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FROM THE DEAN'S OFFICE

Dear TJSL Community,

As I start my fourth year as Dean and President of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law, I look back on the School's record of significant accomplishments and see even more in the years ahead.

I am pleased to report that the School has satisfied the ABA accreditation committee that we are in full compliance with all ABA standards, particularly those regarding enrollment of students of color and bar passage rates. As a result, the School does not have to file any further reports until its next regular ABA site visit in 2011.

During the last few years, the School's enrollment of students of color has grown considerably—from 17 percent in 2005 to more than 40 percent in the Fall 2007 entering class. Similar improvements have occurred in the hiring of faculty and staff.

Through the active involvement of Drs. Dennis Saccuzzo and Nancy Johnson and their Bar Secrets program, first-time bar performance by our graduates on the California Bar exam has steadily improved and reached 61.3 percent on the February 2008 exam.

We also are proud of the progress of the School's new comprehensive academic support program, directed by Dr. Nancy Johnson. Called "SUMMIT," the program is based on cognitive science and is designed to enable all of our students to succeed and excel in the academic program.

The School had more good news to celebrate this January when the School was admitted to membership in the Association of American Law Schools, whose purpose is the improvement of the legal profession through legal education. This is an important milestone as membership reflects an external judgment about the School's credibility and progress made by all segments of the law school community—faculty, students, graduates and administrators. A key factor is the publication record of faculty

members, which has been extraordinary and is a tribute to the scholarly tradition instilled and embraced by the leadership of the School, especially by former Dean Kenneth Vandeveld.

The School has developed a number of new programs with an international focus. The School has received ABA acquiescence for an on-line LL.M. and J.S.D. program in International Tax & Financial Services, an LL.M. in American Law for foreign lawyers and an LL.M. in International Trade & Investment. The School has also received enthusiastic ABA approval in the establishment of summer programs in Hangzhou, People's Republic of China, and in Nice, France. The School's academic offerings in the International and Comparative Law area have increased substantially and include courses in Spanish for Lawyers and Mandarin for Lawyers.

Our most exciting news is the upcoming move to a new downtown campus in the 2010–2011 academic year. In preparation, the School has refinanced the initial debt incurred when it was acquired from its for-profit owners, amended its Conditional Use Permit to allow the use of the 2120 (Courtyard Building) and 2147 (Administrative Building) San Diego Avenue properties, and sold the entire Old Town campus under an arrangement that allows us to occupy the current facilities until the new campus is ready.

Once we occupy the new campus, the School will have an extraordinary opportunity to provide a legal education that is unmatched in the San Diego area. With the focus on individual student achievement, the new facility will provide opportunities for student, faculty and graduate interaction that could not be achieved in the Old Town facilities. The School's future is looking brighter than ever!

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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.

New Downtown Campus on the Horizon



A Contemporary and Collaborative Learning Environment

As TJSL begins to observe its 40th year as an institution in 2009, the initial phase of construction should be getting underway for a brand new, eight-story campus in the East Village area of downtown San Diego. It's a dream come true for a law school that has outgrown its current facilities as a result of the amazing expansion of its curriculum, faculty and student body in the last decade.

The new campus should be ready for occupancy sometime in the 2010-2011 academic year. The property the school purchased last fall is located at 1155 Island Avenue, right on the San Diego Trolley line and just a short walk to the Gaslamp Quarter, the Padres' Petco Park and the planned site of the new downtown library.

"This project is in response to a very real need for a physical plant that allows us to achieve our academic program goals of greater interaction and a more individualized legal education," said Dean Rudy Hasl.

"We want to reposition the law school in a strategic location. Downtown is an ideal legal education setting where there is tremendous advantage for our students because of the proximity to the courthouses and local government offices, other public agencies and a good number of law firms. The potential for increased interaction with the legal community is enormous. The acquisition of this property is a key step in the plans to relocate our school downtown. It's an essential step to making those dreams a reality. It is also a transformative event in the history of the school."

With a myriad of significant new programs, a student body of nearly 800

and a full-time faculty and staff of more than 100, it's no surprise that TJSL has outgrown its current facilities in the 2100 block of San Diego Avenue in Old Town, where it has been located since 1983. The school currently occupies 75,000 square feet spread between three separate structures, all three originally built as office buildings rather than for an educational setting. In recent years, the law school has undergone numerous renovations to accommodate the growth of the academic program,

but as Dean Hasl has noted, the struggle to adapt the tight quarters for educational purposes has run out of steam and options.

The planned new campus in East Village will be spacious in comparison, with a gross square footage of 177,000 and a net square footage of about 142,000. Following approval of the architectural plans by the Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC), the Planning Commission unanimously approved the Site Development Permit.

The plans show designs for a contemporary vision of glass and grace that features several large outdoor terraces and walls of windows through which passersby can see into the law school while those inside can observe the activity of the East Village.

The interior plans are still in progress and will include an increased number of class-

rooms, 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 build-

ing will be dedicated to offices while the other half will be commercial space open to the public in the form of a café and bookstore, as well as a live-client legal clinic to be operated by TJSL.

There also will be three levels of underground parking, Dean Hasl is optimistic that being so close to the trolley line and other forms of public transportation will limit the need for parking spaces. He also expects more students to live within walking distance to the new campus.



The new campus is located on Island Avenue between 11th Street and Park Boulevard, and will blend well with the East Village skyline.

"Downtown is an ideal legal education setting where there is tremendous advantage for our students..."

Some students, faculty and staff already live in the downtown area and the law school has been exploring future opportunities for a nearby housing project since nearly half of the TJSJ student body comes from outside California.

“Housing always is an important part of the package to attract students,” according to Dean Hasl, who is in his 28th year as a law school dean and has served longer in that capacity than any other currently serving dean in the nation. “It is much easier for a student to make the big decision to come to a distant location when there is housing in place, especially in a large city like San Diego. It helps ease the stress of going to law school.”

An attractive addition and asset to the East Village renaissance, the new campus also will seek LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification. LEED promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability in the areas of sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

It’s the collaborative learning environment inside the new law school, however, that Dean Hasl hopes will be the biggest draw. The inviting interior is being designed to encourage more engagement between students, faculty and staff and also with members of the downtown community.

The law school’s on-site legal clinic will assist homeless veterans with the day-to-day

issues that hinder their full return to society. The law students will participate in more public service externships because they’ll be able to walk to the sites. Thomas Jefferson’s law library will offer another venue in which local attorneys can perform research, not to mention the proximity to the law school’s full-time faculty members, many of whom are considered experts in their fields.

The amazing number of cutting-edge conferences, prominent guest speakers and MCLE events that Thomas Jefferson presents annually is anticipated to increase and will be more conveniently located for working professionals to attend. Local bar and community groups will be invited to take advantage of the meeting rooms and large gathering places within the new law school. New partnerships and associations will be forged as members of the community become better acquainted with Thomas Jefferson School of Law and the many services and benefits it brings to downtown San Diego.

“We plan to be a vibrant part of the East Village—we’re the last piece of the puzzle in this newly redeveloped setting of commercial and residential mixed use,” said Dean Hasl, who anticipates the ground-



View of Northwest corner of planned new campus

breaking for the new campus will take place in the next few months. If all goes as planned, classes will commence there in the fall 2010 semester or spring 2011 semester.

The chair of Thomas Jefferson’s Board of Trustees, Samuel J. Kahn, also is enthusiastic about the plans to relocate the law school and

notes that the projected student population will likely provide a significant boost to the downtown economy.

“Thomas Jefferson School of Law is a valuable community resource,” Kahn said. “We are very proud of what we do as a law school and what we offer to the community. We also are an S & P investment grade corporation that will bring 1,100 people to the downtown area. We will be an important part of the fabric of the downtown community.”

The Board of Supervisors of San Diego County approved the issuance of tax-exempt revenue bonds by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority, which just recently unanimously approved the issuance of the bonds that will generate the funds to enable the school to move forward with the construction contract and the financing of the new campus.

In May, PacVentures Inc., of San Diego bought the law school’s current Old Town campus properties. TJSJ will lease back the current site until it is ready to move to its new home downtown.

Full Circle: TJSL Returning to Where It All Began



It's an ongoing story of opportunity, innovation and success.

In 1969, privately owned Western State University (WSU) College of Law in Fullerton opened a small campus at 1067 Front Street in downtown San Diego, adjacent to the Greyhound bus station. The new law school accommodated the demands of the growing number of working professionals and other nontraditional students who were dissatisfied with the kind of legal education available in San Diego, some of whom had faithfully commuted to WSU's main Orange County campus several evenings a week to earn their law degrees.

The first class of 110 part-time evening students taught by part-time adjunct faculty began its studies in February 1969. Word spread and enrollment climbed, resulting in a brand new custom-designed campus at 1333 Front Street in 1973, followed by a full-time day program with full-time faculty.

The expanding curriculum and student body necessitated another move in 1983, this time to the law school's present location in Old Town San Diego. The three-story, early California building, now officially named the Law Library Building, seemed like a dream come true in terms of space for expansion. In fact, the third floor wasn't

fully utilized until early 1994, when the law school underwent extensive renovation to provide its students with a much larger library, its first moot courtroom, additional classroom space and more direct access to faculty offices and administrative departments.

The momentum of innovation and success continued. After separating from WSU in late 1995 and becoming the separate institution known today as the Thomas Jefferson School of Law, the 19,600-square-foot office building directly across the

street was purchased in March 1996. Within a few years, every inch of space in the Courtyard Building was put to good use with the addition of more classrooms as well as staff and student organization offices, a larger moot courtroom, a larger bookstore, a larger student lounge, and a larger café. The Courtyard Building helped resolve some of the crucial space issues and even came with additional parking spaces to complement the three levels of parking located beneath the larger Law Library Building.

As TJSL advanced into the new millennium with full ABA accreditation and its newly acquired nonprofit status, the student population unexpectedly soared to more than 900, the curriculum expanded greatly, the three Centers for Academic Excellence were established and the faculty more than tripled in number. Thomas Jefferson School of Law's continued growth and success had it bursting at the seams. Then Dean Kenneth Vandeveld began exploring relocation possibilities for the school.

Two more opportunities for expansion presented themselves when the owners of

two unrelated properties on both sides of the street north of the law school agreed to sell. In 2005, TJSL purchased the three-level Melhorn Construction building at 2147 San Diego Avenue and Olinda's Restaurant across the street. Bulldozers soon transformed the old restaurant into additional and much needed parking spaces, while the Melhorn building underwent creative renovation to become a new administrative hub for several departments. An added perk was more parking.

Even this added space fell short of addressing the needs of the law school in terms of current and proposed programming. With the resident J.D. student population currently now hovering near 800, more than 40 full-time faculty, more than 30 student organizations, three LL.M. programs and other significant new programs all competing for limited space, Dean Rudy Hasl and the TJSL Board of Trustees carefully evaluated potential sites for relocating the law school, ultimately purchasing last fall the new property at 1155 Island Avenue in the East Village of downtown San Diego, an area full of opportunity, innovation and community spirit that makes it an ideal home for the law school.

Sometime during the 2010-2011 academic year, Thomas Jefferson School of Law is scheduled to return to its downtown San Diego roots. For more than a quarter of a century, the law school has achieved amazing progress and growth at its current location in Old Town San Diego, a friendly, convenient and historically rich environment that will be missed for many reasons. Now, TJSL's students, faculty, staff and alumni, together with the San Diego community, soon will share the benefits and rewards of a spacious, sustainable and still innovating law school located in a vibrant and advantageously situated section of America's finest city.

It's a story destined for a happy ending.





New LL.M. Programs Expand Curriculum's International Focus

Have you been thinking about an advanced degree? The J.D. or *juris doctor* is not the only degree now being offered by Thomas Jefferson School of Law. Students can now earn LL.M. degrees in three subject areas with an international focus, as well as a J.S.D. (*juris scientiae* or Doctor of Jurisprudence) through these new advanced degree programs.

The two newest programs are an LL.M. in International Trade & Investment and an LL.M. in American Legal Studies for foreign lawyers. Last fall, TJSL began offering an innovative and highly successful online LL.M. and J.S.D. in International Tax & Financial Services, called The Diamond Program. The program is named after its main sponsors, Walter H. and Dorothy B. Diamond, prominent names in the international tax community.

"These programs draw on the expertise and experience of our faculty members, as well as our connections with a number of foreign law schools," according to Dean Rudy Hasl.

"As we work to internationalize the program of legal education and prepare our students to deal with the kinds of legal issues that cross international borders, these programs will provide considerable enrichment opportunities.

Two Newest Programs

"The LL.M. in International Trade & Investment, as well as the LL.M. in American Legal Studies, will enable American lawyers to work and study with foreign lawyers in a productive and cosmopolitan educational atmosphere at Thomas Jefferson," said Professor Susan Tiefenbrun, the director of these two programs.

"International trade and investment is an area of expertise for many experienced law professors at Thomas Jefferson and this advanced law degree will provide a special edge to graduates in the program seeking a career in international law."

More than one-quarter of TJSL's 42-member, full-time faculty has expertise in various areas of International Law. The law school also offers two international summer study abroad programs in Hangzhou, China, and Nice, France. There are exchange opportunities in Canada, France, Kosovo and Russia, which also enrich TJSL's international law curriculum.

International Trade & Investment

The new LL.M. program in International Trade & Investment allows candidates with either a foreign or U.S. law degree to take advantage of Thomas Jefferson's growing international law curriculum and world-class faculty. The International Trade LL.M. candidates also may take courses offered online through the International Tax & Financial Services LL.M. program, as long as the students fulfill the requirement of at least one-semester residency on the TJSL campus.

American Legal Studies

The new LL.M. in American Legal Studies is a one-year degree program for candidates seeking a U.S. law degree. It is designed for attorneys, judges, government officials, prosecutors, corporate legal counsel, bankers and recent law graduates who have received their basic law degree outside the United States. These LL.M. students will be introduced to the U.S. legal system and,



Professor Susan Tiefenbrun

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—Dean Rudy Hasl

with advice from Thomas Jefferson faculty advisors and staff, will be allowed to choose their own course of study from the extensive law course offerings at Thomas Jefferson.

Foreign law graduates will study together with Thomas Jefferson's J.D. students in order to promote a truly international and cultural exchange. Professor Tiefenbrun says immersion into TJSL's rich J.D. curriculum and the low faculty-to-student ratio will prepare the foreign law graduates earning an LL.M. in American Legal Studies to deal effectively with U.S. attorneys in their home countries as well as those serving foreign governments and international organizations.

An LL.M. in American Legal Studies also will appeal to foreign law graduates who wish to obtain comprehensive training in American legal practice and eventually use this training to find a job with one of the many competitive U.S. law firms operating in foreign countries. In addition, every LL.M. student who has completed a minimum of 20 credits may be eligible for admission to practice law in some states, such as New York, after passing the New York State Bar examination.



**Assistant Dean
William H. Byrnes, IV**

Diamond Program

The LL.M. in International Tax & Financial Services, the Diamond Program, is an incredibly innovative online degree for several reasons. The program attracts students from around the globe—leaders in the world of high finance—and allows them convenience and flexibility to earn their degree without leaving the office or home. The director of the program

is Assistant Dean William H. Byrnes, IV, a former associate director of international tax at the global tax and accounting firm now known as PricewaterhouseCoopers. Dean Byrnes has assembled an international faculty of scholars who are widely recognized as leaders in their areas of expertise.

"The unique learning experience being offered through Thomas Jefferson School of Law honors the continuing work of these outstanding individuals for whom the program is named," according to Dean Byrnes. "The Diamond Program is producing future generations of leaders in a field that these two visionaries helped define."



(From left) Margery Golant, Darwin Glass and Michael Clancey are among the first group of graduates in TJSL's new LL.M. program in International Tax & Financial Services at the May commencement ceremony.

Walter H. & Dorothy B. Diamond Shine as Supporters of New Online LL.M.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law deeply regrets the recent passing of Walter H. Diamond, an honored friend of the law school and a key sponsor of TJSL's new online graduate program in International Tax & Financial Services called "The Diamond Program." Mr. Diamond, a highly respected international tax authority and economist, passed away in New York this May.

Together with his wife, Dorothy B. Diamond, Mr. Diamond was co-author of 81 tax and trade books and more than 100 investment booklets. He wrote more than 500 speeches covering the international scene and his weekly and monthly columns appeared in *The Financial Times* and *Offshore Investment* magazine.



Walter Diamond delivered the December 2007 Commencement Address.

Mr. Diamond's serviced tax publication, *Foreign Tax and Trade Briefs*, was the first compendium of its kind when published by Matthew Bender in 1950, and still is the "bible" in the field covering current tax laws of 120 countries. He was a United Nations

Tax Treaty and Free Trade Zone advisor as well as editor and economist of *Overseas Press and Consultants*. A former Director of International Taxation and Manager of International Taxes for Deloitte Touche and KPMG Peat Marwick respectively, Mr. Diamond also served as Director of the Economics Department of McGraw-Hill International Corporation and Editor of the McGraw-Hill *American Letter*. Before joining McGraw-Hill, he was Economist for the Public National Bank and National Bank Examiner in the Second Federal Reserve District, having been in charge of liquidation of foreign banks and businesses for the Alien Property Custodian during World War II.

Mr. Diamond was a graduate of Syracuse University and the American Institute of Banking with post-graduate work at Syracuse and New York Universities in international finance. As a United Nations and U.S. AID Advisor, he handled assignments for more than 50 countries involving taxation, investment, trade development, free trade zones, treaties, export insurance and offshore banking. Mr. Diamond received citations for his assistance in this work from Chief Executive of Honduras and former U.S. Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Sr., while former President Eisenhower appointed him to the French Trade Mission to handle investment and tax problems. As a Foreign Analyst of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Mr. Diamond helped to prepare foreign exchange recommendations for Bretton Woods.

Dorothy Diamond also is an author and editor of *Overseas Press and Consultants* in Hartsdale, New York. Aside from being an author for legal publishers, Mrs. Diamond has contributed articles to national magazines and written travel features for the *New York Times* and *New York Post*.



Dorothy and Walter Diamond during visit to TJSL last fall.

A pioneer in consumer education, she was a columnist for two leading trade magazines, wrote 50 booklets on consumer affairs and received an award from the Merchandising Executives Club of New York City.

Mrs. Diamond has enjoyed the honor of being the first woman to address the Stockholm Advertising Club, Barbados Central Bank, and International Tax Planning Association. She received her B.A. degree with highest honors from Wellesley College, is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and obtained a Master of Science degree from Columbia Graduate School of Journalism.

Assistant Dean William Byrnes, who considered Walter Diamond his academic mentor and a close friend, was deeply honored to represent TJSL and deliver the eulogy at the services for Mr. Diamond held in New York. Through anecdotes, Dean Byrnes recalled some of the principles Mr. Diamond lived by: that life should be fun, even mischievousness, and most important of all, that we should care for and respect our loved ones.

Dean Rudy Hasl called Mr. Diamond "a giant in his field" and added that he will be missed.

New Concurrent JD-MBA Program

TJSL and SDSU Form Partnership

Marking its first joint degree program with another institution, Thomas Jefferson School of Law has joined forces with San Diego State University's College of Business Administration to create a new concurrent Juris Doctor-Master of Business Administration (JD-MBA) program.

In as few as eight semesters, students now can earn a law degree from TJSL and an MBA degree from San Diego State University (SDSU) at the same time. The objective of the concurrent degrees program is to prepare students who are competent in both law and business administration for advanced practice in many areas where the fields converge. Students may enroll in the concurrent program beginning this fall.

"We are excited to be able to offer this option to our current and prospective students," said Eric Mitnick, Thomas Jefferson's Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. "The Graduate School of Business at San Diego State offers some of the most innovative and extensive business programming in the nation. Thomas Jefferson students who participate in the program will be able to choose from among more than 130 different courses in the MBA program and SDSU has particular strengths in entrepreneurial and international business studies—two areas in critical demand in today's business and legal climate."

TJSL currently offers 45 courses in the area of business law. The large number of experienced full-time TJSL faculty who teach the international business law-related courses is unique for a smaller law school. In keeping with its focus on an increasingly global community, TJSL's two Summer Study Abroad Programs—in Hangzhou, China, and Nice, France—have focused on international business law and practice.

Students with a non-business undergraduate degree will spend their first year in the JD program at TJSL and the second year at SDSU. Classes will be taken at both institutions the last two years of the programs. Each institution grants credit for up to 12 units taken at the other school, thus eliminating at least one semester or more of the time it would normally take to complete these two programs separately. A minimum of 30 units and a maximum of 48 units are required for the MBA degree. A minimum of 88 units is required for the JD degree.

"By leveraging the synergies between legal and business training, this concurrent program will allow students at TJSL to develop the skills needed to become leaders in a number of key industries," said Professor David Ely, a Professor of Finance and the Director of Graduate Business Programs at San Diego State's College of Business Administration.

"Having both the JD and MBA degrees will give graduates of the program a real competitive edge. A key benefit to students in the concurrent JD-MBA program is that they can complete both degrees in a shorter period of time than completing the degrees sequentially."

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TJSL Sails into New Era as an AALS Member



It seems quite fitting that Dean Rudy Hasl, who has skippered his own sailboat to victory in numerous regattas, chose the prestigious New York Yacht Club to celebrate TJSL's new status as a member of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS).

With Dean Hasl at the helm, the law school sailed smoothly through the stringent evaluation process and, as a result, the AALS House of Representatives, which is comprised of delegates from each member law school, voted to confirm TJSL at the AALS annual meeting in New York on January 3rd.

That same evening, Dean Hasl, faculty and staff who attended the AALS annual meeting, alumni, deans of other law schools, and friends of TJSL gathered at the Yacht Club to raise their glasses to this significant milestone for TJSL. Even the chilly 11-degree temperature outside on the streets of Manhattan couldn't put a damper on this monumental occasion.

"We have reason to celebrate," said Dean Hasl. "AALS membership reflects an external judgment about the academic credibility of our institution and the progress that has been made by all segments of the law school community: faculty, students, alumni and administrators. The AALS has recognized that we have created a vibrant academic program that prepares students for successful careers in the legal profession and engages in the production of quality scholarship that advances the entire profession and our society as a whole."

The AALS is a non-profit association of about 170 law schools, which was founded in 1900. According to its official description, "The purpose of the association is 'the improvement of the legal profession

through legal education.' It serves as the learned society for law teachers and is legal education's principal representative to the federal government and to other national higher education organizations and learned societies."

Dean Hasl, who has served more than 27 years as a dean at four ABA-accredited law schools, including Thomas Jefferson, says the AALS expects its members to maintain rigorous academic programs and standards that foster a high level of intellectual engagement, cutting-edge scholarship and a diverse law school community.

Membership in AALS by a law school is recommended following an exacting process, including a visit to the applicant school by an AALS team to determine its compliance with the Association's Bylaws and Executive Committee Regulations. A five-member team of legal educators and professionals led by Stephanie J. Willbanks, Vice-Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law at the Vermont Law School, visited Thomas Jefferson School of Law in March 2007 to perform the required site inspection. The site team read volumes of information about the law school and its programs, sat in on classes, toured the facilities and met with students, faculty, staff, alumni and members of the San Diego legal community before preparing its own report and recommendation for the AALS Executive Committee.

"This is truly great news and a wonderful achievement for our law school," said Professor Susan Tiefenbrun. "We owe special thanks to Dean Hasl for his guidance and support through this process."



(from left) Professor and Library Director Karla Castetter, Todd Schwartz '99, and Student Services Director Lisa Ferreira.



(on right) Assistant Dean William Byrnes chatting with reception guests.



Dean Rudy Hasl enjoying the celebration.



ANOTHER SUPREME DAY FOR TJSL

Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonin Scalia is becoming a familiar face at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. During his fourth visit in recent years, Justice Scalia kicked off the Fall 2007 semester by spending time with students and alumni. He taught a Constitutional Law class and gave a lecture to a large group of alumni and other invited guests.

The title of the 2007 Antonin Scalia Lecture was “The Use of Foreign Law in American Constitutional Adjudication.” The lecture at the Prado Ballroom in Balboa Park was co-sponsored by Sempra Energy and the Thomas Jefferson School of Law Center for Global Legal Studies.

“It is my view that foreign legal material can never be relevant as an interpretation of the meaning of the United States Constitution,” said Justice Scalia. “I fear the use of foreign law to interpret the Constitution will continue at an accelerated pace.”

Justice Scalia presented a detailed discussion of the main reasons why he believes the trend of citing foreign legal materials is increasing in the American courts. He also noted that foreign laws don’t always influence court decisions, pointing out that only 53 nations, including the U.S., can be classified as “having abortion on demand.”

“I will become a believer in the ingenuousness, in the honesty, though never in the propriety, of the court’s new found respect for the wisdom of foreign minds when it applies that wisdom in abortion cases—I don’t expect to have to worry about that,” said Justice Scalia.

“If there was any thought that is absolutely foreign to the founders of our



country, surely it was the notion that we Americans should be governed the way Europeans are. And nothing has changed. I daresay that few of us would want our life, our liberties subject to the disposition of French or Italian criminal justice. Not because we think those systems are unjust, but because we think our system is better.”

After the lecture, Justice Scalia dined with a small group of alumni, students, staff and friends of the law school in an intimate private room at the Prado.

“The Justice impressed me not only with his well known wit and knowledge, but also with his humanity,” said Victor Vilaplana, a guest at the lecture and dinner who is of counsel with the San Diego office of Foley & Lardner LLP.

“The dinner with Justice Scalia was an incredible opportunity to be able to gain an insight into the mind set of a Supreme Court Justice,” said student Kevin Harrington. “From this experience, I have gained more respect for Justice Scalia

because of his humor and dedication to the law.”

TJSL Trustee Raymond Taramasco echoed that sentiment: “He made the dinner table discussions very comfortable and interesting and it is crystal clear to me that he loves the law and cares deeply about the U.S. Constitution.”

Earlier in the day at The Theatre in Old Town, Justice Scalia talked to students about the separation of powers as intended by the framers of the constitution. As a self-proclaimed “originalist,” Justice Scalia feels strongly that a judge who interprets the Constitution must be “faithful to the text”—as it was written by our founding fathers.

“It has sound structure,” Justice Scalia told the students. “That’s what they debated about and sweated about during what amounted to an entire baseball season. It will never happen again. It was providential.”

“He has such a presence,” said Renee Galente ’08. “Watching him is so enthralling because he is so passionate about what he believes in.”

Prior to the lecture, Justice Scalia was presented with a proclamation from the City of San Diego proclaiming September 4, 2007 as “Associate Justice Antonin Scalia Day” in San Diego. The plaque was presented to Justice Scalia by Fred Grand, President of the Old Town Chamber of Commerce.

Always one to leave an audience with both humorous and memorable quotations, Justice Scalia noted that “originalism,” as he practices it on the high court, is “not perfect all the time.”

“I don’t have all the answers,” he quipped. “But I have most of the answers!”

It's a Tough Job... But Somebody Has to Do It

These TJSL alumni really love their jobs as criminal defense attorneys!



The U.S. Constitution entitles a person accused of crime “to have the assistance of counsel for his defense” and a “speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury.” It is one of our most fundamental rights as Americans. Defense attorneys will tell you that all of their clients deserve the best representation they can get, whether it’s in their best interest to plead guilty or fight the charges in court. And, of course, there is always the possibility that the accused is innocent just as there is the possibility that a guilty person will go free. Many defense attorneys are very passionate about wanting to help their clients get the best possible result through the legal system. The Thomas Jefferson graduate defense lawyers profiled in the following stories all fall into that category. Assisting their clients usually goes beyond the courtroom—these lawyers want to help the clients live better lives if they can. And sometimes they are able to do just that—help someone completely turn his or her life around.

Kerry Steigerwalt '84

KEEPING THE SYSTEM HONEST

Walk into **Kerry Steigerwalt's '84** San Diego law office and you may recognize a few familiar faces. For many years, TJSJ students have enhanced their legal education with hands-on experience while interning for Steigerwalt.

"The importance of quality student assistance in my firm cannot be understated," says Steigerwalt. "Were it not for Thomas Jefferson School of Law, I would never have had the opportunity to become a lawyer. Bringing TJSJ students and alumni into this office is a form of loyalty borne out by appreciation of the guidance and principles instilled through the education Thomas Jefferson provided to me."

Steigerwalt is recognized throughout San Diego as a leading criminal defense attorney and has practiced criminal defense law since he passed the bar in 1984, the same year he graduated from TJSJ. He is also nationally recognized, having appeared on television programs such as 48 Hours, Court TV and FOX News, as well as local newscasts in San Diego. Steigerwalt also has been quoted in publications such as *Newsweek*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *People* magazine.

He says his days at TJSJ prepared him for his ever-advancing career: "I love doing what I'm doing and I know it all came about because of my education from Thomas Jefferson and for that I am eternally grateful."



In 1990 he founded his own firm, Steigerwalt and Associates, but before hanging his own shingle Steigerwalt gained experience at the Public Defenders office. He says the reason he decided to move on is "not being able to put enough time into a defense. The fast pace of criminal defense really suited me. You really have to move and think and react quickly."

This year, Steigerwalt took a giant step with his law practice. He became the majority owner (51%) in Pacific Law Center, a 30-lawyer firm in San Diego with a nationwide clientele and a support staff of more than 100. Now advertised widely as Kerry Steigerwalt's Pacific Law Center, the firm allows some clients charged with crimes to pay over time rather than pay the customary large retainer upfront, a model Steigerwalt says has been very successful. The firm also handles other work besides criminal defense cases.

During his career Steigerwalt has handled many capital murder cases and says the

question of defending possibly guilty clients has come up more than once. "It's the most frequently asked question at a cocktail party," he notes.

"My answer to them is not everybody that comes to me is an innocent person. In fact, nine out of ten of them are guilty of something and the question is: are they guilty of what the government has accused them of doing?"

Steigerwalt believes his role as a criminal defense lawyer is to keep the system honest. He says a judge or jury will make the determination of guilt or innocence. "It's not always a matter of going to trial and getting someone off—it is more of helping my client so the criminal justice system doesn't extract the harshest of penalties against them," he explains.

Although Steigerwalt says he couldn't imagine doing anything else, he also says there are pros and cons to being a criminal defense lawyer. "Pros are you really have the opportunity to help somebody who is in sometimes the most horrific situation of their lives," he says. "You are able to walk them through the jaws of the criminal justice system and achieve a result far better than what they ever expected."

"The downfalls are that you put in long hard hours and sometimes the victories aren't as many as the defeats." But with that being said, Steigerwalt confesses, "If I had to do it all over again...I would do it in a heartbeat."

Christopher Plourd '80

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

For **Christopher Plourd '80**, practicing criminal defense law was simply a matter of following in his father's footsteps.

"My father had done criminal defense work in Imperial County as part of his general practice and I used to go watch him when I was a kid," says Plourd. "He always seemed to have the biggest case in town."

Plourd himself had one of the biggest cases in town recently—he was on the defense team of legendary record producer Phil Spector. Spector's murder case resulted in a mistrial when the jury deadlocked last fall in Los Angeles. Plourd was one of two lawyers who remained on the defense team after that first trial and he has been actively helping the team prepare for the upcoming retrial. However, because of a major murder case Plourd is defending, he won't be in the courtroom for the second Spector trial.

Plourd is an expert in DNA and forensic scientific cases and, when prominent New York Attorney Linda Kenney Baden joined the Spector defense team, she immediately asked Plourd, with whom she had worked on many cases previously, to also join the team.

What type of pressures does a high profile case like the Phil Spector bring with it?

"Any high-profile case comes with its own set of dynamics," says Plourd. "Especially because it's televised. We get all these calls—a lot of them crackpots. But you have to listen to the calls because 200 calls may lead to one or two real leads.



Record producer Phil Spector with his attorney Christopher Plourd '80.

That's always a distraction."

Another distraction, according to Plourd, is the saturation media coverage a case like Spector brings. "It lengthens the case," he says. "Everybody takes longer to do everything. This case is taking three times as long as it should have. It has been lengthened unnecessarily—everybody asks more questions than they should."

Of course, a major case like Spector takes an enormous amount of preparation both before and during the trial. "We began doing investigatory work at least a year before we got to trial," according to Plourd. "Once trial gears up, we are working six-seven days a week. It's consuming, but my family understands."

Of the split verdict 10-2 to convict Spector, Plourd says, "We were really hoping we would have done better. He (Spector) gets to sleep in his own bed, but this is not

necessarily a victory and not exactly a loss. We would have been pleased if there had been a better split among the jurors."

As for Spector's looming retrial, Plourd's theory is that "the judge disallowed a lot of defense evidence. That's something the defense is going to try to rectify—to deal with some of the evidence more effectively. Can either side convince 12 people of their position? It's going to be very difficult because the facts cut in two different directions."

Every defense attorney is asked, one way or another, about defending people who are accused of doing terrible things—and may well be guilty.

Plourd says: "I don't really respond to that. The system requires a vigorous defense—and some people on death row turn out to be innocent. Usually the biggest detractors are the ones who call you first if somebody in their family gets in trouble."

Such is the life of this successful criminal defense attorney, who says he enjoyed his days in law school. "I really felt I got prepared to take the bar," he recalled. "I still maintain a lot of friendships with people with whom I went to law school."

His professional advice to current law students? "If you want to do criminal law, you've got to do internships associated with criminal defense lawyers," Plourd says. "You'll never make a lot of money being in criminal defense, but you'll enjoy it more. It's hard work—but if you like doing it, you'll get rewards."

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Arvand Naderi '03

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"I get a lot of gang cases. There's a lot of gang activity in the Valley," says **Arvand Naderi '03**, a defense attorney whose offices are in L.A.'s San Fernando Valley.

In fact, Naderi prefers gang cases because he thinks there's a chance he can have a positive impact on a young gang member's life before he becomes a hardened criminal.

"A lot of times these kids get caught up in this," Naderi says. "They're still young kids and their brains aren't fully developed yet. I can step in and work the case out where the kid doesn't go jail or prison—maybe divert him from gang life. These days in California it doesn't pay to be a gang member. You can really make a difference in someone's life."

When it comes to gang members, many people would say "put them away"—but Naderi views it differently.

"Everyone else sees a young (expletive) with tattoos all over his body," he says. "In reality, it's a misdirected kid. Often they just need a good talking to."

Like so many criminal defense attorneys, Naderi cares about his clients and wants to stand by them as they deal with the system.

"I like defending the underdog," he says. "It's very scary to be arrested and go through the criminal justice system. It's not a fun experience for most people. If you have someone at your side to help you, it makes you more comfortable and it's less scary. We're talking about someone's life here. If they go down, it's jail or prison."

Jail is what Naderi and his partner hope their clients avoid—their website is: www.wehatejail.com

Naderi says he got his work ethic from his mentor, Kerry Armstrong '97, who's a

criminal defense attorney in San Diego. The two worked together at the Law Office of Kerry Steigerwalt (who also is profiled in this issue).

"Some guys (defense attorneys) will take the money and plead the guy out," explains Naderi. "But in my office I pretend it's my own family member. That's how I treat a case."

And Naderi's commitment to helping people who have been in the justice system goes beyond just his clients.

"I'm actually a mentor in a program called Volunteers in Parole," he says. "My 'mentee' did 14 years in state prison. The recidivism rate with parolees is unusually high. Now he has a job, a car, is stable and he isn't going back to the gangs. He's doing very well."

Naderi wants to keep his younger clients out of the system. "I've had young kids who catch small cases and when they're arrested, they hit 'county.' They realize it's no place they ever want to go again. They learn what it's like to be caged like an animal. It's a good lesson. I've had a few cases like that. Some of them wind up wanting to be criminal defense attorneys because they know what it's like in there."

One question that criminal defense attorneys are often asked, is how is justice served when a guilty person gets off?

Naderi's answer?

"Of course justice is served if an obviously guilty person gets off," he said. "Strangely enough, even though people may think so, our criminal justice system is not based on whether a person is actually innocent or not. Rather, it is based on the prosecution proving beyond a reasonable doubt whether someone committed a crime. And those are often very different things. If the prosecution could not prove a defendant guilty for some reason and the guilty person walks, then so be it. The system doesn't always work correctly in a moral sense, but we try."

And another question defense attorneys hear a lot is—if someone did the crime, then don't they get what they deserve?

"Let's assume that the person really did do a crime and got sentenced to jail," Naderi answers. "Whether they got what they deserved is still hard to determine. I mean, what if a judge in Sacramento gives a guy 180 days in jail for beating up his wife, but one in San Diego only gives the guy 30 days for doing the same exact thing and causing the same exact damage? Is that really fair? I don't think so. But that's one of the imperfections of our system."

Naderi is grateful for his experience at Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

"I loved my experience at TJ," he says. "I loved the professors—especially the criminal law professors, in particular Professor (David) Steinberg. Even today when I'm working with cases, I remember points he made and how to go about doing things."

"Overall, the professors are great and they make a great effort to accommodate your learning and help you pass the bar down the road."

"I recommend TJSL to anyone interested in law school with a big smile."

Catherine Spurling Schwartz '91

"NOT GUILTY, NOT GUILTY, NOT GUILTY"

Catherine Schwartz '91 was a young mother of two when she decided she wanted to go to law school. The reaction she got from her family and friends was: "You? Go to law school?"

Schwartz, whose last name was Spurling then, had her own doubts about whether she could succeed in law school, but when she got accepted at what was then the San Diego campus of Western State University School of Law (now TJSJL), she decided to go for it.

"I was a tiny lady with two kids," she says. "No one believed I'd make it past the first year. I didn't believe it either."

Now Schwartz is a successful criminal defense attorney in private practice in Riverside.

Yes, she made it. And she thinks her friends and the faculty at TJSJL helped pull her through.

"My classmates were terrific," Schwartz says. "They literally walked me around the library pulling out books...saying 'Cathy, you can do this.'"

Because she was going through a divorce and couldn't afford a babysitter, she sometimes had to bring her kids to class with her.

"The professors were great—my friends were great—they were all very supportive of me," she remembers. "It strengthened me—and helped me to see I could pretty much do anything."

Schwartz's new-found confidence led her into criminal law, after she did an internship with the Public Defender in San Diego. She wound up being a public defender in



Riverside County for more than 12 years and, for law students interested in criminal defense practice, she highly recommends being a "PD."

"PD is a great job—a really good job," Schwartz says. "It's hands-on right away, trial right away. You get handed a stack of cases—just like on TV. You're managing cases. You're not spoon-fed. You've got to crack the books."

The "trial by fire" aspect of public defender work meant that she had to learn the ropes really fast.

"I got to be a really good attorney in the PD's office," Schwartz says. "Trial after trial

after trial. Not guilty. Not guilty. Not guilty. That's pretty cool."

Of course, like all defense attorneys, people ask how she can defend obviously guilty repeat offenders and chronic criminals.

"You get to know the people behind the crime," she says. "There's a human element. All have the right to an effective defense. I'm not condoning what they do—it's not up to me to decide. That's the jury's decision. It's their job. I give them (her clients) the best possible representation."

Her successful practice led to an offer to join one of the top criminal defense firms in Riverside, the Virginia Blumenthal Law Offices. Blumenthal is a role-model and mentor for Schwartz.

"Virginia puts so much into her cases," according to Schwartz. "She works day and night. Her enthusiasm is amazing. She really cares for her clients."

It's obvious Catherine Schwartz cares for clients, too.

Her most memorable cases?

"When people come back and thank you," she says. "It seems like a thankless job, but you really can change people's lives and make a difference."

As successful a defense attorney as she is, she realizes there's one thing she can never be.

"I can't be tall, blonde and serious like the women on TV," she jokes. "But I can be me—and be very effective."

TJSL Criminal Defense Attorneys

Last fall, the Development & Alumni Relations Office asked TJSL alumni for whom we have current email addresses to let us know if their practice included any criminal defense work. The following alumni responded:

Susan L. Angell	'96	Douglas Kinion	'99
Frank A. Balistreri	'79	Erin Kirkpatrick	'00
David H. Bartick	'85	Marc S. Kohnen	'06
Paul Battisti	'04	Chris Kowalski	'98
Gary Baum	'82	Stephen Levine	'81
Dawn Beebee-Doss	'85	Miranda D. Liversedge	'03
Gabriel Bencomo	'04	Melissa S. Lubin	'03
Jamie Berg	'81	Stacey Madsen	'05
James V. Bickford, IV	'99	Kevin McCoy	'75
Ronald Brahms	'73	C. Logan McKechnie	'77
Lise Breakey	'02	Bruce McMahon	'98
Rodney Buck	'00	Valerie McNeice	'01
Christopher Burk	'04	Richard Mendoza	'03
Wayne Caldwell	'02	Michael Moore	'06
Mark J. Carroll	'02	Kurt E. Mosley	'02
G. Cole Casey	'96	Arvand Naderi	'03
Michele M. Castillo	'99	Samira Nikaein	'99
Gordon Cox	'89	William (Bill) O'Connell	'76
Daniel J. Cronin	'73	Bill Parks	'95
Christian De Olivas	'04	Edward J. Peckham	'77
Nicholas DePrisco	'77	Christopher J. Plourd	'80
William J. Edwards	'91	Robert Rexrode	'02
Mindy Joy Facer	'06	Michael A. Richmond	'99
James Fife	'04	Jose C. Rojo	'97
Leslie Fleming	'75	Catherine Schwartz	'91
Brooke Fredrickson	'04	Jordan H. Schweller	'06
Nicole Gallagher	'06	Phil Shapiro	'85
Mahsa Gholami	'04	Khodadad D. Sharif	'95
Mohammad-Ali Golchin	'93	Lyndsay Smith	'05
Cary Grace	'99	Noel Spaid	'76
David Griffith	'01	Matt Spiegel	'05
Randy Grossman	'94	Kerry Steigerwalt	'84
Robert Hagee	'82	Harold W. Stone, III	'04
James V. Hairgrove	'94	Hector Tamayo	'05
Caree Annette Harper	'01	Ralph Tambasco	'81
Ralph Harrison	'00	Marilyn Thomassen	'84
Rebecca Johnson	'05	John Vigileos	'04
Quinn Jolly	'00	James Voysey	'76
Stan Jones	'76	J. Merritt Wagoner	'04
Michael Kielsky	'01	Greg Wilkin	'02



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MORE TJSL ALUMNI STEP UP TO THE BENCH

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger recently appointed four TJSL alumni as San Diego Superior Court judges or commissioners, and one TJSL alumna has just been elected to the San Diego bench. Congratulation to all!



Garry Haehnle '89

Garry Haehnle won a seat on the San Diego Superior Court bench in the June Primary, after serving as a Superior Court Commissioner since 2006. Prior to that, Haehnle worked as a prosecutor with the San Diego County District Attorney's office for more than 16 years. During his time there he distinguished himself prosecuting child abuse cases, many of which were high-profile, newsworthy cases. He was appointed to the Governor's Child Abduction Task Force and was the Supervising Attorney in the DA's Child Abduction Unit. He also prosecuted domestic violence and homicide cases.



Harry L. Powazek '80

Harry L. Powazek also was appointed to the San Diego Superior Court bench in 2007. He had served as an appointed Family Law Commissioner for the San Diego Superior Court since 1995. He previously spent a decade in private practice handling family law matters.



Joel R. Wohlfeil '80

Joel R. Wohlfeil also is a 2007 appointee to the San Diego Superior Court bench. He had been a partner with the law firm of Boudreau, Albert & Wohlfeil since 1997 and was a partner with the law firm of Bauman (Ric Bauman '81) & Wohlfeil for several years prior to that. While in private practice, his emphasis was prosecuting intentional torts, primarily in commercial litigation.

AS NEW JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS



William Gentry '94

William Gentry is another recent appointment by Governor Schwarzenegger to the San Diego Superior Court bench. Gentry was a prosecutor for the San Diego County District Attorney's Office for the past 10 years and was briefly in the race for San Diego City Attorney. He was sworn into office in February.



Patti Ratekin '91

Patti Ratekin was sworn into office as a San Diego Superior Court Commissioner in 2007, after a 13-year career as a family law attorney and certified family law specialist. Additionally, Ratekin was named 2007 Attorney of the Year by the North County Bar. The award recognized her outstanding community service and her advancement of the law during 2006. For several years she has supervised the staffing of the Pro Tem Settlement panel and was instrumental in setting up a system within the Superior Court to recapture fees paid to attorneys who serve as Minor's Counsel in high-conflict cases involving children.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law is immensely proud of the alumni who currently serve as judges and commissioners in California's Superior Courts and of those who have retired from the bench.

Superior Court Judges

Robert B. Atack	'75
Joseph R. Brisco	'81
David B. Downing	'78
Charles W. Ervin	'89
Darryl B. Ferguson	'81
William Gentry	'94
Lisa Guy-Schall	'76
Garry Haehnle	'89
Jeffrey B. Jones	'86
Lillian Y. Lim (ret.)	'77
John E. Martin	'80
Bobby W. McNatt	'79
Robert F. O'Neill	'79
Roy L. Paul	'77
Harry L. Powazek	'80
Richard K. Specchio	'75
Larry Stirling (ret.)	'74
Bert L. Swift	'75
Marguerite L. Wagner (ret.)	'75
Richard S. Whitney	'83
Diane Elan Wick	'79
Browder A. Willis, III	'73
Joel R. Wohlfeil	'80

Superior Court Commissioners

Gary S. Bloch	'81
Anthony J. Brandenburg (ret.)	'79
Alan B. Clements	'79
Michael J. Imhoff	'78
Larry W. Jones	'80
Dianne K. O'Connor	'75
Robert W. Rankin	'83
Patti C. Ratekin	'91
Karen Riley	'80

Alumni who are not listed and currently serve or have served on the bench in California or in any other state, please contact the TJSL Alumni Relations Office at alumni@tjssl.edu.

The Honorable Lillian Y. Lim '77 Bids Aloha to the Bench

The TJSJ alumna who made history when then-Governor George Deukmejian appointed her to the San Diego bench has officially retired her gavel and black robe, but she's made it clear that her legal career is far from over. The Honorable Lillian Y. Lim '77, the first appointed Filipino-American woman judge in the United States and the first Filipino-American judge in California, stepped down from the bench last summer with plans to once again practice law and take cases that will allow her to make "a difference."

Following her graduation *cum laude* from TJSJ (then Western State), Judge Lim served as a State Deputy Attorney General, working as a trial attorney in the Medi-Cal Fraud Unit. Since the early 1990s, Judge Lim has been a valued member of the TJSJ adjunct faculty, teaching Trial Practice and Race & The Law. She was instrumental in forming TJSJ's first Pan Asian Law Student Association, now renamed the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA), and continues to serve as its faculty advisor and chief mentor. She has embraced TJSJ students by welcoming them into her classroom, her courtroom and her home. She has shared with them the benefits of her significant experience as an attorney, jurist, and gracious and giving human being.

On its 20th anniversary in 1989, the law school honored Judge Lim by inducting her into its Alumni Hall of Fame and, in 2006,



The Honorable Lillian Y. Lim

the Student Bar Association honored her again as the recipient of its A. Thomas Golden Alum of the Year Award. In 2007, TJSJ and APALSA demonstrated their heartfelt gratitude to Judge Lim with a special reception in her honor during the annual Diversity Week celebration.

At the reception, past student presidents of APALSA, alumni and staff expressed warm thoughts and memories of Judge Lim and she, in turn, acknowledged special people she has worked with, taught and mentored over the years. She thanked others in attendance at the reception, including her husband, retired San Diego Superior Court Judge Mac Amos, her parents, and her former husband, Deputy Attorney General Peter Quon '77. She also said that her retirement would include some

travel, skiing and a vacation home in Hawaii. As a fitting recognition of her Asian Pacific heritage, TJSJ presented Judge Lim with a gold, mother-of-pearl inlaid palm tree necklace. The Filipino American Lawyers of San Diego, represented by organization President Nory Pascua '98, also gave her an engraved plaque that said: "Thank you for building a solid foundation for us."

A native Californian whose parents emigrated from the Philippines, Judge Lim has consistently honored her heritage by serving as an advisor and advocate for others of Asian Pacific backgrounds seeking careers and advancement in the field of law. She has been active in Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego, Filipino-American Lawyers of San Diego and California Asian-American Judges Association. She also served on the Judicial Council's Advisory Committee on Fairness and Access, the Judicial Council's Subcommittee on Racial and Ethnic Fairness and as a director of the San Diego County Judges Association. She has earned many honors during her distinguished career. The San Diego County Bar Association presented her with its Outstanding Jurist Award for 2007.

Judge Lim has made an extraordinary difference for Thomas Jefferson School of Law. We proudly acknowledge her many accomplishments, her deep community spirit and her continuing support of legal education and our law school. We are truly honored to call her one of our own.

Judge Lim with former TJSJ students at reception.



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Randy Grossman '94 Helps Bring Baseball to Ghana

Baseball is pretty much unknown in Ghana, on West Africa's Gold Coast. Soccer is king there.

But Thomas Jefferson alumnus Randy Grossman '94 says baseball now has a beachhead in Ghana after a recent goodwill tour by Major League Baseball, sponsored by the African Development Foundation.

Sports agent Grossman, along with his client, baseball Hall of Famer Dave Winfield, Cincinnati Reds manager Dusty Baker and New York Mets general manager Omar Minaya, spent four days there on a mission to help Ghana's children with education and sports.

And, of course, the sport they introduced was good old American baseball.

Major League Baseball (MLB) had sent an advance party of coaches to Ghana to teach a group of youth how to play the game and the new players put on a demonstration game for the visitors.

"I was really impressed," said Grossman,



(From left) Omar Minaya, Dave Winfield, Dusty Baker and Randy Grossman.

who saw many good athletes among them. "They only knew how to play soccer before. They've never even seen baseball and, of course, they don't have the benefit of watching MLB games on television. I believe that in a few years we'll see players from Ghana in the big leagues."

The delegation was welcomed at the airport by Her Excellency Pamela Bridgewater, the U.S. ambassador to Ghana.



U.S. Ambassador Pamela Bridges and Randy Grossman.

The group had a police escort and motorcade wherever they traveled.

"Baseball is spreading around the world," says Grossman about how America's favorite pastime has taken hold in countries like China. Baseball is already part of the national culture in Japan and Korea. In the Dominican Republic, Omar Minaya's native country, baseball is almost a religion and a ticket to riches for many gifted young athletes.

To help make sure that baseball will take root and flourish in Ghana, MLB donated \$100,000 worth of baseball equipment and they arranged for a baseball field to be built at the University of Ghana.

It could become "the field of dreams" for young Ghanaians who hope to one day play baseball in the United States.



Former San Diego Padres outfielder Dave Winfield with Ghanaian players.

Spring Break Adventure: Student



Liz Grumet on the Amazon river.

There are lots of traditional places where college students go for spring break. Palm Springs. Daytona Beach. Lake Havasu. Waikiki.

And where do law students spend their spring break? It's a safe bet that not too many students spend their precious week off from classes canoeing up the Amazon—but that's what TJSL student Liz Grumet did. A true adventure.

Her mission: To research a paper for her environmental law class.

For some of us, that may sound like "Mission Impossible." Grumet traveled by plane for 10 hours, then drove through the winding Andes by bus for nine more, then rode in the back of a pick-up truck taxi for another hour, and finally sat in a motor canoe for more than nine hours as she

journeyed up the Amazon to re-visit a tribe called the Cofan. The Cofan are [part of a] billion dollar class-action lawsuit against oil giant Texaco over environmental damages the Cofan claim Texaco inflicted on their habitat over a 20-year period.

The Amazonian peoples affected are fighting for Texaco to remediate their environment, alleging that Texaco dumped approximately 18 billion gallons of the "formation waters" directly into the waterways. The amount of oil spilled is said to be the equivalent of "30 Exxon Valdez spills," according to published reports.

The Cofan live in a small village called Zabalo (about 100 people live there) on the northeastern border of Ecuador, near the Peruvian border.

According to Grumet's trip journal:

"I will stay with Antonio and Saora Aguinada and their family in a cabana on stilts by the river. I stayed with them last time and they were so hospitable and kind. I plan to stay for a week. My goal is to talk with the tribe about their experiences with Texaco from the 60s to the 90s. The Cofan tribe is part of the largest environmental lawsuit against an oil company to date. Their lawsuit says Texaco dumped polluted chemicals and oil into their streams and onto their territory, causing a massive loss of natural resources and animals for hunting, and the lives of Cofanes from cancers related to the carcinogens."



Liz Grumet with Jose Farjado, president of the Amazon Defense Front.

As part of Grumet's research, she met with Jose Farjado, the president of the Amazon Defense Front, which is a non-profit organization representing the tribe (and other tribes and affected residents) in the class-action. Grumet documented in her journal that Farjado "gave me the history of Texaco's dealings here... the alleged damage (over 500 adults and children died of cancer from drinking the river water), and the action they're taking to unite the people and move forward."

It was a sweet reunion for Grumet, her host family and the people of the Cofan village during the week she stayed in Zabalo. Her journal is published on the TJSL website at www.tjsl.edu/elizabeth_amazon

Grumet is still in touch with the Aguinada family and the tribe. She's working on a cooperative effort to help generate electrical power to the Cofan community and help pay for fuel for the canoes, which take children up and down the long river for schooling. The tribe subsists on profits from their eco-canoe business and lives completely off

on Mission to Save the Amazon



Village huts are on stilts.

the land. They currently have an electrical tower built, but cannot afford the \$60 per month needed for diesel to fuel the tower. They receive very little (if any) support from the ecuadorian government.

Grumet's goal is to work with TJSL students to help financially support the "Cofan Power Initiative." The overarching goal is to help the Cofanes maintain their traditional lifestyle, while creating a bridge of solidarity between our socially conscious students and Zabalo. Grumet welcomes



The Aguinda family who hosted Liz Grumet.

you to contact her if you're interested in the effort. Her email address is grumetey@tjssl.edu

There is nothing like going right to the source to research a paper on environmental pollution and human rights issues, especially if the source happens to be a remote village located so far off the beaten path that there ISN'T much of a beaten path—at times the river is the best way to reach it.

It takes a lot of planning, a bit of luck and a lot of adventurous spirit. But for Grumet, it was a mission accomplished! "Overall, this trip underscored for me that languages, geography, customs and experiences should never be a barrier to understanding," said Grumet. "We all speak a common language—humanity. Moreover, it's so important that we stay aware of what's happening in the world—no matter how far

it is down the river. We are all connected, and each of us has the power to keep the world beautiful and peaceful."

And that paper she was writing? It was chosen as a finalist for the ABA, Section of Environment, Energy and Resources, student writing competition. The ABA will publish the winner at the end of the summer.

Qquendya'pa!

(Cofan Word meaning "air, soul, spirit, and health")

For more information on the Cofan tribe, please check out their website at www.cofan.org.

"We all speak a common language—humanity."



Aerial shot of a protest against the oil company where they've spelled out the slogan—Justice Now!

Women In Business

Dora Lane

Associate, Hale Lane

STORY BY BARBARA MARQUAND



PHOTO BY SHERI OAKINEN

Shortly after she started playing tennis competitively at age 8 in her native Bulgaria, Dora Lane told herself that someday she would be No. 1. By 19, she had won the Bulgarian national women's title twice, and later as a student at Fresno State University in California, she was named Fresno State Athlete of the Year in 1999 and one of the Bulldog's Top-25 athletes of the century.

"What's the point of doing something if you're not going to go for it?" she says.

Today Lane brings that same com-

petitive zeal to the courtroom as an associate in the labor and employment law group at Hale Lane in Reno.

"I am who I am because I competed

as an athlete," she says. "Every motion I write, I'm competing."

Athletic competition ran in the family for Lane (who is no relation to firm shareholder Steve Lane). She was born and raised in Bulgaria, where her mother coached gymnastics and her father coached volleyball. She started tennis after her mother determined she didn't have the petite build to make it as a gymnast.

"My mom knew I'd have to starve to death, so she said, 'No, that's not for you,'" she recalls. "As you can imagine, that did not go over well. I

"What's the point in doing something if you're not going to go for it?"

— Dora Lane

loved gymnastics."

Her first taste of tennis? "I cried my eyes out. I hated it," she says.

But it wasn't long before she started winning and enjoying the game. After high school, she played tennis professionally for two years and achieved a world singles ranking of 320 and a world doubles ranking of 257.

Lane loved the game, but the professional circuit left something to be desired. "By the time you pay for a coach, food and fees, at the end of the day you break even, if you're lucky. It is really not that glamorous."

Meanwhile, one of her mom's former gymnastics students was attending Fresno State, and told Lane there was an opening on the tennis team. Lane jumped at the opportunity to play sports and go to college.

At 20 she landed in California. As a tennis pro she was used to traveling on her own, so arriving in a new country alone wasn't that scary. If anything, the transition was frustrating sometimes, she says, because college students here were treated more like kids than adults.

"In the U.S., a girl of 20 is still considered a girl, but in Bulgaria a girl of 20 is a woman," she says.

Lane applied the same tenacity to college as she did to her sport in Bulgaria. She attended the university on a tennis scholarship and attained an NCAA

Division I singles ranking of No. 4. A finance major, she was named valedictorian of her class and won the President's medal for obtaining a 4.0 GPA.

After college she worked for a year, then won a full-ride scholarship to Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego. She served as executive editor of the Thomas Jefferson Law Review, published a student note on foreign investment in Bulgaria and graduated first in her class in 2003.

"I liked the confrontation of litigation."

— Dora Lane

Originally Lane wanted to be a transactional attorney to help international businesses invest in Bulgaria, but she decided litigation was more her style.

"It was more competitive," she says, "and I liked the confrontation of litigation."

After law school, she clerked for Justice Mark Gibbons at the Nevada Supreme Court, and one year later she went to work for Hale Lane. As a clerk, Lane says, she was impressed by the firm's work and its reputation. She liked the fact that it was a full-service firm, where she'd have an opportunity to get a wide variety of experience. Lane started

in commercial litigation and then joined the labor and employment law group a year ago, working under shareholder Anthony Hall.

"She is super energetic, very eager to take on new tasks and learns incredibly quick," Hall says.

The group was a good fit.

"I get the best of both worlds," Lane says. "We do some litigating and we counsel clients on how to resolve and prevent employment issues. I like being involved throughout the process."

Lane brings a keen ability to see the interrelationship between many different elements, Hall says, a critical skill for navigating the complex nuances of labor and employment law. "Dora is incredibly good at connecting the dots," he says.

"She can weave in all the connected laws...Even the smallest loss for her is unacceptable. She hates it."

Says Lane: "When it's 11:30 p.m. and I've been here since 6:30 a.m., I think, 'If you just put in one more hour, it's going to be so much better.'"

Now happily married, Lane is here to stay, although she travels to Bulgaria once a year to visit her family.

"In the U.S., there is far more opportunity if you're hard working and you want to get there and do it on your own," she says.

Her career advice to others? "We have opportunity, so take it."

From the TJSL Viewbook:

"My experience at Thomas Jefferson School of Law was far more than just going to law school—it was a feeling of being empowered for success. As a foreigner, I did not qualify for a student loan unless an American citizen or resident co-signed the loan. Not surprisingly, finding someone to guarantee thousands of dollars was a challenge and, faced with my parents' absolute inability to assist me financially, I thought I would have to give up the dream of being a lawyer. I was wrong. Thomas Jefferson appreciated my academic and athletic achievements, and my diverse background, and I received a scholarship.

During the following three years, Thomas Jefferson continued to give me the warm treatment which had welcomed me in the first place. The professors were knowledgeable and always available to answer questions; the school staff was always there to help and point me in the right direction. Upon graduation, I was offered a clerkship with Justice Mark Gibbons at the Nevada Supreme Court, and I am currently employed with Hale Lane, one of the largest law firms in Nevada. I am also still in touch with some of my professors. Thank you, Thomas Jefferson!"

– Dora Djilianova Lane '03

Associate, Hale Lane Peek Dennison and Howard

We The People – Class Notes

Class of '74



Retired Superior Court judge, **Larry Stirling**, earned his black belt in Taekwondo at age 65, exactly 40 years after he started taking Taekwondo while on active duty in the Army and stationed in Korea.

Class of '76



Bonnie Dumanis '76 has announced that she will seek a third term as San Diego County District Attorney in 2010. Dumanis defeated incumbent D.A. Paul Pfingst in 2002 and ran for re-election unopposed in 2006. Recently, Dumanis was sworn-in as President of the California District Attorneys Association, a post she will hold for one year, and has become a member of the San Diego Gang Commission.

Stan Jones has been a criminal defense attorney with the San Diego County Public Defenders for almost 19 years. Besides the regular criminal practice, he has recently specialized in the area of mental health. He is now the assistant Supervisor of the Mental Health Unit, which handles all post-conviction mental health issues as well as LPS conservatorships and medication issues.

Class of '78



Mary Sessom writes, "2007 was my first year as Chair of the San Diego Association of Governments. I have been on the SANDAG Board since 1996, when I was first elected to the position as

Mayor of Lemon Grove. I'm still Mayor of Lemon Grove and Chair of the Department of Business and Professional Studies at Cuyamaca College. Yes, there can be a great life after retiring from the practice of law!"

Gary Wasserman, Wasserman Kornheiser LLP, works almost exclusively in the field of Common Interest Development Law.

Class of '79

Retired Superior Court Commissioner **Anthony "Tony" Brandenburg** is running for a city council seat in Encinitas. Brandenburg currently serves as the chief judge of the Intertribal Court of Southern California, which adjudicates cases arising among Native-American tribes.

Wayne Fanebust sends this note, "Since leaving San Diego in 1993, I have engaged in a challenging and rewarding career as a corporate attorney. I am currently Associate General Counsel for a nationally known financial services company in Sioux Falls, SD. The regular hours give me time to write. I have five books published, the most recent in October of 2005, titled *The Missing Corpse, Grave Robbing a Gilded Age Tycoon*, Praeger Publishing. My current projects include a book about the Civil War. My research should take me out to Southern California. It is safe to say I have found my niche as an attorney and a writer."



Candidate Updates

U.S. Representative Duncan Hunter '76

dropped out of the race for the GOP presidential nomination after a campaign that kicked off in San Diego in early 2007.

Hunter, who represents the 52nd Congressional District, mainly consisting of eastern and northern San Diego County, announced his decision following the disappointing results of the South Carolina, Iowa and New Hampshire primaries.

Though Hunter is retiring from the congressional seat he has held for nearly 30 years, he hopes to see his namesake follow in his footsteps. His son, Duncan Duane Hunter, is trying to capture the seat his father has held for so long. The younger Hunter won the Republican primary this June with 73% of the vote.

And just to prove what a small world it is, one of the candidates also competing for the same 52nd Congressional District seat was

Vickie Butcher '82. Butcher came in second place in the June Democratic Primary. Butcher's daughter **Kelley '03** is now practicing law in Saipan.





After graduation, **Kenneth Welch**, was a partner in the law firm of Richard Corona & Associates for five years, specializing in the preparations and litigation of construction claims. Combining his expertise as an architect and attorney, he is currently employed with Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber in Grand Rapids, Michigan as a Construction Administrator and is responsible for construction projects over \$25 million.

Class of '81

Walter Dutton served as a Deputy Public Defender, representing indigent defendants



in some 37 homicide cases before entering private practice, after which he handled five additional murder cases and moved his practice into the civil arena.

His experience

includes more than 35 Superior Court jury trials and his focus for litigation were cases involving brain injury and intellectual property. He has served the public as a judge pro tem, arbitrator and mediator. Additionally, he has authored twelve academic books on legal topics. A service-connected disabled veteran, Dutton provides pro bono services for vocational and disability counseling to military veterans applying for benefits at the Veterans Administration. He currently serves as Dean of Legal Studies, Criminal Justice and Paralegal Studies at Brown Western University, a virtual university.



Photo: Modesto Bee

Cecil Rhodes '80: "An Institution within an Institution"

Dr. Cecil Rhodes is known as an "institution within an institution" at Cal State University Stanislaus. The 1980 Thomas Jefferson alumnus recently retired after a stellar career at Stanislaus State, where he not only founded the criminal justice curriculum—he became almost synonymous with it.

The program prepared students for careers in the law enforcement field, but Rhodes also inspired many of his students to go to law school after they took the courses he taught in legal writing and research or participated in his mock trial program. It was almost like he was running a Triple-A farm team for the law schools.

"You could definitely say that," said Rhodes with a laugh. "A lot of general education students switched majors after they took my Intro to Criminal Justice course." And many of those students are now practicing attorneys—something of which he is very proud.

"My legacy is out there," he says. "I taught them their first course in criminal law. I taught them that criminal justice is not about just being in law enforcement, corrections or probation. Everything centers on the concept of law. The Constitution. They are basically instruments of the constitution and the law."

Rhodes attended the law school when it was Western State University and was headquartered in downtown San Diego.

"It was a great experience," he says. "There were small classes and students got to know each other and they supported each other. You could easily develop a relationship with faculty members—they had an interest in you. Law school was one of the best experiences I've ever had."

One thing Rhodes would like to see is more of his fellow lawyers follow in his footsteps and become educators as well as attorneys.

"Teaching is a very admirable profession," he says. "But the first thing many law school graduates want to do is hang out that shingle and make those big bucks—there are not that many who think about teaching students to become lawyers. I would encourage some of these students after they pass the bar to become an adjunct. Teach a course." His retirement plans include moving to the Puget Sound area of Washington State. He also intends to take cooking classes and travel. One thing is certain—Cal State Stanislaus will never be the same without him.

"I've had a great career. It's been a great run," says Rhodes. But even though he plans on living the life of leisure now, he won't rule out teaching a college-level course. That would be good news for some would-be lawyers who won't realize what their career path will be until they've met Rhodes in the classroom. He seems to have that effect on a lot of students, but then again, he was an institution.

We The People – Class Notes

Class of '84

Penny D. Weigand is the founder, CEO and attorney for Bellissima Publishing, LLC. Visit the Bellissima website at www.bellissimapublishing.com.

Class of '85

After graduating from TJSJ in 1985, **Bob H. Brown** was in private practice in San Diego for about a year and a half. In June of 1987 he joined the prosecutor ranks at the City Attorney's Office in San Diego. Two years later Brown became a Deputy District Attorney in Merced County. Following the election of 2002, he retired from the Merced DA's office as a Supervising Deputy District Attorney and entered his first term as the Mariposa County District Attorney. In 2006, he was reelected and now is in his second term as DA.



After many years in partnership with alumnus Jim Zuffoletto '86, **David O'Connell** has formed his own law firm, specializing "in my first love, real property, along with services in business,

corporate and estate planning law. Recently, to my surprise, I have added another service to my arsenal, acting as spokesman for a local grass roots organization of football fans and concerned citizens that want the Chargers to stay in San Diego, and not to relocate their stadium to Oceanside. This public relations work has included television and radio appearances."

Class of '89



Dusty Rhodes was a Deputy Public Defender for San Diego County from March 1990 to March 1998. He practiced almost exclusively in the El Cajon Court System,

although he also had short stints in the downtown Court. He is now fully retired and the only practice he does is by watching reruns of "Law and Order."

Class of '91

William Edwards, a Los Angeles County Public Defender, has been reappointed by the White House to a second term for the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities. Effective in April 2008, he was re-assigned to the Los Angeles County Mental Health Court representing clients who are found incompetent to stand trial, those who need conservator ships and those who are mentally retarded who need to be placed into hospitals instead of prisons. Edwards gave the keynote address at the first FAS/FASD conference in New York in June and also will be lecturing in South Africa in August on the subject of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.



Ed Harper of Harper Law, PLLC, moved his practice to Kirkland, Washington in January 2007, where he continues to practice Personal Injury law. He successfully

resolved a number of significant cases, which settled for several hundred thousand dollars each. Harper is licensed to practice in both California and Washington State, and continues to enjoy battling insurance companies on behalf of people injured as a result of another person's negligence.

Stephen Cornman—Educational Research is His New Game



Stephen Cornman '87

recently accepted a position as a Senior Research Scientist on school finance with the U.S. Department of Education at the Institute of

Education Sciences. A public policy specialist with 10 years of experience, Cornman is working on an educational research project devoted to the evaluation of school choice programs and other school improvement efforts across the country.

"I've always wanted to make a difference in peoples' lives," said Cornman. "Ever since I was young, I wanted to be involved in public service and public policy, which is why I made the career move to public service."

In addition to receiving his J.D., Cornman was a political science major at George Washington University and also earned an M.P.A. from Columbia. He practiced law for 10 years, specializing in civil litigation. Cornman is also a 2008-2009 candidate for a Ph.D. from Teacher's College at Columbia University.

As the former chief of policy and planning for Essex County, the largest county in New Jersey, Cornman designed a community-based welfare-to-work system that reduced the welfare rolls from 32,000 to 16,000 people. He also served as deputy director of the Essex County Improvement Authority and policy/budget assistant to former Borough President, Fernando Ferrer, in New York City.

At the American Education Finance Association Conference in March 2007, Cornman presented his dissertation proposal, "The Efficiency of Equity and Adequacy Policies." The thesis evaluates which policies have a relationship to improving academic achievement of economically disadvantaged students and which are the most effective structures to implement reform.

Last summer, Cornman directed the *School Choice in the Nation's Capital* public policy forum in the capital. He presented two topics: "The Evolution of School Choice Consumers: Parent and Student Voices on the D.C. Voucher Program" and "The Effect of Charter School Choice on Real Estate Values in D.C. Communities." The most recent publication on school choice was titled "Satisfied, Optimistic, Yet Concerned: Parent Voices on the Third Year of the DC Opportunity Scholarship Program."

Class of '94



Melinda M. Lord, is presently working in Kabul, Afghanistan as a Gender Justice Advisor, on a program funded by Department of State/Bureau on International Narcotics and Law Enforcement. Her job currently is working with the police and prosecutors to see that gender crimes are prosecuted and that women have access to police and prosecutors should they choose to use the formal justice sector. Lord writes, "There is very little support for them, so this is a problem with no easy answers. Reforms will take decades. Got hit by a roadside bomb in Herat. I lost a team member to a SVBIED. It is difficult."

Class of '95



Marian Birge, formed the law firm of Garcia & Birge in 2000 with Silvia L. Garcia. Birge primarily practices employment and business law, and in addition to litigation and preventive law and counseling, will now be providing CA

1825 (harassment and discrimination) training to employers. Her firm has relocated from San Diego to Escondido and she has joined the North County Bar Association. The firm is founded on the principle that lawyers must be committed to helping low and middle income people gain access to the legal system, including through dispute resolution processes, and has traditionally reserved a minimum of 10% of its practice to providing pro bono services.

Bill Parks has his own law office in Vista, California which handles criminal defense and he is one of a few attorneys who work with Native American law issues.

Dan Vrechek is a managing attorney for QUALCOMM's QChat® business unit. His emphasis includes technology transactions, licensing and litigation.

Class of '98

Chris J. Kowalski is living in Imperial County California. He spent six years with the Imperial County District Attorney's Office and has had his own practice since November of 2006. His practice is primarily in criminal defense.

Class of '99



Michele Castillo is a Deputy Public Defender, for the Ventura County Public Defender's Office. She was a former Deputy Public Defender for the Fresno County Office of the Public Defender. She is a Delegate to the California State Bar, Conference of Delegates, through the Ventura County Bar Association, since 2005 where she works on developing new legislation and instituting policy changes in all areas of law, for eventual ratification in the California Legislature. Castillo also stays very busy serving as Secretary for the Mexican American Bar Association (MABA). Since graduating, Castillo has traveled extensively around the world. She is a member of the 2008 TJSL Alumni Association Board of Directors.



Tim Purpura Now at Bat for Minor League Baseball

Tim Purpura '91 is now the executive vice-president and chief operating officer of Minor League Baseball. He was appointed to the position in January of this year.

Purpura is the former general manager of the Houston Astros who helped Houston reach the 2005 World Series.

"This new challenge I have been afforded by Minor League Baseball is a tremendous opportunity for me to continue my career in baseball in a unique way," said Purpura. In addition to the many baseball operations functions I have been involved with over the years, I will have the additional challenge and responsibility of overseeing areas such as marketing, finance, legal operations and info technology. I also will be working closely with our Board of Trustees and our Council of League Presidents to continue the tremendous growth of Minor League Baseball."

"Tim has experience in virtually every facet of baseball which will enhance our operations and complement the talented staff in St. Petersburg," said Pat O'Conner, the newly elected president of the minors. "I am grateful to Tim for accepting the challenge."

Purpura also was the keynote speaker at Thomas Jefferson's Fourth Annual Sports Law Society Conference held at Qualcomm Stadium in March.

We The People – Class Notes

Andrew S. Mestman argued before the California Supreme Court in February, 2007. On July 2, 2007, the Court unanimously found in Mestman's favor, affirming the capital conviction of Christopher Adam Geier. (*People v. Geier* (July 2, 2007, S050082)_Cal.4th_ [2007 Cal. LEXIS 6865].)

Class of '00

After spending over two years with the Arizona Attorney General's Office in the protective services section, **Cory Nies** is currently representing indigent parents in juvenile dependency and severance actions. He is employed by the Maricopa County Office of the Legal Defender.

Class of '01



Attorney **Jessica J. King**, was elected to serve on the Oshkosh Common Council on April 3, 2007. King was also reappointed to her second term as a State Bar of Wisconsin Delegate to the

American Bar Association's House of Delegates. She is currently the President-Elect of the Wisconsin Young Lawyers Division. King is currently an Associate with Steinhilber, Swanson, Mares, Marone & McDermott in Oshkosh, WI.



Robert Michael Way moved from the Yuma County Attorney's Office criminal division to its civil division where he handled civil asset forfeitures, contracts, and involuntary

commitment hearings. On, July 5, 2007, he joined the Deason Law Firm in Yuma, Arizona, where he practices Estate Planning and Probate. Way is the current president of the Yuma County Bar Association. You can contact him at www.deasonlaw.com.

Class of '02

Capt. Paul Curry, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division, attached to the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, was stationed in Baqouba, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08. Curry chose to leave his job as an attorney, join the Army as a cavalry scout, and then become a member of the Judge Advocate General before deploying to Iraq. He is now stationed in Hawaii.

Robin Lee Drubin opened her own practice, the Law Office of Robin L. Drubin in Vista, California, in January 2005. She practices Estate Planning, Probate, Trust Administration, Conservatorships and Guardianships. Drubin is in the process of getting an LLM in Taxation. She is also a Member of Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. Chapter of American Inns of Court.

Class of '03

Gus Fountas has worked in the immigration law field since 2005 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He opened his own practice, Immigration Law Office of Fountas & Ramiscal, on April 2, 2007. The practice is limited to immigration law focusing primarily on deportation, family and work based adjustment of status and business visas.

Joey Gilbert, the former NABO middleweight champion, was the keynote speaker in March at the Western Nevada Community College Athletic Foundation fundraiser.

Dominika Korytek is currently working in Chicago for Baker & McKenzie, LLP. Her focus is international tax, primarily cross border mergers and acquisitions, reorganizations and general international tax planning.

Melissa S. Lubin has been practicing criminal defense and family law in San Diego since her admission in November 2004. To date, she has handled more than 100 cases, criminal and domestic, but mostly criminal cases.



Richard Mendoza writes, "I was recently sworn in to the Florida Bar, and I am working in a Private Criminal Defense firm.

I also got married on March 31, 2007 with long time sweetheart, Tiffany Ann Pastors. While we both miss San Diego, we are enjoying the Orlando area. I guess it helps that we are both Disney fanatics."

Marisa Sommerville is a production counsel for Summit Entertainment, a studio located in Santa Monica, CA. Sommerville advises and participates in all aspects of film production from development through release. A recent release was a co-production with Disney, *Step Up*. Summit is also responsible for the development of "*Mr. and Mrs. Smith*" and has several pictures in pre-production. Sommerville says, "it's constantly busy and always exciting. It was a tough road to get here, but I'm working as in-house counsel for a studio, exactly as I wanted."

Class of '04

Michelle A. Angell is an associate at Steinhilber, Swanson, Mares, Marone & McDermott in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Her practice area includes bankruptcy, family law, criminal law, employment law, estate planning and probate.

Christopher Burk is with Simon and Associates in Las Vegas.

Patrick Cullen works for the National Labor Relations Board in Los Angeles, a job he started in his last year of law school when he interned at the NLRB San Diego office. As an attorney for the NLRB, his job largely consists of investigating and prosecuting unfair labor practices involving employers and labor organizations in the private sector, and the U.S. Postal Service. He has investigated a wide variety of cases, from discrimination against employees engaged in union or other group activity to unions unlawfully picketing neutral employers. More notably, he helped obtain injunctive relief in federal district court requiring an employer to reinstate six employees who were discharged for attempting to organize a union. Cullen says, "It's been a busy, yet rewarding time, working for the Board."



Bettianne Flanders currently manages marketing for the band "Broke On Friday" (myspace.com/fridayon-brokerockband) and continues to run her sports event planning business, Flanders

Field Sports Event Management
www.flandersfield.net.

Mahsa Gholami has been an associate at Beck Law Offices for two years, practicing in Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino, Marin and San Francisco Counties. Gholami represents plaintiffs in personal injury and medical malpractice cases, where she has successfully recovered substantial damages for her clients. Her focus is on wrongful death and permanent injury cases. Gholami also represents both plaintiffs and defendants in civil litigation cases, including real estate and contract disputes. She devotes a portion of her practice to criminal defense, handling both misdemeanor and felony cases, including drunk driving, theft, fraud, drug crimes, domestic violence and violent crimes.

Sarv Homayounpour works at Poliquin & Degrave in Laguna Hills, California, a litigation defense firm, specializing in medical/dental malpractice, insurance defense and general liability.



Regis C. Worley, Jr. accepted a position at Jones Day as part of their prestigious Intellectual Property litigation team. He practices out of Jones Day's San Diego office, the newest

of its 30 worldwide offices. Jones Day is the second largest law firm in the world, comprising over 2,200 attorneys, and is especially renowned for its litigation practice. His cases include patent infringement litigation, as well as an Interference proceeding at the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Class of '05

Julie Lynn is now working as a Deputy City Attorney at the San Diego City Attorney's Office, Criminal Division. She is in the trial unit where she screens, files, arraigns and tries a broad array of misdemeanor cases, including DUI, battery, resisting arrest, vandalism, and petty theft.



Debbie L. Morawski sends us this note: "After taking the bar in February 2006, I began working as a sports agent for Steve Aldaco Management Group and Law Firm in Temecula,

CA, which represented primarily professional supercross and motorcross riders. In addition, I also worked part-time in the firm's civil litigation and family law departments as a law clerk pending the results of the February '06 bar exam. I continued working for the firm as an associate up until June 2007, at which time I accepted a new position with the law firm of Kirk & Simas located in Santa Barbara County. This was an exciting career move in that it brought me back home where I'm now close to family and old friends. I am currently an associate with a diversified practice working a variety of cases in each of the firms civil litigation, family law, estate & trusts, and business departments. Areas of special interest and focus are intellectual property and agricultural law. I was elected as the department chair of the firm's family law department which entails overseeing the organizational structure of the department, staffing needs and training, as well as caseload assignments."

Maryam Assad received her LL.M. from Boston University School of Law in Taxation (2006) and currently works at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Houston as a senior associate in international tax services.

Class of '06

Nicole Angelucci is practicing estate planning and business formation at the Law Offices of Nicole Angelucci located in San Diego. Her firm handles all aspects of estate planning and administration.

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.

We The People – Class Notes



Matthew Berkowitz spent 2006-07 clerking for the Honorable Michael W. Farrell at the D.C. Court of Appeals, working on both civil and criminal matters. The D.C. Court of Appeals is the highest court of the District of Columbia, but derives its

powers from Article I of the U.S. Constitution. Therefore, he had the opportunity to work on cases brought by the U.S. Attorney, as well as other issues such as FBI DNA testing protocols and Constitutional issues, including First Amendment protections and interpreting *Crawford* and the Confrontation Clause. Berkowitz had the opportunity to see U.S. Supreme Court Oral Arguments and have lunch with Ken Starr, Justice Scalia, and Chief Roberts. He feels that clerking was, "a rewarding and tremendous experience that has given me insight beyond what the classroom or working at a law firm can offer. As I enter practice, I believe I have a better understanding of judicial philosophies and courthouse logistics, as well as a new appreciation for the importance of writing persuasive, yet accurate briefs." Jackson & Campbell P.C. (www.jackscamp.com) was founded more than a century ago and is one of the D.C. area's oldest and most respected law firms. He is a member of the Insurance Coverage Practice Group.

Casey L. Clevenger is currently the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for the Callaway County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in Callaway County, Missouri. His caseload consists of manslaughters, DWIs, assaults, domestic assaults, child support, violations of orders of protection, traffic and other miscellaneous felonies and misdemeanors. He is getting a great deal of trial experience, both jury and bench trials. Clevenger runs his own docket every week, which consists of everything from arraignments to dispositions to motion hearings and bench trials. He writes, "I absolutely love my job and I am gaining so much courtroom experience. With this job, I have the opportunity to do exactly what I had in mind when I decided to become an attorney. I am thankful to TJSI for my great experience and also to Jeffrey Joseph for being a great trial practice professor."

Ann M. Eberts (formerly Diepenbrock) has joined the Akron office of the Roetzel & Andress firm as an associate in the employment services group. Eberts focuses her practice primarily on labor and employment litigation.

Mindy Joy Facer works as a Deputy Public Defender in Orange County, California.

Omar Iqbal joined London Fischer LLP as an associate in January 2007, and currently works at their Irvine, California office.

Puja Sachdev is an Associate at the Law Offices of Beatrice L. Snider, APC, the second largest family law firm in California. Sachdev was also accepted to San Diego State University's Master of Science in Business Administration program to study Financial and Tax Planning.

Class of '07

Donald Ostertag has been hired as a Deputy Attorney General in the Appeals, Writs, and Trials Section of the Criminal Division of the California Attorney General's Office. He'll be working out of the San Diego office. Deputies in that Section prosecute all felony criminal appeals that are based out of the following counties: Imperial, Inyo, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego. Deputies appear before the CA Superior Court, the CA Courts of Appeal, the CA Supreme Court, the federal District Courts in the Southern and Central Districts of CA, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court.

Anna Romanskaya has joined Stark & D'Ambrosio, LLP, in San Diego as an associate. She is responsible for the family law caseload in the firm, which also specializes in criminal and civil law. Romanskaya is also very involved with the San Diego County Bar Association, serving on the Young New Lawyer's Division CLE committee, the Speaker's Bureau planning committee and the Children At Risk committee.

In Memoriam

William Kennedy Shearer '81
March 2007

Gordon Russell "Rusty" Williams, Jr. '76
July 2007

Steve Dari '92
September 2007

Felicia Robinson '00
May 2008

Kris Price '06
April 2008



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Patrick Kearns '05 is "Promising Young Attorney"

San Diego attorney Patrick J. Kearns '05 recently was recognized as a "Promising Young Attorney" by *The Daily Transcript*, San Diego's only daily business and legal newspaper. Kearns was among a group of 33 finalists acknowledged as the brightest up-and-coming lawyers in the San Diego legal community.

Kearns is an associate in the Professional Liability Department of Koeller, Nebeker, Carlson & Haluck LLP. He specializes in civil litigation, focusing on the defense of medical and dental professionals. Kearns is also experienced in the fields of administrative law matters involving California medical and dental licensing boards; business litigation; and employment law.

Each California-licensed finalist has practiced law for less than seven years. Nominations were made by other San Diego practicing attorneys and the finalists were chosen by an independent panel of legal experts. Those selected were judged in several categories, including: work ethic and organization; knowledge and enthusiasm; professional ethics; and commitment to furthering the interests of justice in society.

Winslow '06 Earns Award for Naval Intelligence Work



In January 2007, Petty Officer Second Class Chris Winslow '06, USN, deployed to Camp Lemonier, a former French Foreign Legion Post in Djibouti City, Djibouti, home of the Combined Joint Task Force—Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA) with

other sailors, soldiers, marines, and airmen for a six month tour of duty. Unlike Afghanistan and Iraq, the mission there is to change the environment to prevent conflict. Says Winslow, "We're building relationships with locals through civil affairs operations like well-drilling and school construction to preempt the spread of terrorism in east Africa."

It wasn't all work and no play while he was in Djibouti. Winslow participated on the Camp Lemonier soccer squad. The team travels to villages year round for friendly matches to further Djiboutian-American relations.

At the end of his deployment, Winslow was awarded the Joint Service Achievement Medal for some impressive work as an "Intelligence Specialist," as described in the official announcement:

Created objective methodology to assess the viability of insurgency in Somalia, named a Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa "Best Practice." Associated products resulted in Command's superior understanding of East Africa al Qaeda insurgency, an intelligence-sharing program among African Union nations, and increased security for AU forces in Mogadishu. Personally briefed Commanding Officer, RADM James Hart. Assisted in tracking EEAQ leader Abdullahi Arale resulting in his capture.

After returning to the U.S. last October, Winslow



Winslow and Mohamed, a resident of the village of Nagad, following a soccer game.

studied for, took and passed the February '08 bar exam. "I can't say I'm a first time bar passer, but the first time's just for fun right? Second time's the charm," he said.

From March to the end of this June, he worked for a new member of the state legislature (<http://www.gomanoli.com>), who has his own solo practice. He showed Winslow the ropes on criminal, traffic and landlord-tenant practice.

On July 1, Winslow hung out his own shingle, doing criminal, civil, traffic, landlord tenant and residential real estate closings. "I got a great deal—\$170 per month—on a closet of an office in a very affluent shopping center here in Midlothian, VA," added Winslow. "It's small but I have a window and it's all I really need."

Q & A WITH ERIC MITNICK: TJSL'S NEW ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



Professor Eric Mitnick is the new Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Thomas Jefferson. He succeeded Professor Steve Semeraro, who returned to teaching full time during the 2007-2008 academic year.

Dean Mitnick recently answered some questions about what he hopes to accomplish for the law school in his new position.

Why is it important to you to be the Associate Dean at TJSL?

"The Associate Dean is primarily responsible for the academic side of the institution. This includes everything from developing the law school curriculum, to working with students and student organizations

regarding particular academic concerns and aspirations, to facilitating faculty research and development. To my mind, this is the heart and soul of any law school. It's most dramatically what the law school is all about, it's the mission of legal education and I can't imagine a more exciting position from which to serve that mission."

What are your hopes and aspirations for your tenure as Associate Dean?

"Steve Semeraro did a fantastic job as Associate Dean for five years and Marybeth Herald helped the institution in that position immeasurably during a long and amazingly challenging period of

transition in TJSL's history. With the help of the staff, the faculty, the alumni, the trustees and the student body, they've managed to construct an extraordinarily dynamic, vibrant institution.

From a bird's eye view, I would say that Dean Herald's primary focus was on launching and building a national law school, and that Dean Semeraro focused extensively on refining and expanding the law school curriculum. I am committed to continuing the momentum they initiated in each of those areas, but I also hope to expand the institution's commitment to faculty development. As it says on Professor Markey's door, "The heart of a law school is its faculty." I really believe that to be the case and so I plan to do all I can to facilitate each faculty member's development as a teacher and a scholar. The highest quality teaching and research will redound to the benefit of the student body and ultimately the broader legal community."

Why are you optimistic about TJSL's future?

"The Dean. The faculty. The staff. The trustees. The student body. The alumni. From top to bottom, this is an institution with the highest caliber of professionals working aggressively and harmoniously as a team. Rudy Hasl has more experience than any law school dean I've ever met and he has a vision of progress for TJSL that is incredibly exciting to be a part of. The faculty is simply an extraordinary group—ideas practically percolate in the hallways and the devotion to teaching here is



ASSOCIATE DEAN JEFF JOSEPH IS "SUPER LAWYER"

Being recognized two years in a row as one of San Diego's "Super Lawyers" is an honor *Super Lawyers Magazine* recently bestowed on Associate Dean, General Counsel and Adjunct Professor Jeffrey Joseph. Several TJSL alumni and adjunct professors also earned recognition as "Super Lawyers."

The annual magazine published in June selects only five percent of licensed, active California attorneys to be deemed "Super Lawyers." The attorneys are nominated by their peers.

In the San Diego edition of *Super Lawyers*, Dean Joseph was the only attorney selected in the category of Schools and Education. Dean Joseph began teaching as an adjunct professor at TJSL in 1990. He joined the law school full-time two years ago following a 16-year career as Deputy Chief Counsel for Caltrans in San Diego.

"I am honored to be in *Super Lawyers* as it represents the vote of my peers," he said. "From past experience, I know that lawyers are honored in this way not just for their legal skill, but for their reputation for honesty. I hope every Thomas Jefferson student will always put integrity first. It will be recognized."



Samuel Bettwy

TJSL Adjunct Professor and Assistant U.S. Attorney Samuel Bettwy also made this year's list. Professor Bettwy, who joined the TJSL adjunct faculty in 1995 and teaches Military Law,

Comparative Law and Immigration Law, says he was honored that he was the sole government attorney chosen in the Immigration category.

"I was especially honored to be included among the other, outstanding San Diego immigration attorneys," added Professor Bettwy. "The title does not change anything for me since I am a federal government attorney, but I am pleased that it reflects well upon the U.S. Attorney's Office and upon TJSL."

Other TJSL adjunct professors wearing this year's "Super Lawyers" title are Michael L. Crowley and



Michael L. Crowley Richard DeGrove Muir

Richard DeGrove Muir. Professor Crowley is in private practice and teaches California Evidence, Criminal Motion Practice and Constitutional Litigation at TJSL. Professor Muir also is in private practice and teaches Criminal Procedure.

TJSL alumni named "Super Lawyers" this year include:

Denise Asher '94
Laury M. Baldwin '78
Sharon Ann Blanchet '86
Patricia L. Cleary '79
Thomas M. Correll '76
Michael Howard Crosby '86
Gordon Dale Cruse '82
Andrew Philip Pomfret Dunk III '86
Nancy Kaupp Ewin '79
James Patrick Frantz '78
Gary Steven Glauser '76
Joshua David Gruenberg '92
Karen Marie Heffron '84
James Allan Hennenhoefter '70
Richard Victor Hyatt '75
Matthew Markus Kremer '77
Laura Helen Miller '93
Peggy Lee Moore '78
Christopher John Plourd '80

The criteria for this prestigious honor are based on "outstanding lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement." "Super Lawyers" are nominated by their colleagues, who believe the nominees are among the finest attorneys they have ever personally witnessed in action.

According to the publication's website, "The objective of the selection process is to create a credible, comprehensive and diverse listing of outstanding attorneys that can be used as a resource to assist attorneys and sophisticated consumers in the search for legal counsel."

genuinely inspiring. The staff is the most attentive, caring and skilled group I've encountered. And everyone associated with the law school owes more to the trustees of the institution, particularly Sandy Kahn, than they can possibly imagine. Most importantly, the students, both current and former, have been and continue to be a remarkably interesting, devoted and motivating collection of individuals. I can't imagine a better place to be."

Is there anything else you'd like to say to the TJSL community regarding your new position?

"I'm here to help facilitate each student's learning, so I would hope that students—current, former and future—feel free to seek me out. The faculty and staff, of course, already know how to reach me."

ABOUT DEAN MITNICK

Eric J. Mitnick

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Law

Ph.D., Princeton University;

M.A., Princeton University;

J.D., University of Michigan, cum laude;

A.B., Cornell University

Courses include: Administrative Law, Professional Responsibility, Torts.

Hollywood's "Dirty Little Secret"

So what is Hollywood's "Dirty Little Secret?"

The secret that TJSL Professor Claire Wright is telling as many people as she can is that—like so many American industries—the film industry is outsourcing its jobs and moving entire productions to foreign countries in exchange for lucrative subsidies.

Professor Wright has become a leading scholar on the legality of subsidies under the free trade laws and, in particular, the subsidies being provided by foreign countries to U.S. movie studios to entice them to shoot their films in those countries.

This includes some pretty big film titles. Examples of the more than half of all U.S.-developed films that are shot in other countries as a result of such subsidies are *Brokeback Mountain*, *Independence Day*, *Cinderella Man*, *Hollywoodland*, *Good Will Hunting*, *Cold Mountain*, *The Matrix* and the *Pirates of the Caribbean II and III*. The first five of these movies were shot in Canada, while *Cold Mountain*, *The Matrix* and the *Pirates of the Caribbean II and III* were shot in Romania, Australia and the Bahamas, respectively.

In her award-winning law review article titled "*Hollywood's Disappearing Act: International Trade Remedies to Bring Hollywood Home*," published in 2006 at 31 U. Akron L. Rev. 739, Professor Wright says that "Hollywood has a dirty little secret, which is that more than half of American feature films are no longer even 'Made in the U.S.A.'" She argues that, in the terminology of the liberal economic principles underlying the trade rules, there is nothing "natural" about the subsidies that foreign governments are paying to U.S. film company executives to sell America's premier industry to those governments.

In other words, this situation is fundamentally different than the situation of a U.S. company that moves to a foreign country in order to take advantage of that country's physical resources or naturally lower wage rates.

For approximately 18 months after publication of her article, Professor Wright met with entertainment unions in Los Angeles to urge them to contribute to a legal fund needed to petition the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) to investigate this situation. Finally, after sufficient funds had been raised, the film workers filed their petition with the USTR in September of 2007, documenting the hundreds of thousands of U.S. film jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars that already have been lost to other countries as a result of the foreign film subsidy programs. However, within just a few short weeks, the USTR dismissed the film worker's petition without comment or any opportunity for appeal. Professor Wright believes that heavy pressure from the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) was brought to bear on the USTR, as the MPAA's member studios are the primary beneficiaries of the subsidies that the film workers are challenging.

According to Professor Wright, the USTR's dismissal of this petition exposes how the U.S. Government has allowed its fellow WTO member countries to violate their international trade commitments and decimate an entire industry so that

America's wealthiest companies and individuals can become even richer. In fact, she notes, in the case of the U.S. film industry, one would not be too far off the mark to say that America is in the process of literally selling her soul.

Compounding this tragedy, says Professor Wright, is the fact that the MPAA's members don't even need the subsidies, as the annual revenues of the six companies that constitute the MPAA are higher than the gross domestic product of all but 20 countries on earth. And, while film company executives continually claim that the cost savings they're realizing through the foreign subsidy programs are also trickling back to U.S. film workers, the only thing U.S. film workers have experienced in 10 long years is a tsunami of pink slips, as the film workers demonstrated in their petition.

But stay tuned, as you haven't heard THE END of this story yet. Professor Wright is working on what she hopes will be a dramatic finish to the saga of Hollywood's Dirty Little Secret.



Professor Claire Wright

Professor Schwabach is “Hooked on Harry”

Little did Professor Aaron Schwabach know when he first opened a copy of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone* that the book would cast a spell on him and whisk him into the magical world of wizardry created by English author J.K. Rowling—a spell that has been cast upon millions of readers of all ages around the world.

At first he thought, “This is a kid’s book.” But after reading it from cover to cover, he then went to Barnes & Noble late one night and bought the second book in the series. Professor Schwabach was “hooked on Harry.”

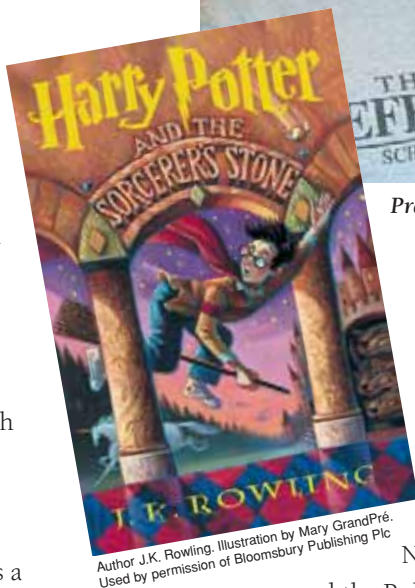
Not only was he hooked on *Harry* as a reader, but as a legal scholar as well. Professor Schwabach began lecturing on *Harry Potter* in England after he published a widely read research paper on the *Potter* books. Professor Schwabach took his family along on the *Harry Potter* trip to England.

So what is it about these books that would captivate a law professor? And is this a serious subject for legal research?

“On a basic reading level they’re fun,” says Professor Schwabach. “The characters are very believable. You can get in long discussions about even very minor characters. That’s her (Rowling’s) genius—the ability to create truly believable characters—people we think we know.”



Professor Aaron Schwabach with son Daniel.



Author J.K. Rowling. Illustration by Mary GrandPré. Used by permission of Bloomsbury Publishing Plc

And beyond the characters, Professor Schwabach says, there is law.

“Harry’s story is a story about law,” he says in his research paper “*Harry Potter and the Unforgivable Curses:*

Norm-formation, Inconsistency, and the Rule of Law in the Wizarding World,” published in the *Roger Williams University Law Review*, 2005.

“Harry’s world is governed by a detailed and deeply flawed legal regime,” he writes. “Law, laws and legal structures appear in nearly every chapter; conflicts and imperfections abound, providing Harry and his companions with the opportunity to ponder moral choices—and readers with the opportunity to ponder the nature of law.”

The legal scholar may at first wonder how any of the issues in these stories of a dark fantasy world might have any relevance in the real world—especially to the legal profession and society’s perceptions of the justice system.

That relevance is explained in this excerpt from Professor Schwabach’s paper:

The law of Harry’s world is important to our world for at least two reasons: First, it provides an entirely constructed universe, a laboratory in which legal thought-experiments can be conducted without real-world consequences. Second, literature shapes law: For every real-life model of advocacy, adjudicative, and rule-making roles that the average first-year law student has, there are a hundred fictional models, from

Atticus Finch to, well, Albus Dumbledore. The readers of *Harry Potter* will internalize its portrayals, particularly the uncertain quality of justice in a awyerless society, and someday bring them to the practice of law.

This article focuses on one particular inconsistency, or apparent inconsistency, in the legal regime governing the British wizarding world: The Unforgivable Curses, the use of which on humans is absolutely prohibited by the law of the wizarding world. The three Unforgivable Curses are the Cruciatus Curse, which causes unbearable pain; the Imperius Curse, which allows the user to control the actions of the victim; and the Killing Curse, which causes instant death. The use of any of these curses on a human being is punishable by life imprisonment in Azkaban, the exceptionally grim wizards’ prison. Yet there are inconsistencies both in the application of this law and in the selection of certain curses as Unforgivable.

Why has the wizarding world chosen

to outlaw certain spells and not others? What values do these choices reflect, both for Harry's world and for ours? What does it mean for a society to choose to punish some offenses more seriously than others, or not to punish at all? The same question is often asked in our world—why are minor drug offenses punished more harshly than crimes considered by many to be more serious, for example? The most extreme penalties wizarding law has to offer—the Dementor's Kiss and life imprisonment in Azkaban—are handed out arbitrarily. In spite or perhaps because of this, the denizens of the wizarding world seem to ignore or violate the law quite a bit.

This article attempts to explore and perhaps answer some of these questions. It looks at the Unforgivable Curses and their Forgivable companions, the Dementor's Kiss and the Memory Charm, and examines the legal treatment of these spells under the Ministry's regime as well as under relevant British (*Muggle) and international law.

V. Conclusion

Harry Potter's story is not just about law, but also about a society trying to establish a rule of law. The Ministry of Magic is not a dictatorship, but it is not a democracy, either; it's a sort of muddling misrule that has grown out of the first war against Voldemort's Death Eaters. Under that stress, the Ministry regime adopted an ad hoc and inconsistent approach to justice, just as some Muggle governments have done under similar stress. The Ministry never recovered, or

perhaps there was never a rule of law in the wizarding world in the first place; in the years of peace since Voldemort's downfall, it has failed to build working legal structures. Now the Ministry is under stress again, and even the good guys—Dumbledore's Order of the Phoenix and Harry's school friends—seem to follow personalities rather than rules.

These failings of the Ministry and the Order are not glossed over; they are presented with concern. An entire generation, perhaps many generations, of future lawyers, litigants, lawmakers, judges, jurors and citizens is confronting these questions. **What is the rule of law? Should it be absolute? What limits should be placed on government power, and on private power? When is it right to disobey not only unjust laws, but just ones?** (**In the Harry Potter books, a "muggle" is a non-magic person.*)

What kind of feedback does Professor Schwabach, the author of several books and numerous legal articles, get on his *Harry Potter* paper?

"More feedback on that than anything I've ever written—to my chagrin," he says.

"I write about real world and nobody responds. I write about this and all I get are very impassioned responses. Some people are positively encouraging, while some disagree with everything I've said. It shows that *Harry Potter* has become more a part of our shared experiences than the real world."

Finally, Aaron Schwabach thinks the *Harry Potter* series has value for would-be law students.

According to the professor: "Unlike laws that we teach in a class, though more closely connected to the real world, there's an idealized law (in the *Harry Potter* books) that relates more to the bar exam than the real world. We're trying to get students in the habit of working with rules and applying rules to facts. *Harry Potter* is good training for that.

"People who read *Harry Potter* will have less trouble when they get to law school."

TJSL Extends Global Reach to Russia



An agreement signed between the Thomas Jefferson School of Law and Far Eastern National University (FENU) in Vladivostok, Russia opens the door for San Diego law students to study abroad in Eastern Europe.

Thomas Jefferson Dean Rudolph Hasl says he is “extremely pleased about the continuing relationship with University President Vladimir Kurilov” that began in 2001 when Dean Hasl was associated with Seattle University.

In 2003, their educational partnership established a link between the legal communities in the state of Washington and Primorsky Krai to exchange information relating to jury trials, security in judicial proceedings and other rule of law topics. This partnership was built through exchange visits to the state of Washington and Vladivostok, development of distance education facilities and creation of a website. Dean Hasl also earned an Honorary Doctor of Laws from FENU.

FENU President Kurilov visited the Thomas Jefferson campus last fall to sign the new agreement, which will allow two law students from each school to spend one semester studying overseas while participating in the Collaborative Legal Education Project known as CLEP. The goals of the CLEP program are to provide students with more study options and resources, and to promote understanding and cooperation between Russia and the United States.

In an effort to further the development of this academic relationship, Thomas Jefferson School of Law also will allow two FENU graduates per year to enroll in its *juris doctor* program. They will receive

financial support for their educational expenses from FENU. Participants in the program are required to file an application, submit a transcript of academic work taken at FENU, provide academic references, submit a TOEFL score and receive the endorsement of the CLEP administrator.

This exchange program with the Russian university is another feather in TJSL’s cap when it comes to the choices students have for study abroad programs. Other Thomas Jefferson programs now enable students to study abroad in: Hangzhou, China; Nice, France; Ontario, Canada; Pristina, Kosovo and Dijon, France.

“This new collaboration with Far Eastern National University is another important step taken by Thomas Jefferson School of Law to further enhance the opportunities we provide to our students who are seeking a global legal education,” noted Dean Hasl. “We have made significant investment in this area with our Center for Global Legal Studies, our extensive International Law curriculum taught by experienced scholars and teachers, and our growing number of study abroad programs. Thomas Jefferson students have an enviable array of choices from which to enrich their educational experience and to prepare them for successfully practicing law in the international arena.”



FENU President Vladimir Kurilov (left) and TJSL Dean Rudy Hasl (right).

Legal Writing Program is Among Top in Nation

For the third time in recent years, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked Thomas Jefferson School of Law's Legal Writing Program among the top legal writing programs in the nation. The ranking is based on a survey of randomly selected legal writing professors nationwide.

The annual rankings, released in late March, showed TJSL at 25th place, tied with Hofstra, Chicago-Kent, Texas Tech and Washington University in St. Louis. This is a slight rise from last year, when TJSL was ranked 26th.

"We are delighted once again by this recognition, especially because the voters whose opinion is reflected in the *U.S. News* specialty rankings are faculty members with recognized knowledge and experience in a particular field," said Professor Linda Berger, who was instrumental in shaping Thomas Jefferson's Legal Writing Program since it began in 1993.

Thomas Jefferson's Legal Writing Program draws extensively on thinking, learning, writing and teaching methods from other disciplines. Today, the program incorporates the best practices from benchmark legal writing programs, learning and teaching experts, and fields including rhetoric, composition, literature, education and psychology. For students, this means they will engage in solving increasingly complex legal problems as they are introduced to and then begin to master the essential lawyering skills of analysis: reasoning by induction, deductions and analogy; research; and written and oral communication and persuasion.

"The legal writing faculty are like translators or guides to a new world," said Professor Ilene Durst, who has taught in the Legal Writing Program since 1994. "It's very uncomfortable for a new student to arrive at law school and then find that the style and method of analysis employed is so different from what they've known. We try to provide a guide on how to get along in this new language and culture."

In the first year of the curriculum, consisting of Legal Writing I and Legal Writing II, students learn how to conduct legal research, to analyze and apply the law, to create and test arguments, to organize legal documents, and to draft and revise for an audience. In the second and third years of study, students are required to complete an upper level writing project either through a doctrinal seminar or professional skills course, by working on a Moot Court brief or law review notes, or by completing an independent study project under the supervision of a full-time faculty member. Students may further develop their writing skills by taking an advanced legal research course or a course designed to improve rhetorical skills.

Annual Alumni Golf Tournament Raises \$5,000 for TJSL's Veterans Clinic



Stephanie Allegrucci, shown here with John Agle '94 (left) and Professor Steve Berenson (right), received the initial VLAC scholarship.

The Thomas Jefferson School of Law's 12th Annual Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament benefited the Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic (VLAC), which is operated by TJSL students at the Veterans Village of San Diego. The student volunteers help VVSD's clients with legal issues, such as child custody and government benefits.



Happy golfers!

The golf tournament attracted a number of sponsors. Union Bank (Master Sponsor) and LandAmerica (Gold Sponsor) were joined by Holiday Fenoglio Fowler LP, Ted Burgess, Suncoast Financial, The Allen Group, Kennedy & Souza, Craig Sherman, Clark Realty, Sweetwater Square LLC, Bender & Gritz, Cushman Wakefield San Diego, MDM Enterprises, Liedle Getty & Wilson, The Penrose Company, The Pierce Company, Sportland Team Sports, Walsh Chacon and Winton & Larson in supporting the tournament.

The event committee included chair John Agle '94, Kevin Kennedy '91, Ajay Kwatra '96 and alumni board members Randy Grossman '94, Robert Waller '93 and Craig Sherman '93.

As a result of the highly successful tournament, Professor Steve Berenson, Veteran's Clinic faculty advisor, and his committee have begun awarding scholarships to the most outstanding VLAC student volunteers.



Happy Tournament winners!

SAVE THE DATE:

Union Bank once again will be the Master Sponsor for the 13th Annual Golf Tournament, which will be held September 26, 2008 at Coronado Municipal Golf Course.

TJSL Hits a Home Run with Another Season

Thomas Jefferson School of Law is gaining a worldwide reputation for hosting outstanding academic conferences on cutting-edge topics that attract prominent speakers and scholars in their respective fields, as well as attendees from across the globe, TJSL students and alumni, academics from other institutions and members of the legal community. This spring, TJSL presented a series of exceptional conferences on topics ranging from the laws of the global workplace, to the issues women in politics face, to the human rights crisis in Haiti, to understanding new developments in the secured credit laws.



TJSL hosted a pathbreaking conference on the topic of international workplace law in February titled **“The Global Workplace: Expanding Intellectual Borders with International & Comparative Workplace Law.”** The conference focused on the legal issues at the forefront of labor and employment law and was the first held in the United States aimed at teaching the teachers and others about global workplace law and its place in the law school curriculum.

Co-sponsored by TJSL’s Center for Law and Social Justice and Center for Global Legal Studies, and Cambridge University Press, the conference brought together a worldwide group of legal experts and scholars. Keynote speaker was Roger Blanpain, of the Universities of Leuven, Belgium and Tilburg, the Netherlands.

Not only could people attend the conference in person at TJSL, but they could watch it live by videoconferencing at the event’s co-presenting institutions, Seton Hall University School of Law in New Jersey and the Louisiana State University’s Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

“Globalization has transformed the way we think about the workplace, creating opportunities that have helped millions while presenting worldwide challenges that require coordinated and creative solutions,” said TJSL Professor Susan Bisom-Rapp, conference organizer. “By bringing together top experts in the field—from both the worlds of legal academia and legal practice—gatherings like our conference represent a starting point for managing globalization so that its benefits are broadly shared.”



A powerhouse roster of speakers came together in February for **“Women in Politics”**—the Eighth Annual Women and the Law Conference. It made for a lively and entertaining program—with many of San Diego’s most prominent female politicians teamed with expert scholars in the area of gender and politics.

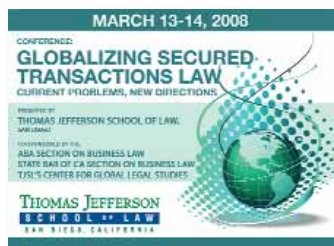
The politicians included: Dede Alpert (former state senator); Midge Costanza (former assistant to President Jimmy Carter); Bonnie Dumanis ’76 (San Diego District Attorney); Donna Frye (San Diego City Councilwoman and former mayoral candidate); Karen Hewitt (U.S. Attorney, Southern District); Christine Kehoe (California State Senator); former U.S. Attorney Carol Lam (Senior Vice President and Legal Counsel, QUALCOMM Inc.); and Lynn Schenk (former U.S. Congresswoman).

The keynote speaker and this year’s Ruth Bader Ginsberg lecturer was Barbara Palmer of American University, whose presentation was aptly titled **“Breaking the Political Glass Ceiling.”** Among the other academic speakers were: Lisa Garcia Bedolla (U.C. Irvine); Barbara Burrell (N. Ill. University); Madhavi McCall (SDSU); Melinda Mueller (E. Ill. University); Valerie O’Regan (Cal State Fullerton); Ronnee Schreiber (SDSU); and Stephen Stambough (Cal State Fullerton).

Panel Moderators included: Gloria Penner, KPBS Public Radio; Susan Taylor, NBC 7/39; Norma Damashek, president of San Diego’s League of Women Voters; and Lorena Gonzalez, CEO of the AFL-CIO.

“Women have made enormous strides in the political arena,” said conference co-organizer Professor Julie Greenberg. “However, we are still a long way from the day in which the ultimate glass ceiling will be shattered and a candidate’s gender will be considered truly irrelevant in an election.”

of Cutting-Edge Conferences in 2008



The Globalizing Secured Transactions Law Conference in March brought together an international group of experts on this complex but very crucial component of world economics. It was organized by TJSL Professor Arnold Rosenberg

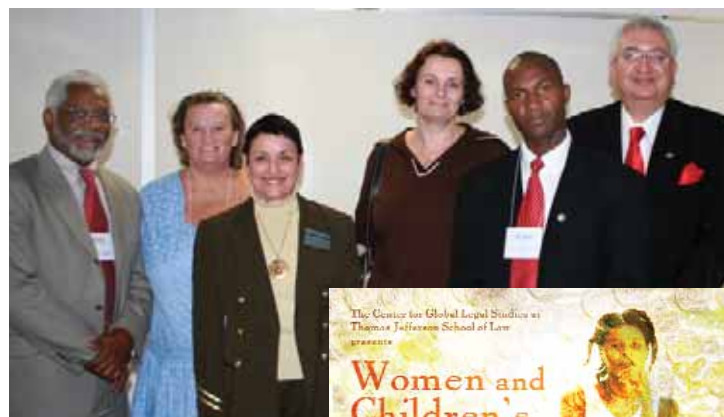
and co-sponsored by TJSL's Center for Global Legal Studies, the ABA Section of Business Law and the State Bar of California Section on Business Law.

The conference addressed new developments in the secured credit laws of major U.S. trading partners such as Japan, China and France, the new UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Secured Transactions and the OAS Model Inter-American Law on Secured Transactions, which are rapidly changing the legal landscape for international trade, project finance, securitizations and other uses of secured credit.

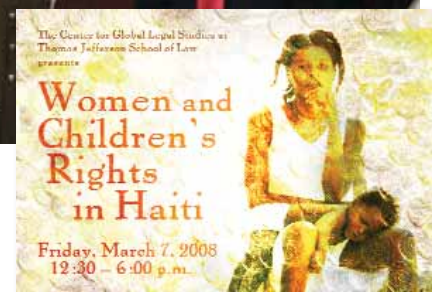
The experts and practitioners who attended, including key drafters of the UNCITRAL Legislative Guide and OAS Model Law, discussed the important policy issues in harmonizing the secured credit laws of diverse legal systems, and what the future holds for secured transactions law in a global economy.

Adding a bit of high-tech globalization to the proceedings was the appearance of keynote speaker Spiros Bazinas, the Senior Counsel of UNCITRAL—who appeared via the Internet. Among the speakers and panelists were professors from as far away as Osaka and Tokyo as well as attorneys from the firms of Heller Ehrman LLP in Los Angeles, Luce Forward Hamilton & Scripps LLP in San Diego and Miller Thomson LLP in Toronto. TJSL Professors Eniola Akindemowo and Arnold Rosenberg also presented.

The event was well-received with several of the attendees saying how impressed they were with the caliber of the speakers, the topics and the organization of the event.



The Women and Children's Rights in Haiti Conference in March was one of the more emotional and passionate events held at the law school recently.



"The Haiti Conference was designed to raise public awareness about serious human rights violations currently being perpetrated on women and children in Haiti," said Professor Susan Tiefenbrun, Director of TJSL's Center for Global Legal Studies and co-organizer of the conference with TJSL student Vera Valdivia.

The remarkable panel of speakers included Haiti's Ambassador to the United States, Raymond Joseph. Also headlining were: Deputy Rodon Bien-Aime, a Haitian Senator; Barbara Walker, a retired New York City school bus driver who runs a village for homeless women and children in Haiti; Johns Hopkins University Professor Mohammed Mattar, a human rights authority; Haitian Human Rights attorney Mario Joseph; and student Vera Valdivia, an advocate for parents like herself who have adopted children from Haiti.

The statistics listed by Bien-Aime are disheartening. There are hundreds of thousands of abandoned children. Only two-percent of them go to school. Ninety-eight percent can't get nourishment, medical care OR an education.

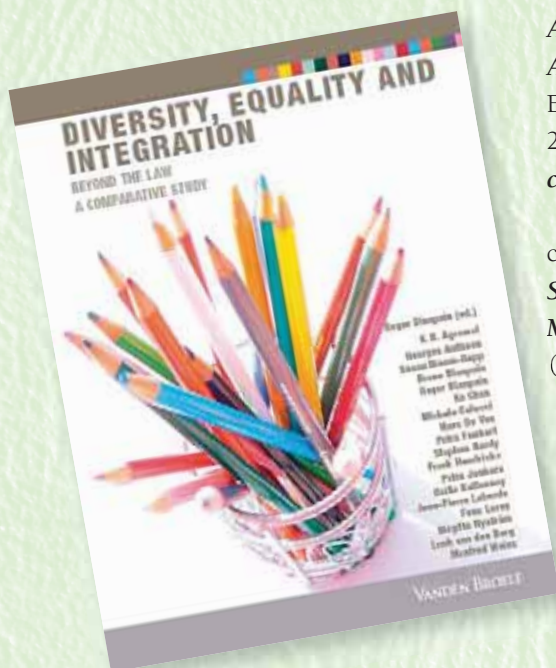
"The children of Haiti need your help in order to go to school and to fight the horrific conditions they face," Bien-Aime stressed.

"The government of Haiti is failing its children," added Walker.

"Yes, there are problems in Haiti," said Ambassador Joseph, who says he wants to bring about change in his country.

"The conference opened an important dialog between the Haitian government officials and the lawyer who attended the conference," said Valdivia. "This has resulted in a promise of cooperation that was followed through when participants returned to Haiti."

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



The papers presented at the International Forum: Diversity, Equality and Integration at the Flemish Royal Academy of Belgium last September have been assembled into a book. Thomas Jefferson Professor **Susan Bisom-Rapp** was one of the presenters and her chapter is on workplace diversity and integration in the U.S. She also co-authored the conclusion with Roger Blanpain, the host of the conference and one of her co-authors on the textbook *The Global Workplace*.

"This book is a fascinating compilation not only of the papers presented," said Professor Bisom-Rapp, "but also of the extensive dialog at the forum." A section of the publication transcribes the questions and commentary from the over 20 participants at the event. "That section," noted Bisom-Rapp, "captures the lively debate that unfolded in Brussels."

The citation for Professor Bisom-Rapp's contribution is: *Diversity, Equality and Integration: A Workplace Perspective from the U.S.; Conclusion, in Diversity, Equality*

And Integration: Beyond The Law—A Comparative Study (Roger Blanpain, Ed., Vanden Broele Publishers, forthcoming 2008) (chapter authored alone; *Conclusion* co-authored with Roger Blanpain).

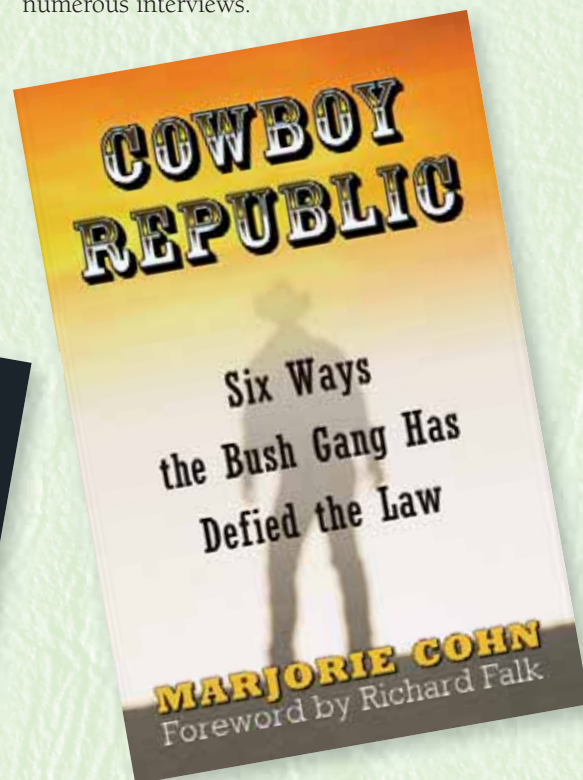
Professor Susan Bisom-Rapp also co-authored a chapter in the anthology *Sex Discrimination in the Workplace: Multidisciplinary Perspectives* (Faye J. Crosby, Margaret S. Stockdale & S. Ann Ropp, Eds., Blackwell 2007), and - released in June.



Her chapter, "*A Critical Look at Organizational Responses to and Remedies for Sex Discrimination*," was co-authored with psychologists Faye Crosby and Peggy Stockdale, the above-mentioned editors of the anthology. In it, they discuss the types of workplace policies associated with working women making progress professionally.

"I very much enjoyed being part of the project," said Professor Bisom-Rapp.

Professor Marjorie Cohn has published her latest book, *Cowboy Republic: Six Ways the Bush Gang Has Defied the Law*, that, not surprisingly, has put the media spotlight on Professor Cohn and resulted in numerous interviews.



The publisher, PoliPointPress, says: "*Cowboy Republic* describes the six most important ways the Bush Administration has weakened the rule of law. Marjorie Cohn explains what we can do to remedy the administration's breaches of statutory, constitutional, and international law including political and legal remedies."

Professor Geoffrey Stone, former Dean of University of Chicago Law School, calls *Cowboy Republic* "an important cautionary tale about the perils that can befall a democracy when the arrogance of power outstrips the reasoned constraints of the law."

Political activist Daniel Ellsberg says, "This devastating, utterly compelling

Thomas Jefferson School of Law
Professors continue to be prolific authors,
writing important new books and chapter
contributions—to critical acclaim.

account of the crimes and usurpations of the Bush administration will convince all but the perpetrators themselves of the urgent need not only for investigations and prompt impeachments, but also for criminal prosecutions.”

Thomas Jefferson Professor **Julie Greenberg** authored a chapter titled “*International Legal Developments Protecting the Autonomy Rights of Sexual Minorities: Who Should Determine the Appropriate Treatment for an Intersex Infant?*” in the recently published book *Ethics and Intersex*.



New Faces at Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson School of Law has expanded its faculty with eight new professors and visiting professors—all of whom have highly distinguished credentials and give the law school added expertise in several areas.

Three new professors are joining the faculty in the fall of 2008:



Leah Christensen

Associate Professor

Having received her undergraduate degree in East Asian languages from the University of Chicago, with high honors, and

her law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law, also with high honors, Professor Christensen clerked for Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice William Bablitch. She was a Senior Litigation Associate with the Corneille Law Group in Madison, Wisconsin and also served as an Assistant Legal Counsel with the Madison Metropolitan School District and as an Administrative Law Judge for the District. She has been a faculty member at the University of Wisconsin Law School and at the University of St. Thomas School of Law in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She has published a number of articles dealing with cognition theory and legal education. She will teach Evidence and Legal Writing at Thomas Jefferson.



Luz Herrera

Assistant Professor

After receiving an A.B. in Political Science, with honors, and an A.M. in Sociology from Stanford University,

Professor Herrera graduated from Harvard

Law School. Before and during law school, she worked with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on empowerment zones, 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 Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe, 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. At Thomas Jefferson, she will organize a community-based law clinic, focusing on providing assistance to underserved communities and clients, and teach Trusts and Estates and a seminar on Access to Justice issues.



Rebecca K. Lee

Assistant Professor

Professor Lee is a graduate of the University of Chicago, with a B.A. Degree in Public Policy Studies with

honors and general honors, and of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, with a masters in Public Policy. She received her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center, where she was Editor-in-Chief of the *Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy*. She was an Associate with the Washington firm of Crowell & Morning before taking a visiting researcher position at Georgetown Law Center. She has published a number of articles on labor and employment law and will teach Contracts and courses in the employment area at Thomas Jefferson.

Five new professors and visiting professors came aboard in 2007:



Maurice Dyson

Associate Professor

Professor Dyson received his *juris doctor* from Columbia University School of Law in New York. He recently

earned his Ph.D. from Keele University in the United Kingdom and he also has an A.B. degree from Columbia University. Professor Dyson has previously taught at City University of New York School of Law and at Southern Methodist University School of Law in Texas. Immediately preceding law school, Professor Dyson served as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Education and Law, a Research Fellow and a Course Teaching Assistant for Columbia University. His legal experience includes working with the U.S. Department of Education as a Special Projects Team Compliance Attorney and also with Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, LLP in New York. Professor Dyson teaches Criminal Law, Torts and a seminar on Education Law.



Alex Kreit

Assistant Professor

Professor Kreit received his *juris doctor* from the University of Pennsylvania Law School where he graduated *cum*

laude and served as the Senior Editor for the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*. He double majored at Hampshire College, earning B.A. degrees in political science and video production. After graduating law

school, Professor Kreit served as a clerk for the Honorable M. Blane Michael of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in West Virginia. He comes to Thomas Jefferson from the law firm of Morrison & Foerster, LLP, in San Francisco. At Thomas Jefferson, Professor Kreit teaches Criminal Law and Property.



Laura Berg
Visiting
Assistant Professor

Professor Berg earned her *juris doctor* from Yale Law School in Connecticut. She graduated

summa cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania with two B.A. degrees in English and women's studies. After law school, Professor Berg practiced law for the Georgia Appellate Practice and Education Resource Center, Allied Automotive Group, Inc. and Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker, LLP, respectively. At Thomas Jefferson, Professor Berg teaches Legal Writing I and II.



Jeff Slattery
Visiting
Assistant Professor

Professor Slattery received his *juris doctor* from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. He

earned a B.A. in rhetoric from the University of California, Berkeley. After law school, Professor Slattery worked as a teacher at Oakland High School and then as a lecturer for the California Lawyers for the Arts and as a guest lecturer for the University of Southern California. Professor Slattery came

to Thomas Jefferson from The Simmons Firm in San Diego. He has previously worked with the law firm of Brooke Oliver & Associates in San Francisco and as a sole practitioner for the Law Office of Jeff W. Slattery in San Francisco and then San Diego. Professor Slattery teaches Legal Writing I and II at Thomas Jefferson.



Priscilla Vargas Wrosch
Visiting
Assistant Professor

Priscilla Vargas Wrosch joined the faculty at Thomas Jefferson in spring 2007. Professor

Vargas Wrosch earned her *juris doctor* at St. John's University School of Law in New York and graduated with a B.S. in psychology from Vassar College. After graduating from law school, she clerked for the Honorable James F. Stiven of the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. Following her clerkship, she practiced law with the firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Florm, LLP in New York and then with Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann, LLP in San Diego. Professor Vargas Wrosch teaches Legal Writing I and II.



TJSL'S NEWEST BOARD MEMBER IS RESPECTED FEDERAL MAGISTRATE

The newest member elected to the TJSL Board of Trustees is U.S. Magistrate William McCurine, Jr. McCurine, who is originally from Chicago, Illinois, received his B.A. from Dartmouth College, studied as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University and earned his *juris doctor* degree from Harvard Law School.

Before being appointed to the federal bench in 2004, Magistrate McCurine was a partner at Solomon, Ward, Seidenwurm & Smith and, prior to that, at Gray, Cary Ware & Friedenrich. In 2001, he was named one of America's "best" trial lawyers and was presented the Thurgood Marshall Award by the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association.

"Judge McCurine will be a spectacular addition to the Board because of his reputation within the San Diego legal community and his involvement on the issues of diversity within the profession," said Dean Rudy Hasl. "As a school that now has a substantial enrollment of students of color, he will be very helpful in creating connections for our students within the legal community."

The chair of the TJSL Board of Trustees is Samuel J. Kahn (CEO, Kent Holdings & Affiliates). Other Trustees include: Charles Abdelnour '74 (retired San Diego City Clerk); Robert Ames (consulting partner, DLA/Piper, LLP); David Bejarano (retired Chief of the San Diego Police Department, and current president of Presidential Bodyguard Services, Inc.); Richard D. Prochazka (Law Office of Richard Prochazka); John M. Seitman (attorney); Raymond Taramasco (CEO, First National Finance Corporation); and Dean James P. White (Professor Emeritus, University of Indiana Law School).

FACULTY UPDATES

Professor Steve Berenson had two articles published last fall: *A Primer for New Civil Law Clinic Students: The History and Development of Legal Aid and Clinical Legal Education in America and Common Issues That Have Arisen*, 38 McGeorge L. Rev. 603 (2007) and *Passion Is No Ordinary Word*, 71 Alb. L. Rev. 167 (2007) (reviewing Russell G. Pearce, Brian Danitz, & Romelia S. Leach, *Revitalizing the Lawyer-Poet: What Lawyers Can Learn from Rock and Roll* (2006)). In October, Professor Berenson spoke at a conference held at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama titled “Credentialed for What?: Exploring Business and Law Education for Public Obligation.” He also organized and participated in hosting the 2007 Mountain West Regional Clinical Conference at TJSL in October.

Professor Susan Bisom-Rapp has been elected to the prestigious American Law Institute (ALI) and attended the ALI annual meeting in May. She is the first member of TJSL’s tenured faculty to be elected to ALI

as an academic. In March of this year, she traveled to the Sixth Annual Marco Biagi Commemorative Conference in Comparative Labor Law at the University of Modena, Italy. There she spoke about health and safety best practices for vulnerable workers and taught a two-hour workshop on American equal employment opportunity law. She was accompanied by two TJSL students, Sarah Kalaei and Rory Pendergast, who presented a jointly authored paper in the graduate student portion of the program. Professor Bisom-Rapp’s co-authored casebook, *The Global Workplace*, published last year by Cambridge University Press, also is the theme of the very successful conference she organized at TJSL this February, which featured several prominent international speakers. In 2007, Professor Bisom-Rapp also traveled to Italy to deliver a keynote address on a plenary panel at a conference hosted by the Biagi Foundation. An essay based on her talk in Modena appeared in the *Bulletin of Comparative Labour Relations*, a European journal. A chapter she co-authored, “A Critical Look

at Organizational Responses to and Remedies for Sex Discrimination,” appeared in an anthology, *Sex Discrimination in the Workplace: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*, which was published by Blackwell in 2007. Professor Bisom-Rapp also journeyed to Brussels last fall to address an International Forum on Diversity hosted by the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium.

Professor Ilene Durst presented her paper, “Legacies of Guilt: Law’s Inability to Account for the Bystander-Witness to Persecution” at the Rights, Ethics, Law and Literature Conference at the University of Swansea in Wales. The paper is forthcoming in a symposium issue to be published this year. Professor Durst also attended the Storytelling and the Law Conference sponsored by the City College of London in the United Kingdom.

Professor Madeline Kass is the Lead Editor for volume 22:2 of the ABA publication *Natural Resources & the Environment*. The issue, published in Fall 2007, is devoted to species protection. Professor Kass also served as Chair of the QLaw Grant Selection Committee for a non-profit gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender bar association. The Committee reviewed applications and nominated law students for a public interest internship grant to work on gay and lesbian legal issues. The grant is one of the first in the nation to benefit law students interested in gay and lesbian legal work.

Professor Linda Keller spoke at last year’s TJSL Challenges for Children’s Rights conference, exploring the incorporation of international human rights law into U.S. juvenile death penalty jurisprudence. Her latest article, “Alternatives to Miranda: Preventing Coerced Confessions via the Convention Against Torture,” was recently published in the *Chapman Law Review*. Other recent research investigates the dilemma of peace versus justice in Uganda, specifically whether the International Criminal Court (ICC) should drop the case against Joseph Kony and other leaders of the Lord’s Resistance Army in order to facilitate the

Good-Bye, Good Luck Professor Berger!

On a sad note for TJSL, this fall Professor Linda Berger will be joining the faculty at Mercer University School of Law in Macon, Georgia, where she will help plan and implement a new center designed to advance the study and practice of legal rhetoric as well as to teach in a new legal writing curriculum. Professor Berger has been instrumental in the shaping of TJSL’s Legal Writing Program during the past 15 years. *U.S. News & World Report* ranked TJSL’s program among the top legal writing programs in the nation in 2008, 2007 and 2005. For Professor Berger, a highlight of the Applied Legal Storytelling Conference in London in 2007 was the closing dinner in the Old Hall at Lincoln’s Inn of Court, the setting for the opening scene of Charles Dickens’ *Bleak House*. She presented a paper on *Metaphor and Narrative in Family Law Disputes* during the conference, much of which took place at Gray’s Inn, another of the four Inns of Court to which all barristers must belong. The Old Hall at Lincoln’s Inn was built “in the fifth year of King Henry VII,” who ascended to the throne in 1485. Professor Berger also presented a paper titled, *The Continuing Denial of Rhetoric in Legal Scholarship* at the Biennial National Conference of the Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) in Denver. In November, Professor Berger spoke at a symposium on How Legal Rhetoric Shapes the Law at American University’s Washington College of Law.





Professor Marjorie Cohn was presented with the 2007 Bernard E. Witkin, Esq. Award for Excellence in the Teaching of the Law by the San Diego Law Library Justice Foundation at a gala dinner at the historic El Cortez in downtown San Diego in March. Each year the Foundation selects one San Diego law professor for this prestigious award.

In November at the National Lawyer's Guild's 70th Convention, Professor Cohn also received the NLG's "Law for the People Award." She is now in her second year as President of that 6,000+ member organization. While in Washington, she also testified before the House Judiciary Committee on torture.

Professor Cohn has given a number of presentations at conferences during the past year, including in New Orleans, New York, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Sacramento, Pittsburgh, New Haven, Oakland and Oaxaca, Mexico. She presented a master lecture series at UC San Diego based on five chapters in her new book, *Cowboy Republic: Six Ways the Bush Gang Has Defied the Law*. Her chapter on "*Chavez v. Martinez*" in *We Dissent* (NYU Press) and her essay on cameras in the Supreme Court in *Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly* were published last year.

Professor Cohn also continues to write weekly columns analyzing legal and political issues. They appear in *AlterNet*, *Commondreams*, *CounterPunch*, *HuffingtonPost*, *Buzzflash*, *AfterDowningStreet*, *MWC News*, *OpedNews*, *Portside* and *Znet*, and are listed on her blog at www.marjoriecohn.com.

Professor K.J. Greene returned last fall from his Spring 2007 sabbatical to a whirlwind of speaking engagements about his research. He has continued working during the past year on a book project about the blues and IP law, on articles on gender, race and the law and using audio-visual materials to teach entertainment law. He spoke before the AALS section on Socio-Economic Law at Georgetown University on the subjects of socio-economics, IP and black cultural production. He was also a speaker at TJSL's Women and the Law Conference in 2007, presenting on gender, race and IP. Professor Greene addressed students at UCSD about the recording industry's lawsuits against digital file-sharers. He presented a paper on IP, gender race and the law at the Intellectual Property Law Scholar's Conference at DePaul University Law School in Chicago.

Professor Greene's article on IP, Gender and the Blues was accepted for publication in a forthcoming book titled, "*Justice Unveiled: African American Culture and the Law*." His IP publications have recently been cited in several law reviews, including U.C. Davis, Georgetown, University of North Carolina, Cardozo and the Fordham *Intellectual Property Law Journal*.

He has four forthcoming publications this year, including one titled "'Copynorms', Black Cultural Production and the Debate over African-American Reparations" in the *Cardozo Arts and Entertainment Law Journal*. It is the first law review article to tie the debate on reparations to the IP context. He also has a piece forthcoming in *Syracuse Law Review* titled "*From Marketing Stereotypes to Norms of Attribution: How Trademark Law Has Fostered Racial Subordination*", which examines the interplay of racial discrimination and "race-neutral" trademark doctrine. Another article to appear in the *St. Louis Law Review* is titled "*There's No Business Like Show Business: Using Multimedia Materials to Teach Entertainment Law*."

In February, he was a panelist at a conference on rights of publicity at Chapman Law School and, in March, he spoke at DePaul Law School in Chicago, where he was selected as a Hosier Distinguished Scholar speaker. In April, he spoke at American University in Washington at a conference on IP and gender. In recognition of Professor Greene's many achievements, his undergraduate school, the College at Old Westbury, SUNY, has honored him with a permanent plaque on its "Wall of Fame."

And when he's not earning accolades in the world of academia, Professor Greene is earning applause for his comedic talent. He helped raise several thousand dollars in March for the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program as one of the featured attorney-comedians in the second annual LAF-OFF. LAF stands for "Lawyers Are Funny" and Professor Greene proved that to be true by taking second place (one point from a tie for first) in this year's competition with quips about his days as a law student at Yale to his first "lawyer" job at the Wall Street firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore to the democratic presidential race between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.



Where in Europe Will Professor Greenberg Be Next Summer?

Teaching in Europe during the summer appears to be becoming a habit for **Professor Julie Greenberg**. She traveled to England last summer, where she was invited to be a visiting scholar at the University of Kent and Keele University. Her visit was sponsored by the Research Centre for Law, Gender and Sexuality. While there, she delivered seminars on her book to be published by New York University Press, which discusses the legal issues that affect intersex persons and compares the development of the intersex movement to other social justice movements. This summer she is one of the four TJSL faculty to participate in TJSL's Summer Study Program in Nice, France, teaching Comparative Family Law: Love, Marriage and the Regulation of Intimate Relationships.

Professor Greenberg continues to devote a significant amount of time to community service activities. She has served on the Board of Directors of Federal Defenders and Appellate Defenders since 2001 and has recently joined a number of other boards and advisory committees for organizations focusing on advancing the rights of women and sexual minorities. She serves as the chair of the Academic Advisory Committee of the NLGLA Lavender Law Conference and is a member of their Strategic Planning Committee. She is also a member of the Women's Advisory Board for the San Diego County District Attorney's Office, and the Advisory Board for the Institute for Intersex Children and the Law. She also served on the Friends Committee for the 2007 NAWJ Conference (National Association of Women Judges). In addition, she is the Institutional Representative to Opportunities for Women in Higher Education (OWHE).



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ongoing peace process in a war that has lasted decades. Accused of war crimes and crimes against humanity, Kony and others are demanding immunity from prosecution, while victims groups are divided, the Ugandan government conflicted over an amnesty law, and the ICC Prosecutor reluctant to give in to extortion. This research falls within her broader scholarship interest regarding the intersection of international and domestic law.

Associate Dean and Professor Eric Mitnick presented his article, "Law, Cognition, and Identity," at Georgetown University Law Center during the Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities. The article describes how insights from work within the fields of social and cognitive

psychology shed light on the ways in which legal institutions influence our social and cultural identities. The article later appeared in Volume 67 of the *Louisiana Law Review*. In 2007, Professor Mitnick was invited to and participated in an interdisciplinary workshop at Columbia Law School on the relationship between Law, Identity, and Citizenship. More recently he has worked on an article that considers the application of constitutional due process to reputational harm through the lens of liberal theory.

Professor Aaron Schwabach recently co-wrote a paper for the *Thomas Jefferson Law Review*, along with Liang Qinghua, a professor from our China host school, Zhejiang University. The paper is titled "Measures to Protect the Tibetan Antelope under the CITES Framework."

Professor Steve Semeraro, who stepped down as associate dean of academic affairs last summer, recently completed a series of articles on *habeas corpus* that have appeared in the *Brooklyn, Rutgers and Thomas Jefferson Law Reviews* and the *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*. An abridged version of the Rutgers piece, "Enforcing Fourth Amendment Rights Through Federal Habeas Corpus," appeared in adapted form as the July/August 2007 issue of the *Search and Seizure Law Report*. Professor Semeraro also completed a major paper on the credit card interchange fee litigation that he presented at the 7th Annual Loyola Antitrust Colloquium, Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies. The paper, titled "Credit Card Interchange Fees: Three Decades of Antitrust Uncertainty" will appear in an upcoming issue of the *George Mason Law Review*. He is enjoying his return to full-time teaching and to pursuing research in the area of land use planning. His first piece to emerge from that work, "Liberty's Equal?: An Essay on Property's Rhetoric" is currently under submission with law reviews.

Professor William Slomanson now has a trio of editorial responsibilities. He was recently appointed as Corresponding Editor for the American Society of International Law (ASIL) publication, *International Legal Materials*. His first task was to introduce a novel corporate human rights case filed in a U.S. federal court. See 46 *I.L.M.* 587 (2007). Also, in his continuing capacity as the editor, he recently published the ASIL's UN21 section newsletter hosted by Cornell Law School at <http://library2.lawschool.cornell.edu/asil>. He recently visited Hungary's Miskolc University, where he serves on the Editorial Board of the *Miskolc Journal of International Law*. That journal reprinted an article in June 2007 on self-determination in the former Yugoslavia authored by Kosovo's Foreign Minister, which first appeared in the *Thomas Jefferson Law Review*. Professor Slomanson is also a charter member of the

Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Teaching Methods Section Oversight Committee.

Professor Benjamin Templin recently had a paper published in the *Cornell Law Review*, which was titled “Comment on Neil Buchanan’s *Social Security and Government Deficits: Why Should We Worry?*” His paper, “*The Public Trust in Private Hands: Social Security and the Politics of Government Investment*,” has been accepted by the *Kentucky Law Journal* for pending publication this year. Professor Templin also was promoted to Associate Professor.

How many programs can one professor juggle successfully? Several if the professor happens to be **Professor Susan Tiefenbrun**. She is the Director of two of TJSL’s new LL.M. programs as well as the Director of both of TJSL’s Summer Study Programs in Hangzhou, China, and Nice, France. As Director of TJSL’s Center for Global Legal Studies, she also worked with student Vera Valdivia to organize the successful Women’s and Children’s Rights in Haiti Conference on campus this spring. Her article “*The Legal Right to Wear the Veil and Its Multiple Meanings*” is forthcoming this year in *PROCEEDINGS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND LITERATURE CONFERENCE* (Oxford University Press.) Her casebook on *WOMEN AND HUMAN RIGHTS LAW*, to be published by the University of North Carolina Academic Press, is forthcoming in 2009.

Professor Ken Vandavelde has been busy writing two books, *Bilateral Investment Treaties: History, Policy and Interpretation* and *U.S. International Investment Agreements*. He has received offers of publication from Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press and Wolters Kluwer, a major international law publisher based in Amsterdam. Both books are scheduled for completion this year. In 2007, he was asked to serve as an expert witness on international law before an international arbitral tribunal in Washington D.C., formed to resolve a claim by an American

company against Argentina. He was invited by the United Nations to Geneva to serve as one of three academic advisors to an international meeting of government officials responsible for international investment policy. The other two academicians were from London and Cairo. Last fall, Professor Vandavelde taught a new three-unit elective in American Legal History, focusing on the history of American legal thought.

Professor Ellen Waldman has written two articles in the area of dispute resolution. The first co-authored with Thad Pope from the University of Memphis, to be published in the *Ohio State Journal of Dispute Resolution*, discusses the use of mediation in end-of-life disputes and challenges the ready-held notion that case-by-case negotiation is the best and most effective approach to these difficult conflicts. The second piece, to be published in the *Cardozo Journal of Dispute Resolution*, considers restorative justice claims regarding victim needs and surveys data from war-torn nations that suggests bringing peace and reconciliation to victims in trauma may be more complex than restorative justice theorists acknowledge. Professor Waldman spoke at the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution’s annual conference in 2007 on mediation ethics and the International Association of Law and Mental Health Conference in Italy on mediation and bioethics disputes. She currently chairs the health section of the ABA dispute resolution section and serves on a panel convened by the California Judicial Council to consider state-wide qualifications for mediators. She is presently at work on a book titled *Practical Ethics for Mediators*.

Professor Bryan H. Wildenthal had two major articles accepted and published in 2007 in the *Ohio State Law Journal* and the *Oregon Law Review*. The Ohio article, “*Nationalizing the Bill of Rights: Revisiting the Original Understanding of the Fourteenth Amendment in 1866-67*,” deals with the historical understanding of the Fourteenth Amendment, which Professor Wildenthal argues was designed and understood (in part) to enforce the guarantees and liberties of the Bill of Rights against the states as well. He plans to use this article and a related article in a book covering the entire history of the Fourteenth Amendment’s interpretation on this issue. His Oregon article, “*Federal Labor Law, Tribal Sovereignty and the Indian Law Canons of Construction*,” criticizes a recent D.C. Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals decision extending federal labor law to regulate Indian tribal government employment on the tribes’ own reservation. He argues that a case decision has a potentially far-reaching impact to the detriment of historic principles protecting tribal sovereignty. Professor Wildenthal spoke on a panel about this subject at the Association of American Law Schools conference in January in New York City. He also moderated a panel at the California Indian Law Association conference in Temecula in October.

Professor Richard Winchester spearheaded the school’s effort to be the new home of the Diamond Program, which awards specialized graduate law degrees and certifications in the fields of international tax and financial services.

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Hats Off to New TJSL Graduates!

Nearly 250 TJSL students graduated this past academic year, bringing the total number of TJSL and WSU graduates to more than 5,600. This year also marked the first class of graduates from one of the law school's new LL.M. programs.

Eighty-five graduates received their *juris doctor* degrees at the December 2007

graduation ceremony held at the Aerospace Museum in Balboa Park.

Honorary *juris doctor* degrees were awarded to Walter and Dorothy Diamond, key sponsors of the TJSL's new LL.M. program in International Tax & Financial

Services. In his commencement address, Walter Diamond discussed the current financial crisis created by the disastrous subprime mortgage industry—which he labeled as “credit chaos.”

The December valedictorian honor went to Donald McDermott, who worked full-time and served as the assistant sector chief

of the U.S. Border Patrol while he attended TJSL. McDermott graduated *summa cum laude*.

In his valedictory address, McDermott told his classmates: “We live in a free society that is based on the rule of law. Those of us who study the law and become lawyers can participate in and influence our society to a



December 2007 graduating class at Aerospace Museum.

greater degree. This presents us with an incredible opportunity to foster positive change as well as a tremendous responsibility. To keep it simple, we must all fulfill this responsibility by trying to do the right thing, no matter how difficult that may be. I'm confident that all of us will strive to do just that.”

The May 2008 valedictorian is Susie Lorden, also a *summa cum laude* graduate, who says her greatest source of pride was working full-time at the California Attorney General's Office in the Consumer Law Section during her entire law school career. She also ranked at the top of her class every semester, served as a Notes Editor for the *Thomas Jefferson Law Review* and was selected as a 2007-2008 Outstanding Editor of the Year. Her law review note, “*The Law of Unintended Consequences: The Far-Reaching Effects of Same-Sex Marriage Ban Amendments*,” was published in the



May 2008 Valedictorian Susie Lorden.

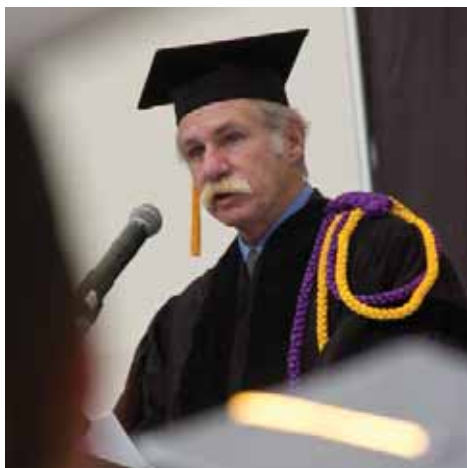
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Lorden's valedictory speech focused on the positive social impact we can have with our law degrees. “Justice cannot prevail on its own; when we become attorneys, we become its guardians,” she said. “We are the ones who give it strength. I know we all went to law school for different reasons, but the law provides us all with a unique ability, and obligation, to be the stewards of justice. The law gives us the power to stand up for those who need our help the most.”

During the May ceremony at the Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park, 150 students received their *juris doctor* degrees, along with 11 candidates from TJSL's new LL.M. Program in International Tax & Finance, some of whom traveled to San Diego from as far away as Switzerland and South Africa. Commencement speaker Chaowu Jin, who is a member of the LL.M. Program's faculty, added to the international mix.

Jin is a law faculty member at the Central University of Finance and Economics in Beijing, China. He is the author or translator of 10 books and numerous articles, and he teaches Chinese tax law as part of the LL.M. program.

When congratulating the graduating students, Jin added, “As law students, you're lucky to have the chance to study in this highly international law school.”



December 2007 Valedictorian Donald McDermott.



May 2008 graduating class.

TJSL Graduate Awarded Sandra Day O'Connor Scholarship



Christie Edwards with Justice O'Connor.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law graduate Christie Edwards '07 will always remember the honor bestowed upon her by retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Edwards was awarded the Sandra Day O'Connor Scholarship (\$5,000) for an essay she wrote while she was a student at TJSL. The essay expresses Edwards' commitment to human rights and to working to ensure that international human rights treaties, which are incorporated into U.S. law, are followed.

The National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) presented the award to Edwards at its annual meeting last August at the University of San Diego's Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. After receiving the award, Edwards spoke briefly to Justice O'Connor, who congratulated her and told her "you're going to do great things."

"To meet her was exhilarating," said Edwards. "It was such an honor. She is so vibrant and passionate."

Justice O'Connor was there to give the keynote speech to the NAWJ as well as to be present when the scholarship was awarded to Edwards.

In her address, Justice O'Connor, who called herself "just an unemployed cowgirl," made a strong case for judicial independence and how she feels it needs to be protected from efforts to strip it away. One area that needs reform, in her opinion, is the judicial selection process in those states where it is subject to partisan politics.

Edwards' human rights professor at TJSL, Marjorie Cohn, also attended the NAWJ conference and said she is impressed by the caliber of students at TJSL.

"We should all be very proud of Christie, both for her tremendous achievement and for bringing such recognition to Thomas Jefferson School of Law," said Professor Cohn.

"It was a wonderful event for her and for the School of Law," said Dean Rudy Hasl.

WINNING ESSAY

I attended the American Society of International Law conference in Washington D.C. last spring and listened to a panel where Justice O'Connor discussed several issues of international law with Justice Roslyn Higgins and Condoleezza Rice, among others. I watched as three of the most influential women in the world discussed some of the most important issues of the day—Guantanamo detainees, the war in Iraq and the application of the Geneva Conventions.

Although Ms. Rice gave the administration's defense of its policies towards detainees and its justification of the war in Iraq, Justice O'Connor was unwavering in her stance that the Geneva Conventions and the rule of law advocated by the United Nations should be upheld. This was yet another example of her incredible ability to weave domestic and foreign laws into an applicable paradigm.

As a child, I grew up admiring Justice O'Connor for her pioneering position as the first woman on the Supreme Court, but also for her ability to be a cohesive presence on the Court by taking a moderate stance on many issues and evaluating cases on an individual basis. As I began working in the international law sector, she also became a hero of mine with her advocacy of using international law as persuasive authority in domestic cases.

To me, this scholarship represents the embodiment of several characteristics in Justice O'Connor that I highly esteem—moderation, justice and the betterment of society through the cooperative application of international and domestic law. These principles are a few of the most important in my work with international human rights law. As globalization draws nations and societies closer together, political extremism and hatred drive us apart, creating a need for moderates to bring warring parties together to achieve peace and justice for the victims of so many of these conflicts. Vigorous defense of international treaties, as well as codification and application of the treaties in domestic law, is the only hope that the millions of oppressed women, children and minority groups will ever have to achieve equality in our world.

Receiving this scholarship would enable me to continue to work to implement these principles while serving some of the most exploited populations around the globe, particularly women who are victims of sex trafficking and slavery. The task is a daunting one and not easily achieved, but worth striving for. If it took more than 200 years for a woman to be appointed to the Supreme Court in a nation that prizes the ideals of freedom and equality, it may take far more effort to achieve human rights norms for women in other nations. However, the resilience and brilliance of women such as Justice O'Connor inspires me and countless other women to strive for excellence, bringing hope and justice to individuals because they have worth as human beings, no matter where on our planet they were born.

—Christie Edwards '07

Diversity Week 2008: A Major Campus Celebration

Diversity Week, an idea born of the pride TJSL students have for their diverse numbers, has grown into a major annual celebration on campus, growing stronger and better each year.

The Diversity Week activities are organized mainly by student organizations, including the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA), the Black Law Students Association (BLSA), La Raza, the Middle Eastern Law Students Association (MELSA) and Outlaw.



La Raza Diversity Judges Panel.

This year's schedule of events kicked off on Monday, March 24, with a panel discussion hosted by Outlaw on "Diversity: Changing the Legal Landscape" and featuring guest speaker Deputy District Attorney Kim-Thoa Hoang, who is chair of the San Diego D.A. Bonnie Dumanis' '76 Diversity Pipeline Committee.

On Tuesday, APALSA sponsored a Bone Marrow Registry Drive on campus to help people in need of a bone marrow transplant to have a better chance of finding a matching donor. And, for those with big appetites, all the student groups presented a veritable smorgasbord of delicious ethnic foods at the annual Diversity Lunch & Dinner. From mango sticky rice, to chicken and beef kabobs, to enchiladas, to catfish and fried chicken—it was a cultural feast of wonderful flavors.

La Raza scheduled a very distinguished panel of San Diego judges on Wednesday

during the noon hour, including Federal Judge Irma Gonzalez, retired Superior Court Judge Lillian Lim '77, Superior Court Judge Browder Willis '83 and Administrative Law Judge Vallera Johnson. These judges of varied ethnic backgrounds spoke to students about the career issues they face as members of minorities. Later that day the co-founder and co-director of the Indigenous Law Institute, Steve Newcomb, spoke on campus about "The Doctrine of Discovery & Its Effects on American Indian Land Rights."

MELSA presented a special screening of the film "Iraq in Fragments" on Thursday. The film showed the effects of the war on Iraqi society since the U.S. invasion. That night, Outlaw and the Career Services Office sponsored a discussion about the annual Lavender Law Conference, which TJSL student Rebecca Anderson had attended in the fall.

And the Diversity Week event that no one wanted to see end was Friday evening's "Jazz Night" concert in the Courtyard. More



Student Brandon Butler on Jazz Night.

like a "Jazz Club," the event hosted by BLSA and the Admissions Office featured a live band, the Dylan Wilson Trio, with TJSL student Brandon Butler sitting in on trombone.



Diversity Luncheon in the Courtyard.

The event also honored four local attorneys for their contributions to the diversity of the legal profession: Beatrice Kemp, Vice-President and General Counsel for the San Diego Convention Corporation; Victor Nuñez, Assistant Chief Deputy in the Superior Court Division of the San Diego D.A.'s Office; Dwayne Moring, a Deputy District Attorney; and Myrna Bryn Pascual, Acting Field Office Director in San Diego for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The final Diversity Week event, sponsored by MELSA, was a panel on "The Growing Middle Eastern Legal Community" that brought several local attorneys to campus. They included: Nadia Keilani of the San Diego Superior Court; Bardis Vakili of Casa Cornelia Law Center; Ali Golchin '93 of Golchin Associates; Shahbaz Rahbari of Lareybi & Associates; and Randall B. Hamud, who has a solo practice.



Lisa Pisano receives the ABU Medal from Professor Arnold Rosenberg (left) and Dean Rudy Hasl (right).

TJSL Student Earns American Bankruptcy Institute Award

During her last year at TJSL, recent graduate Lisa Pisano was awarded the 2007 American Bankruptcy Institute Medal of Excellence for her outstanding coursework in her bankruptcy class. Pisano graduated in December 2007.

"I was honored and flattered to be nominated," said Pisano. "Professor (Arnold) Rosenberg provided a lot of encouragement and he was very supportive."

Pisano said she took the bankruptcy course on the advice of an attorney friend who said it would be very valuable to her professionally. "I didn't think I'd like it, but it wound up being a very enjoyable pursuit," she says. "I think ultimately that my enjoyment and success in the course will help me to be a better lawyer no matter what I do."

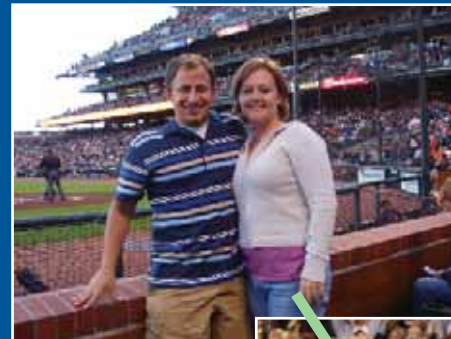
TJSL Scores Big in Public Interest Work

For years TJSL has been proud of the healthy share of its students interested in public interest work and now the *National Jurist* magazine has recognized TJSL as one of the top law schools in the nation for the percentage of students who actually go into public interest law following graduation.

In its March 2008 issue, the *National Jurist* looked at information from the ABA to rank 195 law schools. We're proud to note that TJSL placed 15th on the list! The figures used show that 22.7% of TJSL graduates pursue public interest and government positions.

The list of all laws ranked can be viewed at *National Jurist's* digital magazine at www.NJPLonline.com/digitalarchive.html.

Students Witness History at AT&T Park



Alex Pal and Trisha Lemons at AT&T Park

How many of us can say we have had a front row seat on history?

TJSL students Trisha Lemons and Alex Pal can. (Well, technically their

seats were in the second row, however the people in the front row didn't show up.) The history Lemons and Pal

witnessed was Barry Bonds' 756th home run on August 7, 2007. It was hit at San Francisco's AT&T Park—and Bonds was only about 40 feet away from them when he hit it. Because they were so close to history, their pictures were all over the internet. "I'm not a Giants fan. I'm not a Bonds fan. I'm a sports fan. It was awesome," Pal said.

"I honestly was just happy to have such great seats at the ballpark and didn't understand the magnitude of what was happening until Willie Mays walked out onto the field to celebrate with Barry Bonds," said Lemons.

The seats came by way of one of the owners, a Stanford Law alum, who gave the tickets to Lemons' mother. Lemons certainly wasn't expecting to be part of history.

"I knew that if Bonds hit a home run, it was going to be a record breaker, but I'd seen him break records before having spent a lot of time at AT&T Park when I lived in San Francisco," Lemons said. "Once Hank Aaron gave his video congratulations, I finally realized that I had just witnessed history. It was a day I'm sure I'll never forget."

Both Pal and Lemons are well-aware of the controversy over whether Bonds' record is tainted by his alleged use of steroids. "But Hank Aaron classed it up," Lemons said, "even though there are questions about how he (Bonds) did it." Pal, who is a die-hard Yankees fan, doesn't think Bonds' record is going to last long, "I can't wait until A-Rod breaks it," Pal says. And if anyone ever questions it when Trisha Lemons or Alex Pal say: "I was there," well—the proof is in the pictures.



Photo: Getty Images

TJSL Student Alma Sove is Articulate Citizen Voice



Photo: Nathan Gibbs / KPBS

On any given day you will most likely find Thomas Jefferson student Alma Sove attending classes, studying, spending time with her husband, Christopher Sove '07, or writing her Citizen Voices blog for the KPBS website. KPBS TV/FM is San Diego's public broadcasting station.

Sove, a full-time student scheduled to graduate in August, is one of the six San Diegans selected from 90 applicants for the online writing project. Citizen Voices is a blog about election politics and allows Sove and the other KPBS bloggers to write about things that affect them and people in their various communities.

In Sove's blog, you will find her personal take on the issues, candidates and propositions, while also engendering conversations about where others stand on similar issues. She has expressed her views on a number of topics making today's national and local headlines, including same-sex marriage, the high cost of going "green," the San Diego mayoral and city attorney races, and whether to allow more slot machines in San Diego. Some of her blogs have resulted in a lengthy stream of responses from

readers, some in agreement and some not.

"I'm excited about writing for KPBS for several reasons" she says. "While I may be a recovering loud-mouth who engaged in escalating conflict instead of listening, I'm mending my ways. I've grown through law school classroom discussions and the many exams I've received with the words 'too conclusory' written in the margins, along with several memorable blowout 'conversations.' I no longer believe any good can come from shouting down another's perspectives."

"I feel it's an opportunity to practice listening and reasoning skills as much as it is a writing assignment. So many people's political beliefs operate on deeply personal levels, so actively listening to someone else's perspective is not threatening—it's necessary for progress. No one person has all the solutions, and there are plenty of controversies in every aspect of government for citizens to stay involved."

Sove acknowledges and appreciates the origins of her perspective on politics, and considers herself very lucky to have grown up around civic-minded parents. Her mom discussed politics and voted in most elections. Her father is a naturalized citizen, originally from Mexico, who doesn't vote at all, but was once very involved in the so-called "Chicano Movement" of the 1960s, including the Farm Worker's Union led by Cesar Chavez. Sove, as well as her three sisters, have always volunteered and become involved in social causes, which is why Sove says she is completing law school. She has hopes of making modern day change by following in the footsteps of her parents.

"Nothing is more important to our democracy than citizens exercising their ears, minds, and voices and speaking up when the process doesn't address individual or collective needs," adds Sove.

Sove will continue to blog on the the KPBS website through the November election.

Sove's blog contributions can be found on the KPBS website at www.kpbs.org/blogs2/citizenvoices

Student Experiences the Campaign Trail

His candidate didn't make the November ballot, but TJSL student Ike Emejuru got a great taste of what it's like to be involved with a presidential candidate campaign.

Emejuru was a paid advance person for the Hillary Clinton campaign. He called it "a great opportunity to see how a political organization works."

Obviously working for the campaign and attending law school was a tricky balancing act, but Emejuru says he scheduled it so he could hit the road between final exams and the last week of school. He recalls driving around Iowa with a Con Law book on his lap between stops.

When Hillary Clinton spoke at a rally at San Diego State University on Feb. 1, Emejuru was the one with the cell phone glued to his ear as he and the other campaign workers orchestrated the huge event.



Student Ike Emejuru

He even made sure that four of his classmates had front row seats.

Emejuru joined the Clinton campaign last November courtesy of a friend of his, a Harvard law graduate who worked as an advance person on the Bill Clinton campaign in 1996.



TJSL students at the Clinton rally.

"This is one of the most historic elections the country will ever see," Emejuru says. "If I didn't get involved, I would really regret it."

The political bug is nothing new to Emejuru, however. While he was a student at Virginia Commonwealth University, he worked as an intern for Congressman Robert C. Scott. He sees his campaign experiences, along with his legal education, as a springboard to a political career for himself—a career as a political strategist or even a candidate!



Hillary Clinton addresses the crowd.

PILF Auction Nets \$10,000 for Student Grants

This year's annual Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) "Silent Auction Extraordinaire" netted \$10,000 for grants for TJSL students who work non-paid public interest jobs over the summer.

The gala, held in Old Town's Heritage Park on April 11, featured silent and live auctions, with TJSL Professor Joy Delman taking part as special guest auctioneer (and Professor Delman was quite entertaining with her themed hats to match certain auction items). The student members of PILF collected an impressive list of auction items from alumni, students, faculty, staff, businesses and others, including a designer surf board, an Apple iTouch, boxing lessons, a horseback outing with alumnus and Adjunct Professor Mike Martindill '82, a sailing cruise with Dean Rudy Hasl and a catered dinner for 25 people.

As a result of the generous bidding of the more than 100 people who attended the evening event, 15 TJSL students received grants to help offset their personal expenses this summer as they perform much needed volunteer work in the public interest sector.

"It brings me great joy to see students work in summer jobs which not only fulfill their educational needs, but their personal interests," said PILF President Michael Jonas, who will lead the organization again this coming year. "Students awarded PILF grants this year have been spending their summer working in areas such as disability rights, employment rights, government agency issues, and city and county attorney offices. While these positions are unpaid, students are greeted by an invaluable amount of career building, networking and personal fulfillment."

Students Rally to Help Firestorm Victims

When the firestorms began raging across San Diego County last October, Thomas Jefferson students immediately sprang into action to help people who were displaced by the fires.

Student Bar Association President Brian Ray and other student volunteers began collecting donated cases of water, diapers and personal products for the shelters where evacuated families were staying.

Even though classes at the law school were cancelled due to the fires, students gathered at the school with the items they were donating. They delivered the supplies to several evacuation centers, including Chicano Park and Mira Mesa High School. They also delivered two carloads of supplies to the Rock Church in Pt. Loma, which received a mountain of relief items for the families who have been displaced by the firestorms.

Ray said he was touched by the generous outpouring of support from his fellow TJSL students. The SBA decided to turn the annual student Halloween party into a fundraiser for fire victims—matching a portion of the ticket proceeds and making a \$900 donation on behalf of the students.

Elizabeth Grumet and other TJSL students spent several days at Qualcomm Stadium volunteering assistance to the fire evacuees. They did everything from heavy-lifting to individually helping evacuees. Grumet was even interviewed on the *Today Show* by NBC's Al Roker—who signed a memento for all TJSL students.

"I just wanted to let you know that despite all the tragedy, there was a true sense of community out there and that TJSL has some wonderful students," Grumet said.

TJSL Volunteers @ Qualcomm 10/24/07

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NBC's Al Roker and student Esteban Vazquez.



Student Sanders Patton unloads water.



Students Christina Pham and Rachel Anthony load supplies.



SBA President Brian Ray delivers water to the Rock Church.

Street Law: Local High School Students Participate in Mock Trial Competition Featured on San Diego's 10 News



Street Law "Trial" in session.

The drama was real as the verdicts were read in the Earl B. Gilliam Moot Courtroom at Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

The judges also were real—but the defendants, prosecutors, defense lawyers and witnesses were all high school students participating in TJSL's "Street Law" program in April.

The jurors? They were Thomas Jefferson law students. In fact, the Street Law program is taught by TJSL law students.

With a television camera from the San Diego station 10 News in the courtroom to cover the mock trial competition, it looked a lot like the set of the People's Court or Judge Judy.

The students who came to TJSL were from Hoover High School and the Toussaint Academy in San Diego. San Diego Superior Court Judges Charles Gill, Melinda Lasater and Francis Devaney and Federal Judge John Houston presided over the competition—all in full robes. Two trials were held simultaneously, one in the Moot Courtroom and the other next door in classroom 200.

Program coordinator Alex Simpson says he thinks this year's Street Law—in its inaugural year at TJSL—could not have gone better.

"All of the law students who participated had a passion and a commitment to Street Law that helped elevate the program to a level that even I hadn't expected," said Simpson.

"I think the benefit of the program is that it allows law students to reach the community in ways they simply

aren't able to in other classes, and use their legal education as a positive force in the lives of their students.

This year's class absolutely took these principles to heart and I can't say enough about their efforts."

The Street Law Program is a 10-week interactive program that covers a variety of topics, including how laws are made, the effective administration of laws, current issues in criminal law, criminal procedure, juvenile justice and the First Amendment. The program's goal is to ensure that participating students receive a thorough understanding of the law and its impact on people's lives to help them become more informed citizens.

As for the mock trial competition at TJSL, some of the students said the trials certainly felt real. And the judges themselves were impressed with the students' performances in court.

Street Law was such a great experience for the law students that most of them asked whether they could participate next year, even on a solely volunteer basis, according to Simpson. That's real enthusiasm.



Photo: 10 News

Annual Beach Clean-Up is More Than Just Work



In May, students, alumni, faculty and staff participated together for TJSL's Ninth Annual Beach Clean-up of San Diego's Ocean Beach. The yearly event is organized by the TJSL Alumni Surf Society and gives the TJSL community a chance to contribute something back to their environment by beautifying the beach and protecting it from environmental hazards.

The beach clean-up, which was started nine years ago by then-student Erik Vieira '02, is strategically planned to take place between classes ending and prior to the beginning of final exams, so that students can take a break from studying to network with alumni. This year, alumni traveled from Arizona, Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Santa Cruz to help out and provide a valuable support system to students by offering strategies for performing well on examinations. Students also received tips on job searching, professional development, internships and taking the bar.

Following the clean-up, participants were invited to attend a "Thank You BBQ" mixer. Several alumni and student organizations also provided monetary contributions to produce and distribute commemorative T-shirts to all who helped out. The TJSL Annual Beach Clean-up is a fun opportunity for the TJSL community to come together to socialize and network, while uniting in a common purpose—saving the environment!

Students Provide Halloween Fun for Monarch School Children

TJSL students helped the children at Monarch Elementary School in downtown San Diego have a happy Halloween last fall. Students Monica Padilla, Tiffany Davis and Brian Ray painted faces, played carnival games and carved pumpkins—giving the children an enjoyable experience they're sure to remember!

Monarch Elementary provides an accredited education to homeless and at-risk children while caring for students' basic needs, including healthcare, food and clothing. TJSL students "adopted" the school by taking an interest in the children and providing support whenever possible.



Brian Ray carves a mean pumpkin.



Snow White (Monica Padilla) puts the finishing touches on a Monarch student.



Tiffany Davis gets a kick out of face painting!

8 Students Make "Who's Who"

Eight TJSL students appear in the 2007-2008 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Those students are Rebecca F. Anderson, Robert Bello, Nicholas M. Cassidy, Clayton Griessmeyer, Anne Knight, Suzanne Nicholls, Andrew Michael Poplin and Candice Renka.

Each year, *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* has heightened the aims of higher education by rewarding and recognizing academic excellence on a national-level. Students selected from TJSL are considered dedicated and above-average students, based on their high academic standing, participation in extracurricular activities and community service involvement. The students chosen were nominated by TJSL faculty, administrators, student organizations and their peers.

TJSL Teams Honored at National Competitions

TJSL Moot Court team members Olivia Malmstrom, Omid Moezzi and Trish Dykowski received recognition for their "Outstanding Brief" at the Annual Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition in New York. The Moot Court team is coached by Professor Arnold Rosenberg. This marks the first year that TJSL has participated in the competition.

The TJSL Mediation Team, comprised of students Fred Yebuah and Tara Lindhart, placed third in the Region 10 at the ABA Representation in Mediation Competition, held at Hastings College of Law. The team, coached by students Andrew Poplin, with help from Trisha Lemons and Alex Pal, beat other teams from U.C. Berkeley, Hastings, Idaho, Oregon and Seattle!

New Grad Wins State Bar Public Law Writing Honor

May graduate Susan Riggs Tinsky '08 won the First Annual Public Law Section's Law Student Writing Competition, sponsored by the State Bar of California this spring.

Riggs Tinsky's article, titled "*A Tale of Two Cities: Reconsidering the Doctrinal Treatment of Monetary Exactions*," was published in the Winter 2008 *Public Law Journal*.

"Writing the winning paper was a labor of love," says Tinsky. "I used it as an opportunity to delve deeply into a topic of great importance to me in a way that would have been impractical to do in a classroom. Being acknowledged by the Public Law Section and receiving great exposure to my future peers makes all the hard work even more worthwhile. I would encourage all students to take advantage of the opportunities provided by student writing competitions."

Another TJS� Student Wins Prestigious Burton Award

Anne Knight is Second TJS� Recipient in Last Three Years and Only California Law School Student Recognized in 2008.

For the second time in three years, a TJS� student has won the highly prestigious Burton Award For Legal Achievement. Anne Knight is one of only 15 law students selected from law schools all over the country each year for their excellence in legal writing. Also worth noting is that Knight represents the only California law student to win a Burton Award in 2008.

What makes this even more of an honor is that TJS� is the only law school in San Diego that has ever fielded a Burton Award winner. In fact, the only other laws schools in California that have bragging rights to a Burton Award winner are Stanford, Chapman and Golden Gate. Knight was honored along with winning students from Yale, Columbia, NYU, University of Pennsylvania and Michigan law schools, among others.

"This paper was a pleasure to write, as the topic was very dear to my heart," said Knight, "I'm extremely grateful to all the people who have offered me valuable feedback and insight throughout the writing process thanks to everyone!"

The Burton Award for Legal Achievement was founded in 1999 to recognize effective legal writing and is considered one of the most coveted award programs in law. The



Former State Senator and Assistant Chair of the Burton Awards Dennis Smith presents the 2008 Burton Award for Legal Writing to Anne Knight.

program operates in association with the Library of Congress and honors not only law students, but also partners in law firms who use "plain, clear and concise language in their legal writings and avoid archaic, stilted legalese."

Knight was selected on the basis of her Note, "*Striking the Balance Between Anti-Discrimination Laws and First Amendment Freedoms: An Alternative Proposal to Preserve Diversity*," published in the Fall 2007 issue of the *Thomas Jefferson Law Review*.

According to TJS� Professor Bryan Wildenthal, "Ms. Knight's Law Review Note provides a thoughtful and sophisticated analysis of the free speech and anti-discrimination issues involved in recognition of campus student organizations whose philosophies involve some type of

disapproval or exclusion relating to sexual orientation. Beyond that, her Note points out some pragmatic and workable solutions to this issue, which is currently the subject of several lawsuits and has vexed schools and universities around the country."

Knight graduated in May and soon after traveled to the ninth Burton Awards anniversary event at the Library of Congress on June 16, where Associate Justice Gerald Breyer was the guest speaker.

"The whole event was absolutely fantastic. It was wonderful to be in the company of some of the best legal writers in the country in a setting as beautiful and as ideal for the occasion as the Library of Congress. The highlight was, of course, speaking with Justice Breyer about my paper topic!"

"The School of Law is honored to have one of our students receive the Burton Award for excellence in writing," said Dean Rudy Hasl. "It reflects the quality of our students and of the academic program that has enabled them to excel."

Jennifer Siverts '06 was a Burton Award winner in 2006 for her Note "*Punishing Thoughts Too Close To Reality: A New Solution to Protect Children From Pedophiles*," which was published in the Spring 2005 issue of the *Thomas Jefferson Law Review*.

Class Profile Fall 2007

Class Percentiles LSAT GPA

Median	151	3.02
25th	148	2.75
75th	153	3.23

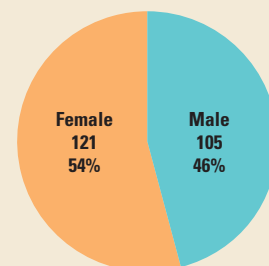
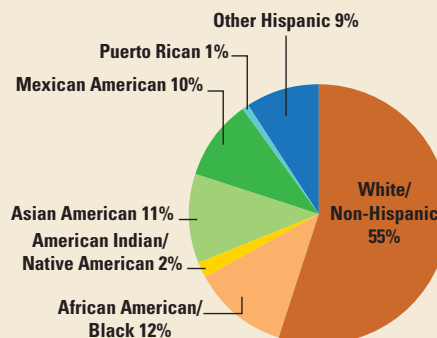
Average Age Full Time = 28 Part Time = 43

Other Information

- 42% were from outside of California
- 20% were first generation college graduates

Top Ten Universities

1. UCSD
2. UC Irvine
3. AZ State
4. SDSU
5. UCLA
6. UCSB
7. Penn State
8. UNLV
9. U of Wisconsin Madison
10. Cal State Poly Pomona



Fall 2007 Entering Class Makes TJSL History

The Fall 2007 incoming class has captured a spot in TJSL history as the most diverse class ever. The class has 46% students of color, which put TJSL among the top law schools in the nation, as well as in California, for entering class diversity this past academic year. The make-up of the Fall 2007 class includes students who are Native American, Asian/Pacific Islander, African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Mexican American and Puerto Rican. Other interesting facts about the Fall 2007 class:

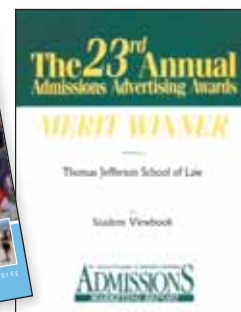
- 5 have a military background.
- 47 or 22% are first generation college students.
- 40% of the class is over the age of 26. They range in age from 21 to 51.
- They are perfectly gender balanced as a class.
- They hail from 26 states, Puerto Rico and the Cherokee Nation.
- They were born in 20 countries besides the US, including the Ukraine, Bulgaria, Canada, Columbia, Germany, Guatemala, Iran, Japan, Latvia, the Philippines, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Puerto Rico, Russian, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Viet Nam. 13% were born outside the US.
- They are music majors to pre-med majors.
- They come from 115 different undergrad institutions, including Howard and UTEP.



New students at Fall Orientation

TJSL Publications Earn Awards!

Two Thomas Jefferson School of Law publications have earned noteworthy recognition in the **23rd Annual Admissions Marketing Report Advertising Awards Competition**. In the "External Publication" category for graduate schools, last spring's issue of *The Declaration* earned a bronze award, placing in the top three with magazines from USC's Gould School of Law (gold award) and Loyola Law School (silver award). In the "Student Viewbook" category for graduate schools, the TJSL *Viewbook* published last year for recruiting the 2008-2009 entering classes won a merit award for 5th place and was the only law school viewbook recognized in this category. The TJSL Communications Office produces both *The Declaration* and the student *Viewbook*, with design work by Design Perspective, Inc., a San Diego firm.



Support TJSL

New Alumni Board



Swearing-in ceremony in TJSL Law Library on January 9, 2008

THIS IS YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD.

NO DUES:

All alumni are members of the Alumni Association.

BOARD MEETINGS:

Monthly, 4th Wednesday (except December)
at 6 p.m. in the TJSL Law Library Building,
Room 302, 2121 San Diego Ave. All are welcome
to attend.

UNABLE TO ATTEND:

Send ideas or issues you wish addressed to
alumni@tjssl.edu.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

If you would like to volunteer for a board
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Rene Rojo, Development and Alumni Relations
Coordinator, at rojo@tjssl.edu or
619-297-9700 x1825.

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SAVE THE DATES

Friday, September 26, 2008

13th Annual Alumni and Friends
Golf Tournament
Coronado Municipal Golf Course
*The beneficiary of the 2007 Tournament was
TJSL's Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic.*

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Baseball Game & Alumni Association
Tailgate Party
San Diego Padres v. Pittsburgh Pirates,
Petco Park

Further details are available at
<http://alumni.tjssl.edu/home/index.asp>.

NEED MCLE CREDIT?

Check our website for upcoming
MCLE events for TJSL alumni!

Alumni Stay Connected



Seattle Alumni Reception



Las Vegas Alumni Reception



Los Angeles Alumni Reception



Denver Alumni Reception

The TJSL Alumni Relations Office has enjoyed hosting a number of receptions recently for alumni outside of San Diego.



San Francisco Alumni Reception

Contact the Alumni Office at alumni@tjssl.edu if you are interested in helping organize a future reception in your city!

Where are TJSL Alumni?



AROUND THE GLOBE

TJSL Alumni also can be found in these places:

- Australia

Belgium

Canada

China

France

Germany

Japan

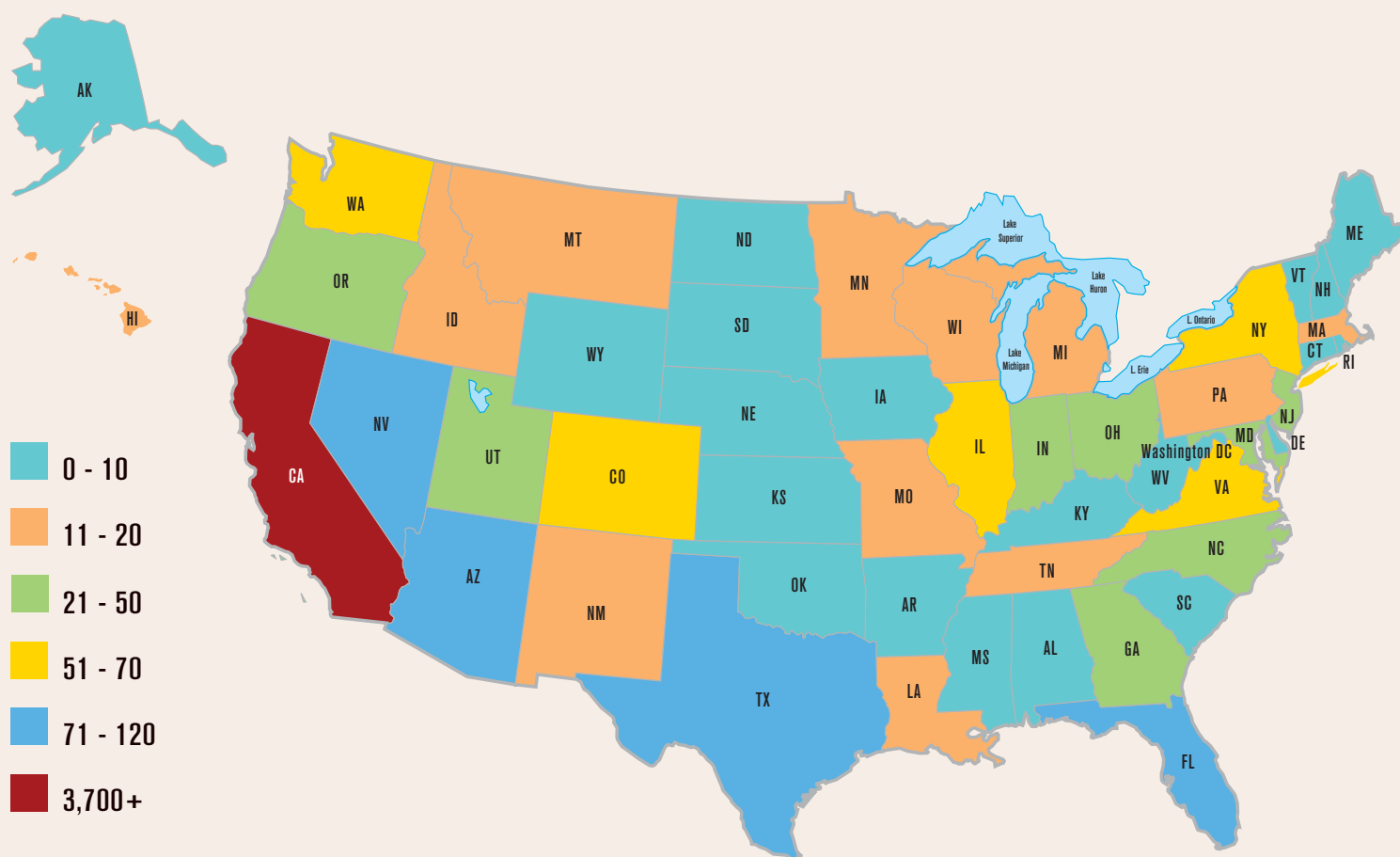
Luxembourg
- Northern Mariana Islands

Puerto Rico

South Korea

Spain

U.S. Virgin Islands
- They also serve in Iraq and Afghanistan.



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 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.

STAY CONNECTED!

Join the TJS� Online Community

It's Fast, Easy, Free and Password Protected

Why should I join the Online Community?

- Quick access to **Alumni Directory** reaching over 5,600 alumni throughout the United States and abroad, by graduation year, specialty and location.
- Create your **Personal Web Page** in minutes.
- Share your successes and personal milestones through **Class Notes**.
- Check **Event Calendar** for MCLE's, Regional Networking Groups and social or academic occasions.
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Stay Connected! Start Networking! Register for the Online Community Today!

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



Lillian Y. Lim '77

Why Do I Stay Connected *by Lillian Y. Lim '77*

Why do I stay connected to Thomas Jefferson School of Law?

Let me count the ways. I am connected to the depth and breadth and height my soul can reach. I am connected to the level of every day's most quiet need...

First my apologies to Elizabeth Barrett Browning for butchering her prose, but I wanted a fitting introduction to my topic.

The reasons I stay connected to my law school are the same reasons that led me to be a lawyer and later to be a Judge. I want to make a positive difference for those who are part of my community—and I consider my law school an important part of my community. I also want to retain a network of friends who are supportive of my personal and professional goals. Law school administrators, faculty, classmates and students over the past several years have all been good friends to me.

Examples of my selfless and selfish reasons abound. As an adjunct faculty member, I have the opportunity to assess attorney "stars" in the making. I try to point law students in the direction of internships, clerkships and attorney jobs that suit the students' talents. Many of these law students have gone on to wonderful careers with public agencies or as in-house counsel or to partnerships in private firms. I try, best as I am able, to be a sounding board for fellow alumni looking at career changes and to provide them with encouragement when facing the challenges of an attorney's life.

When you and I look back on our lives, probably among our most worthwhile and satisfying accomplishments will be the positive differences we have made in the lives of those who graduated with and after us. Similarly, I am grateful for every act of kindness, good humor and understanding I have received in abundance from my fellow alums and from the able staff and faculty of our law school. It has been said, "It takes a village to raise a child." Thomas Jefferson has been part of that village that raised me as a lawyer and Judge and continues to sustain me in my career.

Staying Competitive

Staying competitive in our global economy requires quality education that is both innovative and accessible. (Tuition and fees do not cover all of these costs). Meeting that goal requires investors who share our passion and vision for education and want to ensure their dollars are well-spent.

Our Investors Have Allowed Us To:

- Provide cutting edge programs that include Supreme Court Justices, nationally recognized legal scholars and practicing attorneys
- Expand educational opportunities to a diverse student body by:
 - Providing scholarships – 271 full-time and 93 part-time students *Total enrollment was 770 (2006-2007 academic year)*
 - Bringing U.S. and Chinese students together for a successful pilot program in China

- Establish new programs such as the Diamond Program in International Tax and Financial Services
- Serve veterans through our Veteran's Legal Assistance Clinic established in 2006
- Attract the finest faculty. They are distinguished teachers and scholars who are experienced, diverse and caring. They have structured international and national business transactions and litigated before The Hague and the U.S. Supreme Court. Their clients have ranged from the largest multi-national corporations to the neediest members of our society. They continue to produce cutting-edge legal scholarship.

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Ways to Give

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**Thomas Jefferson School of Law
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Gifts by Credit Card

To make an online gift by credit card, please go to <https://alumni.tjssl.edu/efr/index.asp>

Planned Giving

Legacy gifts are a wonderful opportunity to invest in the future. You can influence the quality of education and shape our future leaders. If you wish to discuss options that suit your needs, please contact kgoyette@tjssl.edu.

Matching Gifts

You may qualify to have your gift matched by your firm or company. If this applies, please enclose the appropriate forms from your employer with your gift to the school.



Baseball Hall of Famer Dave Winfield (top center) joins alumni and students for a Tailgate Party before a Padres vs. Dodgers game at Petco Park in April.

Next Issue:

- TJSL's Commitment to Diversity in the Legal Profession
- Professor William Slomanson is "King" of California Civ Pro
- The Adventures of Alumna Jovana Ostojic '08

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