years later, I can still recall most of the rules of civil procedure thanks to ‘Pro Slo’ and his unique teaching style.”

What Professor Slomanson is really striving to teach his students is how to be successful attorneys. One of the ways he does that is by conducting mock trials in his courtroom and demanding that his students speak and act as lawyers would in a real courtroom. Professor Slomanson, of course, is the judge.

“He presides over his class like a law and motion court,” says Pisano. “When it’s your turn to talk about a case, you are assigned a side, and then you present the case as if you were in front of a judge, announcing your name and who you represent, giving the facts, and then arguing your side. It was an invaluable dress rehearsal for the real thing!”

Professor Slomanson’s teaching goes way beyond the classroom. He’s still a mentor to many of his former students, who keep in touch with him by personal email as well as his list serv—a communications group he

maintains on the internet.

“Professor Slomanson is so much more than a professor—he is also a friend,” says Ostojic. “I know that I can turn to him for advice, or for just a nice chat over coffee. He even attended my graduation party and met my whole family! I hope to always stay in touch with Professor Slomanson as people like him are so hard to find.”

“He has been more than a professor to me and many others,” says third-year student Trisha Lemons. “He has been a true mentor on this roller coaster we call law school and I look forward to keeping in touch with him for many years to come.”

“More than a professor” couldn’t be truer. Professor Slomanson is officiating at Lemon’s planned December wedding to fellow TJSL third-year student Alex Pal.

Pal also has high praise for his former professor: “Professor Slomanson truly wants his students to succeed. His teaching style is unique and practical, and his genuine passion for teaching is evident in every lecture. I think students really appreciate that. I know I did.”

“Professor Slomanson is unique,” says Katie Fenelli ’05, “in that he possesses the ability to explain complex subjects to his students, challenge his students and engage

his students with his charismatic personality. Professor Slomanson’s experience and teaching abilities prepared me for the California Bar and practicing thereafter. Professor Slomanson was and is a great professor!”

After all these accolades—how does “Pro-Slo” describe his own style? “Demanding, but supportive,” he says. And for him, the best part of his job is “seeing the exponential development of my students.”

There are two former TJSL students that Professor Slomanson definitely has a lifelong relationship with—his daughter Lorena ’03 and his son Mike ’04—his two oldest children. The professor has obvious pride in their accomplishments and those of his two youngest children—one of whom, Paul, is at UCSD’s School of Engineering, and the other, Christina, who is a receptionist at one of San Diego’s top law firms.

For a man who was the first in his family to go to college, who worked the steel mills in Pittsburgh and who has inspired countless law students, there is a lot for which Bill Slomanson is grateful—and proud. And he has always stayed true to his beginnings.

“I never forgot that 1L experience,” he says again. And Pro-Slo’s students are certainly glad he hasn’t.



Dean Hasl signing one of many contracts related to the new campus.

Plans for Thomas Jefferson's new downtown campus are moving ahead rapidly!

Demolition of the existing building at the new site began in October and a groundbreaking ceremony for the new building took place on October 29. Students, faculty and staff, alumni and various community representatives attended the event.

Dean Rudy Hasl reported in late August that the bond financing for the new campus has been secured and the construction contract signed. "We can now focus on the next stages in this process, which will have a transformative effect on the Thomas Jefferson School of Law," said Dean Hasl.

The dean also announced that an in-house construction manager, Lisa Bruce, has been hired by the law school to supervise aspects of the project. Bruce will work at the current Old Town campus.

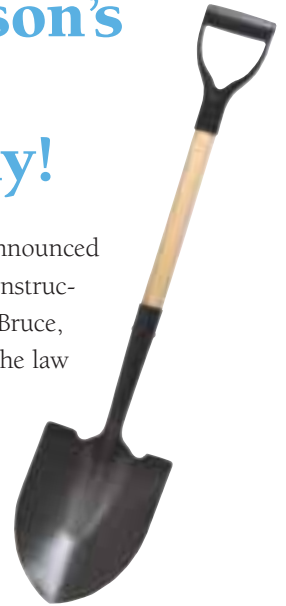
The modern high-rise building, in the East Village neighborhood of Downtown San Diego, will be completed to house the law school sometime in the 2010-2011 academic year. The law school will be located at 1155 Island Avenue, right next to the Trolley line and just a short walk from Petco Park.

The new TJSL campus will have a gross square footage of 177,000 and a net square footage of about 142,000. The architectural plans are for a contemporary-looking structure that features several outdoor terraces and walls of windows. Plans also include applying for certification under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System.™

The interior plans feature an increased number of classrooms, offices and collaborative work areas as well as an expansive two-floor law library and ample open space and study areas.

Half of the ground floor of the building will be dedicated to law school offices, while the other half would be commercial space open to the public in the form of a cafe, bookstore and a live client legal clinic to be operated by Thomas Jefferson.

This is truly an exciting time for everyone associated with Thomas Jefferson School of Law—past, present and future!



Groundbreaking took place October 29th



Architectural Rendering courtesy of Fehman LaBarre

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



New Professor is Recognized for Community Lawyering

For Assistant Professor Luz Herrera, a Latina community activist lawyer, the decision to leave her law practice in Los Angeles in order to teach full-time at Thomas Jefferson School of Law was not an easy one.

“My departure from Compton—one of the most underserved communities in the country—means that there is only one private attorney working part-time in a city of approximately 95,000 individuals and which is also home to one of the largest and busiest courthouses in the state,” says Professor Herrera, who began teaching at TJSL in August.

Although the decision to make the move was not an easy one, she also admits that she is extremely happy that she made it.

“Thomas Jefferson offers me the opportunity to transform my practical skills into teaching tools that will produce better lawyers, innovative bar leaders and graduates who understand their roles as advocates, mediators, mentors, organizers and leaders in the profession,” she says.

Professor Herrera also is excited about the future of TJSL and about having an instrumental role in creating a live-client legal clinic in the new downtown campus.

She notes that “TJSL’s decision to expand its in-house live client legal clinics demonstrates a tangible commitment to its students and the community by facilitating practical skills for law students while serving the needs of those who cannot otherwise afford to pay market fees for legal services.”

The live-client clinic is scheduled to

launch during the 2010-2011 academic year and will be housed on the first floor of the new downtown campus. Professor Herrera says she is proud to be on the ground floor of a program that aims to better prepare TJSL graduates as lawyers while addressing some of the unmet legal needs in San Diego.

“The new transactional clinical program will expose students to law office management skills that will supplement substantive knowledge necessary to advise clients, draft legal documents, negotiate contracts, form associations, navigate regulatory agencies and facilitate community legal education.”

Professor Herrera was born in Tijuana, Mexico, and raised in the eastern communities of Los Angeles County by parents who immigrated from Mexico in 1965. She attributes her empathy for immigrants and working class individuals to her upbringing with maintenance workers and entrepreneurs in swap meets.

Professor Herrera recently added to her list of achievements when she received the Francisca Flores Community Service Award for her accomplishments as a community lawyer in Los Angeles.

“When a board member of the Latina Lawyers Bar Association in Los Angeles informed me that I was selected as their award recipient, I was surprised and thrilled,” Professor Herrera says. “It is always rewarding to be acknowledged for your work by your peers, but what made it more significant was that it was an award named after Francisca Flores, a woman who was born and came of age in the early part of the 20th century in the area

we now know as Old Town San Diego.”

Although they never met, Professor Herrera is inspired by Flores because she was an advocate of justice and equality in her roles as an activist, a writer and a journalist during the McCarthy era and thereafter. Flores was instrumental in founding several community organizations that continue to serve the poor and the disenfranchised.

Professor Herrera adds that everyone needs role models. It shouldn’t come as a surprise then to learn that she, too, has a growing list of admirers.

About Professor Herrera:

*J.D. Harvard Law School
A.B. Stanford University
(Political Science)
A.M. Stanford University
(Sociology)*



Before and during law school, Professor Herrera worked with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on empowerment zones and at the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, and the Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office. After starting her practice career at a large corporate law firm, she worked with a neighborhood law office until opening her own office in Compton, California. She spent a year at the Hale & Dorr Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School before teaching at Chapman Law School.

Courses: *Access to Civil Justice Seminar, Professional Responsibility, Wills & Trusts*

New Books... Authored and Co-Authored by TJSL Professors

Thomas Jefferson School of Law faculty members continue to be productive authors. Several new books, chapters and articles have been written by our professors recently.

Aaron Schwabach



Professor Aaron Schwabach's article in the Chinese journal *Electronics Intellectual Property* is a translation of an article he wrote for the *ABA Journal of International Media and Entertainment Law*. It proposes that intellectual property piracy in China is much less of a problem than is generally supposed, or at least than is generally asserted by the media and China-bashing U.S. politicians. The article received an enthusiastic response in China; Professor Schwabach was contacted by many Chinese attorneys, including a Chinese Supreme Court Justice and the staff of the Chinese Embassy in Washington.

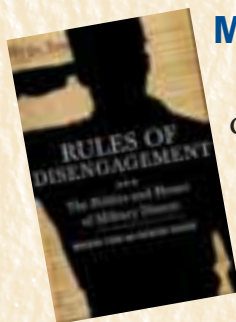
Professor Schwabach also contributed an article for *Endangered Species and Forests: Legal Perspectives*, (A Usha editor, Hyderabad, India: Amicus Books 2008). This is a reprint of an article



Liang Qinghua & Professor Schwabach co-wrote for the *Thomas Jefferson Law Review*. Liang Qinghua is a lecturer in law at TJSL's partner school in China, Zhejiang University School of Law. She has been active in the Chinese environmental movement's attempts to save the critically

endangered Tibetan antelope (chiru) from extinction by overhunting.

The article discusses that movement, and the role of international trade in allowing the hunting to continue. Hunting chiru is illegal in China and subject to heavy penalties, but the vast area and extreme inaccessibility of its range make law enforcement difficult. Environmental activists patrol the area, following the few remaining chiru, and sometimes engaging in dangerous confrontations with poachers.



Marjorie Cohn

Professor Marjorie Cohn's latest book, co-authored with Kathleen Gilberd, is *Rules Of Disengagement: The Politics And Honor Of Military Dissent* (PoliPoint Press) and is due out in Winter of 2009.

Rules of Disengagement examines the reasons men and women in the military have disobeyed orders and resisted the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. It takes readers into the courtroom where sailors, soldiers and Marines have argued that these wars are illegal under international law and unconstitutional under U.S. law. Through the voices of active duty service members and veterans, it explores the growing conviction among our troops that the war is wrong. It then examines what they have done and what readers can do to resist and end the U.S. occupation of Iraq.

William Byrnes Jr.

Assistant Dean and Adjunct Professor William Byrnes Jr., who is the director of TJSL's Walter H. and Dorothy B. Diamond Graduate Law Program in International



Tax and Financial Services (an online L.L.M. degree), is also a prolific writer.

He is the co-author, with Dr. Robert Munro, of *International Trust & Company Laws, Wealth Management and Tax Planning* (formerly known as *International Trust Laws & Analysis*) (Kluwer Law International).

Dean Byrnes and Dr. Munro also have co-authored *Treaty Withholding Guide, Tax Havens of the World, And Tax and Trade Briefs* (Matthew Bender, New York). Their next collaboration, *Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing, Asset Forfeiture And Compliance (A Global Guide)*, is forthcoming online in 2009.

Mertens Law of Federal Income Taxation: Treatise & Rulings also contains a chapter written by Dean Byrnes, "Non-Resident Aliens & Foreign Corporations" (West Publishing).

William Slomanson



Professor William Slomanson has published his seventh casebook on "Civ Pro" — *California Civil Procedure* 3d edition with co-authors from Hastings

(Spring 2008).

He has also published *California Civil Procedure in a Nutshell*, 3d edition (Fall 2008). This is the second *West Nutshell* to be placed on Westlaw (after Tax).





Who Let the Dogs Out?

TJSL Now Offers Animal & Wildlife Law

Hardly a week goes by without some story in the news involving cruelty to animals, animals attacking humans or battles between developers and preservationists over animal life—microscopic or otherwise—threatened with extinction. It makes for good TV drama as well as for enough laws, regulations and related cases to fill more than a textbook or two. In fact, Thomas Jefferson Research Librarian Jane Larrington reports there are several casebooks out there dealing with animal and wildlife law. In response to the rapidly developing legal fields of animal and wildlife law, TJSL has added two new courses to its curriculum, one which is being taught this semester and one to be offered in the Spring 2009 semester.

Animal Law

The Animal Law course to be offered next spring will consist of an overview of the application of regulatory enactments and general principals of traditional torts, contracts, criminal, constitutional and land-use law in conjunction with animal-related issues.

TJSL Adjunct Professor Mike Martindill will be teaching Animal Law and acknowledges the growing interest in the field of animal law.

“Increased awareness of the importance of companion animals in everyday lives, humane treatment, preservation of species, business aspects of the housing, food and entertainment industries all lead to increasing needs for attorneys familiar with these concepts in private practice, governmental enforcement, corporate compliance, legislative input and non-profit activities,” said Professor Martindill.

The course in Animal Law is intended to introduce students to the practice area of animal law, to foster legal and social thinking, to enhance analytical writing, and to review basic legal principals. Professor Martindill says TJSL is keeping up with emerging legal trends by introducing an Animal Law course to the curriculum.

“It will give the students an opportunity to learn legal concepts specific to animal welfare and industry as well as applying already learned concepts to non-humans,” he adds.

Wildlife Seminar

The Wildlife Seminar explores wildlife preservation and conservation issues focusing on the common law, constitutional and federal statutory underpinnings of U.S. wildlife law. In particular, the course will cover management authorities for and existing conflicts associated with protection of biodiversity, endangered species, fisheries, marine mammals and essential wildlife habitat.

TJSL's Wildlife Seminar is taught on Thursday afternoons this semester by Assistant Professor Madeline Kass, who believes that incorporating the course into the law school curriculum is important. “Given the emergence of climate change as the environmental issue of our times and the increasingly rapid rate of species extinction, wildlife protection has taken the spotlight perhaps more than ever before,” said Kass.

“Students who plan to work for the environment, as well as those who plan to work for private developers, will certainly benefit from a basic grounding in wildlife law.”



Adjunct Professor
Mike Martindill



Assistant Professor
Madeline Kass



TJSL's Summer Study Programs: International Law in an International Setting

Thomas Jefferson School of Law's dual study-abroad programs in Hangzhou, China and Nice, France returned again this summer for another exciting and culturally-enriched experience for all who attended! These popular programs are designed to encourage American law students to experience international law in a truly international setting, to exchange ideas with students from a different land and to explore cultural differences that influence international business and legal transactions. Both programs are ABA-accredited and provide the law students who participate with valuable and once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. Professor Susan Tiefenbrun, who is the director of TJSL's Center for Global Legal Studies, heads both study abroad programs.

China Program

For the second year, in cooperation with one of the most prestigious universities in China—Zhejiang University Guanghua College of Law—TJSL held a three-week International and Comparative Law program in Hangzhou from May 18 through June 7. Hangzhou, one of the birthplaces of Chinese civilization, is located in Southeast China and is full of history, art and tourist attractions.



The students' basketball tournament.

This summer's China program, "International Business Law: Theory and Practice," attracted an enthusiastic group of

49 American law students and 37 Chinese students—all working together to participate in memorable experiences and dynamic classroom discussions. Along with the TJSL students, there were students from eight other U.S. law schools, including William Mitchell College of Law, University of Illinois, University of Mississippi, Fordham, Phoenix School of Law, Southwestern and USD.

The courses had an international and comparative law focus and included: International Business Transactions; Comparative Bankruptcy Law; WTO Law and China; and Comparative Sales Law. Taught by the TJSL Professors Arnold Rosenberg, Ben Templin, Susan Tiefenbrun and Claire Wright, each course was two units and students could earn a total of four units.

Unforgettable group events included watching the parade and carrying of the Olympic torch along the banks of West Lake—a highly-controversial event, and a day in a Chinese court. A Chinese Supreme Court Justice spoke to the students about the differences between Chinese and U.S. court



Members of the China group on a weekend trip to Shaoxing.

procedures and the Chinese legal system and its reforms. The American and Chinese students also organized a pre-Olympic basketball tournament, which was refereed by the Chinese Vice-Dean of Zhejiang University and won by the U.S. students.

Students had the opportunity to embark on several weekend trips to various destinations, including Nanjing and Shaoxing. The Nanjing journey included a visit to the Sun Yat-Sen Mausoleum, the Confucius Temple and the Zhanyuan Garden. In Shaoxing, a quaint city with canals similar to those in Venice, the students attended the opera and a traditional Shaoxing drama, and also took boat rides on what looked like

ancient Chinese “gondolas” with Chinese oarsmen that floated by beautiful temples and pagodas.

Nice Program

Thomas Jefferson’s International and Comparative Law Program in Nice, from June 22 through July 18, brought students to the La Faculté de Droit de Université de Nice in the south of France on the banks of the Mediterranean—the heart of the French Riviera. This was Professor Susan Tiefenbrun’s sixteenth year of directing this program, which originally began through Hofstra University. This year Thomas Jefferson took over the program completely.

Who could resist summer in Nice? Twenty-nine American students and 14



Dean Rudy Hasl enjoying the beautiful view with the Dean of the Nice law school.

French students jumped at the opportunity. TJSL Professors Tiefenbrun, Susan Bisom-Rapp, Julie Greenberg and Linda Keller taught the four courses offered during the three-week session. Each of the two-unit courses compared American and European approaches to international law. The courses were: International Business Transactions; Comparative Family Law; Love, Marriage

and the Regulation of Intimate Relationships; International Criminal Law and Global Workplace Law.

Activities included a French conversation class for all students and private beach excursions along the Mediterranean. The Mayor of Nice invited the students to a reception at the Town Hall and a Fourth of July celebration at Villa Massena.

This year’s Distinguished Guest Lecturer was the Honorable Richard J. Goldstone, a former justice of the South African Constitutional Council and the first chief prosecutor of the International Tribunal for crimes against the former Yugoslavia. Justice Goldstone presented the group with very personal and inspirational lectures and also taught a class in International Criminal Law.

The line-up of extraordinary speakers also included Professor Jacques Rojot, an expert in French employment law, and Professor Anicee Van Engeland, an expert in Islamic law, women’s rights and the laws of war. USD Law School Professor Bert Lazerow gave a lecture on the “Tax Implications of International Business Transactions” to the International Business Tax class.

During a visit to the Nice Tribunal, students witnessed a high-profile case involving an escaped felon, a tax evasion case and an assault and battery case on a person who had resisted arrest. Both lawyers and judges were clad in long robes and, after the cases were decided, the prosecutor spoke to the students about what took place during the trials. On weekends, students were able to take three and four day trips around Europe. Places

MCLE Credit Now Offered for China & Nice Programs

Alumni and other attorneys will soon be able to experience these exciting international law programs and earn MCLE credit at the same time! TJSL’s Development & Alumni Relations Office is working with Professor Susan Tiefenbrun to determine the number of MCLE units California attorneys can earn by participating in each program.

This information and more about the 2009 Summer Study Abroad programs will soon be available at niceprogram@tjssl.edu and chinaprogram@tjssl.edu

visited included Paris, Barcelona, Milan, London, Prague, Ireland, Scotland, Russia, Switzerland and others.

The Nice program concluded with a goodbye garden party hosted by the Nice law students. It was the perfect ending to an amazing trip!



Nice students visited the Town Hall at the invitation of the mayor of Nice.





Professor Steve Berenson

continues to direct the Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic (VLAC). As it enters its third year, the VLAC has helped more than

150 residents and affiliates of Veterans Village of San Diego with a range of legal problems in areas including child support, visitation and custody, veterans and other public benefits programs, and criminal records expungements and probation modifications. This year again, the proceeds from the Alumni Golf Tournament will go to support the VLAC. Professor Berenson has two forthcoming publications. The first article is titled "Educating Millennial Law Students for Public Obligation" and will appear in the inaugural issue of the *Charlotte Law Review*, as part of a symposium on Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility. He presented the paper at the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility's annual conference in Boston, Massachusetts. The second article is titled "Government Lawyer as Cause Lawyer: A Study of Three High Profile Government Lawsuits." Professor Berenson presented this paper at the AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education in Tucson, Arizona. He will present the paper again in the fall at the Clinical Law Review's Scholarship Workshop, to be held at New York University School of Law. Additionally, Professor Berenson participated in a panel discussion of the role of the San Diego City Attorney, sponsored by the San Diego Chapter of the American Constitution Society. He also presented an MCLE program to the North County Bar Association titled "Legal Ethics Goes to the Movies."



Professor Leah Christensen

recently joined the faculty at TJSJ and says she and her family are thrilled to be in San Diego. Professor Christensen

More Recognition for TJSJ Professors: Seven Named as "Top Attorneys" in 2008

Seven TJSJ professors can now add another accomplishment to their lists. *The Daily Transcript*, San Diego's daily legal and business newspaper, published in mid-July the list of finalists who nominated by their peers for the 2008 Top San Diego County Attorneys list. TJSJ Professors **A. Thomas Golden, Claire Wright, Julie Greenberg, Ken Vandeveld, Linda Berger, Marjorie Cohn** and **Marybeth Herald** all were voted finalists in the "Academic" category.

Five TJSJ alumni are also among the elite attorneys named by their peers: **Beatrice Kemp '76; Christopher Plourd '80; Judith Klein '79; Patrick McCrary '78** and **David Fisher '77**.

Professor **Marjorie Cohn** says she is thrilled to be in such great company: "I am deeply honored to have been chosen by my peers as one of the top attorneys for academics in San Diego. It's wonderful to be recognized for doing what you love."

Professor **Linda Berger**, who recently joined the faculty of Mercer University School of Law in Georgia after 15 years at TJSJ, called it "an honor" to be one of the seven who were selected after a rigorous peer-selection process that queried more than 6,000 attorneys in the San Diego area, resulting in 700 nominations in 11 categories. "As a law school professor, I appreciate every opportunity to connect with those who are practicing law every day," said Professor Berger. "It's even better to be part of an event that honors those practicing lawyers who have earned the respect of their peers. Both the study and practice of law will benefit if practicing lawyers and law school teachers continue to talk and work together to strengthen the profession."

Multiple nominations narrowed the list to 25 semi-finalists in each category, who then voted amongst themselves to determine the Top 10. All of the finalists were honored at a VIP Top Attorneys Reception on July 23, at *The Daily Transcript* offices, where they got to brush elbows and enjoy the fine food and camaraderie.

To learn more about how the Top Attorneys are qualified, judged and awarded the title of San Diego's Top Attorneys, visit www.sddt.com/topattorneys

will publish an article titled, "Sticks, Stones and Schoolyard Bullies: Restorative Justice, Mediation and a New Way to Approach Conflict Resolution in Our Schools", in the *Nevada Law Journal* this fall. In addition, Professor Christensen has been invited to lead a faculty retreat at Howard University School of Law (Washington, D.C.) in October where she will present her empirical research on legal reading and its impact on law school success. Professor Christensen has also been invited to lead a Teacher's Roundtable at the University of Alberta Law School (Canada) in November where she will spend several days giving presentations to the law faculty on teaching and learning, including serving as a consultant for classroom teaching. Professor Christensen recently completed the first

empirical study to examine how law students' motivations for learning in law school impact their success in law school (class rank). In her article describing the study, "Enhancing Law School Success: A Study of Goal Orientations, Academic Achievement and the Decline of Law Students' Self-Efficacy," Professor Christensen describes how the most successful law students have a mastery-goal orientation (i.e., they want to learn for the sake of "learning" and building their overall competence in the law) versus a performance-goal orientation (i.e., they want to perform well on an exam and "look smart" to their peers). Professor Christensen also has completed a second article based upon the study, titled *The Power of Skills Training: A Study of Lawyering Skills Grades As the*

Strongest Predictor of Law School Success, in which she describes how Lawyering Skills Grade was the strongest predictor of law student success followed by Undergraduate Grade Point Average and LSAT score. In other words, those students with the highest grades in their skills classes were more likely to have a higher class ranks (than students with high incoming UGPAs or LSAT scores). Professor Christensen will present these findings at the AALS Annual Meeting (January 2009 in San Diego) for the Section on Balance in Legal Education.



Professor Maurice Dyson has two articles accepted for publication this year: "When Government is a Passive Participant in Private Discrimination: A Critical Look at

White Privilege & The Tacit Return to Interposition In *PICS v. Seattle School District*," *University of Toledo Law Review* (forthcoming 2008); and "De Facto Segregation & Group Blindness: Proposals For Narrow Tailoring Under A New Viable State Interest in *PICS v. Seattle School District*," *University of Missouri Kansas City Law Review* (forthcoming 2008). He also has co-edited a new book titled *Our Promise: Achieving Educational Equity for America's Children*, Carolina Academic Press (Maurice R. Dyson, Daniel B. Weddle, eds.) (forth-coming 2008). His recent presentations include: "Education & the Economy," NEPOC Conference, Boston University School of Law (2008); "Racial Discrimination and Accountability in U.S. Public Education: A Closer Look at the Nation's Compliance Under The Convention for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination Treaty," Law and Society Conference, Montreal, Canada (2008); and "Achieving Racial Diversity in the Classroom after *PICS c. SSD In A Legal and Socially Responsible Manner*," Seattle University School of Law, Brown Undone?

Professor Marjorie Cohn: Another Book and Congressional Testimony

Professor Marjorie Cohn's newest book, *Rules of Disengagement: The Politics and Honor of Military Dissent* (co-authored with Kathleen Gilberd), will be published this winter by PoliPointPress. Professor Cohn testified before the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties on "From the Department of Justice to Guantánamo Bay: Administration Lawyers and Administration Interrogation Rules." Her lectures about torture, habeas corpus, the military commissions, Guantánamo, the illegality of the Iraq war, and using international law in U.S. courts took her from Palm Beach, Florida to Vancouver, B.C. In Philadelphia, at a National Lawyers Guild conference, Professor Cohn greeted lawyers from Pakistan who had been arrested by Pervez Musharraf for protesting his destruction of the independent judiciary. She also participated in a theatrical performance on impeachment at New York City's The Culture Project; the program also featured Cong. Elizabeth Holtzman, Scott Horton and John Nichols. Professor Cohn appeared on Fox News, where she discussed the Supreme Court's Guantánamo decision, *Boumediene v. Bush*. She makes weekly appearances on



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TalkBack! on WBAI radio in New York, and also appears regularly on local, regional, national and international radio broadcasts. Professor Cohn continues to serve as president of the National Lawyers Guild and the U.S. representative to the executive council of the American Association of Jurists. She is active on the Advisory Committee of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice at the University of San Diego, the Advisory Board for the Haywood Burns Fellowships for Social and Economic Justice, the Board of Directors of Lawyers Rights Watch Canada, the Advisory Board of the Sugar Law Center, and the Peace Post 9/11 Committee of the Society of American Law Teachers. Named one of 2008's Top Attorneys in Academics by the *Daily Transcript*, Professor Cohn was awarded the Peace Scholar Award by the Peace and Justice Studies Association. She writes frequent columns, which appear on HuffingtonPost, AlterNet, Commondreams, CounterPunch, Truthout, ZNet, and are archived at www.marjoriecohn.com.

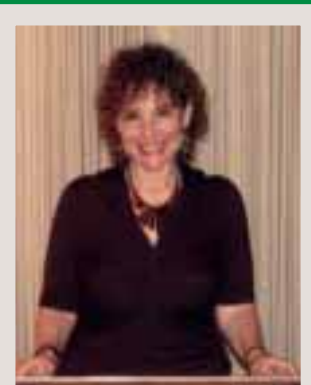
The Future of Integration in Seattle after *PICS v. SSD No. 1* (2008). He also taught in the Council in Legal Educational Opportunity (CLEO) Program at TJSJ this summer and was elected Executive Board Member of the Association of American Law Schools (Section on Education Law) and the Mildred Thomas Quinn Foundation.



Professor Julie Greenberg's

cutting edge legal scholarship on sexual orientation and gender identity continues to be recognized by courts, the media, and academe.

Her scholarship has been quoted in more than a dozen recent appellate court decisions and hundred of law review articles and books. During the last few months, she was interviewed extensively



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by the media on issues related to the California same sex marriage cases and transgender rights litigation and was quoted in a number of newspapers, including the *New York Times*.



Professor K.J. Greene has a new article on the right of publicity published in the *Chapman Law Review* as well as an article in the *American University Law School Journal of Gender*

and Policy. He spoke in June at the San Diego County Bar Association (SDCBA), also on the right of publicity. He kicked off the fall semester with a number of scheduled speaking engagements in September, including a forum at TJSL titled "What is Entertainment Law," another forum on digital distribution with motion picture and advertising executives from Paramount and at Constitution Day at High Tech High School in San Diego on Constitution Day. In October, he was scheduled to speak to the SDCBA's Intellectual Property Section. Looking to January, Professor Greene will speak to the Art Law Section of the American Association of Law Schools at its annual meeting being held in San Diego and also travel to Vail, Colorado, where he will be a CLE speaker on trademark issues with general counsels from Google and other internet firms.



Professor Marybeth Herald's scholarly work focuses on constitutional law, gender and social psychology. She recently began teaching a new course "Law and Psychology"

at TJSL. In addition to publishing an article titled, "Deceptive Appearances: Judges, Cognitive Bias, and Dress Codes," she also has a chapter—"Explaining the Differences: Transgender Theories and Court Practice"—forthcoming in a new book, *Sexual*

Orientation, Gender Identity, and the Struggle for Law (NYU Press). Professor Herald also has presented her research on these and other issues at the Lavender Law Conference in San Francisco (judicial bias), the Therapeutic Jurisprudence conference in Puerto Rico and at Washburn Law School (Humanizing Legal Education conference). She served as a guest lecturer at TJSL's summer program in Nice, France. She recently was named a "Top Academic" by the *Daily Transcript* newspaper. One current work in progress focuses on the First Amendment, cognitive bias and prescription drug advertising and another on legal education, tentatively titled "Brain Science 101: Ten Lessons for Law Students."



The Latina Lawyers Bar Association of Los Angeles honored **Professor Luz Herrera** in August with the Francisca Flores Community Service Award. In

September, she moderated a panel on Access to Justice at the annual gathering of the Hispanic National Bar Association. In early October she presented on the role of the private bar in *pro bono* efforts at a conference titled "Rethinking *Pro Bono*: Private Lawyers and Public Service in the 21st Century" at the UCLA School of Law.



Professor Linda Keller published two articles related to her interest in the intersection of domestic and international law. In an essay described by the Editor in Chief of the

Hague Justice Portal as a "thoroughly researched and creative article," Professor Keller examines "The False Dichotomy of Peace versus Justice at the International Criminal Court" (available online at the Hague Justice Journal). She contends that both peace and justice can be furthered by the International Criminal Court, which is

responsible for investigating and prosecuting crimes against humanity, war crimes and genocide. In an extensively researched article drawing on interdisciplinary sources, she examines the peace versus justice dilemma as it is contemporaneously playing out in Uganda. This article, "Achieving Peace with Justice: the International Criminal Court and Ugandan Alternative Justice Mechanisms," explores whether the International Criminal Court should go forward with prosecution of leaders of the vicious rebel group, the Lord's Resistance Army, when some contend that prosecution would destroy chances for a peace deal. She concludes that the Court can defer to local alternatives to prosecution so long as they further the goals of international criminal justice. Professor Keller also taught International Criminal Law in TJSL's summer abroad program in Nice, France.



Professor Alex Kreit is the new director of the Center for Law and Social Justice. This spring he also had an article published titled "Vicarious Criminal

Liability and the Constitutional Dimension of Pinkerton," 57 *Am. U. L. Rev.* 585 (2008). The article is available online at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/journal/lawrev/57/57-3.cfm>



Professor Sandra Rierson has two article recently published this year: "IP Remedies after eBay: Assessing the Impact on Trademark Law," 2 *Akron Intell. Prop. J.* 163, and

"Pharmaceutical Counterfeiting and the 'Puzzle of Remedies,'" 8 *Wake Forest Intell. Prop. L.J.* 433. Also, the article she co-authored with TJSL Professor Deven Desai, "Confronting the Genericism Conundrum," 28 *Cardozo L. Rev.* 1789 (2007), was judged "one of the best intellectual property law review articles published within the last

year” by Thomson West Group of New York, and on that basis was selected for inclusion in the 2008 edition of the *Intellectual Property Law Review*.



Professor Aaron Schwabach has a new article published: “Intellectual Property Piracy: Perception and Reality in China, the United States, and Elsewhere,” 2 *Journal of*

International Media and Entertainment Law 65 (2007). He also has two encyclopedia articles soon to be published: “Intellectual Property, 1945 to Present,” *World History Encyclopedia* (forthcoming, Fred Nadis ed., Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO 2008) and “File-sharing,” *World History Encyclopedia* (forthcoming, Fred Nadis ed., Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO 2008). An earlier article titled “Measures to Protect the Tibetan Antelope under the CITES Framework” that he co-wrote with Professor Liang Qinghua of Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China, has been reprinted by ICAFI [Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India] *J. Envtl. L.*, Oct. 2007, at 30 (reprint of article originally published in 29 *Thomas Jefferson L. Rev.* 251).



Professor Steve Semeraro's article titled “Credit Card Interchange Fees: Debunking Six Myths” was published in the February 2008 issue of the *Banking & Financial*

Services Policy Report. It became the most downloaded article on the *Social Science Research Network's Public Law Journal* for several weeks in the spring 2008. Continuing with the credit card theme, Professor Semeraro has two articles currently under submission that deal with the effects of surcharging credit card transactions: “The Reverse-Robin-Hood-Cross-Subsidy Hypothesis: Do Credit Card

Professor Winchester's Tax Reform Proposals Impress Congressional Tax Writing Committees

Professor Richard Winchester is quickly becoming one of the nation's leading authorities on the federal employment tax. In a rare move, the two tax writing committees of Congress in June published a report that cited his first article and its reform proposals as a policy option that merited the government's consideration.

That first article, “Working for Free,” was already widely read, having earned a spot on the list of the five most downloaded tax policy articles when it was first released two years ago. More recently, his second article on the employment tax was one of six selected by the *Stanford Law & Policy Review* to appear in a symposium issue featuring articles and essays by the nation's leading tax scholars and policy makers.



Professor Winchester (center) in La Jolla race.

An avid long distance ocean swimmer, Professor Winchester spent the summer traveling to eight coastal cities in southern California to compete in the refreshing waters of the Pacific. He finished fourth in his age group in a 1.5 mile swim off the coast of La Jolla in August.

A shorter article on the employment tax, “Changing Tradeoffs Confront Employee-Shareholders Who Want to Access Corporate Profits,” appeared in the Summer 2008 issue of the ABA Section of Taxation *News Quarterly*.

Professor Winchester is also building a reputation as a corporate tax history scholar, having made three presentations since the start of the year: “The Original Personal Holding Company Tax: A Forgotten Model for Classifying Business Entities” presented at the University of Maryland School of Law in Baltimore in January; “Corporations That Aren't: The Early Years of the Income Tax” presented at the Law and Society Annual Conference in Montreal, Canada in May; and “Parity Lost: The Price of a Corporate Tax in a Progressive Tax World” presented at the Chapman University School of Law in Orange, California in March. The last presentation will appear as a full-length article in the *Nevada Law Journal* later this year.

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Companies Effectively Tax the Poor and Reward the Rich?" and "The Antitrust Economics (and Law) of Surcharging Credit Card Transactions." He has also become a regular contributor to the Commercial Law Blog, <http://www.ucclaw.blogspot.com/>, on matters relating to credit cards. Finally, this fall, the *South Carolina Law Review* will publish his piece titled "Sweet Land of Property?: The History, Symbols, Rhetoric, and Theory Behind the Ordering of the Rights to Liberty and Property in the Constitutional Lexicon."



Professor William Slomanson has published the third edition of the *California Civil Procedure* casebook (with co-authors from Hastings) and *California Civil Procedure in a*

Nutshell, 3d edition. This is the second West Nutshell to be placed on Westlaw (after Tax). He also published an article titled "American Judges Against Judicial Independence" in Volume 11 of the *Ukrainian Journal of International Law* this fall. He presented a speech version of that article in October at Kiev University, where he also met with its International Law Department's Ph.D. candidates regarding current issues in International Law. He has begun work on his classroom treatise *Fundamental Perspectives on International Law*, 6th ed. The American Society of International Law (ASIL) asked him to do an "Introductory Note" for its publication titled *International Legal Materials* (ILM), regarding the International Criminal Court charges against the President of Sudan for his role in the genocide occurring in Darfur. That Note will appear in Volume 47 of ILM. This is one of the ASIL's flagship publications, on which Professor Slomanson serves as a Corresponding Editor.



Professor David Steinberg's recent scholarship has focused on the original understanding and history of the Fourth Amendment, which prohibits unreasonable searches and

seizures. He recently published an article, titled "The Uses and Misuses of Fourth Amendment History" in the *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law*, which also has accepted a second article by Professor Steinberg that discusses Fourth Amendment history. Professor Steinberg has appeared regularly on San Diego television stations and radio stations. During these appearances, Professor Steinberg has discussed the California Supreme Court decision legalizing same sex marriage, as well as a variety of other criminal law and constitutional law issues. He also has been quoted in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* and the *North County Times*.



Professor Ben Templin's paper titled "The Public Trust in Private Hands: Social Security and the Politics of Government Investment" was published in 96 *Kentucky*

Law Journal 369. He also presented the same paper at the 6th International Conference of the Japan Economic Policy Association held at Hosei University in Tokyo, Japan on December 9, 2007. In addition, he gave a talk on "The Marriage Contract in Fine Art" at the Fourth International Contracts Conference held at McGeorge School of Law in February 2008.



Professor Ellen Waldman is a visiting professor at Quinnipiac University Law School in Hamden, Connecticut this year.



Professor Ken Vandeveld recently completed the 1,300-page manuscript of his book *U.S. International Investment Agreements*, which analyzes the first 30 years of the

U.S. investment treaty program, from 1977 through 2007. The book is being published by Oxford University Press and will appear early next year. He is now at work on a companion volume, *Bilateral Investment Treaties: History, Policy and Interpretation*, which analyzes the first 50 years of investment treaty practice worldwide, from 1959 through 2009. This book will be published by Oxford University Press in late 2009. During the summer, Professor Vandeveld was invited by the United Nations to attend an international experts meeting in Geneva to consider the future direction of international investment law. He was one of only two Americans invited to attend and the only American in academia invited to attend. In the spring, he will teach a new elective course at the law school, International Investment Law and Arbitration.



Professor Julie Cromer Young, who recently exchanged nuptials on the Big Island of Hawaii, is the new director of the Center for Law, Technology and

Communication at TJSJ. One of her first projects as director was to begin publishing a new monthly CLTC online newsletter.

Professor Wright Asked to Testify on Foreign Film Subsidies

The Spring issue of The Declaration featured a story about Professor Claire Wright's efforts to bring attention to the foreign subsidies that are hurting the U.S. Film Industry. The following update has the latest developments.



In September 2007, **Professor Claire Wright** helped out-of-work U.S. film workers file a petition with the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

(USTR) requesting that it initiate a dispute case against Canada. This petition argued that the enormous subsidies that Canada has been providing to major U.S. film production companies contravene Canada's commitments to the U.S. under the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures and documented how the U.S. film industry as a whole has been decimated by Canada's subsidy program. Much to her disappointment, the Motion Picture Association of America (which represents just six film companies) exerted strong pressure on the USTR to dismiss the petition, and the USTR responded by dismissing the petition with a one-sentence, nonsensical explanation and providing the film workers no opportunity for appeal.

The "silver lining" in the USTR's precipitous action was that it caught the attention of some members of Congress, and Professor Wright now has been asked to testify before the Congressional Entertainment Caucus regarding this case and her work on the WTO subsidies

disciplines in general (as illustrated in her award-winning 2006 law review article titled "Hollywood's Disappearing Act: International Trade Remedies to Bring Hollywood Home").

In June, the first in Professor Wright's series of three articles on how cultural diversity can best be maintained in an era of increasing globalization was published by *Akron University Law Review*. It is titled "Reconciling Cultural Diversity and Free Trade in the Digital Age: A Cultural Analysis of the International Trade in Content Items." Her next two articles in this series, which address this question from an economic perspective and a fairness perspective (under the three major variants of liberalism), will be published within the next several months.

Interestingly, she has found that all three of the lenses through which she analyzed this question led to the same conclusion: The best way to promote cultural diversity is to amplify the voices of the underrepresented cultures rather than attempt to suppress the voices of the dominant cultures. The book *Multiculturalism and International Law: Essays in Honor of Edward McWhinney*, containing her chapter titled "Toward a New Cultural Exemption in the WTO," was just published, and her article titled "Censoring the Censors in the WTO: How 'Public' can 'Public Morals' be in a Non-Democratic State?" will be published this fall in the *Journal of International Media and Entertainment Law*.

This journal is a peer-reviewed publica-

tion supported by the American Bar Association Forums in Communications Law and the Entertainment and Sports Industries and the Donald Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute of Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles. She is excited to have her article published in this journal, as it has published a number of ground-breaking and very well-received studies on free speech and censorship issues (as well as the very enlightening article authored by Professor Aaron Schwabach on China's intellectual property enforcement regime).

At the Global Workplace conference held at the law school in February, Professor Wright presented an abstract of her new paper titled "Linking Labor and Trade in the WTO: If Not Now, When?," which she plans to publish in spring 2009. Professor Wright also helped organize the 2008 WLC on "Women in Politics" and she, along with Professors Madeline Kass and Julie Cromer Young, will be coordinating the 2009 WLC on "Making the Legal System Work for Domestic Violence Victims."

Professor Wright taught once again in the law school's new summer program in Hangzhou, China, and she took her spring WTO Law class to visit an off-shore manufacturing (maquiladora) facility (and former client) in Tijuana, so that they could witness global trade in action just a few miles away from the law school campus. In July, she was honored as one of San Diego's "Top Attorneys," based on nominations from other San Diego attorneys.



U.S. Constitution Day: 8th Graders Learn from TJSL Professors

You could call it Constitution 101

Thomas Jefferson Professors Kevin Greene and Maurice Dyson appeared at High Tech High Middle School in San Diego on Constitution Day—September 17—to give 8th graders a better understanding of the more than 200-year-old piece of parchment that provides the framework for the organization of the government of the United States of America.

The two professors appeared in Mrs. Eggleston's and Mr. Holmes' classes. Professor Dyson set the tone by dressing for the occasion—in judicial robes. The sessions were lively and engaging—with great student participation—as the two professors showed the students how the Constitution affects their everyday lives.

"I never thought it would be so much fun talking about the Constitution and the law with 8th graders," says Professor Greene. "They cheered when I came in the room and cheered when it was over."

"I framed the discussion around the paradigm of hip-hop, which they enjoy. They were insatiably curious about the law, and especially copyright law, as the issue of digital sharing is close to their hearts."

TJSL also honored Constitution Day by partnering with the League of Women Voters of San Diego and other groups to present a panel presentation at Weingart Library in the City Heights community of San Diego. The panelists included Superior Court Judge Patricia Cowett (retired), USD Political Science Professor Del Dickson and John Gomez, Esq., of the San Diego County Bar Association, who discussed "Safeguarding U.S. Democracy: Promoting an Independent Judiciary by Protecting the U.S. Constitution."



Professor Kevin Greene



Professor Maurice Dyson

Sex Trafficking Summit Draws Big Crowd

It was already a warm Saturday afternoon in San Diego, but on September 20, the discussion underway at TJSL turned up the heat even more as nearly 150 students, faculty and community members gathered for the "Sex Trafficking Summit."

The event was sponsored by TJSL's Center for Global Legal Studies, the International Law Society/Amnesty International student organization and Voices of Women. Anne Hoiberg from Voices of Women moderated the panels, which focused on the international and domestic implications of sex trafficking, a serious and growing problem in the U.S. and throughout the world.

Professor Susan Tiefenbrun, who has done much research and scholarly writing on this subject, introduced the audience to the concept and magnitude of global sex trafficking, as well as the international laws that were created to combat it. Marisa Ugarte, Executive Director of the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition, spoke about her organization's work with and advocacy for victims of sex trafficking in the San Diego region. Lilia Velazquez, a prominent local immigration attorney, then spoke about the legal issues surrounding the arrest and prosecution of traffickers, as well as the protection offered to victims for helping to prosecute their traffickers.

After a brief question and answer session with the first panel, attorney Chris Tenorio, from the Department of Justice, spoke about the federal investigation and prosecution of traffickers in the United States and the increased resources that the federal and state governments are using to combat this crime. Officer Lynda Oberlies, from the Vice Unit of the San Diego Police Department, then gave a very informative presentation about the culture of prostitution and trafficking in San Diego. TJSL Adjunct Professor Christie Edwards '07, who helped organize the event, gave the final lecture about sex trafficking in China as it relates to China's one-child policy.

Renowned Constitutional Law Expert Erwin Chemerinsky Speaks at TJSJ

With the fall semester barely underway, TJSJ students and alumni were honored with the rare opportunity to hear one of the most influential voices in constitutional law, Erwin Chemerinsky, discuss two of the biggest U.S. Supreme Court cases of the past year.

The TJSJ Center for Law and Social Justice, along with the San Diego chapter of the American Constitution Society and the National Lawyers Guild, hosted the on-campus event on Friday, August 22, before a packed house.

Chemerinsky is among the nation's leading constitutional scholars and is Founding Dean of the University of California, Irvine, School of Law. He was educated at Northwestern University and Harvard Law School, and taught for more than 20 years at the University of Southern California Law School and at De Paul University College of Law before moving to Duke University in 2004. He began his new position as dean of UC Irvine's new law school in July 2008.

In addition to his teaching and research, Chemerinsky frequently argues appellate cases, including in the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Courts of Appeals. Most recently, he co-authored an amicus curiae brief in the Supreme Court Second Amendment case, *District of Columbia v. Heller*, about which he spoke.

Third year TJSJ student Peter Goatz took copious notes as Chemerinsky lectured about *DC v. Heller* and another big case, *Boumediene v. Bush*.

"The Dean (Chemerinsky) gave a great lecture," said Goatz. "His insight on the court was very insightful. It was nice to hear the same things I learned in class and how that translates to the real world."

One main point discussed by Chemerinsky is that even though John Roberts is the Chief Justice, the court should really be known as the "Kennedy" court because Justice Kennedy, as a swing vote, often determines the outcome of the cases. Chemerinsky confessed that he often writes his appeals to the court with an eye towards influencing Justice Kennedy, in particular. The influence of individual court personalities served as a theme throughout Chemerinsky's presentation.

Alumnus Henry Garon '07 found Chemerinsky's thoughts on Guantanamo Bay detainees to be quite illuminating, noting that in the *Boumediene v. Bush* case, "where the court held that Guantanamo detainees had a right to habeas corpus petition and that it was unconstitutional for the Military Commissions Act to suspend that right, Dean Chemerinsky gave some interesting background to the case law leading up to *Boumediene*, suggesting that the court's decisions regarding *habeas corpus* were heavily influenced by the Abu Ghraib torture scandal and also by CIA revelations that the Military Trials of detainees were hardly substantial."

This wasn't the first time that Chemerinsky has lectured at TJSJ and he vowed that he will come back to TJSJ again.



*Erwin Chemerinsky,
Dean of UC Irvine
School of Law*



*TJSJ student
Peter Goatz*



Henry Garon '07

New Faces, New Roles



Michelle Allison
Associate Director of Admissions

Michelle Allison is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law and earned a

bachelor's degree from Howard University. Prior to joining the Admissions Office staff at TJSL, she worked in legal aid at the Massachusetts Superior Court, assisting victims of domestic violence. She also worked for Boston law firms of Donovan Hatem, LLP, and Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky & Popeo, P.C. Most recently, Allison served on the faculty at Gorgon College and as the Assistant Director of Admissions at Northeastern University School of Law. She now works closely with Beth Kransberger, Assistant Dean for Admissions, Financial Aid and Student Counseling Services, and Tim Spearman, Director of Admissions, to recruit an immensely talented and diverse new class of students each semester.



Angela Bayne
Assistant Director of Student Services; Graduation Coordinator

Angela Bayne is a South Carolina native who has lived in

San Diego for 22 years. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Phoenix in human services/management and is currently pursuing her master's degree in counseling/marriage and family therapy. Prior to TJSL, she worked for the San Diego Unified School District Special Needs Unit.

Her responsibilities at the law school include disability services, academic counseling, assisting with student organization activities, and planning and organizing graduations.



Beverly K. Bracker
Director of Career Services

Beverly Bracker has been a part of the Career Services team since July 2001 and

was recently promoted to Assistant Dean for Career Services. She attended the University of Iowa College of Law, where she was an Associate Editor for the *Iowa Law Review*. She practiced law for eight years with several small firms in the San Diego area, primarily doing business litigation and transactions, real estate, probate, estate planning, personal injury and construction defect. During her transition to academia, she tutored local law students and recent graduates in legal writing and bar examination preparation, and she also earned a Professional Certificate in Career Counseling from UCSD.



Lisa Bruce
Construction Project Manager

Lisa Bruce is the construction project manager for the new campus. She is responsible for evaluating the

Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FF&E) and Audio-visual (AV) budgets and specifications, in coordination with the project's interior designer. She also will evaluate the existing inventory of equipment, prepare the purchase orders for the FF&E and AV equipment, and work on the installation and functionality of the equipment. Her

work experience includes 10 years as manager of an apartment complex, with 180+ units, coordinating all purchases, managing the tenant needs, and keeping the accounting records for the project.



Charles W. Dean
Electronic Resources Reference Librarian

Charles W. Dean has dual master's degrees in library science and historical geography from the University of

Wisconsin-Madison and a bachelor's degree in history from Michigan State University. Before joining the TJSL library staff, he was most recently employed by the Minneapolis-based law firm of Faegre & Benson, where he was the Electronic Resources and Collection Development Librarian. He also has previously worked for the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His responsibilities as Electronic Resources Reference Librarian include setting up, maintaining and enhancing access to the many online resources and services used by the TJSL community for research and teaching. He also teaches classes in online legal research and provides reference services for the Library's print and electronic collections.



Dovie King
Associate Director of Career Services

Dovie King is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law and has a B.A. from Brown University. Her

prior legal experience includes an Equal Justice Fellowship with the Legal Aid Society in New York and attorney positions with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Public Counsel Law Center and Neighborhood Legal Services in Los Angeles.



Ramon Lerma
Senior Career
Services Associate

Ramon Lerma has been with TJSL since October 2007 and previously worked as a Financial Aid Assistant. Lerma is

one of the front-line staff that students will see first when entering the Student Services Center on the second floor of the Courtyard Building.



Hadas Livnat
Evening/Weekend
Circulation/
Reserve Librarian

Hadas Livnat has a J.D. from New England School of Law and bachelor's degree in

English literature from the University of California, Irvine. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in library and information science through San Jose State University's online program. She is a member of the American Association of Law Libraries and the San Diego Area Law Libraries. Her responsibilities include hiring, training and supervising the circulation desk assistants, maintaining public services equipment, processing reserve materials and coordinating audiovisual training.



Nikki Love
Associate Director of
Career Services

Nikki Love, one of the two new Associate Directors of Career Services, is a 2004 graduate of TJSL. She

graduated from TJSL with *pro bono* honors and earned several *pro bono* service awards. She worked for several law firms following graduation and, most recently, for the Legal

Aid Society of San Diego. Prior to law school, she earned a bachelor's degree in Finance, Real Estate and Law. Her responsibilities include providing career counseling to students and alumni.



Kathryn Markey
Events Coordinator

Kathryn Markey has previously worked for a variety of different industries, including banking and residential real estate development.

Most recently, she was a co-owner/managing partner of Empire Café, Ltd., a successful coffee house/restaurant in Houston, Texas. Her responsibilities include planning and coordinating school-sponsored events, making arrangements and accommodations for guest speakers and as a liaison with the new campus café. If the name looks familiar, that's because her sister is Professor Maureen Markey!



Denice Menard
Communications
Coordinator

Denice Menard is the newest member of the TJSL Communications Office. She comes to TJSL with ten years

experience in the television news industry and five years of public relations and marketing experience. Her diverse background working with high-level executives, coupled with her reporting skills and communications degree, make her a good fit for the TJSL's Communications Team. As the Communications Coordinator, she produces the weekly on line campus newsletter, The Advisor, and contributes stories and photos to the TJSL website and *The Declaration*, the law school's official magazine.



Candace Michaux
Education Fellow,
SUMMIT Program

Candace Michaux is a 2007 TJSL graduate. She graduated cum laude, was president of

the Entertainment Law Society and worked as a research assistant for Professor Aaron Schwabach. She also received an LSAT scholarship to attend law school. Prior to law school, she earned a B.A. in psychology from the University of Virginia. As a Legal Academic Fellow for Thomas Jefferson's SUMMIT Program, she coordinates and implements an upperclassmen academic mentor program for incoming first-year law students. She also tutors upper-class students.



W. Edward Neusteter
Education Fellow,
Veteran's Legal
Assistance Clinic

W. Edward Neusteter is a 2007 TJSL graduate.

While attending

the law school, he was a member of the Veteran's Legal Assistance Clinic team and worked as a law clerk for the Working People's Law Center. He received his A.A. degree in liberal arts from Santa Monica College. His job responsibilities include supervising certified law students at the law school's legal aid clinic at the Veteran's Village of San Diego. The students help needy and homeless veterans resolve some of their legal problems so that they can transition back to normal lives.

New Faces, New Roles continued



Nadia Quezada **Financial Aid Assistant**

Nadia Quezada was born in Santa Ana, but has resided in San Diego for 28 years. She has a B.A. in

Sociology from San Diego State University. Most recently, she was employed as a bookkeeper for the Fish Market Restaurant. As the Financial Aid Assistant, she assists students with financial aid concerns, processes book vouchers and reviews Federal Work Study packets.



Shiva Relekar **Information Technology Representative**

Shiva Relekar earned a bachelor's degree in computer sciences in Hyderabad, India, and

is currently pursuing his master's degree in information systems management at Coleman College. He previously worked for Dell in India as a senior technical support associate. His responsibilities include troubleshooting student and faculty laptops and setting up audio-video in the classrooms.



Dee Rome **Faculty Assistant**

Dee Rome graduated from California State University, Sacramento, with a bachelor's degree in speech pathology and audiology. She has

lived in California most of her life, although she was born in Zurich, Switzerland. Prior to joining the TJSL staff, she most recently worked at Coleman College, but has also worked at Northwestern University, Tennessee State and Belmont University. Her responsibilities include answering and addressing any student questions or concerns, making student appointments with faculty members, and completing class rosters and seating charts.



Khamsouk Sengpaseuth **Network Administrator**

Khamsouk Sengpaseuth most recently was employed as a network administrator by Wat

Prakotam, a non-profit organization located in Thailand. He currently attends Palomar College and is a Microsoft Certified Software Engineer. His responsibilities include ensuring that the computer network is working, responding to network and account issues and network back-up and maintenance.



Vanessa Vandever **Director of Alumni Relations**

Vanessa Vandever joined the office of Development and Alumni Relations team

in February. She has a B.A. in political science and a minor in Native American studies from Stanford University, and previously worked for the Stanford Alumni Association. As Director of Alumni Relations, she is responsible for the creation and management of programs that meet the needs of our diverse, busy alumni. Her challenge is to match those needs with those of the school, developing a larger base of involved alumni who provide both professional and financial support. She also works to build relationships with current students before they become alumni.



Cynthia Wert **Payroll Clerk**

Cynthia Wert recently joined the Business Office staff. She previously worked for Union Bank of California and now processes TJSL

employee timesheets. She is responsible for getting paychecks ready for all TJSL faculty and staff every two weeks.

Externships Prove Invaluable for Students & Graduates

“I have reviewed several contracts over the past two weeks and met with the new Vice President of Business Development. This exercise has proved extremely beneficial because it helps hone my issue-spotting and thinking like a lawyer skills.”



Externships Director Judybeth Tropp helps students make the most of their placements.

These words describe just some of the numerous responsibilities that TJSL student Jakgeem Mays had on his plate this summer during his externship with the Digital Media division for the Fox Entertainment Group in Los Angeles. Mays is a perfect example of the many TJSL students who have taken advantage of the abundance of externship opportunities out there that provide students with a real-world law practice experience.

Mays was paid for his externship experience and some employers do offer salaried or hourly paid externships, but the majority, especially those involving public agencies, do not offer monetary compensation. Instead, most students want the academic credit that can be earned through TJSL's Externship Program—a program that enables students to work in non-paid positions at select government agencies, corporations, law firms and public interest organizations. There are externship placement opportunities in law firms of all sizes and practice areas, as well as a number of opportunities at non-profit, issue-focused organizations throughout the U.S. TJSL alumni frequently are among those offering externship positions to students.

TJSL Externships Program Director Judybeth Tropp and her assistant Angie Valdicenza couldn't be more excited about the many recent placements TJSL students have landed.

“These placements offer unbelievably valuable on-the-job training and allow students to use the knowledge they've acquired in law school so far,” says Professor Tropp.

“These placements are wonderful additions to the resume and present great networking opportunities. We're very appreciative of the employers who provide our students with the opportunity to experience what it's really like to practice law in a wide variety of fields. And, we have extremely talented students with much to offer these employers.”

Employers interested in offering an externship opportunity to TJSL students should contact Professor Tropp at jtropp@tjssl.edu or 619.297.9700 x1490.

If you would like to learn more about Jakgeem Mays' externship experience, read his journal at www.tjssl.edu/jakgeem_externship.



Julie Wilber '06

Associate, Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman Robbins LLP

“Externships were a vital component of my success at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. Although academic achievements are important, when I started to interview for attorney positions it became clear that practical experience mattered just as much, if not more, to the partners examining my potential to become a capable associate.

Analyzing fact patterns and briefing cases can train you to think in a legal manner, but cannot teach you how to approach the practice of law. Also, there is no need to limit yourself to externships in the field of law in which you intend to practice. I never clerked in the securities field, yet was able to translate the skills I obtained in government externships into the qualifications necessary to become an associate at a private firm.”



Patrick Kearns '05

Associate, Koeller, Nebeker, Carlson & Haluck LLP

"During law school I took advantage of Thomas Jefferson's excellent externship program and was given the opportunity to work for the Attorney General's office, as well as a private law firm while maintaining my class schedule. Engaging in an externship of some form is an essential part of your development as an attorney. Whether it involves clerking for a judge or perhaps a private firm, you get valuable exposure to the realities of practicing law that are otherwise unavailable in law school.

Perhaps more importantly, externships of any kind provide opportunities to not only meet and network with potential employers, but to demonstrate your work product as well. I have been involved in a number of hiring situations since becoming licensed and can say with certainty that a strong skill-set demonstrated through externship experience becomes the focal point of reviewing a resume.

I strongly recommend involving yourself in an externship in some fashion—even if part-time and even if it is not in the field you intend to practice."



Rory Pendergast

JD candidate, May 2009

"The TJSL externship program is a bridge between our law education and the law in practice. I may earn a law degree, but it's through experience and networking that I'll be able to build a strong career practicing law. The externship program works in tandem with the school to advance that goal.

Being an extern for a Magistrate Judge is not just a resume builder but an invaluable opportunity to experience the law in practice. It was, quite simply, an incredible experience. Daily I entered the judge's chambers and saw how attorneys interacted with the judge and each other. In just a few months, I was exposed to many legal issues covering various aspects of the law. Most importantly, though, the externship gave me the opportunity to write for a federal judge who, along with his research attorneys, critiqued that writing and provided guidance for improvement."



Joe Fortenbaugh '06

Externship in Law School Leads to “Fantasy” Career



If you're a fantasy football fanatic like Joe Fortenbaugh, what could be better than turning your fantasy into reality?

He's now making a living at fantasy football as the co-owner and operations vice-president of the *National Football Post*—an online source of inside information about the NFL from true insiders. Fortenbaugh is the website's self-described resident fantasy football expert. He's been playing fantasy football practically since the leagues began forming years ago.

"I couldn't ask for anything better than covering the NFL," says Fortenbaugh from

his home in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

"We provide inside, in-depth analysis that you won't get anywhere else."

Among the NFL experts who are Fortenbaugh's partners are: Andrew Brandt, who has represented and managed top athletes, including Michael Jordan, Patrick Ewing, Boomer Esiason, Ricky Williams, Matt Hasselbeck and Adam Vinatieri; Michael Lombardi, who spent 23 years as a high-level executive in the NFL; Jack Bechta, a La Jolla-based agent to NFL players; and Matt Bowen, who played seven years in the NFL.

That's quite a line-up.

His close relationship with Jack Bechta grew out of an externship that Fortenbaugh did at Bechta's JB Sports, Inc., while he was a student at TJSL. Fortenbaugh actually got experience as an NFL agent while working with Bechta and the partnership continued after his graduation from TJSL with the formation of the *National Football Post*.

"I loved my time at TJSL," Fortenbaugh says. "The people and the professors," is Fortenbaugh's answer to what he loved the most about the law school. "And driving to school in my shorts everyday."

Among his favorite professors were Randy Grossman '94, who taught him sports law, and Judybeth Tropp, Director of Externships.

Of course, it was the externship with Jack Bechta that opened up this new world to Fortenbaugh.

It's also the type of enterprise which could exist only in this age of electronic wizardry and virtual offices. Bechta is based in La Jolla. Bowen lives in Chicago, Brandt in Philadelphia and Lombardi in New Jersey. They communicate with each other and run the business entirely by cell phones and laptops.

"It's unbelievable," Fortenbaugh says.

As for the website, which Fortenbaugh manages, it's rapidly picking up yards. There were 10,000 hits a day during its first week of operation in August.

So far the whole experience has been like, well, a fantasy for Fortenbaugh and he hopes it lasts a lifetime.



Varinia Guzman:

A Summer Associate Success Story at Gordon & Rees LLP

Agnna “Varinia” Guzman was elated when she discovered she had been selected as a Summer Associate for the Orange County office (Newport Beach) of Gordon & Rees LLP, a prominent law firm with more than 350 attorneys in 16 offices nationwide. Now in her final year at TJSL, Guzman currently works part-time as an Immigration Specialist for the law firm’s Business Transactions Group. Once she graduates and passes the California State Bar Exam, Guzman plans to become an Associate at Gordon & Rees—an opportunity that many law students throughout the country would love to have.

Guzman first learned about the law firm by engaging in discussions about the practice of law and its demands and responsibilities with a major partner of Gordon & Rees’ San Francisco office. The two commuted to work and back every day by bus. Guzman says that the partner’s “professionalism, kindness and openness” left a lasting impression on her and that she always believed Gordon & Rees would be an “exceptional” firm to work for one day.

When the TJSL Career Services Office sent an email to students regarding an upcoming Gordon & Rees Diversity Reception, Guzman jumped at the chance to attend and network with the law firm’s attorneys. She did preliminary research on Gordon & Rees to determine if the firm had a business immigration specialization. Once Guzman discovered Gordon & Rees had exactly what she was looking for, she was overjoyed with anticipation about the opportunity to seek out a Summer Associate position with the firm.

During the Diversity Reception, Guzman spoke with several attorneys from Gordon & Rees’ San Diego office. One attorney, in particular, was impressed with her background in business immigration law and informed her about the Orange County firm’s specialty in business immigration. Following the reception, Guzman contacted the attorney, who forwarded her information to a partner from the Orange County office. This partner immediately contacted Guzman and, after speaking with her, put her name on the interview list for the Summer Associate program. There was only one spot available from a pool of eight candidates and Guzman was the only applicant from San Diego.

After several interviews and months of waiting, Gordon & Rees offered her a Summer Associate position. Following spring finals and competing in a Moot Court event, she headed to Orange County to begin training for her life-long dream—practicing immigration law.

Guzman has wanted to practice immigration law since she was a sophomore in high school, after her mother had secured legal status for her family. The family had escaped the horror of the Salvadoran Civil War with the assistance of immigration attorneys working for Catholic Charities. After living in El Salvador and Germany, attending Cornell University and working in the business immigration law field for 12 years, Guzman decided it was “time to go to law school and fulfill a promise I had made to myself as a teenager.”

Following graduation next May, Guzman plans to practice business immigration law for Gordon & Rees. She says the Orange

County office is very supportive of her career plans and that she will start working in the international business transactions field in order to continue expanding her legal knowledge and skills.

Guzman is extremely thankful for the incredible opportunity to work at Gordon & Rees as a Summer Associate. She stresses just how important it is for law students to educate themselves about Summer Associate programs so that they, too, can carve a path of opportunity that will lead to practicing the particular type of law about which they are passionate in a supportive and successful law firm.

Varinia’s Tips

1. Identify the fields of law about which you are passionate or have a keen interest and then conduct a career search with those fields in mind.
2. Target your career search to the law firms, agencies (government and non-profit included) or companies that have a viable practice in those areas of law.
3. Start your career search very early in your law school career since Summer Associate positions are extremely competitive! Take advantage of the on-campus recruiting provided by the TJSL Career Services Office and the job fairs offered by the specialty bar associations.
4. Be professional in all of your interactions with the staff, administrators, attorneys and partners of the law firms, agencies and companies with which you interview for any legal position—your reputation will precede you.
5. Network, network, network. By doing so, you increase the opportunities that may become available for both immediate and future employment.
6. Never give up and always believe in yourself!

RECENT EXTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS

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| 2nd Chair Services (Jury Consulting) | Disability Rights Legal Center | Honorable Socrates Manoukian, Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara |
| ACCESS, Inc. | Don Buchwald & Associates | Honorable W. Scott Bales, Arizona Supreme Court – Phoenix, AZ |
| Aguirre Law Group (Immigration) | Douglas E. Barnhart, Inc. | Housing Rights Center – Los Angeles, CA |
| Allen Barron (Corporate & Contract Law, Living Trusts, Mediation & Arbitration) | Edmunds D. Edelman – Children’s Court | Iler & Iler |
| Alternate Public Defender | Elder Law & Advocacy | Independent Film & Television Alliance |
| Alternate Public Defender (Juvenile Division) | Elmore Patent Law Group | International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) |
| Alternate Public Defender (Criminal Division) | Employee Rights Center | Invitrogen (Biotech) |
| Alverson, Taylor, Mortensen & Sanders – Las Vegas, NV (Business & Litigation) | Employee Rights Law Group – Fairfax, VA | IP Legal Advisors, PC |
| American Civil Liberties Union | Encore Sports & Entertainment | IT&E International |
| Appellate Defenders | Enforcement Section – San Francisco, CA | John R. Mayer, APLC (Litigation) |
| Avatar Legal (Real Estate, Business, Trademark) | Equal Employment Opportunities Commission | Kerry Steigerwalt’s Pacific Law Center (Criminal Defense) |
| Bankers Hill Law Firm (Litigation and Worker’s Comp) | ESPN’s “Jim Rome is Burning” show and ESPY Awards – Hollywood, CA | Klinedinst PC (Civil Litigation, Transactional Law) |
| Bay Area Legal Aid Society | Executive Office for Immigration Review | Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear |
| Bayuk & Associates, Inc. (Personal Injury, Product Liability, Litigation) | Family Law Facilitator | Lassen County District Attorney’s Office – Susanville, CA |
| Berman and Riedel, LLP (Personal Injury) | Fay & Lawler (Estate Planning, Trusts, Probate, Elder law, Taxation) | La Bella & McNamara, LLP (Business Litigation, Internal Investigations, Regulatory and Enforcement Proceedings, Securities Litigation, and White-collar Criminal Defense) |
| Beverly Hills Sports Council | Federal Defender | Law Office of A. Erwin Bautista (Immigration) |
| Blazier, Christensen, Bigelow and Virr – Austin, TX | Fitzmaurice, Demergian & Palaganas (Civil Litigation, Corporate & Business Related) | Law Office of A. Stephen Rocha |
| Bremer, Whyte, Brown & O’Meara (Transaction and Litigation) | Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy (International Immigration Law Firm) | Law Office of Ahren Tiller |
| Bronx County District Attorney – New York | Getz & Associates (Business) | Law Office of Anthony Romano |
| Brownwood, Chazen & Cannon | Grimes & Warwick (Criminal Defense) | Law Office of Benjamin Sanchez (Criminal Defense) |
| Burdman & Ward (Construction Defect) | Haglund Law Group | Law Office of Brian Burkett (Family Law) |
| California Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Writs, Trials and Appeals | Hasenstab & Associates | Law Office of Bruce Wilson |
| California Attorney General’s Office, Correctional Law Division | Heugly & Heugly – Utah | Law Office of Chad Engbrecht (Corporate/Transactional) |
| California Court of Appeal | Hoeflinger & Jordan – Denver, CO | Law Office of Charles T. Duke |
| California Innocence Project | Honorable Alex C. McDonald, State of California, Court of Appeal, Fourth District, Division One | Law Office of Clay R. Sides (Equine) |
| Casa Cornelia Law Center (Immigration) | Honorable Anthony J. Battaglia, United States Magistrate, United States District Court | Law Office of David P. Strauss (Employment & Labor Law) |
| Catalyst Law Group (Intellectual Property, Corporate & Securities, Litigation, Real Estate) | Honorable Barbara Mundell, State of Arizona Superior Court | Law Office of Harry Zanzville |
| Catholic Charities | Honorable Dana M. Sabraw, United States District Court | Law Office of James Bentson (Contract & Business Litigation, Divorce and Probate) |
| CE Smith | Honorable Donn Kessler, State of Arizona, Court of Appeals, Division One | Law Office of Jane Conners (Estate Planning) |
| Center for Community Solutions | Honorable Jennifer Togliatti, Eighth Judicial District Court – Las Vegas, NV | Law Office of Kane Handel (Personal Injury) |
| Centro Nicaragense de Derechos Humanos – Nicaragua | Honorable Jerald Begley, State of Florida, Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit | Law Office of Laurie Clark Viviano (Family Law) |
| Children’s Law Center – Los Angeles, CA | Honorable Kathleen Thompson, United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California | Law Office of Linda Cuny-Smith (Litigation/Estate Planning) |
| Clark County Superior Court – Las Vegas, NV | Honorable Leo S. Papas, United States Magistrate, United States District Court | Law Office of Linda Pollack (Immigration and Criminal) |
| Colorado Secretary of State’s Office Elections/HAVA Division | Honorable Michael Salvador, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (Administrative Law) | Law Office of Lisa Kay Baughman |
| Commercial Real Estate Association of San Diego | Honorable Patrick McGrath, Rensselaer County Court – Troy, NY | Law Office of Matthew H. Powell, APC (Litigation and Transactional Work) |
| Compliant Company | Honorable Roger T. Benitez, United States District Court | Law Office of Mark-Robert Bluemel (Criminal Defense) |
| Cordoba Agency of Natural Resources | Honorable Ronald Domnitz, San Diego Superior Court | Law Office of Neil Emory (Immigration) |
| Daley & Heft (Tort Litigation, Public Entity, Environmental, Employment, Construction/Real Estate, Appellate) | | Law Office of Patrick J. Hennessey, Jr. |
| Department of Business and Industry Consumer Affairs Division – Las Vegas, NV | | Law Office of Raymond Contreras (Real Estate/Property) |
| | | Law Office of Robert A. Waller, Jr. (Civil Litigation) |
| | | Law Office of Rodney T. Herring (Estate Planning, Probate, Trusts, Mediation, Litigation) |

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| Law Office of Ruben Arizmendi (Immigration/Litigation) | Phillips and Pelly (Personal Injury) | Stutz Artiano Shinoff & Holtz (Construction/Real Estate, Corporate, Education, Employment, Insurance, General Tort Litigation, Product Liability and Public Entity) |
| Law Office of William Burgener | Planned Parenthood of San Diego and Riverside Counties | Superior Court of Arizona, Maricopa County – Phoenix, AZ |
| Law Office of William Mathews (Litigation/Personal Injury) | Presiding Judge, Yuma County Superior Court – Yuma, CA | The Amerland Group |
| Law Offices of Beatrice L. Snider (Family Law) | Protection & Advocacy, Inc. – Los Angeles, CA | The Defender Association – Seattle, WA |
| Law Offices of Blake Horowitz – Chicago, IL (Police Misconduct) | Protection & Advocacy, Inc. – San Diego, CA | The Fair Housing Council of San Diego |
| Law Offices of Craig A. Sherman | Racial Disparities Project at the Defender's Association – Seattle, WA | The Kennedy Law Group |
| Law Offices of Dennis F. Fabozzi (Civil Litigation) | Reach Out To Haiti | The Law Offices of Geragos & Geragos, A Professional Corporation |
| Law Offices of Dennis J. Hayes (Labor & Employment Law) | Roanoke Public Defender – Roanoke, VA | The Law Offices of Meyer & Villalobos |
| Law Offices of Dugan & Rader (Family Law) | Robert Swain, Attorney at Law | The San Diego DUI Office of G. Cole Casey |
| Law Offices of Gary A. Quackenbush (Tax, Personal Injury, Wills & Trusts, Estate Planning) | Rowe, Allen & Mullen, LLP (Arbitration, Real Property Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation) | The Scripps Research Institute, Patent Counsel |
| Law Offices of John F. Anderson (Family Law) | Sacramento County District Attorney | Thomas & Ataie LLP |
| Law Offices of Jose C. Rojo (Criminal Law) | San Diego City Attorney's Office (Civil Division) | Thorsnes Bartolotta McGuire (Personal Injury) |
| Law Offices of Lavorato, House, Chilton and Lavorato – Salinas, CA | San Diego City Attorney's Office (Criminal Division) | Tiffany & Bosco – Phoenix, AZ |
| Law Offices of Michael L. Trestick | San Diego City Attorney's Office (Neighborhood Prosecution Unit) | U.S. Attorney's Office – Milwaukee, WI |
| Law Offices of Mele & Ros | San Diego Coastkeeper (Environmental) | U.S. Department of Justice – Washington, D.C. |
| Law Offices of Michael A. Feldman | San Diego County Public Defender, Main Office | U.S. Department of Justice, Environmental and Natural Resources Division |
| Law Offices of Richard G. Freed | San Diego County Public Defender, North County Office | U.S. Department of State – Middle East |
| Legal Aid Society of San Diego | San Diego County Public Defender, Delinquency Section | U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs in the Office of Iraqi Politics |
| Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia | San Diego County Public Defender, Juvenile Dependency Section | U.S. Department of State, Office of Civil Rights – Washington, DC |
| Levinson Law Group (Personal Injury) | San Diego District Attorney | U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission – Denver, CO |
| Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith | San Diego District Attorney (Dead Case Division) | United Auburn Indian Community – Sacramento, CA |
| Liberty Lawyers (Criminal Defense) | San Diego District Attorney (Gang Prosecution) | United States Air Force JAG – Luke Air Force Base |
| Los Angeles City Attorney's Office | San Diego District Attorney (Criminal Division) | United States Army JAG – Kaiserslautern, Germany |
| Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office | San Diego District Attorney (Juvenile) | United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission |
| Louie Stettler & Liebherr (Workers Compensation, Labor, Employment, Civil Rights and Employee Benefits) | San Diego Superior Court | United States Marine Corps, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate |
| Lugar & Pohl (Family Law) | San Diego Superior Court, Small Claims Mediation | United States Navy JAG |
| Lynn & Fortune, LLP (Litigation, Business and Real Estate Transactions) | San Diego Unified School District, General Counsel | Universal Pictures |
| Maricopa County Superior Court | San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program | Veterans Village of San Diego |
| Mandalay Baseball Properties | San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, Domestic Violence Clinic | Voices for Children |
| McCarthy & Holthus, LLP | San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, Education Law Project | Ward & Thorn |
| Metropolitan Transit Systems | San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, Immigration Program | Whatcom County Public Defender's Office – Bellingham, WA |
| Mirowski & Associates | SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments) | World Intellectual Property Organization – New York |
| Moore, Lewis, Schulman & Moore | Santa Cruz County Public Defender's Office | Yavapai County Public Defender – Arizona |
| Multiple Conflicts Office, County of San Diego | Sharp Healthcare, Office of Legal Counsel | YWCA Domestic Violence Legal Clinic |
| Naumann, Levine & Sildorf, LLP (Construction Defect, Franchise Law) | Shustak Frost & Partners (Securities, Corporate Finance & Business Law) | |
| Neil, Dymott, Frank, Harrison & McFall | Silva, Clasen & Raffalow (Litigation) | |
| New Line Cinema (Entertainment) | Simonek Law (Family Law, Civil Litigation, and Business Transactions) | |
| NuVasive | Sony Online Entertainment | |
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| Orange County Public Defender's Office | | |
| Parker McMakin Law Group – Richmond, VA | | |
| Philip M. Cohen, APC (Personal Injury) | | |

STUDENT LIFE

New TJSL Students Welcomed

"Think of yourselves as lawyers from this moment." With those words, Associate Dean Eric Mitnick welcomed Thomas Jefferson School of Law's newest class to Fall Orientation. The first two orientation days were held in August at the Hyatt Mission Bay—a postcard location, just in case anyone had any doubts that they were going to "law school in paradise."

For the first time, the entering class is made up of not only first-year law students,

but also of law school graduates who are enrolled in one of TJSL's three LL.M. (Master of Laws) programs.

Professor Luz Herrera talked to the new students about the great diversity of this incoming class, which represents more than 30 states and 23 different countries.

Then, Professor Thom Golden taught the group how to brief a case—one of the most critical and essential skills lawyers must have.

Simply put, Professor Golden said that briefing a case essentially is "dissecting the written opinion of a judge to express (in your own words), the reasoning of the opinion." If the new students weren't thinking like lawyers up to that point, Professor Golden got the process rolling.

Even though Associate Dean Eric Mitnick encouraged the group to start thinking of themselves as lawyers, he later added: "Don't practice law yet—it's against the law."



CLASS PROFILE FALL 2008

Gender

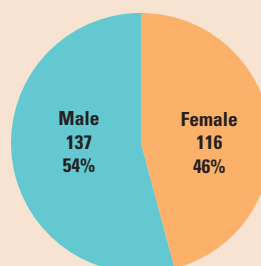
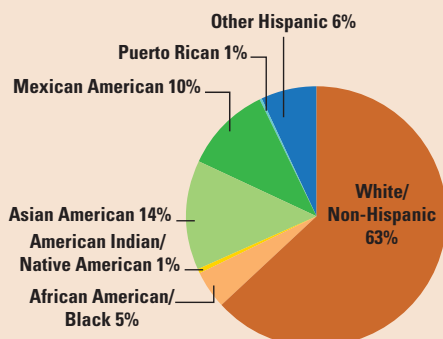
Men = 137
Women = 116

Average Age

Full Time = 24
Part Time = 27

Top Ten Universities

1. San Diego State University
2. University of Arizona
3. University of California, San Diego
4. University of California, Los Angeles
5. University of California, Riverside
6. University of California, Irvine
7. University of San Diego
8. Arizona State University
9. University of Nevada, Las Vegas
10. University of California, Santa Barbara



Class Percentiles

| Class Percentiles | LSAT | GPA |
|-------------------|------|------|
| Median | 150 | 3.07 |
| 25th | 148 | 2.82 |
| 75th | 153 | 3.41 |

Other Information

- 7 have a military background.
- 20% are first generation college students.
- They range in age from 20 to 49.
- They hail from 22 states, Puerto Rico and Guam.
- They were born in 21 countries outside the U.S., including Viet Nam, the Ukraine, Taiwan, Spain, North and South Korea, the Republic of Singapore, New Zealand, Bulgaria, Mexico, the Ivory Coast, Iran, Italy, Argentina, India, El Salvador, Egypt, China and Canada.
- Their work experience includes engineers to accountants.
- 40% come from the UC/CSU system.
- White = 160
- African American = 12
- American Indian = 1
- Asian = 35
- Mexican American = 27
- Puerto Rican = 1
- Other Hispanic = 17

Student Has Rare Experience Covering Presidential Convention

Third-year student Michael Jonas is a busy, busy guy and he is loving every minute of it! Not only is Jonas a full-time law student, but he also is the president of the Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) and a member of the ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) Competition Team. He's involved with the Environmental Law Society and the Entertainment Law Society and is mediating in small claims court.

In his spare time (yes—he apparently has some), he took on one more project as a reporter for Campaign.com, which handed him two assignments that even veteran journalists would envy—covering both Presidential Conventions.

Jonas was extremely excited about covering the Presidential Conventions: “For me this is a once in a lifetime opportunity. It is rare to have a job that you care about and enjoy. Getting paid to go to an event I would be watching on TV in my living room is not too shabby.”

On August 23, Jonas arrived in the mile high city of Denver, Colorado, and joined Convention delegates, political insiders and 15,000 media members from around the globe. While he was there, he sent regular updates for posting on the TJSL website.

Jonas said it would have been nice to meet and interview Senator Barack Obama, but he understood that simply was not going to happen. “Literally no one gets an interview, unless you are Brian Williams or Katie Couric.”

Not a shy person, Jonas did make lots of new contacts while he was covering the convention. Now he is looking at the bigger picture and what this opportunity could provide for him.

“This begs the question of where my career is headed,” he said. “It is going in several successful directions right now. I am just going to work hard, with focus, and ride this exciting train.”



Michael Jonas (left) and new friends in Denver.

On September 1, Jonas was scheduled to travel from Denver to attend the Republican National Convention in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, where millions of people around the world were to watch as the Republican Party convened its 39th nominating convention. But Hurricane Gustav hovered over the convention, forcing Jonas to fly back to San Diego, unfortunately.

“From politicians to celebrities, to people on the street, I really wanted to meet and talk with everyone about the substantive issues that affect their lives,” admits Jonas. “I am a curious soul, always interested in learning anything possible.”

And so, from his living room, Jonas watched the Republican National Convention on television. But like any good journalist, that didn't stop him from reporting on the 2,000+ delegates and similarly numbered alternate delegates at the convention, who were elected to represent their states and territories as they played a critical role in our nation's democratic process.

“In some countries, people do not have the opportunity to vote,” notes Jonas. “I agree that, at times, the American political process can lag and make us feel cynical, hopeless or even ashamed. However, in other countries, people walk miles to vote, if they even have the right to vote. In order to maintain the personal liberties we are afforded in our democratic society, it is a

necessary civic duty to give back.”

The website for which Jonas reports, Campaign.com, is a non-partisan site designed to educate people about each candidate's individual issues and to provide people with enough information to get out and vote.

“I encourage each and every person to take a moment to be educated on the issues they care about and, furthermore, to make an educated voting decision,” said Jonas.

“We are in a critical time in America. We are in need of new economic policies, changes to our current health care system, the start of an environmental and energy revolution, and a new take on international relations regarding both war and peace and trade.” Jonas believes that, because so many diverse candidates are in the mix this election, a very eclectic public seems to be much more interested, opinionated and involved.

“In any election the voting public should ask who the right person is to manage important issues, not necessarily which party they are from, who they know or whose family they like the best,” Jonas stresses. “This is not to say that these are not considerations, but education on where candidates stand on substantive issues must be at the forefront.”

Jonas encourages all voters to become informed and to always get out and vote!



Jonas urges everyone to vote!

TJSL Students Selected as 2008 Summer Corps Members



Their commitment to and work in the field of public interest law resulted in two TJSL students being selected this past summer to serve as Equal Justice Works Summer Corps

members. Dana Chapnick and Lily Ana Colonia are two of 350 applicants selected to participate in the AmeriCorps-funded program, whose members represent 125 law schools throughout 38 states and the District of Columbia.

Through the Equal Justice Works Summer Corps program, each participating law student will receive a \$1,000 education award voucher this fall for completing 300 hours of summer service at a qualifying legal project for a nonprofit public interest organization.

Both Chapnick and Colonia worked at the Casa Cornelia Law Center in San Diego this summer, where they concentrated on



Dana Chapnick



Lily Ana Colonia

immigration and asylum issues. As Summer Corps members, they gained first-hand experience and legal skills in areas such as client intake, individual representation and legal research and writing. Chapnick and Colonia also became official members of

AmeriCorps, one of the largest national service networks in U.S. history, according to Equal Justice Work's website.

The goal of the program is for Summer Corps members to provide indigenous communities with legal assistance in areas including civil rights, community economic development, death penalty, disability rights, housing, domestic violence, education public benefits and workers' rights.

For more information about the Summer Corps program, visit www.equaljusticeworks.org/programs.

Back-to-School Beach Bash

The Student Bar Association's annual "Back-to-School BBQ" on August 23 introduced TJSL's newest students to one of San Diego's most beautiful destinations—the sandy shores of Mission Bay. This year's exciting beach bash took place at the San Diego Rowing Club in Mission Beach, where students, faculty and staff gathered for sunshine, swimming, eating and lots of singing. The karaoke DJ encouraged the students to serenade each other all night long. According to Student Bar Association President Pablo Zamora, the event was an overall success!





Angela Rose travels the country sharing her story about being kidnapped in broad daylight at the age of 17 from a shopping mall parking lot. Rose describes how she was thrown into a car, had Band-Aids and sunglasses placed over her eyes, and was driven to a house and forced to put a party

Victim of Sexual Violence Brings PAVE Message to TJSL

dress on before being sexually molested. It is because of this horrific experience that Rose is now the Founder and Executive Director of PAVE (Promoting Awareness, Victim Empowerment), a national nonprofit based in Chicago that uses education and action to bring awareness to sexual and domestic violence.

On Tuesday, September 16, three TJSL student organizations brought Rose to campus to share her story and explain why she is so passionate about making a change.

“Our recent success was working on a national effort culminating with a filing in the Supreme Court in regards to victims being silenced in court,” says Rose, who felt re-victimized by the authorities when she was accused of lying about the night she was kidnapped. Rose said it is important to

educate and motivate law students “because they are such a crucial piece of the population for protecting victims’ rights.”

Rose believes it helps in her quest for justice to offer an in-depth look at the criminal justice system’s re-victimization of sexual assault survivors and has done this on television shows such as CNN and the Today Show. Rose is dedicated to traveling the country to convey one message: “We will not tolerate the silencing of rape victims.”

Her appearance at TJSL was sponsored by the Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) and co-sponsored by the Women’s Law Association and the Criminal Law Society. For more information about Rose and her cause, visit <http://www.angelarose.info/> and www.PavingTheWay.net



Vincent J. Bartolotta, Jr. knows a thing or two about closing arguments. As a plaintiff’s attorney for the firm of Thornes, Bartolotta & McGuire in San Diego, he has won millions in settlements for his clients and has consistently been rated as one of the top attorneys in the U.S.

In September, Bartolotta shared some of his expertise and experience with more than 40 TJSL students in a presentation sponsored by the campus chapter of the legal fraternity Phi Alpha Delta, titled “Closing

Top Plaintiff’s Attorney Shares Secrets of Closing Arguments

Arguments, Techniques and Tips.”

“A closing argument is the closest you’re going to get to free speech in a trial,” Bartolotta told his audience. “There are no limitations—you are only limited by your imagination.”

Bartolotta reminded the students that the closing argument is the last thing the jury is going to hear before it begins deliberating. He says one of the elements of a good closing is to “continue the story you told them in your opening (statement). You’re telling them what you told them you were going to tell them.”

He said it’s an opportunity to fit all of the evidence together using argument, analogy and other techniques to hit “every sense possible in the jury. Sight, sound, smell, taste—all of them. Use the power of demonstrative evidence.” He gave the group several examples of the kinds of things he likes to

use in the courtroom—very powerful visual displays, which reinforce with the theme of his case.

The theme of your closing argument will often emerge during the first interview with the client if you listen carefully to the client’s story, according to Bartolotta. For instance, one of his clients was forced out of the trading card company Upper Deck just as it became financially successful. Bartolotta’s simple mantra to the jury during the closing argument was “A deal’s a deal.” He won the case for his client, to the tune of millions.

At times humorous, and always passionate, Bartolotta’s presentation to the students seemed to be much like one of his closing arguments. “As a trial lawyer, this is what it’s all about,” he said.

When it comes to the importance of the closing argument, Bartolotta most certainly made his case.

Alumni Golf Tournament to Fund More Scholarships for Veterans Clinic

The 13th Annual Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament couldn't have asked for a more perfect day on September 26 at the Coronado Municipal Golf Course. Alumni, students, faculty and friends turned out for a sunny afternoon of golf and camaraderie.

For the third year, Union Bank helped fund the tournament as Master Sponsor while LandAmerica was the Gold Sponsor this year. Silver sponsors included Kennedy & Souza, APC; The Allen Group; Mitchell & Shea; the Law Offices of Craig Sherman and the Law Offices of Robert Waller. Their support is greatly appreciated.

TJSL and the Alumni Association also thanks its many "Hole" sponsors. They are: LandAmerica 1031; LandAmerica Assessment; WalshChacon; Marriott Vacation Clubs; Stratton & Green, ALC; David and Annie Malcolm; The Pierce Company; La Jolla Pacific Development; Winston & Larson, Shelburne Sherr Court

The team of Jim Gleave '81, David Beavans '08, and students John Griffith and Orrin Fullerton (not pictured) captured first place.



Representatives from Union Bank, the tournament's Master Sponsor.

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This is the second year the tournament benefits TJSL's Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic (VLAC), which operates in collaboration with the Veterans Village of San Diego. Funds raised at the annual tournament are awarded as scholarships to the student volunteers who assist clients at the Village

The scenic Coronado Municipal Golf Course is bordered by San Diego Bay.



with legal issues such as child custody and government benefits.

VLAC faculty advisor Professor Steve Berenson and his committee are able to award scholarships to the most outstanding VLAC student volunteers. The first scholarship was awarded to Stephanie Allegrucci '08. The most recent scholarship was awarded to Kristin Haddock '08.

"Kristin did a tremendous job on behalf of her clients in the Veteran's Clinic," said Professor Berenson. "Now that she has graduated and taken the bar exam, Kristin will continue her work on behalf of veterans as an attorney for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs."

This year's Golf Committee members included: Chairman John Agle '94; Robert Waller '93; Craig Sherman '93; Randy Grossman '94; Ajay Kwatra '96; Sabrina Green '02; and Professor and Library Director Karla Castetter.

The all-women team of Shirin Naghavi '07, Nichole Denton '08, Alison Jones '08 and student Elizabeth Call earned second place honors.





Kim Sierra '06

Why Do I Stay Connected by Kim Sierra '06

After deciding that I wanted to attend law school, I carefully researched numerous law schools. One school shined above all others—Thomas Jefferson School of Law (TJSL). When I visited the campus, I sensed something exceptional about the law professors, administrators, staff and students that I had not experienced at other campuses. Upon learning how much the entire community took a genuine interest in their students' education, I decided my legal journey would begin at TJSL.

In addition to a legal education, I experienced camaraderie with all those associated with the school. For example, at the end of my first year, Career Services set me up with an interview for a summer associate position in Arizona with alumnus, Frank Mead '00. Although I did not get the position, I received something far more valuable. I met a great mentor who enthusiastically helped me transition from law school to practicing law in Arizona.

Career Services and Mr. Mead showed me the importance of staying connected. I currently work with TJSL to assist law students and alumni who want to practice law in Arizona by providing advice about the local legal market and introducing them to other attorneys.

The reason I chose to become an active alumna is simple. The law professors, administrators and staff at Thomas Jefferson truly care about the legal education and skills they are teaching the students in preparation for practicing law in the real world. There is nobody out there who better understands the education the law students receive than those that have personally experienced it. That's why I've stayed connected with Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

STAY CONNECTED!



Join the TJSL Online Community Today

- Free, easy and secure
- Access to Alumni Directory
- Create your Personal Web Page
- Submit and view Class Notes
- Check Event Calendar
- Discover rewarding volunteer opportunities

DON'T MISS OUT ON EMAILS THAT INCLUDE:

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- Networking receptions
- Academic and social occasions

Email alumni@tjsl.edu for your temporary password and instructions.

Keep us current by sending your preferred email, name, and grad year to alumni@tjsl.edu or by quickly updating at <http://www.tjsl.edu/keepuscurrent>.



Services for Alumni

MCLE (Minimum Continuing Legal Education): Thomas Jefferson School of Law is a certified MCLE provider in the state of California. MCLE events are often preceded by a reception which provides an opportunity to network with alumni, faculty and staff.

Online Community: A password protected opportunity for alumni to stay connected with over 5,600 alumni.

Career Services: Graduates are provided assistance regarding career assessment and identification and cultivation of employment opportunities.

Library privileges: Alumni have access to print and online services.

Transcripts: The Registrar will provide transcripts at no cost.

Networking: Receptions, seminars, social events and continuing education classes provide opportunities for graduates to make new contacts, cultivate relationships and have fun.

Diplomas: Western State University San Diego graduates receive a complimentary TJSL diploma upon request.

We value our relationship with our graduates and strive to provide a variety of high quality services. If you cannot find what you need among the services listed, please contact alumni@tjsl.edu and we will do our best to assist you.



Orange County Alumni Reception



Los Angeles Alumni Reception

**Are you receiving the monthly Alumni E Newsletter?
If not, send your email address to alumni@tjsl.edu
and we'll make sure you stay up-to-date on TJSL news!**

The Alumni Relations Office hosted two more receptions for alumni recently. If you would like to help organize an alumni reception in your city, please contact the Alumni Office at alumni@tjsl.edu.



The TJSL team raised more than \$1,900 for the 19th Annual AIDS Walk San Diego on Sunday, September 28. Organized by the Student Bar Association and the Outlaw student organization, the team of 25 participants either walked the 5K or ran the 10K.

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