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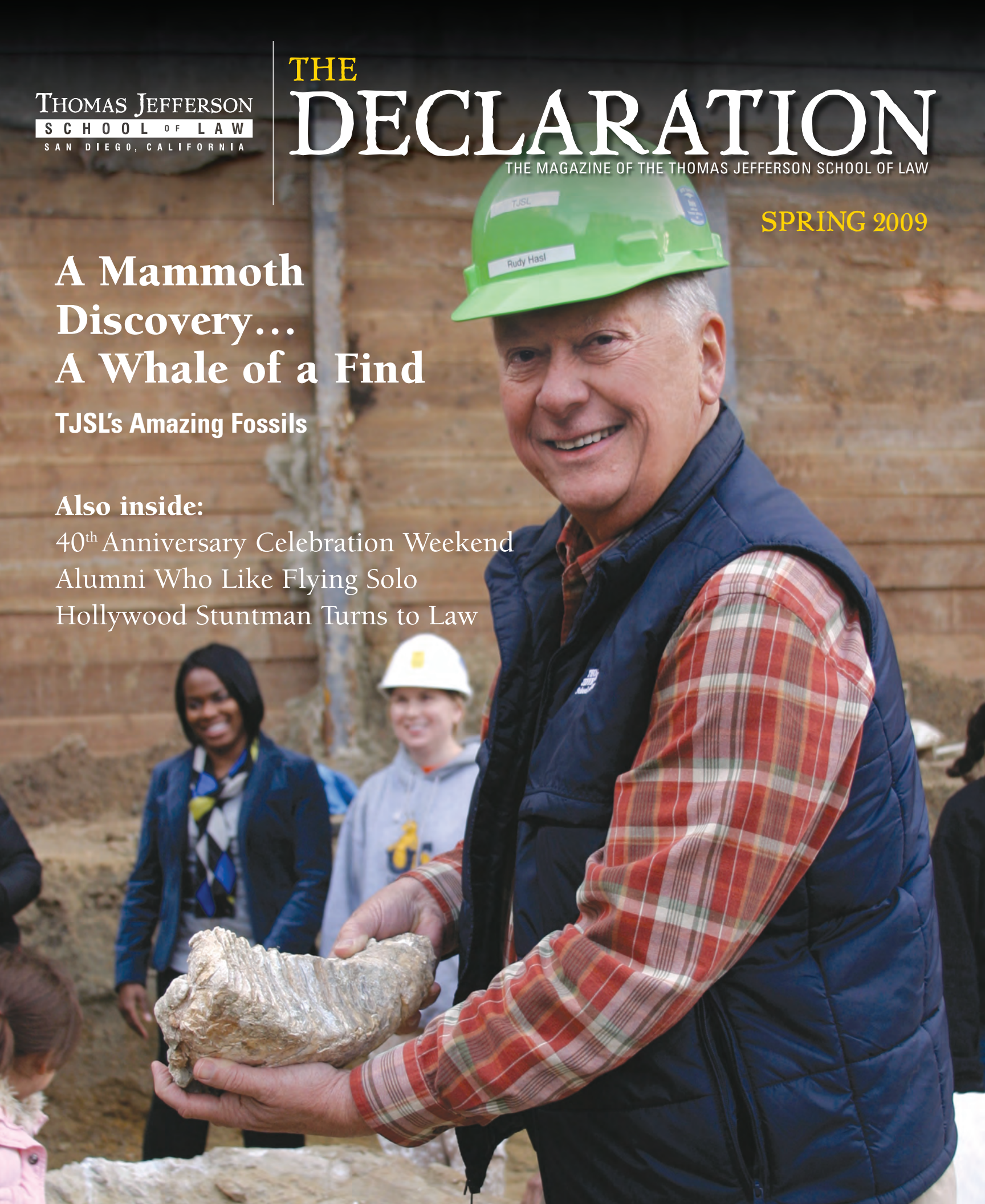
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FROM THE DEAN'S OFFICE

Dear TJS� Community,

Rising above the ground level on Island Avenue between 11th and Park Boulevard is the new home of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law. This facility will transform forever the way in which the school is seen in the community and in the world of legal education. The designers have drawn on the best experiences in law school architecture in developing a facility that will support and enhance the educational experience that students have historically received at the school. The building will reinforce a welcoming educational atmosphere where students will be able to achieve their academic potential. It will support a sense of community, where students, staff, graduates and faculty members interact regularly and comfortably in a supportive environment. The classrooms will have the most modern and comprehensive technological capacity to enhance the teaching and learning process. The classrooms and broadcast studios will be suitable for the sophisticated distance education initiatives that the school has undertaken.

Thomas Jefferson would be proud of what is being undertaken by a school that bears his name. Known for his commitment to the building of the University of Virginia and to the establishment of a first class educational program, he would embrace the innovative architectural design and the internal organization of the spaces to create a genuine learning environment. Even though his era had not embraced the concept of green design, this facility will most likely achieve LEED gold status, one of a very small number of law school buildings in the country to seek and achieve such a status. In addition to photovoltaic panels on the south-facing roof, the design of the heating and cooling system and the utilization of environmentally friendly materials will make this facility a model

for design in the San Diego area. The school has used a hydrophobic additive to the concrete that will eliminate the need for traditional waterproofing that relies on tar and petrochemical additives.

Another reason that Thomas Jefferson would be proud to have his name associated with the school is the extraordinary paleontological discoveries made during excavation of the site, as well as the geologically significant stratigraphy that the excavation revealed. The site where the school is rising from the ground went through four periods of glaciation and interglaciation during the past 500,000 years, leaving the site under considerable water as an ocean bottom, followed by periods of drying and marsh conditions. This process explains why the remains of a baleen whale were located directly under the remains of a Columbian Mammoth, and various shell beds were located around the Mammoth remains.

Thomas Jefferson is known as the father of American Paleontology, partly because of his fascination with the discoveries in the 1700s in the Hudson Valley and in Big Bone Lick, Kentucky, of the remains of mastodons and mammoths. He, Benjamin Franklin and George Washington were involved in the discoveries and the identification of these remains. Part of his collection of fossils is in Monticello and another part is in the Natural History Museum in Philadelphia. The Jeffersonian correspondence with Meriwether Lewis and General Clark make specific reference to the request that they try to find living mammoths on their journey to the western United States. So Thomas Jefferson would have been particularly thrilled to have been at the site of our excavation when the largest mammoth fossil discovery in San Diego County occurred.

Under arrangements with the San Diego Museum of Natural History, the fossils of both the mammoth and the baleen whale will be cleaned, preserved, studied and displayed for public viewing. The school expects to have one eight-foot baleen whale rib on display in the building. Efforts are also underway to integrate some of the extraordinary scallop and other shells into the terrazzo floor in the lobby of the building and into some of the wall structures.

The development of the new facility will truly be a transformative event that will both enhance the educational program of the school, but also strengthen the connection to Thomas Jefferson and his amazing legacy.

Rudolph C. Hasl
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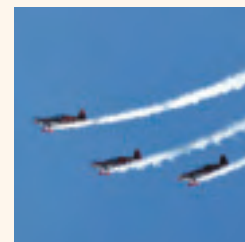
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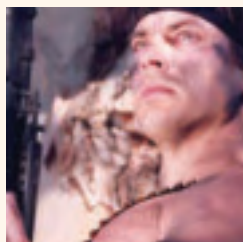


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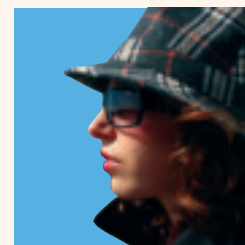


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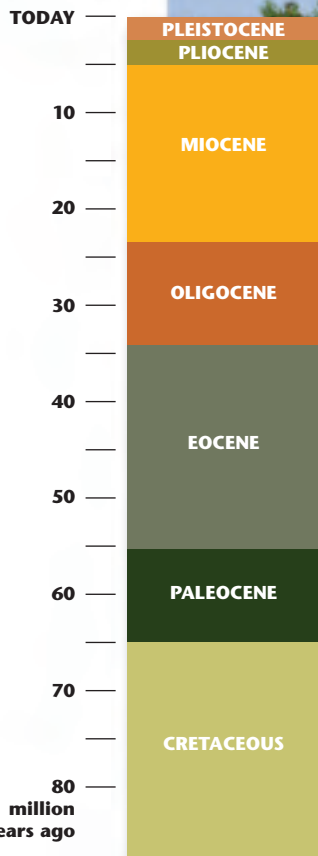
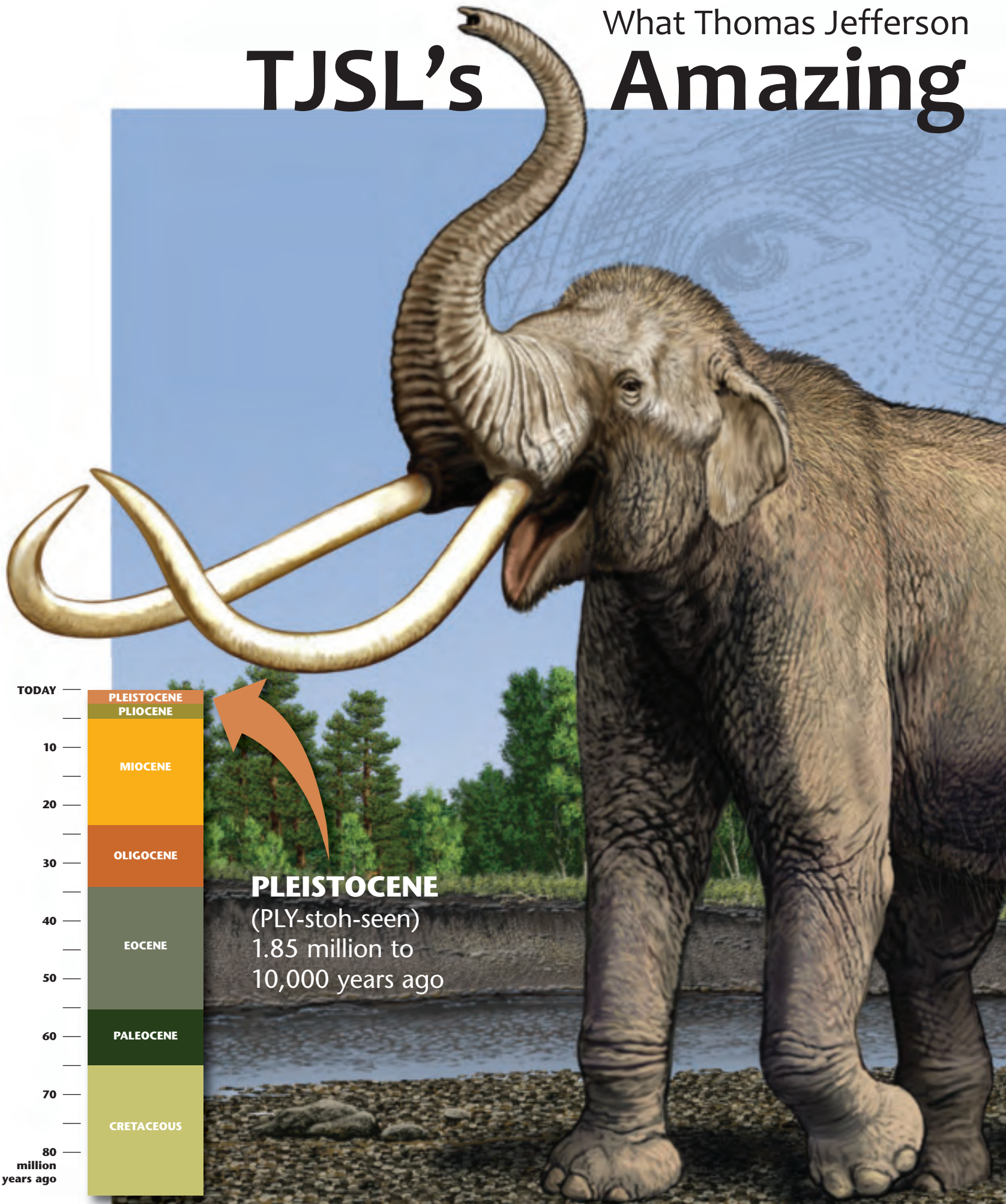
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Dreamed About Fossils

by Chris Saunders, TJSL Communications Specialist

What are the odds?

What are the odds of finding the skull and tusks of an estimated 200-thousand-year-old mammoth during the construction of a law school named after a president who was so fascinated with giant mammals that he even had their ancient bones on display at the White House?

But that's exactly what happened on February 3, 2009, at the excavation site for the new downtown campus of Thomas Jefferson School of Law when a backhoe operator struck something hard.

Paleontologist Pat Sena of the San Diego Natural History Museum, who was monitoring the dig as state law requires, was right there to confirm that this was not a rock or a petrified piece of wood—it was an important fossil find.

How important?

What the backhoe struck was one of two complete tusks of a Columbian Mammoth and the first intact mammoth skull ever found in San Diego County. They also found leg and foot bones that belonged to the mammoth.

It is a major find!

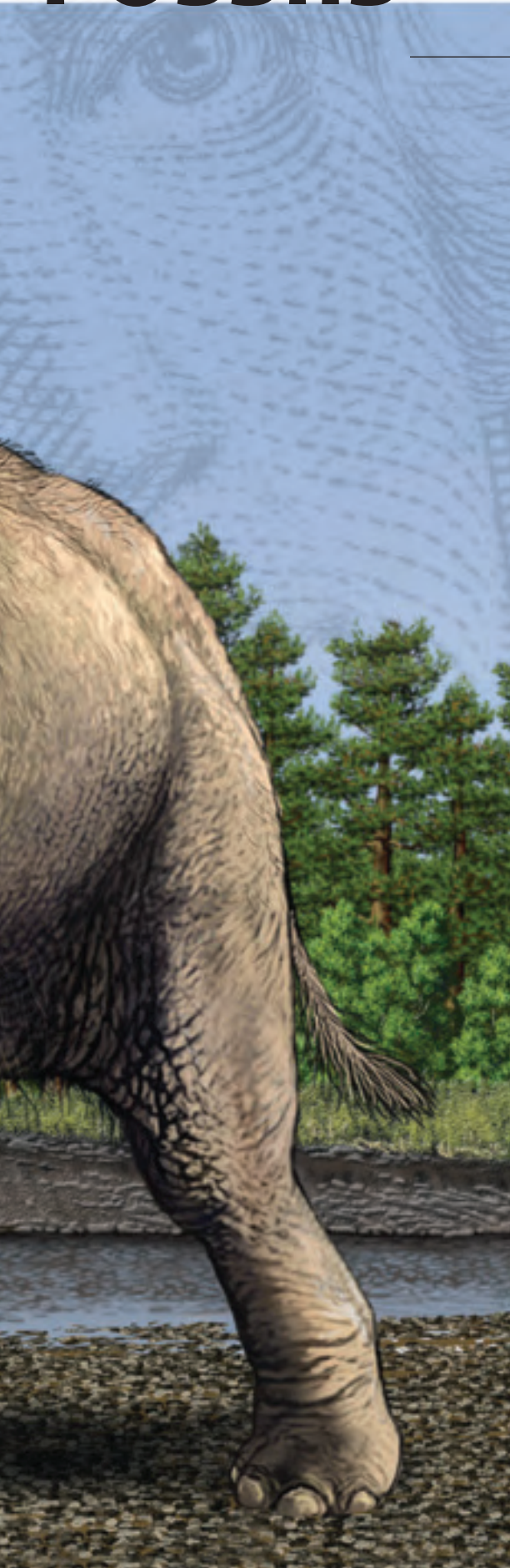
As soon as TJSL Dean Rudy Hasl heard about the discovery, he understood the perfect synchronicity of the event. Dean Hasl knew that Thomas Jefferson not only studied huge mammals, but is considered to be the father of modern paleontology—“which makes it particularly appropriate that the remains were found on the site of a school that will carry his name forever,” the Dean told the media as they swarmed over the construction site to take pictures of the mammoth bones. In fact, “Jefferson fully expected Lewis and Clark to return from their famed expedition with reports of giant living mammals,” the Dean added.

Within hours, the news of the TJSL find had spread around the world, but that wasn't the end of the story.

Three weeks later, after the mammoth bones were carefully excavated, cast in plaster and taken to the museum for study, there was another surprise waiting 10 feet directly below the site where the mammoth was found: it was an ancient California Gray Whale skeleton—estimated to be at least 200,000 years older than the mammoth.

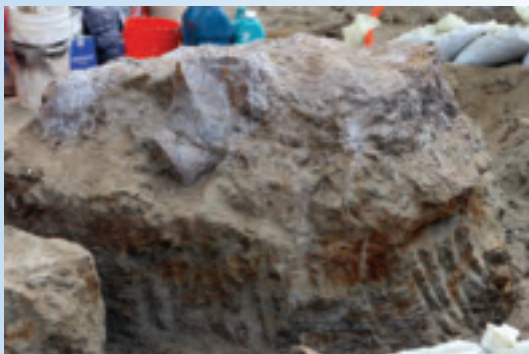
Paleontologists found several ribs, the jawbones, scapulas and other bones, which belonged to an ancestor of the modern California Gray Whale.

Could this really be happening in this relatively small half-block



Mammoth illustration: © Carl Buell; Thomas Jefferson illustration: ©istockphoto.com

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The mammoth's tusk measured 10 feet in length.

More About Our Fossils....

Columbian Mammoth facts:

Mammuthus columbi

- Extinct species of elephant that appeared in North America during the late Pleistocene epoch
- One of the largest mammal species
- Reached up to 13-feet-tall and 10 metric tons
- Herbivore-diet consisted of varied plant life such as grasses and conifers
- Ate 300 lbs. of vegetation per day on average

area of downtown's East Village at 11th and Island Avenues?

“We’re about 30 feet below street level and about 400,000 years back in time,” said Dr. Tom Deméré, the chief of Paleo Services at the Natural History Museum.

It seemed the deeper they dug, the more they found in this “fossil rich” environment.

Over the next several weeks, they dug up ancient seashells, the teeth of ancient horses and parts of other giant creatures as yet unidentified.

“It’s been an exciting two months,” said Deméré. “These discoveries are unprecedented and they are remarkable in terms of the riches we found.”

Deméré came to the law school in March to do a special presentation on the fossil finds at the construction site. He brought along one of the mammoth’s giant molars to display to the audience.

“The tooth, the whole tooth and nothing but the tooth,” as Associate Dean Jeff Joseph described it.

Quite a few members of the TJSJ community got to hold the tooth when Dean Hasl organized a field trip for faculty and staff to visit the construction site a few days after the mammal bones were discovered.

“It was fun to share this experience with my family,” said Student Services Assistant Director Angela Bayne. “It was exhilarating and makes for some interesting conversations with friends and family.” Bayne’s daughter Zenobia thought it was pretty cool, too.

Zenobia’s words, after holding the mammoth’s molar, were “WOW! I can’t believe I was holding a tooth that old!”



Clockwise from top: Paleontologist Tom Deméré shows the mammoth's molar during the TJSJL field trip. The fossil and construction crews worked side-by-side. Members of the San Diego Natural History Museum's paleo team uncover the mammoth.

More About Our Fossils...

Gray Whale facts:

Eschrichtius robustus

- Modern gray whales are very similar to their two-million-year-old ancestors
- Before the ice age, gray whales populated the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, but due to geographic and climatic changes, they now exist only in the Pacific and Arctic Oceans
- Main diet consists of crustaceans gathered by the gray whale's "baleen" plates, which filter food from the water and sand
- Annually travel up to 14,000 miles roundtrip between the icy Northern feeding grounds to the warm, breeding lagoons of Baja, California
- Can reach up to 52 feet and 36 tons and live 50 to 60 years
- Once widely hunted, gray whales were removed from the U.S. endangered species list in 1994



Maggie Carrino of the San Diego Natural History Museum points out the whale's jawbone.



TJSL Receptionist Reva Edge said, "I felt like I was going back in time."

Assistant Admissions Director Michelle Allison also went back in time. When she visited the construction site, she was reunited with Sarah Siren, one of her high school classmates back in Massachusetts. Siren was working as a paleontologist at the site.

But wait—there are more coincidences!

Paleontologist Pat Sena, who found the mammal, has an amazing track record of major fossil finds in San Diego County. Sena's mentor? Would you believe it's a California State Parks paleontologist named George Thomas Jefferson? Paleontologist Jefferson may or may not be related to President Thomas Jefferson—though their ancestors came from the same town in England.

"He's my hero," says Sena of his mentor Jefferson. For Sena, the TJSL mammal fossils are his biggest and most important discovery to date.

Jefferson is proud of his protégé. "It's an interesting coincidence there at the law school," said Jefferson. "Sena has been in on one after another of major finds."

Paleo Presentation



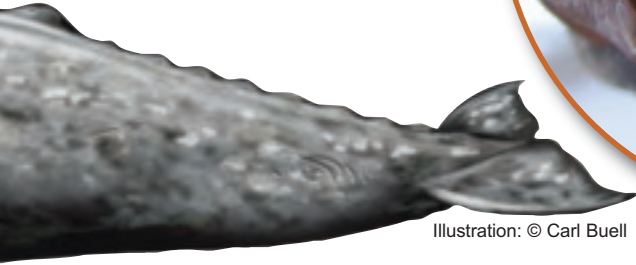
Paleontologist Tom Deméré (above) and Professor David Post (right.)



One of the ancient Giant Scallop shells found on the site.



Illustration: © Carl Buell



What becomes of the treasure trove of fossils? By contract, the bones belong to the Natural History Museum, and they will be examined, categorized and put on display at the museum in Balboa Park for generations of visitors to see.

Parts of these ancient creatures, however, will always be at the law school site where they have rested for hundreds of thousands of years. The museum is donating one of the whale's ribs for display in the lobby of the new law school building, as well as some of the eons-old seashells, like the giant scallops that were hidden in soil that used to be ocean floor. Other shell fragments from the dig will be ground up to become part of the floor tiles in the lobby of the new building, where everyone who enters the law school will be literally walking on ancient history.

It all seems to fit together so perfectly—the law school named after the president who treasured the bones of giant creatures and the fossils that will be part of the law school as long as it stands.

Said Thomas Jefferson scholar Professor David Post of the Beasley School of Law at Temple University, who appeared along with Tom Deméré at the “paleo presentation” at TJSL in March, “I’m here because he (Jefferson) can’t be. If he could, he’d be here in a New York minute to see these fossils.”

“As the father of American paleontology, Thomas Jefferson would be ecstatic that the school that carries his name has such rich paleontological discoveries,” said Dean Rudy Hasl.

As for Deméré, he is very grateful to have been part of this “mammoth” find.

“Thanks Thomas Jefferson School of Law,” Deméré said, “for digging such a big hole in Downtown San Diego.”

Everyone, especially the kids, enjoyed digging for shells during the TJSL field trip to the construction site.



New Campus Groundbreaking Draws Distinguished Guests



Top photo: Media interviews with Dean Hasl.

Middle photo: Rep. Duncan Hunter '76 takes a turn with the shovel.

Bottom photo: San Diego Mayor Jerry Saunders congratulates the law school.

"This is a great day for the City of San Diego, for the East Village and for the Thomas Jefferson School of Law," proclaimed Dean Rudy Hasl as he welcomed more than 200 guests to the official groundbreaking of TJSL's new downtown campus on October 29, 2008.

"And we have the funds to complete this project," added Dean Hasl in reference to the dismal economy—a comment that brought cheers and applause from the audience.

An enthusiastic crowd of administrators, faculty, staff, alumni and students, along with many friends of TJSL, were on hand to witness the historic moment when Dean Hasl plunged the ceremonial shovel into the hard-packed soil. Special guests on the stage included San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders, City Councilman Kevin Faulconer, U.S. Representative Duncan Hunter '76, TJSL Board of Trustees Chairman Sandy Kahn, TJSL Trustees Robert Ames and Charles Abdelnour, Chairman Frederic Maas of the Centre City Development Corporation, Bovis Lend Lease Vice President Todd Pennington and Fehlman LaBarre Architect Mike LaBarre, as well as former WSUSD/TJSL Deans Kenneth Vandavelde and Mary Lynne Perry, Alumni Association President Robert Waller '93 and Student Bar Association President Pablo Zamora. Dean Hasl also recognized several prominent alumni and other guests in the audience.

"When the new campus building is finished, the Thomas Jefferson School of Law will have come full circle and back to its roots in Downtown San Diego, said Mayor Sanders.

"Thank you for choosing this site for

your new campus," the mayor added. "I know your students will enjoy the vibrancy that downtown offers and I'm certain everyone in San Diego appreciates the new opportunities for learning that your school will bring to the East Village. Congratulations!"

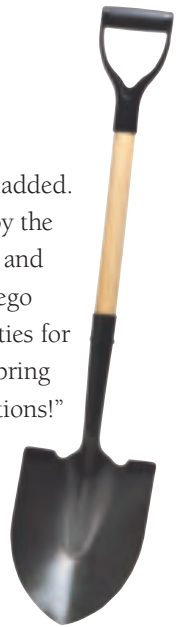
Rep. Hunter, who has since retired from the House of Representatives after more than 20 years of service, fondly recalled his "starving student" days at TJSL, which was then Western State University, located on Front Street in Downtown San Diego.

Hunter had high praise for his law professors, in particular the late Earl B. Gilliam, who went on to a distinguished career as a Federal judge. The Moot Courtroom at TJSL is named in honor of Judge Gilliam and has on display the very chair that he sat on behind the bench in his courtroom for many years, as well as other memorabilia graciously donated by his wife.

"Gilliam and the other professors infused great character into the students," said Hunter. "It's a neat opportunity to return to my school and reflect on the wonderful opportunity and education and the great character of this institution."

Refreshments followed the ceremony and each guest received a special commemorative mousepad celebrating the groundbreaking.

For those students, staff and faculty who weren't able to attend the ceremony because of classes and jobs, Dean Hasl held a special mock "indoor groundbreaking" at TJSL that evening—using a bucket of dirt from the construction site to make it official.



View the Construction Progress—LIVE!

For those who haven't seen the construction site of the new TJSL campus, a live view is now at your fingertips! Just log on to www.tjsl.edu/new-campus. You can watch the construction progress every day live via streaming video.



Construction Update

Not only did the major fossil finds not slow down construction of the new Thomas Jefferson downtown campus, but at the end of the spring semester, work was actually three weeks ahead of schedule.

In February and March, the “big dig” continued even as the paleontologists were digging out the bones of the mammoth, the whale and the other ancient creatures hidden in the soil for ages.

The excavation crews were able to work around the team from the San Diego Natural History Museum and the fact that the mammoth and whale were found near the corner of the construction site made the process that much easier.

By May 2, all was ready for “the big pour.”

The pouring of the concrete for the foundation and parking garage was a massive operation, with 50 cement mixers coming and going throughout the day—pumping 5,000 yards of concrete into the excavation site.

If one silver dollar brings good luck to a building, as tradition says, then how much luck will 53 coins from around the world bring to the new Thomas Jefferson School of Law Downtown campus?

There was a Thomas Jefferson dollar; an Eisenhower silver dollar; a Kennedy half-dollar and everything from a 1929 Deutsch Mark to a \$100 Las Vegas poker chip—for extra good luck.

Dean Rudy Hasl tossed all 53 coins into the foundation of the new law school on Saturday morning as crews began the massive concrete pour to form the parking garage of the new structure.

There is great symbolism to putting a worldwide assortment of coins in the foundation because of TJSL's strong emphasis on international law.

“It is so important that the new Thomas Jefferson School of Law is built on an international foundation,” said Dean Hasl. “The coins represent a symbolic expression of our commitment and recognition of the importance of an international viewpoint in the teaching of law in the 21st century.”

The new campus is scheduled to be open for classes in January 2011. The general contractor is Bovis Lend Lease.

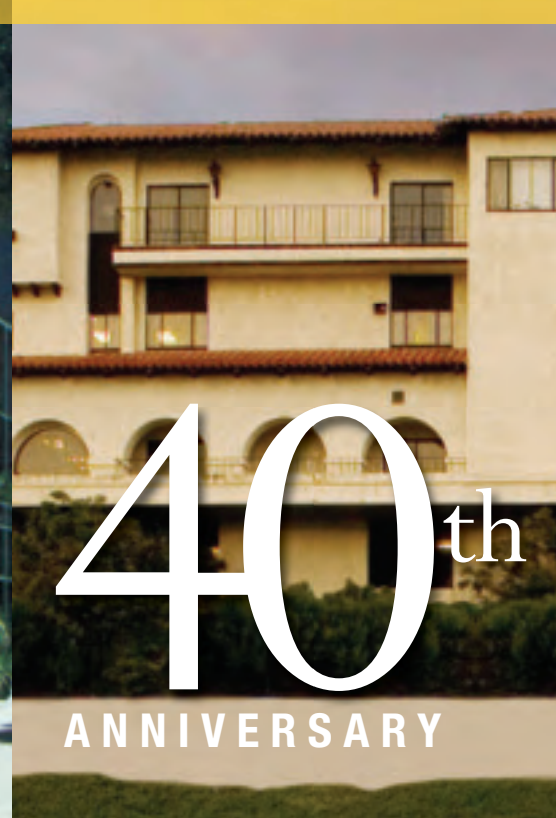
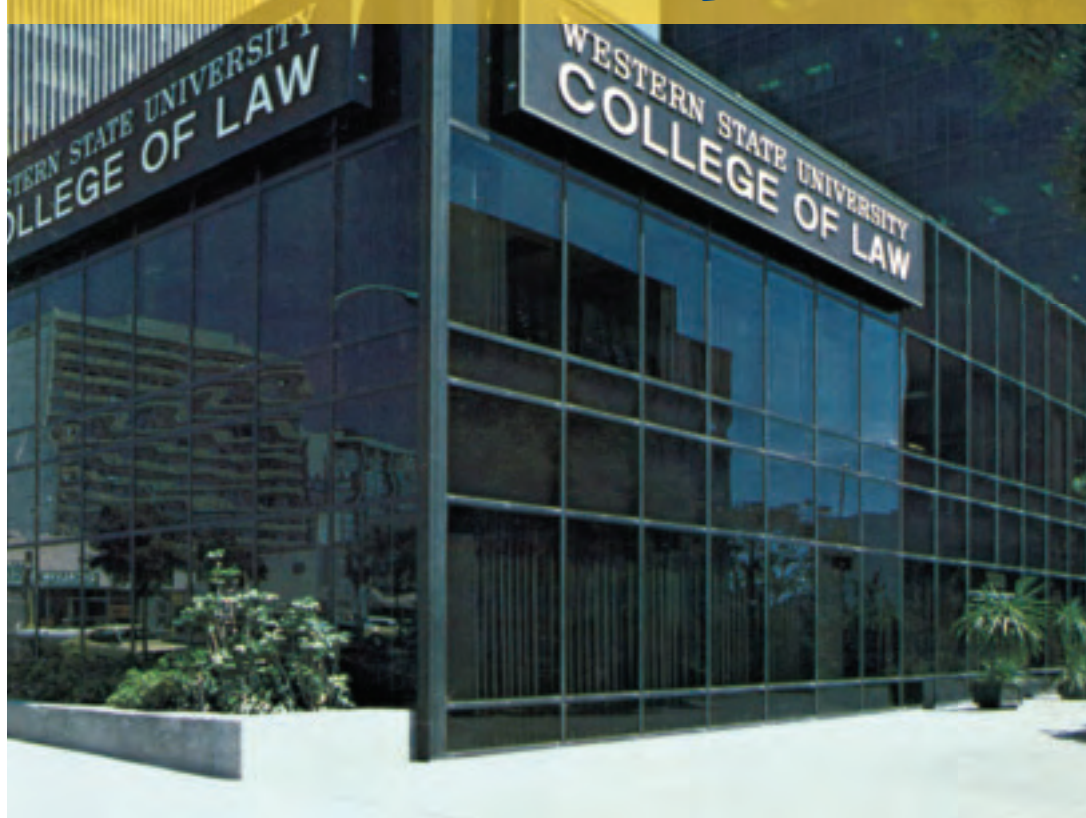


Top photo: Dean Rudy Hasl holds the “lucky coins.”

Middle photo: Dean Hasl tosses the coins into the foundation.

Bottom photo: The “Big Pour,” a proud day for Dean Hasl.

Celebrating Yesterday...



40TH ANNIVERSARY 1969-2009

JOIN US FOR OUR CELEBRATION!

Don't miss the fun! Our 40th Anniversary Celebration Weekend is the perfect way to get reacquainted with your classmates and professors, make new friends and NETWORK!!!

It's been 40 years since we opened our doors in Downtown San Diego as WSU San Diego. And now, nearly 6,000 graduates later, we're going stronger than ever as Thomas Jefferson School of Law and will soon be moving back downtown to an eight-story, state-of-the-art campus that will benefit students and alumni alike.

It's time to party because we have a lot to celebrate! Check out our super 40th Anniversary Celebration Weekend Schedule on the next page and REGISTER TODAY!

www.tjsl.edu/40thAnniversary

Share Your MEMORIES & PHOTOS

What are your best memories of law school? As part of our 40th Anniversary Celebration, we're asking our alumni to share the good times in 200 words or less and with your favorite photos. We also invite you to share your achievements since graduating from WSUSD/TJSL in 200 words or less. Just email your submissions to 40thanniversary@tjsl.edu by September 15th and we'll do the rest.

Even if you are unable to attend the 40th Anniversary Weekend celebration, we would love to include your memories and achievements on our 40th Anniversary web page.



Embracing Tomorrow CELEBRATION

Register Now!
www.tjsl.edu/40thEventInfo

WEEKEND SCHEDULE OCTOBER 16-18, 2009

Friday, October 16, 2009

14th Annual Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament

12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start Riverwalk Golf Course

To Benefit TJSL's Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic at Veteran's Village

Saturday, October 17, 2009

Networking Breakfast (continental breakfast served)

8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. TJSL Campus

Followed by 3 MCLE Sessions (One hour credit per session)

Ethics—Elimination of Bias—Substance Abuse

40th Anniversary Reception for Alumni, Faculty & Friends

4:30-6:30 p.m. Bristol Hotel Downtown San Diego

Honorees at Reception

- Special salute to attendees from the first five years
- Awards to Four Extraordinary Alumni
 - Community Outreach Award
 - Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award
 - Attorney on the Rise Award
 - Most Creative Use of a Law Degree Award

Sunday, October 18, 2009

Alumni, Students, Faculty, Staff & Family Picnic

11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Kate Sessions Park, Pacific Beach

40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PACKAGES

Grand Reunion Package

(Golf, Networking Breakfast w/MCLEs, 40th Reception & Picnic)

Early Bird Special \$160 per person

After 9/18/09 \$175 per person

Saturday & Sunday Package

(Networking Breakfast w/MCLEs, 40th Reception & Picnic)

Early Bird Special \$55 per person

After 9/18/09 \$65 per person

Friday Golf Package

(Golf, Networking Breakfast w/MCLEs)

Early Bird Special \$115 per TJSL Alumni

After 9/18/09 \$125 per TJSL Alumni

Early Bird Special \$135 per TJSL Friend

After 9/18/09 \$150 per TJSL Friend

Saturday 40th Reception Package

(Networking Breakfast w/MCLEs, 40th Reception)

Early Bird Special \$45 per person

After 9/18/09 \$60 per person

Sunday Picnic Package

(Networking Breakfast w/MCLEs, Picnic)

Early Bird Special \$10 per person (children under 12 free)

After 9/18/09 \$15 per person (\$5 for child under 12)

Flying Solo:

TJSL Alumni Who Like Being in the Pilot's Seat

At the start of this decade, nearly three-quarters of the nation's more than 1.1 million licensed lawyers had made private practice a career choice. According to American Bar Association statistics, about 52% of those lawyers chose law firms of varying sizes, while the rest made the decision to hang up their own shingles rather than work for a firm, a government agency, a non-profit or a private corporation. Some always wanted to be sole practitioners, while for others, it may have been a second or third or even last option when the "dream job" didn't materialize.

In today's shrinking job market, a surge in the number of lawyers who go solo is predicted, particularly as law firms are forced to downsize—some in huge numbers. Traditionally, a large number of Thomas Jefferson School of Law alumni have embraced the idea of piloting their own practice. In fact, the alumni lawyers we spoke with for this article are all happy to have followed the sole practitioner route. Some will take on partners or associates in the future, but for now, they want to go it alone.

All who fly solo have one thing in common: They know from experience that it's hard work to be a lawyer practicing alone and running a business at the same time. We interviewed three TJSL alumni in solo practice and they all offered good advice for lawyers and law students thinking about that solo path.



Jeffrey Schwartz '84:

Going Solo Means Knowing How to Say “No”

The day we spoke with TJSL alumnus Jeffrey Schwartz '84, he had started his day in the Bronx with a discovery hearing, and then went to Manhattan for a real estate closing and later to his office on Long Island to prep a client. All in a day's work for Schwartz, who is one of TJSL's sole practitioners and has been since he hung out his first shingle in San Diego in February 1988.

Why go solo? “Because I can choose what I do and how to service the community,” Schwartz says. “I can accept or reject cases as I see fit.”

But Schwartz is far from alone in practicing law. In addition to his support staff, he has a circle of trusted colleagues who he can consult to discuss areas of law with which he is unfamiliar.

“I know enough to know what I don't know,” says Schwartz. **“I don't profess to have all the answers, so I surround myself with good resources. I'm fortunate to have good colleagues with whom I can discuss issues.”**

And that's a key part of his advice to law students or lawyers who are thinking about going solo: “Understand what you do and do it well.”

Although Schwartz is based in New York now, he still maintains an office in San Diego, where he first set up shop after passing the California bar exam. While practicing in San Diego, Schwartz handled a number of high profile cases.

The one of which he is most proud is a 1991 lawsuit he brought against the parents

of six under-aged skinheads who had been involved in writing hateful graffiti on a synagogue and on a private home. Schwartz sued the parents for “negligent supervision of a minor” and five of the six parents settled. He says it was the first lawsuit filed against skinheads in San Diego County.

Another first-of-its-kind lawsuit Schwartz filed here was the infamous “Pottygate” suit, which brought a certain measure of ridicule to his client and was thought of as the poster-child of frivolous lawsuits.

“People remember ‘Pottygate,’” Schwartz says. He believes the case was anything but frivolous because of the circumstances behind it.

In the mid-90's, his client, political consultant Bob Glaser, sued the City of San Diego for \$5 million because women had invaded the men's bathrooms at then Jack Murphy Stadium during a Billy Joel-Elton John concert. Glaser was using one of the “trough” urinals in the men's room when women came in and did the same, leaving his client “angered, upset, embarrassed, distraught and (feeling) violated,” according to Associated Press accounts of the lawsuit.

Though “Pottygate” was eventually dismissed, and Schwartz and Glaser were fined for filing an unreasonable lawsuit, “we created change,” Schwartz maintains. “I'm still proud we did that. I am not shy and if I believe in a case—I will fight for my client.”

The proof is in the porcelain: the troughs at the stadium were replaced with individual urinals and two “mega women's bathrooms” were built—each with 14 private stalls.

Schwartz has fond memories of Thomas Jefferson (then Western State University) School of Law. He remembers Professor Moise Berger handing out dog biscuits to students who had the right answers in the classroom. He remembers the strong camaraderie among the students.

“We had great professors and I had great friendships,” Schwartz remembers. “I am

still in touch with many of my colleagues.”

Schwartz also served on the TJSL Alumni Association Board and feels the Association offers great resources to its members—particularly the mentoring program.

His resume carries an impressive number of special positions and awards. The American Bar Association awarded him “Best Project of the Year 1990” for establishing free legal clinics at colleges, universities and senior centers. He was a founding member of the San Diego Human Relations Commission and is currently a Master Inspector with the Supreme Senate of the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity International, after once being the youngest Supreme Court Justice with the fraternity.

His successor was William Suter—the Clerk of the United States Supreme Court. Though Schwartz has been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court, he says his friend Suter showed him an even higher court.

“Few people know there is a basketball court on the roof of the Supreme Court building,” Schwartz says. “It's the highest court in the land.”

Though his practice in San Diego went well, Schwartz always knew he'd land back in New York one day. “I've always been a New Yorker,” he notes. “My family is there.”

And he really likes being a sole practitioner in the Big Apple. He's learned the secrets of having a successful solo practice.

Schwartz says one of those secrets is that “every person you meet is a potential client.” That's something he always keeps in mind. But that doesn't mean he will take on any client who comes his way—he only takes on cases that clearly fall into his areas of expertise and experience.

“I'm the smartest person in the world because I know when to say ‘no’.”

She Likes Being Her Own Boss

The day after she was sworn in to the California Bar, TJSJ alumna Danielle Barger '06 signed an agreement to lease an office as a sole practitioner.

"I was brave," she says. She had already made up her mind that she was going to go solo and hang out her own shingle—which she did in a Golden Triangle office building in the University Towne Center area of San Diego. She recently moved her office to Carmel Valley.

Before law school, Barger worked as an independent consultant and decided she "liked working for myself." So, after law school and passing the bar, she "decided to take the plunge."

She gravitated toward estate planning because she had to take care of some "unmet estate needs" in her own family. She felt it would be a good area of practice because she didn't want other families to go through what hers did.

Starting a practice "was difficult" for Barger, but through networking—especially with TJSJ alumni—she began to get client referrals and her practice took off. Being a native San Diegan gave Barger an advantage at finding her first clients. She sent out announcements to the many people she knows from growing up here. She also successfully used a website called Business Networking International (www.bni.com) to connect with people.

At Thomas Jefferson, Barger was very active. She enjoyed being part of the Mock Trial Team and working on *Law Review* as an articles editor. Her connection to TJSJ remains strong. Barger has three people in her office with ties to the law school—her law clerk, a graduate awaiting bar results and an extern.

"Beverly Bracker in Career Services is a great resource for helping you find good people and giving you networking ideas,"

Barger says.

"I like helping students," she adds. "I am always open to the Thomas Jefferson Community if I can be of any assistance."

Also, Barger says her law school experience helped her to be ready to hit the ground running when she had her first client sitting in front of her.

"I had great professors," she said. "I got a lot more practical knowledge than friends of mine who went to other law schools. Having practicing lawyers as professors gave us a lot of practical advice which helped me transition into the real world."

One of the real world causes she supports is a non-profit organization, Wills For Heroes, which helps first responders, such as police and firefighters, draw up wills for themselves (www.willsforheroes.com).

"I actually just stumbled on the opportunity to volunteer at a Wills For Heroes event in August 2007 and next thing I knew, I was the California Director," Barger says.

"I volunteer because helping others have an estate plan in place is an important message and this furthers that education. The participants in the program will run into a burning building to save a perfect stranger. This is the least I can do."

Wills For Heroes put on its first San Diego event in March. "We completed 94 estate plans for the Oceanside Police Department and their families, and had a great event!" Barger recalls. "We are investigating ways to continue to provide this great service to San Diego."

Solo practice means that Barger has the responsibility for a lot of things that aren't matters of law. "If you spend some time in a sole practitioner's office, you'll be amazed at how little law you practice," explains Barger, who takes care of billing, marketing, payroll and administration all on her own. "You've



got to remember it's a business first."

But because she is the owner of the business, there are lots of advantages, too—like being able to set her own schedule and spend time with her young daughter, Lauren.

"You get to make the rules—that's the main benefit," she says.

Barger hopes to have the revenue to add associates in the future, but right now she describes her life as "very happy."

And, of course, being your own boss has another very distinct advantage over being someone else's employee.

As Barger sums it up: "It's nice to know in this economy that I'm not going to get fired or laid off."

Networking is Key to Solo Practice

I put up a shingle and started talking to people.”

That’s how Scott Weitz ’06 began his solo practice in Seattle after passing the bar exam in Washington State.

“You have to meet people, create relationships,” he says. **“The next thing you know, they are sending you clients. I also volunteered at a legal clinic.”**

Why did he decide to be a sole practitioner?

“I’ve always been entrepreneurial,” he explains. “And I wanted my own clients and to be the person who helps them. Also, I can control what cases to take. For me, it’s more rewarding.”

Weitz focuses mainly on estate planning and, in this tanking economy, has recently taken on more bankruptcy cases to supplement his practice. “There are lots of those—Chapter 7’s and Chapter 13’s. People are in shell-shock,” he says.

Before he came to TJSL, Weitz worked at Allstate Insurance as a claims agent for a couple of years. He graduated from Arizona State in 2002 with a degree in business management, which helped him when he entered solo practice. He wasn’t intimidated by the idea of starting his own business, especially after being out on his own as an insurance agent.

However, Weitz eventually realized that he wasn’t happy with that career.

“I didn’t think I added enough value for my clients,” he says. “I wanted to make more of a difference in people’s lives. I thought that practicing law would be a great way to do that.

The allure of San Diego was definitely a factor in his decision to apply to TJSL.

“I wanted to spend some time in San Diego,” says Weitz. “My friend Matt Russell ’07 turned me on to the law school.”

Both Weitz and his wife loved living in San Diego. “It had the right feel for us,” Weitz emphasized.

He also loved going to law school at TJSL. “I enjoyed the communal atmosphere of TJ—it was great,” Weitz fondly remembers. “It was challenging from an intellectual and educational standpoint, and if you overcome obstacles—along with your fellow law students—you make friends you wouldn’t have made otherwise. I made some of my best friends there and I wouldn’t take back that experience for anything.”

At TJSL, Weitz enjoyed being part of the ADR (Alternate Dispute Resolution) team, led by Adjunct Professor Paul Spiegelman.

“It gave me great experience in public speaking and guidance in the principles of negotiating,” notes Weitz. “That and the people I met are some of the better memories I have from law school.”

As a sole practitioner, Weitz has lots of “balls to juggle” at the same time—legal matters as well as management and

administration. But he is looking ahead now to possibly expanding the firm along with his practice.

“I’m in talks to possibly have a 3 to 4 person firm,” he says. “It’s a work in progress.”

Another work in progress is an LL.M. degree. Weitz, who is also licensed in Arizona, is currently working toward an LL.M. in Taxation at the University of Washington.

All in all, Scott Weitz has no regrets about the path he chose and how the journey has gone. “It has been a great experience,” he says.

And his advice for other would-be sole practitioners: **“I have to warn you that it’s a lot of hard work and it’s not a constant paycheck. Keep a strong positive attitude. Keep waking up and fighting everyday.”**

“The best thing you can do is just get out there. Networking is the best thing—get your name out there.”



TJSL Sole Practitioners

The Development & Alumni Relations Office recently asked TJSL alumni for whom we have current email addresses to let us know if they are practicing solo. While this list does not reflect the total number of TJSL's sole practitioners, the following alumni responded and we have included the state where they are licensed and practice.



Name	Class	State	Name	Class	State	Name	Class	State
Joseph Adelezzi	'83	CA	John Duran	'06	NM	Charles Mellor	'84	CA
Marc Adelman	'77	CA	Abby Ertz	'07	CA	Arvand Naderi	'03	CA
Sherry Adler	'93	CA	Sean Foldenauer	'96	CA	Christopher Nalls	'06	CA
Danielle Barger	'06	CA	Gus Fountas	'03	NV	Thomas Neumann	'01	CA
David Bartick	'85	CA	Ronald Freshman	'00	CA	Michael Newcomb	'96	CA
Anthony Bauman	'81	CA	Diane Gardner	'96	CA	Nasir Pasha	'08	CA
Robert Baumgarten	'83	CA	John Goodman	'94	CA	Brent Pfeiffer	'06	CA
David Beavans	'08	CA	David Greenlees	'02	CA	Robert Plumb	'77	CA
Martha Elizabeth Bekken	'77	CA	Patrick Greenwell	'85	CA	H. Sammy Rihan	'96	CA
Mark Blane	'98	CA	Randy Grossman	'94	CA	Tanya Robinson	'08	CA
Daniel Bonneville	'07	NV	Rodger Haglund	'00	CA	Rick Salpietra	'96	CA
Robin Boren-Coleman Sexton	'95	CA	Michael Hartmann	'07	CO	Jane Schooler	'85	CA
David Bristol	'92	CA	Rodolfo Herrera	'06	CA	Jeffrey Schwartz	'84	NY
Marty Burbank	'02	CA	Rodney Herring	'98	CA	Sean Selk	'03	FL
Elsa Carre	'02	CA	Melissa Hoffman	'07	CA	Daniel Shay	'04	CA
Barbara Casino	'79	CA	Anne Howard	'98	CA	Barbara Silber Katz	'80	CA
Carol Cavanaugh	'91	CA	Allen Hultquist	'80	CA	Robin Sommers	'03	FL
Alexandra Cedec	'87	CA	Donovan Jacobs	'92	CA	Andrew Stilwell	'03	CA
Andy Cesare	'77	CA	Kelly Jette	'06	CA	Michelle Swift	'04	UT
Adriana Cespedes	'05	CA	Carter Johnston	'87	CA	Kevin Szotkowski	'97	NV
Byron Chesebro	'81	CA	T.C. Johnston	'96	CA	Barbara Treash-Osio	'97	CA
Brian Cochran	'81	CA	Celia Lee	'97	CA	Joanna Tsai	'02	CA
Harold Coleman	'84	CA	Diane Letarte	'98	CA	Scott Weitz	'06	WA
James Cork	'07	CA	Tyr Loranger	'04	NM	Benjamin Weston	'07	CA
Danna Cotman	'96	CA	Tad Mailander	'89	CA	Christopher Winslow	'06	VA
Janice Crowell	'86	CA	Elizabeth Manassau	'03	CA	Edward Wong	'91	CA
April Curtze	'95	CA	Jenett Maniscalco	'96	CA	Kerry Yianilos	'80	CA
Judi Descalzo	'81	CA	Richard Manwaring	'97	CA	Lauren Young	'08	CA
Frederick Dudek	'92	CA	Frederick McClelland	'87	CA	Carl Zanolli	'04	CA

Please let us know about your practice with an email to alumni@tjsl.edu

December 2008 Graduates

Celebrate!

A new venue and a new spirit reigned at Thomas Jefferson School of Law's commencement ceremony on Saturday, December 20, 2008.

The new venue was the beautifully restored historic Balboa Theater at Horton Plaza, and the new spirit was the feeling the graduates had as they marched out of the theater as law school graduates!

The commencement speaker was outgoing TJSL Board of Trustees Chairman and prominent San Diego businessman Samuel "Sandy" Kahn, under whose watch TJSL experienced "a Golden Age in the history of the school," Dean Rudy Hasl said.

The Dean praised Kahn's "exceptional dedication and extraordinary commitment to the growth of the academic program and facilities of the law school," referring to Kahn's role as the major force in the



Associate Admissions Director Michelle Allison (left) with graduate Tiffany Allen.



Graduate Katherine Bond and her children.

realization of the new downtown campus, which is now under construction. Dean Hasl also presented Kahn, who is a law school graduate himself and the husband of TJSL

alumna Suzanne Kahn '01, with an honorary degree.

Kahn reminded the new graduates of the value of their professional degree and how useful it is even outside the practice of law. He also asked them to remember that when they are lawyers,

or what you did, but how you made them feel."

December valedictorian Nicole Cook praised the "stellar faculty" of TJSL and said, "We have been blessed to have the best guiding us through the process of law school—a hard-working, dedicated, respectable group."

Dean Hasl spoke for many when he said the Balboa Theater was a wonderful venue for graduation. Indeed, it was beautiful, and the day, unforgettable for the 66 graduates who celebrated this major milestone in their lives, surrounded by family and friends.

CONGRATULATIONS NEW LAWYERS!

Highest California First-time Pass Rate in TJSL History

"It's finally hitting me," said Omid Moezzi.

"It feels fabulous," said Suzanne Nicholls.

"It's a really big weight lifted off my shoulders," said Megan Johnson.

"Best feeling in the world—there are no words that can describe the feeling of being a first-time California Bar passer," said Ryan Karken.

These four recent Thomas Jefferson graduates are among the nearly sixty July 2008 bar passers who attended the New Lawyers Breakfast Reception hosted by TJSL's Office for Alumni Relations & Development. TJSL's first time pass rate for California's July bar exam was 76 percent, making it the school's most successful bar pass rate.

The reception on December 4 was at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina on Harbor Island, where the official state and federal bar swearing in ceremony took place afterwards.

"This is a spectacular occasion," Dean Rudy Hasl told the gathering. "It's great to see the room filled. All your efforts paid off and we're here to celebrate your success."

Their efforts paid off like never before on what Alumni Association Board member Randy Grossman referred to with a smile: "That little pop quiz called the California Bar Exam."



*Dr. Nancy Johnson,
Dr. Dennis Saccuzzo*

When Dean Hasl singled out Dr. Dennis Saccuzzo and Dr. Nancy Johnson, who together run TJSL's Bar Secrets (bar preparation) program, the room erupted in applause.

"All I can say is I couldn't have done it without them," said graduate Marc Hoag. "The bar exam is not just a law test. It's a psychological test and they trained us for it."

For their part, Drs. Saccuzzo and Johnson feel like proud parents. "Very much so," said Dr. Saccuzzo. "You could feel the energy in this class, growing, growing and growing. They said 'we're going to have the highest number of bar passers ever'—and they did so..."

After the breakfast came the proudest moment for the TJSL grads—being sworn in to the California and Federal bars.

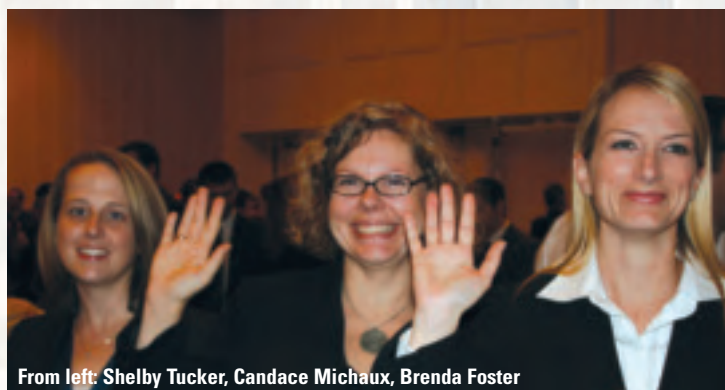
As California Bar President Holly J. Fujie told them, "When you raise your right hand, you will have instant credibility. You are a California lawyer!"



From left: David Bevans, Hassan Sadeghi, Omid Moezzi



From left: Megan Johnson, Suzanne Nicholls, Susie Lorden



From left: Shelby Tucker, Candace Michaux, Brenda Foster

"When you raise your right hand, you will have instant credibility. You are a California lawyer!"

JULY 2008 BAR PASSERS

Elizabeth Kamper – Arizona	Kristen Growcock – California	Sanjay Paul – California	William Neusteter – Colorado
Jamin Neil – Arizona	Kristin Haddock – California	Aaron Perry – California	Kimberly Medwar – Connecticut
Pouria Paknejad – Arizona	Rachel Hawrylo – California	Marta Pluta – California	Melissa Dorko – Illinois
Marianne Vaiana – Arizona	Raphael Hedwat – California	Andrew Poplin – California	John Miceli – Illinois
Derek Adesso – California	Ashley Brooke Hennessee – California	Grace Powell – California	John Quinn – Illinois
Anna Alaburda – California	Marc Hoag – California	Peter Prestley – California	Mary Swartz – Illinois
Vannesa Alquijay – California	Safeer Hopton – California	Michael Reid – California	Andrea Yu – Illinois
Rebecca Anderson – California	Tracy Horn – California	Candice Renka – California	Kelsy Kolbe – Kansas
Lauren Arens – California	Margaret (Peggy) Hughes – California	Benjamin Robertson – California	James Hassan – Kentucky
David Armanini – California	Sara Jamison – California	Lindsay Robinson – California	Emily Rose Walsh – Maryland
Francesca Bartels – California	Megan Johnson – California	Tanya Robinson – California	Todd Schnitzer – Missouri
Jordan Beal – California	Alison Jones – California	Timothy Rose – California	Stephanie Allegrucci – Nevada
David Beavans – California	David Kahn – California	Andrew Rundquist – California	Daniel Bonneville – Nevada
Cale Beck – California	Kirti Kalra – California	Kim Russell-Martin – California	Jack Buchanan – Nevada
Palak Bhakta – California	Ryan Karkenny – California	Hassan Sadeghi – California	Jeremiah Clift – Nevada
James Binnall – California	Tim Kitt – California	Steven Samuels – California	Matthew Deal – Nevada
Charles Bleiler – California	Kenneth Kleinkopf – California	Joseph Sarnowski – California	Eran Forster – Nevada
Amber Bolles – California	Erin Laney – California	Brooke Satterfield – California	Samantha Jarnot – Nevada
Deborah Bolt – California	Scott Langeland – California	Brian Schneider – California	Kelly Salmieri – Nevada
John-David Brown – California	Michael Leonard – California	Alexis Scott – California	Shadd Wade – Nevada
Natalie Buccini – California	C. Susie Lorden – California	Stella Shih – California	Ida Ybarra – Nevada
Mandie Bullock – California	Rachel Lyons – California	Kimberly Simms – California	Camille Guerra – New Mexico
Gregg Carlucci – California	Olivia Malmstrom – California	Dana Sniegocki – California	Julie Cook – New York
Jae Won Cha – California	James McAllister – California	Steven Sorensen – California	Dana Heitz – New York
Nikhil Chawla – California	Shaun Patrick McGrady – California	Kathleen Spero – California	Monica Moore – New York
Norman Benjamin Cramer – California	Cristen Mendoza – California	Ruth Spillane – California	Timothy Mulhall – Ohio
Jay Cristilli – California	George Miller – California	Susan Tinsky – California	Timothy Lynch – Rhode Island and Maryland
Christopher Dailey – California	Amanda Mocerì – California	Sterling Tipton – California	Danny McDaniel – Texas
Jennifer Dockter – California	Omid Moezzi – California	Shelby Tucker – California	Jeff Storey – New York
John Dolkart – California	Kristin Shepard Molloy – California	Son Ngoc Vu – California	Brandon Alpert – Washington
Gary Dote – California	Roy Newman – California	Nicholas Wajda – California	Leonceo Angsioco – Washington
Frederick (Chip) Dunne – California	Linda Nguyen – California	Robert Wasserman – California	Ryan Gregg – Washington
Thomas Eaton – California	Suzanne Nicholls – California	Jessica Wieland – California	Joel Matteson – Washington
Matthew Fernstrom – California	Katherine Paculba – California	Gregor Woodward – California	Kris Vavala – Washington D.C.
Jason Fiske – California	Joseph Palumbo – California	Lauren Young – California	Nick Cassidy – Wisconsin
Brenda Foster – California	Thomas Damien Pamilla – California	Ramina Yousefi – California	
Renee Galente – California	Reena Patel – California	Tim Amedee – Colorado	
Alexander Giannetto – California		Michael Johnson – Colorado	
		Joshua Kunau – Colorado	

Superior Court Commissioner Gary Bloch '81:



From Firefighter to 15 “Rewarding” Years on the Bench

“You’re hired.”

Those two words were the true beginning of Superior Court Commissioner and TJSL Alumnus Gary Bloch’s legal education.

They also were the words of Robert Deems, a San Diego attorney who had placed a newspaper ad: “Reader For Blind Lawyer.”

Bloch, who was a first year student at Western State University College of Law San Diego (now TJSL) at the time, called the number in the ad. Deems said, “Come right down.” And, after spending the entire day with Deems, Bloch became the defense attorney’s reader.

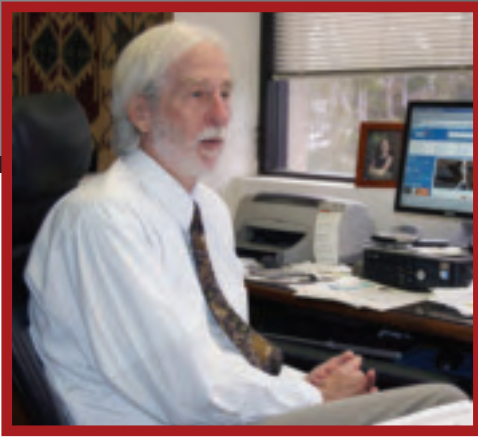
“What luck,” Bloch says now. “The experience hardly compares to anything else—like stepping right into the shoes of a lawyer as a first year law student.”

Bloch went everywhere with Deems. He went into chamber conferences and sat with Deems in court at the counsel’s table. Bloch even made observations about things he

*“I’m hoping
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to law students.”*

*Top photo: Commissioner Gary Bloch in his South County courtroom.
Right photo from left: Michael Butler, Linda Brown '81 and Gary Bloch in
1981 on the day the two TJSL alumni were sworn in to the California Bar.*





Gary Bloch in his new office.

saw in the courtroom—like the facial expressions of witnesses—and whispered these observations to Deems.

It was like the having the ultimate internship. “I was thrown right into it,” says Bloch.

Before he came to San Diego to attend WSU, Bloch was a real hotshot—literally. After he graduated from UC Riverside in 1971 with a degree in political science, he worked on a hotshot crew as a firefighter with the U.S. Forest Service, based in Tucson. It was an exciting job for someone who loved the outdoors.

After several years as a firefighter, Bloch noticed an ad in either *Newsweek* or *Time* for law school at Western State. His reaction: “I think I’ll apply.”

Bloch was accepted, but still wasn’t sure he really wanted to attend law school.

Then he and his crew were sent to a major fire in California and, after spending 15 days on a mountain, he knew “this is not the life for me.” He decided to accept WSU’s offer.

Bloch and his young wife moved to Chula Vista and he began attending law school at night, while working for Robert Deems during the day. That was in January 1978.

At the time, Bloch recalls, the law professors were mostly working attorneys or judges.

“I have good memories,” he says. “I felt I was getting a really good education.”

“Law students need to understand that the goal of a legal education is to pass the bar and, to do that, there’s a lot you have to

know and learn.”

He learned well. Bloch graduated in 1981 and passed the California Bar Exam on his first try—just one week after his first child was born.

Bloch immediately went full time with Defender’s Inc., where he had been interning during law school. (Defender’s Inc. was the precursor to the San Diego County Public Defender’s Office.) Another TJSL graduate, Linda Brown ’81, interned and worked with Bloch at Defender’s Inc. They were good friends in law school and also worked together in Robert Deems’ office, along with another blind lawyer, Michael Butler.

After a year or two at Defender’s Inc. at “near poverty wages,” Bloch received an offer from a criminal defense group, where he spent 12 years practicing law while raising four children with his wife.

“Being a defense attorney is stressful—my life got really filled up,” he remembers. “I would read a book to my children at bedtime—but only with one side of my brain. The other side would be thinking about preparing for *voir dire* the next day or some other legal issue.”

In 1994, Bloch was appointed to the Municipal Court Bench in El Cajon as a commissioner by the San Diego Superior Court judges. After the Superior and Municipal courts consolidated, Bloch became a Superior Court Commissioner



Gary Bloch with fellow Alumni Association Board member Barbara Swift ’80.

and transferred to the South County Courthouse where he is today.

On a typical day, Commissioner Bloch will hear several cases from traffic citations to small claims and misdemeanor offenses.

A year or so ago, Bloch recently decided to get reconnected with his alma mater, and ran for a seat on the TJSL Alumni Association Board. He was elected.

“I decided I wanted to get involved,” he says. “I’m hoping my experience might be helpful to law students.” He finds being active in the Alumni Association to be “very rewarding,” and there’s no doubt TJSL’s students are benefiting from his experience.

Being a court commissioner also is rewarding to Bloch. One of the things that he feels makes him an effective commissioner is his ability to relate to people. He actually talks to people who are not being represented by lawyers in small claims and traffic court.

“I try to make people feel comfortable in my courtroom,” he says.

Then again, Gary Bloch is very comfortable in the courtroom himself—having spent so much time there over the past 31 years—from the day Robert Deems said: “You’re hired.”



HOLLY STUNT



Ken Forsgren '08

It's been a wild and sometimes dangerous ride for Ken Forsgren '08



Maybe it was when the Mustang blew up next to him on the movie set because the effects guy misunderstood the director's cue.

Or maybe it was when he woke up from having shoulder replacement surgery.

Either way, that's when new TJSL alumnus Ken Forsgren said to himself, "I need to find something else to do."

As a Hollywood stuntman and actor for 13 years, Forsgren says he was "blown-up, shot, beat-up—anything you can imagine." Small wonder he decided to look for another career. He chose law and graduated from Thomas Jefferson in December 2008. But what a run he had in Hollywood!

The Mustang blew up on the set of the Bollywood movie "Kaante" and Forsgren remembers lying on his back and thinking, "Why would I want to give this up?" It was just "another day's work," but now he says, "I should've quit then."

The shoulder replacement came shortly after Forsgren acted as Arnold Schwarzenegger's body double in "Eraser." A doctor told him that even though he was in his 30's, he had the shoulder of a 72-year-old man. "I spent more time in surgery than most doctors!" says Forsgren.

During Forsgren's Hollywood career, he appeared in the internationally popular TV show "Baywatch," with Mark Wahlberg in "Planet of the Apes" (he was a "Red Army stunt gorilla"), with Adam Sandler in "Mr. Deeds" (where he sang into a banana while playing a helicopter pilot), and with Sylvester Stallone and Wesley Snipes in "Demolition Man," among many other roles.

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Opposite page: Demonstrating his kick-boxing skills in "American Lion." Top left: In "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." Top right: "First Strike." Below: Ken Forsgren (standing on right) with Sylvester Stallone and the cast of "Demolition Man."



WOOD MAN

Turns to Law...

by Chris Saunders, TJSL Communications Specialist

HOLLYWOOD



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He also made a Ford commercial with actress Lindsey Wagner.

“How many guys wanna have that resume?” Forsgren asks.

Yet, Forsgren’s father and grandfather said, after seeing the toll being a stuntman was taking on his body, “you’ve gone from ‘Stunts Unlimited’ to ‘Stunts Limited’—there’s so much more you can do.”

Although Forsgren graduated from UC Irvine with a degree in molecular biology, he decided on law school after taking a “personal inventory of all of my skills.”

Forsgren says he’s very analytical, is good with people and works well under pressure. What changed everything for him was attending a biotech law symposium in Los Angeles. He felt right at home among the people there and the faculty who taught.

“Dynamic, dynamic people, he says. “It was a great feeling being there.”

Forsgren also saw the tremendous legal challenges the biotech industry would be facing, in areas like stem cell research. And then he realized he wanted to go to law school. And with San Diego being one of the hubs of the biotech industry, he was drawn to the city and to TJSL, in particular, for its emphasis in biotech law.

Little did Forsgren realize what kind of experience he would have at Thomas Jefferson. He loved it. “You couldn’t find better student/faculty interaction,” he says.

“The accessibility of professors is great.”

“Randy Berholtz is a wonderful professor of biotech law,” Forsgren says of TJSL’s adjunct instructor. “He was a wonderful mentor for me.”

In terms of practicing law after the bar exam, “biotech seems to be the obvious choice,” but not his only choice. Forsgren realizes he has many choices now.

“When you’re young, the world is your oyster and you have nothing but options,” he says. “But as we age, opportunities narrow. Now that I’m just starting a law career, my opportunities are expanding again.”

Another area of law which interests Forsgren is mediation. He was part of TJSL’s Mediation Program, under the direction of Professor Ellen Waldman. The program’s students mediate disputes in the small claims courts in the East County and South County courthouses. “That was a wonderful experience,” Forsgren recalls.

Of course, he sees opportunities outside the law as well. “Whatever it is I do, I’ll do it better because I went to law school.”

Does he miss Hollywood and the movie business?

“Of course—how could you not?” he replies.

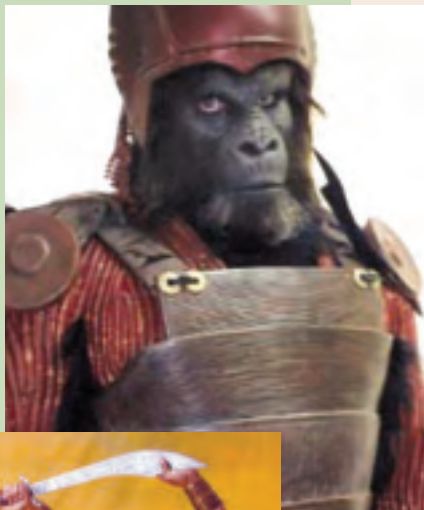
But his body took a beating in Hollywood—he has only a few less artificial parts than the Bionic Man—but, fortunately, there are few lasting physical effects.

“I’m hardly limited at all,” he notes. “I’m lucky I got out when I did—it was the right time.”

And he thinks he made the right choice in going to law school and choosing Thomas Jefferson.

“TJSL couldn’t have been a better experience,” says Forsgren.

It sure beats getting blown up, shot or knocked around on a movie set.



Photos counter clockwise from top: Ford commercial with Lindsay Wagner; As a SWAT team member in “The Division;” On the set of “Wings;” As a Red Army stunt gorilla in “Planet of the Apes;” Promotional photo for Caesar’s Palace in Las Vegas.

“Symplicity” Program Seeks Alumni Mentors

Would you be willing to talk to a law student about what it is really like to be a practicing lawyer, or how you decided what kind of law you wanted to practice or how to be successful in your first legal job?

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Is there something that you wish someone would have told you when you were a law student? Do you enjoy answering questions and giving advice? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please consider participating in the new mentor program at Thomas Jefferson.

Career Services and Alumni Relations launched the program in Fall 2008. The law school had been considering various options for a new mentoring program when Career Services began using Symplicity, a web-based tool utilized by approximately 90% of all law schools for job postings, career fairs and other professional development features. Symplicity includes an online mentor-mentee matching feature, which allows for a substantial amount of flexibility and the opportunity for a virtually unlimited number of alumni to participate.

In past years, the Alumni Relations Office paired up TJSJL graduates with current students for a shadow day dubbed “The Alumni Ride Along Program.” The Ride Along entailed the student spending a day at the office with the graduate and, at the end of the day, participants joined professors and school administrators for a reception, often held atop the nearby Hacienda Hotel.

Graduates and students alike enjoyed and benefitted from the program. However, alumni outside the San Diego region were not able to participate, and there were challenges posed by not always being able to match up lawyer practice areas and student interest areas, difficulties arising from conflicts in the calendars of participating attorneys and the desire on all sides to have more interaction over a longer timeframe than just the one-day event.

The new mentoring program addresses all of these concerns and more. Features of the program include online registration and the ability to specify how the graduate wishes for students to make initial contact. The program envisions interaction by email, phone and in person, for local graduates, several times over the course of one semester. In addition, mentees review profiles submitted by mentors and, based on that, make a request for a particular mentors. Mentors then have the ability to accept or reject a prospective mentee. Mentors may also choose to deactivate their profiles at any time when the demands of practice must take precedence, and then reactivate them when they choose.

To learn more about how you can become a mentor to a TJSJL student, please visit <https://law-tjsl-csm.symplicity.com/mentors>, or contact the school at careerservices@tjsl.edu or alumni@tjsl.edu.

BEST young ATTORNEYS

TJSL Alumni Honored as Best Young Attorneys in San Diego

Three Thomas Jefferson alumni are on the *San Diego Daily Transcript's* list of best young attorneys for 2008. The selection was the culmination of a peer voting process that asked San Diego County lawyers to name the best young attorneys in San Diego County who are: Hard-Working & Detail-Oriented, Knowledgeable & Enthusiastic, Ethical & Professional, and Committed to Furthering the Interests of Justice in Society. The process was limited to the nomination of practicing attorneys with seven years or less experience.

The TJSL alumni selected by their peers include: Anna Romanskaya '07 of Stark and D'Ambrosio; Joseph Kracht '03 of the Lawton Law Firm; and Alexandra O'Neill '03 of the Law Offices of Beatrice Snider. They were honored at a reception in December at the offices of the *Daily Transcript*. The newspaper referred to them all as "rising stars" in the legal profession!

In all, 30 young attorneys made the list of finalists. More information about the TJSL "Young Attorney" finalists can be viewed at www.sddt.com/microsite/youngattorneys/finalist.cfm



From left: Anna Romanskaya '07 of Stark and D'Ambrosio; Joseph Kracht '03 of the Lawton Law Firm; and Alexandra O'Neill '03 of the Law Offices of Beatrice Snider

An "Honorable" Evening: Alumni Judges Return Home



Judge Garry Haehnle (far right) with students.



From left: Superior Court Judge Richard Whitney with Dean Rudy Hasl and fellow judges Gary Bloch and Garry Haehnle.

It was a special homecoming for three judicial officers who returned to Thomas Jefferson for a special Judicial Alumni/Student Mixer late last fall.

Superior Court Judge Richard Whitney '83, Superior Court Commissioner Gary Bloch '81 and Superior Court Judge Garry Haehnle '89 mingled and networked with faculty, staff, students and other alumni in the Courtyard. Although not a TJSL alumnus, Superior Court Judge Timothy Tower also attended to meet and greet the students.

Everyone listened as Dean Rudy Hasl discussed one of his favorite subjects, the new downtown campus.

"It looks great!" Commissioner Bloch said of the large artist's rendering of the new building at Dean Hasl's side. "When I was at the law school, we were in a bank building at Front and A Streets—but we were just a block and a half from the courthouse. It's so great that we're moving back downtown again."

"It's exciting to see the law school take off like this," said Superior Court Judge Haehnle. "It's phenomenal to see the growth of the school—with its great professors."

Judge Whitney appeared to enjoy the mixer as well. "It's fun," he said. "It's good to meet the students. It's an impressive group."

As for the new campus, Judge Whitney noted, "It's nice to see the school has come so far."

The mixer was organized and sponsored by the Alumni Association Board and the TJSL Alumni Relations Office. As Dean Hasl pointed out, "It's a wonderful way to show our students how successful our graduates are."

We The People – Class Notes

Class of '80



Mark Stevens is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps. After passing the California Bar exam in 1982, he was designated a Judge Advocate in the USMC.

As an active duty Military Lawyer, he served several tours as a Prosecutor, Defense Counsel, Legal Assistance Attorney and a General Courts-Martial Military Judge. He retired from the Marine Corps in 1993 and established the law firm, Military Law Associates (MLA), a specialty firm involved in the exclusive practice of Military Law. In 2000, he accepted an offer to teach full-time at North Carolina Wesleyan College, located in Rocky Mount, NC. For the next eight years, Stevens taught a wide variety of courses in the Criminal Justice program at Wesleyan University. As an Associate Professor of Justice Studies, he remained at Wesleyan until August 2008, when he was offered a full-time position as an Assistant Professor of Criminology at California State University, Fresno. He currently teaches several law courses at Fresno State, and is the Faculty Advisor for the Fresno State Mock Trial Program. The Fresno State Mock Trial team competes at the National level. Stevens still operates his MLA law firm on a part-time basis.

Class of '81

Barbara Silber Katz, after seven years as a teacher and reading specialist and 14 years as a stay-at-home mom and community volunteer, decided to go to law school. Now Katz has been in private law practice in San Diego for more than 25 years. She is a Certified Family Law Specialist, mediator and member of the San Diego Collaborative Family Law Group that provides an alternative to litigating a divorce by assisting parties to create their own settlement out of court. When not "lawyering," Katz collects wine and art, travels whenever possible and enjoys all that San

Diego offers. She has no plans to retire and says "they'll carry me feet first out of the courtroom!"

Ralph Tambasco practiced in two firms and a partnership, and then decided he would prefer to be responsible for himself. He practices on both the state and federal levels, with an emphasis on criminal defense. He handles all types of cases, including murder, drug dealing, forgery, sex offenses and most everything in between. The civil side of his practice includes civil rights violations, forfeitures and injury claims. A recent jury trial included charges of murder and felony murder with the jury returning an acquittal on both charges. Some of his more interesting cases have been defending another member of the criminal defense bar on hand gun charges (acquitted by a jury) and the brother of the past chief of police (while the chief was serving) in Indianapolis on multiple felony tax related counts. The case resulted in the dismissal of 7 of 8 felony counts with the last felony plead downward to a misdemeanor.

Tambasco is a board member for the TJSL Alumni Association. He is also a board member and past president of the Italian Heritage Society of Indiana. In addition, he is a member of various professional organizations.

A 1976 graduate of SUNY Brockport with a B.S. in Political Science, Tambasco participated as an undergraduate in the Washington Semester Program and interned for Congresswoman Cardiss Collins (D) of Chicago. Between undergraduate and law school, he served on the staff of New York State Senator Hugh T. Farley of the 44th District of NY. While in law school, he participated in law review. He also interned as a law student at the California Attorney General's Office in the Criminal Appellate Division.

Mark Levit is celebrating his 11-year anniversary as President of Stonemark Group, a full turnkey property management and consulting firm headquartered in San Diego. His new office is located on Fifth Avenue in the Bankers Hill area. Levit has followed in the footsteps of his late father as an inspector and contractor. The Stonemark Group provides inspectors, engineers, consulting contractors and architects for all types of projects.

Lou Vigorita '77

Still Married, Still Practicing

Lou Vigorita and his wife, Rosemary, recently celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary. He is still practicing law, specializing in Workers Compensation for the plaintiff (applicant) and Social Security appeals. Vigorita is currently very active in the Ventura County Bar Association, presently serving on the Lawyer Referral Information Service (LRIS) Board as well as on the Editorial Staff of *Citations*, which is the association's monthly magazine. In addition, he helped start a non-profit organization in 2008 in Ventura County that assists the homeless. Recently, he has been in touch with **Gerry Moss '77**, who, Vigorita notes, is currently retired, having beaten him to that goal. Occasionally Vigorita runs across old WSU graduates in court and also reads about them all the time. He says, "I continue to enjoy your magazine and emails with news of classmates and professors. Keep 'em coming!"



Class of '83

Joseph Adelizzi now practices in the area of Estate, Business and Retirement Planning.



James Scarcelli

is a real estate broker with Prudential California Realty. He has specialized in sales management, training and coaching since 1980. He has also worked in private automotive firms in the San Diego and Orange County area. He brings a wealth of industry and occupational knowledge that reflects the dynamic region in which he lives. Known for his direct, straightforward approach, combined with a sincere interest in his clients and employee's focus and dreams, he has successfully guided a broad range of sales professionals to achieve their individual goals.

We The People – Class Notes

Class of '87



After 20 years as a solo practitioner in Contra Costa County, **Helen Peters** decided to go back to law school, this time as an adjunct professor at the John F. Kennedy School of Law in Pleasant Hill,

California. She continues to limit her practice to mediation and unbundled services. She says, "Happy New Year, Class of 1987!"

Class of '88

Jackie Walus-Wigle is listed as a contributor/consultant in *Evidence-Based Nursing Guide to Legal & Professional Issues*. It is published by Wolters Kluwer/Lippinott Williams & Wilkins Health, Philadelphia, ©2009.

Class of '89



Last year, **Garry Haehnle** was elected as a Judge of the San Diego Superior Court. He took the oath of office on January 5, 2009, and was assigned to the Juvenile Dependency Court in

the South Bay Courthouse.

Class of '92

Robert M. Garland was certified as a Family Law Specialist in 2002.

Class of '93



Erik B. Feingold is a partner with the Law Office of Myers, Widders, Gibson, Jones & Schneider, LLP in Ventura, California, and practices in the areas of business, real estate, construction and

insurance litigation. He was recently named president of the Business Litigation section of the Ventura County Bar Association and is a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Real Estate Fraud Advisory Team (REFAT).

Class of '94

For more than six years **Tom Allman**, Ed.D., has worked as a Rights Advocate/ADA Coordinator for the Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center (www.ndalc.org) in Las Vegas. NDALC is Nevada's protection and advocacy agency mandated by Congress to ensure the civil and legal rights of people with disabilities. Allman developed and implemented the agency's HAVA program to ensure access for voters with disabilities, including his research that resulted in Nevada's Signature Stamp Statute being signed into law in 2005. He was successful in implementing major ADA access changes at the athletic facilities for both the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and the University of Nevada, Reno. Allman says, "Hi to all my former classmates! I enjoy reading about all your accomplishments."

Class of '97



Mark P. Mendelsohn is Senior Manager Software Development for the Wireless Connectivity Group at Broadcom Corporation and is President of Mendeltron, Inc.

Penny Weigand '84

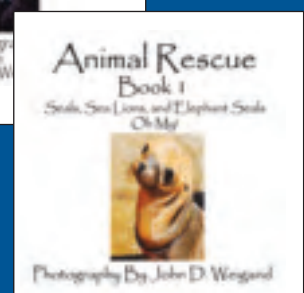
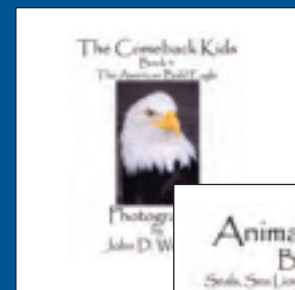
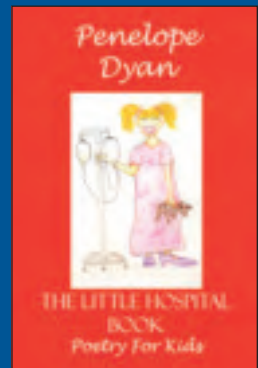
Book Publisher Donates Profits to Special Causes

Penny Weigand '84, CEO and attorney for Bellissima Publishing, LLC, in Jamul, California, is publishing several new lines of children's books, *The Penny Mouse Early Readers*, *The Comeback Kids Books* and *The Room 17 Series*, to name a few, as well as a wonderful new book of paintings and sayings titled *I Always Wondered* by Paula Parton.

Purchasers of *The Comeback Kids*, *Book Five*, *The Martinez Beavers* will be helping to save a beaver family in Martinez, California. Bellissima is donating all profits from this book to that cause. Weigand is also donating all profits from *The Little Hospital Book*

toward a multiple transplant needed by a local six-year-old child, a book described by nurses who have seen it as "a book every child in the hospital should have." All Bellissima books are Ingram listed.

You can find out more about Bellissima by going to www.bellissimapublishing.com. Weigand says Bellissima is always looking for new writers. If any alumni are interested in getting a book published, they should contact Bellissima at admin@bellissimapublishing.com.



U.S. Supreme Court Admits TJSL Alumnae



Three TJSL graduates have been admitted to the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court. **Jennifer Betts '94, Susan Gauthier '93 and Kendall Berkey '94**, accompanied by **Randy Grossman '94**, appeared before the nation's highest court in March.

"I was privileged and honored to sponsor my fellow classmates for admission to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States," says Grossman. "We got to appear in open court before all nine justices, with Chief Justice Roberts proclaiming 'Mr. Grossman, your motion is granted.' I can now say I'm 1-0 in the U.S. Supreme Court!"

After the oral argument, Justice Antonin Scalia greeted the four alumni in his chambers. Grossman says he took advantage of the opportunity to remind Justice Scalia that they were from TJSL, a law school he has visited four times in recent years to lecture about constitutional law.

Class of '98



Stephen "Steve" Gardella opened his private practice in San Diego in 1999 and focused on business law, personal injury, and estate planning. In 2001, he survived a second bar exam in Colorado and

moved to the top of the Rockies in 2002 with his new wife to practice with a law firm in the small mountain town of Gunnison, Colorado, population 5,000. He kept busy advising municipalities and drafting new county laws; working with water rights issues; criminal defense and trials; property line disputes; business law and contracts; family law; alternate municipal judgeship, and court appointed dependency and neglect cases. At the end of 2005, he moved back to San Diego with his wife, Kelly, and their new son, Stevie, and began working with the family law firm of Goldberg & Jones. In 2006, he opened an office in Mission Valley focused on business law, family law and estate planning. In November 2008, he moved his office to Point Loma, on beautiful Shelter Island overlooking the marina, and renamed his practice Mariner's Legal Center. He has narrowed his practice to business law, maritime law and yacht sales to mirror his interests in yachts and boating.

Class of '01

Thomas R. Neumann works for the California Army National Guard as the Judge Advocate General's Corps.



Robert Michael Way was elected as a board of director to the Arizona Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) for the 2009 term. Way continues to practice estate planning and elder law

with the Deason Law Firm in Yuma, Arizona, which is a member of the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys. In 2008, he and his wife, Toni Marie, welcomed their fourth child, Daniel Athanasius.

Valerie Dearth '03

Returns to TJSL to Host Entertainment Law Workshop

TJSL Alumna and former Entertainment Law Initiative (ELI) award winner **Valerie Dearth '03** visited her old stomping grounds last fall to talk to TJSL students interested in the entertainment industry. She brought along her mentor and employer, Henry W. Root, who is one of Hollywood's top entertainment lawyers. The workshop was sponsored by the Grammy Foundation and TJSL.



Dearth and Root both encouraged the students to enter ELI's annual writing competition in which the first place winner receives \$5,000 and, more importantly, has doors opened to some of the top people in the entertainment industry. But it's not just the networking—it's also staying in touch with the people you meet along the way. The way to do that, both Root and Dearth agree, is to attend the many, many entertainment law conferences and to "Network, network, network...and then network some more."

Class of '02

Michael Steven Tripp works for the Riverside County District Attorney's Office as a Deputy District Attorney in Indio, CA. He has been with the office since graduation.

Class of '03

Linda M. Brown passed the Arizona bar and plans to focus on the practice of law in 2009. Since graduation, Brown contracts with Grand Canyon University and Maricopa County Community Colleges as an adjunct faculty. She teaches constitutional history, political science, criminal justice, business law, international business studies and communication. Brown says she enjoys the diversity and finds that many of her courses contain the very substance she studied while a student at TJSL. She laughs as she tells her Business Law students that the content of their eight-week course is everything she learned in law school and then some.

We The People – Class Notes

Brown has contributed several volunteer hours to Arizona's Community Legal Services and the Maricopa County Justice Court media-tion project while maintaining leadership skills in fundraising events. Through the fundraising efforts of her team, the Scottsdale Sunflowers received Silver Sponsorship recognition from the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) in its walk to reduce stigma associated with mental illness. She continues to serve as an Arbitrator for the Better Business Bureau Autoline program and also serves as an elected state committeewoman.

Joe Kracht was recognized in the *San Diego Daily Transcript* in December 2008 as one of the top young attorneys in San Diego in the 3-5 years of practice category. (See page 26 for story.) In addition, **Alexandra C. O'Neill '03** and **Anna Romanskaya '07** were recognized in the 1-2 years of practice category. For more details, visit <http://www.sddt.com/microsite/youngattorneys/finalists.cfm>.

Class of '04

Aaron Hicks is a criminal defense attorney for the Law Offices of Virginia Landry, where he primarily handles DUI and DMV matters throughout San Diego County. He says feel free to contact him at www.sdduidefense.com if you have any questions or referrals for criminal and/or DUI matters.

Samer A. Salhab moved back to California from Florida in March 2008. He is currently a trial attorney for the Fresno County Public Defender's Office. During the weekend, Salhab does *pro bono* work for his local Mosque in the form of a legal clinic. The clinic not only assists members of the Mosque with their legal affairs, but also helps bridge the gap between the Islamic Culture and the law by assisting those who do not speak English as a first language or who are first and second generation with basic legal advice. The clinic primarily assists those on the lower income bracket.



Michael Valladolid (center) with his dad, TJSL Professor Bill Slomanson and sister Lorena Slomanson '03

The Many Talents of Michael Slomanson Valladolid '04

From recognized writer to fundraiser for one of San Diego's charter schools to stage actor, Michael Slomanson Valladolid is proving to be a TJSL alum of many talents.

This past year, his essay "'Ghetto' Is Not An Adjective" won a first-place prize in the *San Diego Weekly Reader's* Neighborhood Blog Contest. His article appeared in hardcopy and on the *Reader's* Webpage. Below is an excerpt, but you can read the essay in its entirety at

<http://sandiegoreader.com/weblogs/ghetto-is-not-an-adjective/2008/aug/13/ghetto-is-not-an-adjective/>

"Ghetto" is not an adjective. It is a noun. It's the place where I live. It's Barrio Logan to be exact, but that lone fact is insignificant really. There's no Sherman, or Logan, or Shelltown to those on the outside looking in. It's all 'ghetto' to them. It's safely kept at a distance—mostly imagined on pixilated screens or glanced through car windows at high speeds. And it's okay, as long as we stay in it, except in transit between working kitchens and keeping things clean..."

As Foundation Director for the King Chavez Public Schools, Valladolid also organized the charter schools' first annual fundraiser in November, themed "Supporting a Renaissance in Urban Education" and complete with food, music and a silent auction. Proceeds from the event are being used to support the program's six unique Academies, which serve the needs of families

living and working in Barrio Logan. He is proud to say that the schools have been the highest performing public schools in the area and adds that the King Chavez Charter schools "have truly ushered in a Renaissance in urban education in some of San Diego's most disadvantaged neighborhoods."

And when he's not busy writing or helping to provide a better education for the children of Barrio Logan, Valladolid is demonstrating his thespian and comedic skills on the stage as a member of San Diego's nationally known Chicano Comedy Troupe "Teatro Izcalli. The troupe recently had two runs at the Lyceum Theatre at Horton Plaza in Downtown San Diego. In April, Teatro Izcalli gave several performances of an anthology show of satirical skits and then returned to the venue on May 5th to present "Juan More Beer," a full-length educational play about the true meaning of Cinco de Mayo. Teatro Izcalli also was invited to perform at VOCES of the New Califas, an event sponsored by the UCSD Chicano/a-Latino/a Arts and Humanities Minor Program, Centro Cultural de la Raza, and the UC California Studies Initiative.



After working at Luce Forward for several years, **Franco Serafini** has opened his own practice in La Jolla. Themis Law is an intellectual property and business law firm.

Serafini began his career in the corporate sector, where he participated in marketing and sales contracts, acquisitions, patent litigation and general management, and rose to the level of Vice President. He is the author of an article titled "New Guidelines on the Patentability of Business Methods," which is available on Martindale.com

Class of '05

Harold Lang, III, is an associate at Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP in Miami, Florida. He can be contacted at harold.lang@wilsonelser.com.

Raymond Y. Ryan passed the February 2006 California bar exam after graduating in December from TJSJL. After working as a contract attorney at Casey, Gerry, Schenk, Francavilla, Blatt & Penfield LLP and as an associate attorney at Daley & Heft LLP, Ryan obtained his ideal job as an associate attorney at the San Diego Injury Law Center. There he practices civil litigation, focusing on personal injury, wrongful death, sexual harassment and civil rights violations on behalf of plaintiffs.

During 2007, Ryan conducted eight jury trials and one bench trial in Superior Court. He obtained successful results in the majority of those cases despite what he calls a very conservative San Diego jury pool. Ryan also settled dozens of mediations and binding arbitrations amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars for his injured clients. He plans to seek acceptance as a junior member of the American Bar of Trial Attorneys in 2009 and says he is proud to represent Thomas Jefferson School of Law in the legal community.

In September 2007, **Larisa '05 (Lillegren) Wilmert** and **Darin Wilmert '06** started Wilmert Law Group, LLP, in San Diego. The firm is a small practice specializing in estate planning with a focus on estate litigation and conservatorship/guardianship issues.

Chris Winslow '06 and Todd Knode '07

TJSJL Alums Support Veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom

Chris Winslow and Todd Knode have worked together this past year on the Operation Enduring Freedom License Plate Committee (<http://www.enduringfreedomplate.com>) in an effort to establish a license plate for veterans of OEF in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Winslow, a Navy reservist who enlisted soon after 9-11, proposed the license plate to Knode, who was a Marine, and to Jeff Ellick, who is in the Army Reserve. They found a supporter in Virginia Delegate Rob Bell, who represents Albemarle County in the 58th District. Bell, for whom Winslow once served as a legislative assistant and campaign manager, agreed to sponsor the bill and presented it to the Virginia General Assembly in January. It quickly passed through the House of Delegates and the Senate and was sent onto Governor Tim Kaine for his signature.

Winslow feels strongly that those veterans who have served in Operation Enduring Freedom should have their own license plate in Virginia just as Iraqi Freedom veterans do to honor their service. In fact, Winslow and his committee buddies even came up with a proposed design for the license plate, selecting the American flag and the Bald Eagle as part of the design because "they're strong symbols of America."

Winslow currently has his own law office in Midlothian, Virginia. He was a contributing author on the 2008 Virginia Continuing Legal Education publication, *Defense of Serious Traffic Cases in Virginia*.



From left: Todd Knode, Chris Winslow and Jeff Ellick

Photo courtesy of Page Dowdy/Chesterfield Observer

Class of '06

Jacob Gould is currently an associate with Stutz Artiano Shinoff & Holtz in Point Loma. The firm offers business advisory and litigation services to clients in a range of practice areas, including education, insurance, corporate, general tort litigation, construction/real estate, product liability, employment and public entity law. Gould practices in the areas of land use and real estate law, as well as related corporate and business transactions.

Gould guides his clients through the land use entitlement process, real estate and common interest developments, including all aspects of local, regional and state agency permit processing, such as with the California Coastal Commission. He is the Deputy City Attorney for the City of Murrieta as well as special and general counsel for several community college districts throughout the State. Recently, Gould received the first approval from the California Coastal Commission for a resident conversion of a manufactured home community within the coastal zone, which required a local coastal plan amendment as well as a coastal development permit.



Neal Goyal currently serves as the Chief Investment Officer of Blue Horizon Asset Management, an investment management firm focused on absolute return investment strategies.

The firm oversees a portfolio of private investment funds and offers customized solutions to institutions and high net-worth individuals. Goyal recently founded Caldera Advisors, an asset management firm that oversees a private investment fund in addition to individually managed investment accounts (www.calderaadvisors.com). As the Chief Market Strategist of Equity Research Advisors, a boutique research firm that publishes investment newsletters, he has significantly expanded his subscriber base. Since last year, newsletter subscriptions have increased three-fold, as the firm benefited from successful trading strategies and an increased number of individual investor participants. Goyal also plans to launch his fifth investment fund this year.

We The People – Class Notes

Since graduating in May 2006, **Rodolfo Herrera** has practiced in the area of family law. He worked for a small family law firm in San Diego for three years, both as a law clerk and as an attorney. His experience at the firm included numerous hours of court time and representation of clients with complex family law issues. In January 2009, Herrera opened his own law practice, Herrera Law Firm, in downtown San Diego. His practice focuses on divorce, custody, support and many other family law issues. Herrera has represented clients in several California counties, and intends to continue to represent clients throughout the state. He is a fluent Spanish speaker and hopes to reach the many Spanish-speaking members of the San Diego community by providing bi-lingual services. As a native of San Diego, Herrera says he intends to provide legal services to those in the local community who might not otherwise be able to afford legal representation.

John C. Tolla is an associate with the Global Defense Team for Booz Allen Hamilton, where his primary focus is DoD Acquisitions. He has been assisting his clients with implementation of business plans for a wide-ranging set of objectives for more than five years.

Chris Winslow is a contributing author in the recent Virginia Continuing Legal Education Manual *Defense of Serious Traffic Cases in Virginia*.

Class of '07

W. Reed Campbell graduated *cum laude* from TJSJ in 2007. After taking the California Bar Exam in July 2007, he went on a four-month trip to Asia, including India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Laos and Cambodia. Campbell returned just in time to be sworn in to the California Bar in December 2007. He then moved to Arizona and passed the Arizona

bar in February 2008. Campbell is working full time as an associate at Beaugureau, Hancock, Stoll & Schwartz, a small civil litigation defense firm in Phoenix, Arizona. He has been with the firm since May 2008.

While attending TJSJ, **W. Edward Neusteter** was a member of the Veteran's Legal Assistance Clinic team and worked as a law clerk for the Working People's Law Center. He is currently an Education Fellow at the Veteran's Legal Assistance Clinic. His job responsibilities include supervising certified law students at the law school's legal aid clinic at the Veterans Village of San Diego. The students help needy and homeless veterans resolve some of their legal problems so that they can transition back to normal lives.

David Pritchett is an associate attorney with Watson Rounds, PC, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Pritchett primarily works in the area of insurance defense; however he also works in the area of employment discrimination. He is currently a member of the Nevada Justice Association (formerly Nevada Trial Lawyers Association) and the Labor & Employment Law division of the Nevada Bar.



Anna Romanskaya was elected to the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Bar Association's Young New Lawyer's Division, for which she is the co-chair of the CLE committee (organizes and coordinates CLEs for the YNLD). Romanskaya also was selected as one of the 2008 Top Young Attorneys by *The San Diego Daily Transcript*. She was appointed as the Chair of the Law Academy/high school program in the Children at Risk committee of the SDCBA.

Class of '08

Jordan Beal began working at Douglas Wilson Companies (DWC) in downtown San Diego in November. His title is Associate Legal Director and he is part of their in-house counsel team. His duties include drafting various contracts, reviewing and revising an array of legal pleadings, managing outside counsel, project management assistance and providing legal research and analysis.

Douglas Wilson Companies was founded in 1989 to provide a wide range of specialized business, workout and real estate services to law firms, state and federal courts, corporations, partnerships, pension funds, REITs, financial institutions and property owners throughout the United States. With offices in San Diego, San Francisco, Atlanta and Orlando, the company is the largest business services entity of its kind, providing workout and problem resolution, crisis/force majeure response, asset management, consulting, business planning, receivership, development, entitlement and construction management services. To date, receivership services have been provided in more than 500 matters involving assets valued in excess of \$7 billion. (<http://www.douglaswilson.com>)

Megan Johnson has accepted an associate position with the San Diego civil litigation firm of Gray & Prouty.

After graduating in May, **Candice E. Renka** studied for the California Bar and then moved to Carson City, Nevada, where she is a Law Clerk for Justice Mark Gibbons at the Nevada Supreme Court. She says she greatly enjoys the work, especially her exposure to criminal cases as well as the writing, editing and collegial work environment. She passed the California Bar and began studying for the Nevada Bar. After her clerkship is over in September, she plans to return to Marquis & Aurbach in Las Vegas, where she was a Summer Associate. She will join their litigation department and looks forward to learning the ropes as a trial lawyer.



Christian Johnson surrounded by his TJSL supporters.

Christian Johnson '08

Takes on Presidential Management Fellowship after "Retirement"

It's been a milestone year for Christian Johnson. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson School of Law in December and four months later retired from his 20-year career in the United States Navy. His official Naval retirement ceremony took place on Friday, April 24, at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Balboa Park.

TJSL was well represented at the ceremony, with Associate Dean Beth Kransberger, Professors Bill Slomanson and Bryan Wildenthal, Academic Support Program Director Nancy Johnson, and bookstore manager Judy Richardson in attendance. TJSL students Ingrid Rainey and Antoinette Gonzales also were present, as were Christian's parents, Stephen and Carol Johnson, of course!

"I was honored to have my family and friends there to share in the experience, and was very impressed with the turnout by TJSL," said Johnson. "I hope the experience was as magic for them as it was for me."

Retired Petty Officer First Class Johnson was a submariner his entire Navy career, serving as a machinist's mate and command career counselor. He also graduated "Honorman" from Second Class Dive School.

"Relaxing, taking a couple weeks to relax and enjoy my semi-retirement" summed up Johnson's well deserved immediate plans following the retirement ceremony, but he also has some bigger and better plans ahead.

"I was accepted to the Presidential Management Fellowship program through my nomination by Dean (Eric) Mitnick and TJSL," he says. "I accepted an offer to work as a project manager at the Space and Missile Command at the Los Angeles Air Force Base in El Segundo through the PMF program. I start there on June 8th."

Alumni in Leadership Roles

Thomas Jefferson School of Law alumni and our students, too, are very active in legal organizations in San Diego and many have current or past leadership roles in these associations.

The law school is extremely proud of alumni involvement in these important organizations, which serve both the legal profession as well as the community.

Name	Organization	Position
Doc Anthony Anderson III '93	Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association	President-Elect
Douglas Oden '77	Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association	Past President
Francisco Aldana '01	La Raza Lawyers Association	Current Director
Luis Aragon '82	La Raza Lawyers Association	Past President
Ruben Arizmendi '81	La Raza Lawyers Association	Past President/ Current Director
Alex Balvaneda '95	La Raza Lawyers Association	Past President
Linda Brown '81	La Raza Lawyers Association	Current Parliamentarian
Richard Castillo '77	La Raza Lawyers Association	Past President
Robert Garcia '80	La Raza Lawyers Association	Past President
Lorena Slomanson '03	La Raza Lawyers Association	Current President
Eleanor Bregman '80	Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego	Past President
Ronald Chan '75	Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego	Past President
Dana Chapnick '10	Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego	Current Student Rep.
Hon. Lillian Lim '77	Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego	Past President
Darlene Palaganas '97	Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego	Past President
Peter Quon, Jr. '77	Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego	Current President/ Past President
Lise Breakey '02	California Appellate Defense Council (San Diego Chapter)	President

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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.

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

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

Transcripts: The Registrar will provide transcripts at no cost.

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

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

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Six Degrees of Susan Bisom-Rapp

This TJSL Professor Has All the Right Connections

If you're familiar with the "small world" theory on which the popular 90s trivia game "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon" is based, then it's easy to understand why Professor Susan Bisom-Rapp has become a prominent player in the world of workplace law. The game's premise is that any actor can be connected through his or her film roles to movie star Bacon at least within six steps. It's a concept that fits Professor Bisom-Rapp's escalating professional success because

many of the "BIG" names in international workplace law now can be linked directly to her in six or less steps.

That she's gaining "superstar" status in her field isn't surprising when you glance at her impressive academic background. She graduated Order of the Coif from Berkeley (Boalt Hall), where she was a Notes and Comment Editor of the *Industrial Relations Law Journal* and a Robert P. Cowell Labor Law Fellow. She then practiced labor and

employment law at the New York office of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan. She did graduate work at Columbia University School of Law, earning first an LL.M. and then a J.S.D. degree, which she completed after joining the TJSL faculty in 1996. She proved to be a valuable addition to the faculty, expertly teaching torts, employment and labor law courses and producing a steady stream of scholarly articles.

The Game Begins

It's in the new millennium, however, that the stars began to align for her in a fascinating web of connections—like a dot-to-dot schematic with varying degrees of separation—from other workplace law players who will influence the direction of her career. The momentum starts in 2001 when attorney Ken Rose, then co-chair of Littler Mendelson's International Practice Group (representing employers in labor and employment law matters), guest lectures in her employment law class. She arranges with Rose to conduct an ethnographic study examining his efforts to globalize Littler's practice.

In Fall 2003, she visits at Chicago-Kent to teach a new seminar on International Labor Law. She helps organize a conference on NAFTA and workplace law there featuring Professor Harry Arthurs of Osgoode Hall, York University, as the keynote speaker. She also has a lunch meeting with Seton Hall Professor Mike



Harry Arthurs gives colloquium keynote address at TJSL.

Zimmer, who has an idea for a casebook on global workplace law. (About Zimmer, she says, "We hit off immediately—he's a huge force in my life.") They bring onboard two more writers: Professor Roger Blanpain of the Universities of Leuven and Tilburg in The Netherlands (whom Professor Bisom-Rapp describes as "a giant in the field of comparative labor law") and Bill Corbett of the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University.

During Summer 2004, she completes the Littler study, titled "Exceeding Our Boundaries: Transnational Employment Law Practice and the Export of Lawyering Styles to the Global Worksite," which is published in the *Comparative Labor Law and Policy Journal*, a highly regarded peer review



Professor Bisom-Rapp with Rory Pendergast '09 and Sarah Kalaei '09 at MBF's annual conference.



Professor Bisom-Rapp and Hilary Josephs in Hangzhou.



Chinese attorney Chen Ke with Professor Bisom-Rapp at the AllBright Law Firm in Shanghai.

journal. By fall, the four co-authors decide to bring on a fifth partner, Professor Hilary Josephs of Syracuse University School of Law, who is an expert on Asian labor law. Professor Bisom-Rapp spends her Spring 2005 sabbatical working on her four chapters for the book and also co-organizing TJSL's annual Women & the Law Conference on "The Global Impact of Feminist Legal Theory."

Pathbreaking Casebook Debuts

The Global Workplace is published by Cambridge University Press in early 2007 and has the distinction of being the first law school text on international and comparative employment law. Co-author Roger Blanpain has connections at the esteemed Marco Biagi Foundation (MBF) at the University of Modena, Italy, and the book's title becomes the theme of MBF's Annual Comparative Labour Law Conference in March. Professor Bisom-Rapp delivers a keynote address at a plenary session and Jacques Rojot from the University of Paris serves on the panel. (Her address appears in 2008 as an article on "Globalization, Equality and Nondiscrimination: An Interdisciplinary Perspective from the U.S. on Diversity Programming" in the *Bulletin of Comparative Labour Relations*, a European journal.) She and Mike Zimmer also meet MBF Director Michele Tiraboschi and the co-directors of MBF's international outreach, Olga Rymkevitch and William Bromwich.

"The annual conference is held in honor of Marco Biagi, a comparative labor law professor who believed in an international community of scholars and the freedom to speak your mind," Professor Bisom-Rapp notes. "Tragically, he was assassinated while on his bicycle in Bologna and now his bicycle is a symbol for the foundation. It's an honor just to be a part of that group."

That summer, Professor Bisom-Rapp teaches in TJSL's inaugural Summer Study Program at Zhejiang University Guanghua College of Law in Hangzhou, China, where she meets Chinese attorney Chen Ke, who knew about her through his connection to Roger Blanpain. She invites co-author Hilary Josephs to give a guest lecture to the China Program students.

Professor Bisom-Rapp enjoys teaching on foreign soil. "It keeps you modest and humble. The contours of the field are just evolving now so the professor is a student, too,"

she explains, adding that when teaching in China, she sits so that the class is more like a "conversation where there aren't always set answers."

In September 2007 at the Royal Academy of Belgium in Brussels, Professor Bisom-Rapp speaks at the "International Forum: Diversity, Equality and Integration," hosted by Roger Blanpain. She again sees Chen Ke. Her presentation later becomes a chapter in the new book *Diversity, Equality and Integration: Beyond the Law—A Comparative Study*, edited by Blanpain.

ALI and MBF Honors

The following month, Professor Bisom-Rapp is admitted to membership in the prestigious American Law Institute. She received glowing nominations from Mike Zimmer and Isabel Medina, who was a visiting professor at TJSL in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina until she could return to her teaching position at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. Professor Bisom-Rapp is the first member of TJSL's tenured faculty to be elected to ALI as an academic. In January 2008, she accepts an honorary appointment to the teaching faculty at MBF's Doctoral Research School in Labour and Industrial Relations—another feather in her cap!

In February, she organizes an impressive conference at TJSL on "The Global Workplace: Expanding Intellectual Borders with International and Comparative Workplace Law," co-hosted by Seton Hall and LSU law schools (the Mike Zimmer and Bill Corbett connections). The conference attracted speakers from across the U.S. and Belgium, Hungary, Italy, France, and China, including the now familiar names of Chen Ke, Jacques Rojot, Michele Tiraboschi, William Bromwich and Ken Rose. Roger Blanpain was the keynote speaker and Professor Bisom-Rapp presented a paper about teaching international and comparative workplace law in China.

"It was a natural to host this conference at TJSL," she says. "Roger and all the others are at the top of their game. International



Law is a great, great strength of ours (TJSL) and our Dean wants to continue building the school's reputation in this area."

In March, it's back to Italy where, as part of the MBF faculty, she teaches a workshop on "American Equal Employment Opportunity Law" to Ph.D. students. She presents a paper at the annual MBF comparative labor law conference on the difficulty of using occupational safety and health (OSH) law as a protective tool for vulnerable workers. TJSL students Rory Pendergast '09 and Sarah Kalaei '09 also present a jointly written paper during the graduate student portion of the conference. MBF's Michele Tiraboschi asks Professor Bisom-Rapp to join an international research team of scholars examining good practices with regard to OSH, with specific focus on regulatory challenges. She meets OSH research team member Malcolm Sargeant, Professor of Labour Law at the University of Middlesex School of Business in London, and an expert on age discrimination. The OSH study will comprise part of a report to be prepared for the Italian Ministry of Labour.

That summer, Professor Bisom-Rapp finishes her research and chapters for the OSH study and travels to Nice, France, as a member of the faculty for TJSL's Summer Study Program at the Faculté de Droit de l'Université de Nice. She invites Jacques Rojot to guest lecture, and William Bromwich helps her locate housing right on the Promenade des Anglais. In the fall, she earns an appointment to the editorial board of *Employee Rights and Employment Policy Law Journal*, another highly respected peer journal.

TJSL Co-hosts Colloquium

She collaborates with Professors Ruben Garcia of California Western School of Law and Orly Lobel of the University of San Diego School of Law to co-host the Third Annual Labor and Employment Law Colloquium. Harry Arthurs presents the keynote address on October 23 at TJSL and the three-day event is a big success.

At Stanford in November, Professor Bisom-Rapp participates in the Discrimination Research Group's (DRG) final conference. A member of the group since 2004, she is honored to speak first among all the prestigious academics present at the press conference that highlights her work bringing

"Susan has been a pioneer, a trail blazer, in the emerging area of international and comparative employment law... Susan has long been influential in making connections across academic disciplines to join legal study with the academic disciplines of sociology and psychology."

—Professor Michael J. Zimmer, Seton Hall University School of Law, in his letter nominating Professor Bisom-Rapp for membership in The American Law Institute.



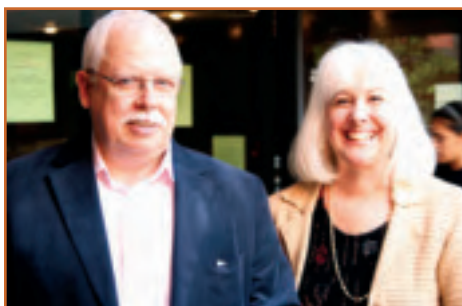
Professor Bisom-Rapp with Roger Blanpain (left) and Mike Zimmer in Modena.

DRG research to a European audience.

As 2009 gets underway, her essay "Fearing Minefields, But Finding Goldfields: Teaching International and Comparative Workplace Law in China or Anywhere Else," based on her teaching experience in TJSL's China Program, is published in the *International Journal of Comparative Labour Law and Industrial Relations*. Professor Bisom-Rapp and William Bromwich served together as co-editors of this special issue on "The Pedagogy of Global Workplace Law," which is a collection of papers from the pedagogy panel at TJSL's Global Workforce Conference in 2008.

In February, another familiar face, Malcolm Sargeant, visits at TJSL for two weeks as a "Scholar-in-Residence, to conduct some research and lecture to students and faculty about types of workplace discrimination.

March marks her third year of participation at the annual MBF conference in Modena, which she describes as "a wonderful setting for collaboration and conversations about cutting-edge challenges in workplace



Malcolm Sargeant and Professor Bisom-Rapp during his Scholar-in-Residence visit.

law." She chairs a plenary session on youth employment developments in Asia and is a discussant for two of the papers presented, one belonging to Hilary Josephs.

"Seeing old friends—professors from Asia and Europe—and hearing their opinions about what is going on in their home countries produces the best kind of cross-pollination," says Professor Bisom-Rapp. "I also am getting to know the Ph.D. students who attend the Biagi Foundation's graduate school. Their eagerness to interact with professors from other countries is inspiring and energizing. I always come home brimming with new ideas and ready to transmit those ideas to our students at Thomas Jefferson."

In April, she delivers a paper in New Orleans on vulnerable workers' health and safety as part of the Faculty Colloquia Series at Loyola University—which she says likely wouldn't have happened without her TJSL connection to Isabel Medina.

Her calendar this summer is booked. In June, she speaks on a panel with Mike Zimmer at an Association of American Law Schools Workshop in Long Beach about how to reconceptualize the workplace law course by focusing outside U.S. borders. In August, she participates in a special symposium on "Health and Safety, New Forms of Work, and Vulnerable Workers" at the World Congress of the International Industrial Relations Association in Sydney, Australia. (By now, you're probably not the least bit surprised that Malcolm Sargeant is organizing the symposium and that Michele Tiraboschi will be one of the participants.)

And that's because it's not hard to connect the dots and see the strong connections Professor Bisom-Rapp has with all of these movers and shakers in workplace law. They continually recognize her talent and expertise by inviting her to speak, publishing her work and collaborating with her on various projects. Hopefully for TJSL, "Six Degrees of Susan Bisom-Rapp" will continue to be a popular game for decades to come.

Learn more about Professor Bisom-Rapp's professional accomplishments at www.tjsl.edu/faculty.

Associate Dean

William Byrnes, IV

When he walks around the TJS� campus, Associate Dean William Byrnes is hard to miss.

He's the one with the bow tie. And maybe he'll be wearing a seersucker suit, with a Panama hat.

No matter what he's wearing, Dean Byrnes has a style all his own. He says that style reflects being born and bred in the "Big Easy," where light cotton clothing is the most comfortable in the summer heat.

"I was born and raised in New Orleans, a city renowned for its food and jazz, blues and Mardi Gras brass band funk. Consequently, when I have the opportunity, I organize Creole and Cajun dinner parties and love frequenting music clubs wherever I go."

As for the bow tie? That's so his tie doesn't "fall into my gumbo, or other tomato-based messy soups," he says. "Either I wear a bow-tie, or I have to stop eating New Orleans-style food." Indeed, Dean Byrnes is a colorful character and his presence at TJS� as the newly appointed Associate Dean of Distance Learning, has placed the law school on the cutting-edge of online learning. In 1998, he established the Walter H. and Dorothy B. Diamond Graduate Law Program in International Tax and Financial Services, an online LL.M. degree program, and brought it

Dressed for Success (and Gumbo, too)

Associate Dean William H. Byrnes, IV, is both a prolific educator and writer—making groundbreaking contributions to the technology and techniques of teaching, as well as contributing extensive scholarly works in a large variety of legal publications.

He pioneered online legal education through creating the first Internet-delivered LL.M. in the United States offered by a law school that is accredited by the American Bar Association. He has undertaken over 100 conference and training presentations throughout the world for governments, stock exchanges, banks and public forums. Dean Byrnes created the STEP international tax planning training program as well as the EuroMoney international tax training program. Dean Byrnes came to Thomas Jefferson from a tenured position at his previous law school and has also served as a lecturer, then visiting professor in South Africa since 1995.

Dean Byrnes was a senior manager, then associate director of international tax for Coopers and Lybrand, which subsequently amalgamated into PricewaterhouseCoopers. He has been employed as a consultant to a number of governments on their tax policies, including South Africa, Botswana, The United Kingdom, the British Virgin Islands, The Turks and Caicos Islands, Anguilla and Montserrat.

Some Recent Publications:

- For Thomson-West, he is a revisions author of eight chapters, totaling over 3,000 pages, of **MERTENS LAW OF FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION: TREATISE AND RULINGS** including such as chapters as *Nonresident Aliens & Foreign Corps* (Mertens, no. 45), and a co-author for *Claims for Refund* (Mertens, no. 58), *Income Tax Returns and Disclosure* (Mertens, no. 47) and *Alimony and Divorce* (Mertens, no. 31A), *Business Expenses: Deductible*

to TJSL in 2007. In fact, this was the first Internet-delivered LL.M. in the United States offered by a law school accredited by the American Bar Association.

“William Byrnes brings 10 years of experience with innovative and successful distance education modalities to position the school for a more substantial utilization of those techniques to enhance our education programs,” said TJSL Dean Rudy Hasl. “We are opening new markets of students who are not in the position to pursue traditional residential academic programming.”

Dean Byrnes was one of the pioneers of Internet teaching. He was one of the first to begin experimenting with it in 1994. As online technology has evolved, his teaching techniques have evolved with it.

Teaching on the Internet was a necessity for Dean Byrnes after a skiing accident in 1997 left him temporarily paralyzed and in the hospital for six months—in traction.

“The doctors said I wasn’t going to walk again,” says Dean Byrnes, who promptly “created a disbelief system as if nothing had happened.”

He wouldn’t allow anyone to say a negative thing around him and he focused only on his recovery. And, he continued to work with clients from his hospital bed, using telephones, faxes and whatever equipment



Teaching on the Internet.

he could get his hands on. In the meantime, he “worked his tail off” in physical therapy.

“I had to retrain my nerves and learn to walk all over again,” he recalls. “Your body forgets how to walk.”

That gives you a small idea of the determination of William Byrnes.

Since he couldn’t go to the classroom, the Internet brought the classroom to him. Brick and mortar became point and click. Using the Internet, he found he could reach out to students wherever the Internet went. Of course, in the early days of the Internet, classes were much different than the interactive format of today where teacher and



William Byrnes with Dorothy Diamond.

or Capitalizable. For Thomson Tax, he is the author for the U.S. Chapter for INTERNATIONAL TAX SYSTEMS AND PLANNING TECHNIQUES.

- Besides co-authoring and editing several course books published in cooperation with Kluwer Law International for the Walter H. & Dorothy B. Diamond Graduate Program, such as PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL TAXATION, TAX TREATIES, and also OFFSHORE FINANCIAL CENTERS, he is the co-author for INTERNATIONAL

TRUST LAWS & ANALYSIS (Kluwer Law International) being renamed INTERNATIONAL TRUST, COMPANY LAWS, & WEALTH MANAGEMENT (WITH ANALYSIS).



He is the co-author for a new treatise ANTI MONEY LAUNDERING, COMPLIANCE, & ASSET FORFEITURE (Wolters Kluwer Financial Services).

- For Oxford University Press, Dean Byrnes recently co-authored six chapters of GLOBAL E-BUSINESS LAW & TAXATION (2009). He is also the revising co-author of three treatises: TAX AND TRADE BRIEFS, TAX HAVENS OF THE WORLD, as well as TREATY WITHHOLDING GUIDE, all by Matthew Bender (New York). Moreover, he co-authored the book TAX REFORM FOR SOUTH AFRICA and served as Managing Editor of the EXCHANGE CONTROL ENCYCLOPAEDIA, which was amalgamated into Butterworths’ EXCHANGE CONTROL ENCYCLOPAEDIA.

To see a full listing of Dean Byrnes’ scholarship, visit the Thomas Jefferson School of Law website: www.tjsl.edu/a_faculty_w_byrnes

students can see and converse with each other.

Dean Byrnes says the early Internet classroom was really more of a bulletin board where lessons and materials were posted. Hyperlinks didn't yet exist, and HTML (HyperText Markup Language) was brand-new.

"It wasn't until 1998 that the Internet became robust enough to actually start teaching online," Dean Byrnes explains.

As an online teacher, he wants his classes to be anything but dry. The challenge for him is to create an animated teaching style online, which he does with lots of colors and pictures and, of course, his personality.

"You have to draw the interest of the students—make it lively," according to Dean Byrnes. "My teaching style is like reaching through the computer, and pulling them into my world. I'm very animated in the classroom. I bring it to life with lots of visuals and multi-media presentations."

"They see a human being, not just a computer," he emphasizes.

"I can call on students. They see a dynamic process. I can open a statute, then pop open an interpretative memo on it. I keep opening screens and the students see me doing searches."

An important component of that online style is to approach each topic with a different perspective to accommodate the different learning styles of his students. He calls it contextualizing. In other words, if you present information within a student's framework of previous understanding, it becomes anchored to what the student already knows and then will never forget it."

Contextualizing is a lot like "Googling." The search terms you use on Google become the anchors and the information you find becomes tied to those anchors. Dean Byrnes uses catch phrases and buzzwords to help create anchors. Those anchors allow his students to tie-in large chunks of



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information or scenarios to just a few familiar phrases.

What Dean Byrnes is doing online goes hand in glove with what Doctors Dennis Saccuzzo and Nancy Johnson are doing with TJSL's unique and innovative Summit Series™. Summit is an academic success program that begins the first day of law school and continues through law school, culminating with Bar Secrets, an intensive bar prep program. The results of Bar Secrets are stunning. Since Doctors Saccuzzo and

Johnson began the Bar Secrets program at TJSL, the law schools first-time California bar pass rate has more than doubled.

Their Summit Series™ brings scientific principles in psychology, neuroscience and cognitive science to the study of law and equips students with the best possible skills to succeed in law school and on the bar. The program helps students develop a learning framework or schemas, helping them develop landmarks or anchor points to be able to learn and retrieve the information—very much like the contextualizing system Dean Byrnes uses in his teaching online. The goal is to develop students' skills to allow them direct access to the body of the law they are storing in long-term memory.

"We're changing the way law is taught," says Dean Byrnes.

For him, this is a truly exciting time to be at Thomas Jefferson School of Law for three primary reasons. The first is the new campus being constructed downtown. He also cites the dynamic scholarship of TJSL's professors. And the "jaw-dropping" reason is the work that Doctors Saccuzzo and Johnson are doing—along with the online LL.M. program.

Through his online LL.M. program and other distance learning projects on the horizon, TJSL has a worldwide reach with unlimited potential to educate lawyers—and this is just the beginning.

So, if you happen to be walking around the TJSL campus, or traveling somewhere in the world, you'll know William Byrnes, IV, when you see him.

"You would find me most likely in seersucker or just a plain old white linen suit, a wide brimmed Panama Stetson from Meyer the Hatter in New Orleans, with a walking cane (left over from my last skiing trip), a triple shot cappuccino held tight in one hand and a cigar in the other."

And there probably won't be one drop of gumbo on his bow tie.



Randy Grossman Honored as “Adjunct Professor of the Year”

His Sports Law class has hit homeruns with Thomas Jefferson students for years and not just because he brings sports legends like his client, Baseball Hall of Famer Dave Winfield, to class. TJSL alumnus and Adjunct Professor Randy Grossman '94 also shares up close and personal stories from his own experience as a long-time sports agent so that TJSL students can learn first-hand what sports attorneys do day in and day out.

In recognition of Professor Grossman's dedication to teaching, he was honored on Tuesday, April 28, with the fourth annual Adjunct Professor of the Year Award at a special reception in the Courtyard. His name has been added to a special plaque for recipients of this award that hangs in the Academics Department in the Law Library Building. Past recipients whose names appear on the plaque are Adjunct Professors Stan Wezelman, Associate Dean and General Counsel Jeff Joseph, and Jane Siegel.

Associate Dean Eric Mitnick announced this year's award, calling Professor Grossman's service to the school “exceptional.” Dean Mitnick also noted that, in addition to teaching at TJSL for a total of 11 semesters, Professor Grossman is now also teaching Trial Practice.

Jeff Joseph Selected for Superior Court's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee



Thomas Jefferson Associate Dean and General Counsel Jeff Joseph has been selected to serve on the San Diego Superior Court's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee. Dean Joseph will serve a two-year term.

The ADR committee, comprised of judges and lawyers, promulgates the arbitration and mediation rules and oversees the programs.

“The Superior Court mediation program is an invaluable part of the court's case management system,” said Dean Joseph.

“Mediation is settling a large majority of the cases filed and, without it, the court could not process all of the cases filed. I am very honored to be on the Court's panel of mediators and to have been chosen to serve on the ADR committee.”

TJSL operates a mediation program for the East County courts that gives students the opportunity to participate directly in the resolution of community disputes. The law school also has a highly successful Alternative Dispute Resolution competition team. (See story on page 64).

Dean Hasl Nominated for Top Influentials List

Each year *The Daily Transcript* newspaper honors influential people in the major industry sectors that sustain San Diego's economy and TJSL Dean Rudy Hasl made the list of nominees for “Top Influentials 2008.”

The categories from which San Diego's movers, shakers and newsmakers were nominated included: Law and Business & Consumer Services; Construction; Finance; Real Estate; and Tech, Biotech & Defense.

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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Have you seen what casebooks cost nowadays? Twenty years ago, a couple hundred bucks or less would pretty much cover a semester's worth of books. Today, consolidation in the college and graduate-level textbook industry, and the unusual economics that prevail, have led to dramatic price increases. Law textbook publishers simply have no incentive to compete on price. Students are required to purchase the books that a professor mandates. Aside from trying to find used books, students have no alternatives. And professors rarely pay attention to the cost because the publishers provide professors with free copies.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law has built its reputation by treating its students better



Steve Semeraro

than other schools do. In keeping with this philosophy, two of the school's Property Law professors, Steve Semeraro and Alex Kreit, are trying to help

students with the cost of casebooks by self-publishing a Property Law casebook that will be provided to students for the cost of copying. The textbook the professors were using listed for \$142. An enterprising student might find a new copy on the Internet for around \$120 plus postage, or a marked-up, used copy for \$80. And then the student still needed to buy a photocopied supplement of problems and additional materials not contained in the casebook, adding another \$10 or \$12 to the cost. By contrast, the Semeraro/Kreit book will end up costing less than \$40, including all the supplemental materials. And it also will be available online, so a student could choose not to buy it all.

The High Cost of Casebooks

Two TJSL Property Professors Ride to the Rescue

"I never really liked the casebooks that are out there," Professor Semeraro said. The longer that I've taught, the more I found myself using the book only for the cases. I developed my lectures and problems independently anyway."

As a result, he had been thinking for some time about selecting and editing his own cases, rather than using the ones in the commercially available books.

"The straw that broke the camel's back for me," he said, "came when I read that the major book publishers were blaming the high cost of their books on professors' selling their promotional copies."

There are five property professors at Thomas Jefferson, and more than 300 property students. "Even if all five of us sold our promo copies," Professor Semeraro reasoned, "I just don't see how the publishers could say that we were responsible for their high prices. I felt that we had to do something to help our students fight back, and

Alex Kreit



I was pleased that Professor Kreit was interested in joining me."

The two professors have completed a good portion of the book, which Professor Semeraro

began using this spring in his Property I class. They are working with a team of student research assistants and plan to have the remainder of the book completed for use in Property II in the fall.

"I did several chapters last fall, including Estates and Future Interests and Adverse Possession. Alex is taking the lead on the Landlord/Tenant section," said Semeraro.

At this point, the professors are looking forward to completing the book and working out the kinks. In the future, however, they hope to look into ways of using the



"In more cases than not, I've found the cost of certain books to exceed the value I actually get out of the book. I've always justified the price by the fact that receiving an education is the most important thing you can do for yourself. The biggest slap in the face, however, is how little we get in return for the books once we try to resell them."

—Derek Karpel

book to further benefit TJSL students.

"We might charge a small mark-up over copying costs and use that to create a fund for students working in public interest jobs or we might license the book for use at other schools—there are lots of possibilities," Professor Semeraro suggested.

Students Welcome Idea of Less Costly Course Materials

"Creating a casebook specifically tailored to his own curriculum and providing it to students at cost is indicative of Professor Semeraro's genuine concern for his students' best interests."

—Jay Temple

"Books are so expensive! Just about everyone struggles with the cost of law school. It's amazing when you get a break and have a book provided at the cost of copying the materials."

—Leslie Smith

"I think the class supplement that was used in Professor Semeraro's Property I class was fantastic. The biggest advantage to the supplement was that it focused the student's attention to precisely what needed to be learned. The supplement did not contain needless rambling about laws and ideas that would only increase our reading burden, but then never be included on an exam. It was obvious that a lot of thought was put into the choice of cases and information contained in the supplement. Of course, the price was more than welcomed!"

—Robert Casey

2009 WOMEN AND THE LAW CONFERENCE: CONFRONTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HEAD ON



Domestic Violence victims share their stories at the 2009 Women and the Law Conference.



Anyone can be a victim of domestic violence—male or

female, rich or poor, educated or not—as the standing room only audience of nearly 200 learned at TJSL's Ninth Annual Women and the Law Conference on Feb. 27. The scars from verbal and emotional abuse can take much longer to heal, however, than the wounds of physical violence, something some members of the audience learned the hard way. One-by-one, nine domestic violence survivors bravely came forward during the opening panel of the conference to share their painful experiences.

Domestic violence is all about power as the title of this year's conference, "Confronting Domestic Violence Head On: The Role of Power in Domestic Relationships," suggests. Organized by TJSL Professor Claire Wright, the conference featured not only domestic violence survivors, but also the people who deal with the victims and the perpetrators, including psychologists, social workers, counselors, police and attorneys. Two of the experts were broadcast to the audience via live

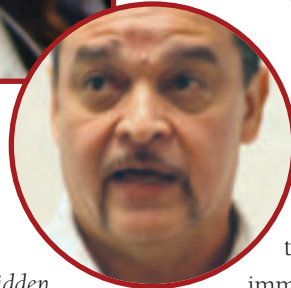
video and audio links: Susan Weitzman, psychotherapist and author of *Not to People Like Us: Hidden Abuse in Upscale Marriages*, and Patricia Evans, author of *Verbal Abuse Survivors Speak Out*.

This year's Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecturer was author and Professor Cheryl Hanna of the Vermont Law School, who spoke on "Behind the Castle Walls: Balancing Privacy and Security in Domestic Abuse Cases." Professor Hanna cited a series of cases representing the development of and attitudes toward domestic violence law in the United States. She "truly believes the law can transform our lives" and has "enormous hope for the future." She dislikes, however, references to the old adage "A man's home is his castle."

"We need to burn down the castle," she said as the last visual of her PowerPoint presentation showed an illustration of a castle actually in flames. "We can rebuild a home that focuses on the quality of relationships."

Professors from Roger Williams University School of Law, Lewis & Clark

Law School and TJSL, including Claire Wright, Steve Berenson and Ilene Durst, spoke about legal and non-legal proposals for change. Professor Berenson described a client of TJSL's Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic who served long deployments in Iraq and developed mental health problems, which are large risk factors for domestic violence. Professor Berenson advocated better diagnosis and treatment of these disorders, and the need to reduce the social stigma that prevents many people, including many veterans, from seeking treatment.



Professor Durst discussed immigration law and how it specifically impacts immigrant victims of domestic violence. She mentioned scenarios where an abuser will threaten to report a spouse to the INS for immigration fraud or threaten to take away the spouse's children.

Professor Wright focused her presentation on trying to define verbal abuse and noted that verbal abuse tends to escalate to physical abuse in unstable relationships. She also played a recording of actor Alec Baldwin's recent phone message left for his daughter and asked the audience whether his words should be considered abuse or just a parent scolding a child?

Student Services Director Lisa Ferreira, who recently interned at the San Diego Family Justice Center and the City Attorney's Office Domestic Violence Unit, spoke about ways family and friends can support a domestic violence victim by understanding the nature of domestic violence and making sure the victim uses the resources available to end the cycle of abuse.

TJSL professors also served as moderators for the conference panels, including Professors Leah Christensen, Joy Delman, Julie Greenburg, Madeline Kass and William Slomanson.

FACULTY UPDATES

Professor Eniola Akindemowo's article "Contract, Deposit or E-Value? Reconsidering Stored Value Products for a Modernized Payments Framework" will be published in the Winter issue (Vol. 7.2) of the *DePaul Business & Commercial Law Journal*.

In February, **Professor Steve Berenson** spoke on challenges facing returning veterans at the 16th annual Fair Housing Laws and Litigation Conference in San Diego. He also participated in TJSL's Ninth Annual Women and the Law Conference, speaking about veterans and domestic violence. In May, he led a session at the AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education for clinical law professors who work with veterans as clients. He has three forthcoming publications, slated to appear in the *Denver Law Review*, the *Charlotte Law Review* and the *Hamline Journal of Public Law and Policy*.

Professor Susan Bisom-Rapp continues to teach, speak abroad and write about subjects related to the global workplace. Last year she was appointed an honorary member of the teaching faculty of the Doctoral Research School in Labour and Industrial Relations at the Marco Biagi Foundation, University of Modena, Italy (see page 35). She traveled to Modena to teach a workshop on American equal employment opportunity law to European Ph.D. students in 2008. While in Modena, Professor Bisom-Rapp also participated in the Marco Biagi Foundation's Annual Comparative Labour Law Conference, delivering a paper on the difficulty of using occupational safety and health (OSH) law as a protective device for vulnerable workers, such as those who work as temporary employees or in the informal labor market. This March, she again participated in the annual conference in Modena as chair and discussant of a plenary session on the youth employment problem in Asia. Professor Bisom-Rapp continues her work with the Marco Biagi Foundation as part of an international research team examining

good practices regarding OSH, with a specific focus on the regulatory challenges emerging from new forms of employment contract and new models of work organization. For that project she has written chapters on the law and practice of the United States and the International Labour Organization, as part of a report prepared for the Italian Ministry of Labour, Italy's Department of Labor.

She has several recent publications, including: her chapter, "Diversity, Equality and Integration: A Workplace Perspective from the US," appeared in the book *Diversity Equality and Integration: Beyond the Law—A Comparative Perspective* (Roger Blanpain, ed, Vanden Broele Publishers 2008); her article, "Globalization, Equality and Nondiscrimination: An Interdisciplinary Perspective from the US on Diversity Programming," appeared in *Global Labor Market: From Globalization to Flexicurity*, 65 *Bulletin of Comparative Labour Relations* 295 (2008); and her essay "Fearing Minefields But Finding Goldfields: Teaching International and Comparative Workplace Law in China or Anywhere Else," a piece based on her experiences teaching in Thomas Jefferson's Study Abroad in China Program at Zhejiang University's Guanghua Law School in 2007, is forthcoming in the *International Journal of Comparative Labour Law and Industrial Relations*.

Last summer, Professor Bisom-Rapp taught in Thomas Jefferson's Study Abroad Program at the Faculté de Droit de l'Université de Nice, in Nice, France. She also joined the American Law Institute's Employment Restatement Consultative Group, attending a meeting of the group at New York University School of Law. Professor Bisom-Rapp recently accepted an appointment to the editorial board of the *Employee Rights and Employment Policy Journal*, a highly regarded peer reviewed journal. She presented a paper based on her OSH research at the 2008 Colloquium on Employment and Labor Law Scholarship in San Diego. In November, she traveled to Stanford University, serving as discussant for a panel on the use of social science

research in employment discrimination suits at the conference, Discoveries of the Discrimination Research Group (DRG). DRG is a special project funded by the American Bar Foundation, the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, and the Ford Foundation. Professor Bisom-Rapp has been a participant in the group since 2004.

In April, Professor Bisom-Rapp presented a paper to the Loyola University, New Orleans law faculty titled "What We Learn in Troubled Times: Deregulation and Safe Work in the New Economy," a new governance-inspired comparison of the records of OSHA and NIOSH during the Bush years. In June, she will speak at the AALS Mid-Year Meeting "Workshop on Worklaw" in Long Beach and, in August, she will be on a special symposium panel at the International Industrial Relations Association World Congress.

Professor Madeline Kass published an article on climate change and NEPA in the *Indiana Law Review*, was appointed to the Board of the QLaw Foundation and was invited to serve on the Legal Committee of the Puget Soundkeeper Alliance, a nonprofit environmental advocacy organization.

During the fall semester, **Professor Leah Christensen** traveled to Washington, D.C., to give presentations to the law faculties at American University Washington College of Law and Howard University Law School. Both presentations focused on Professor Christensen's empirical studies on legal reading—and more specifically, on how the most successful law students read cases differently than less successful law students. In addition, Professor Christensen recently completed an empirical study on how students' motivations for learning in law school affect their law school success. She has two law review articles being published that are based upon her study, including "Predicting Law School Success, A Study of Goal Orientations, Academic Achievement and the Declining Self-Efficacy of our Law Students," in the *Journal of Psychology and*

Law (2009); and “The Power of Skills: An Empirical Study of Lawyering Skills Grades As the Strongest Predictor of Law School Success” (Or In Other Words, It’s Time For Legal Education to Get Serious About Skills Training If We Care About How Our Students Learn) forthcoming in *St. John’s Law Review* in 2009.

At the annual AALS Conference in January, Professor Christensen gave a presentation for the Section on Balance in Legal Education, titled “Goal Orientation Theory and the Loss of Our Student’s Self-Efficacy.” Finally, she spent this spring focusing her writing energy on a new book titled *A Handbook for Law Students Who Learn Differently*, which will be published by Carolina Academic Press this summer. This book will provide research-based learning strategies for those law students who may approach law school with different learning styles. Professor Christensen received quite an honor during her first year of teaching at TJSL as the recipient of an Outstanding Faculty Award, presented by the Student Bar Association for excellence in teaching.

Professor Marjorie Cohn, who is president of the National Lawyers Guild, continues to write and speak out about the hot issues of the day, including Guantánamo, human rights, torture, Gaza, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Supreme Court, executive power, Prop 8, *habeas corpus* and the military commissions. She testified twice before the House Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties on interrogation policies and torture during the Bush administration. In addition to her new book (see page 54), *Rules of Disengagement: The Politics and Honor of Military Dissent* (with Kathleen Gilberd), which was published this spring, she is editing an interdisciplinary anthology on torture. Her chapter on police interrogation and torture was published by NYU Press in *We Dissent: Talking Back to the Rehnquist Court—Eight Cases That Subverted Civil Liberties*. Professor Cohn also published an article in *Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly* on cameras in the Supreme Court, and a peace profile of Victor Rabinowitz in the *Peace Review*. She is a regular contributor to the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* and the *San Francisco Daily Journal*, and her op-eds appear frequently on several websites including Huffington Post, Commondreams, Truthout, ZNet, AlterNet, and Global Research; they are archived at www.marjoriecohn.com. Professor Cohn also was quoted in the *New York Times Magazine*.

At the Association of American Law Schools annual meeting, she participated in a panel on liability of lawyers for war crimes, sponsored by the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT). Professor Cohn also was part of a program celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice in San Diego. She gave presentations on human rights violations by the Bush administration at Portland State University and on the imperial presidency at the University of Oregon Law School. Her lecture at a *Chapman Law Review* symposium on trading civil liberties for temporary security also has been the subject of her appearances before the



Civil Rights Attorney Meera Deo Joins TJSL Faculty

Meera Deo is joining the faculty at Thomas Jefferson School of Law this fall as an Assistant Professor, teaching Civil Procedure I and II.

“I am excited about the many opportunities awaiting me,” said Professor Deo. “The faculty has been incredibly warm and supportive. They and the students are such an asset to the school.”

“I am especially thrilled to begin my teaching career at a law school that strongly values diversity and appreciates the interdisciplinary nature of my research.”

Professor Deo earned an M.A. in Sociology from U.C.L.A. and is finishing a Ph.D. there this summer. She also has a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School and a B.A. with High Honors from U.C. Berkeley in Interdisciplinary Studies and Comparative Cultures.

“I think she will be a delightful colleague who will be able to help us in both the curricular areas of need, as well as in her interdisciplinary research and scholarship,” said TJSL Dean Rudy Hasl.

Professor Deo has three years of practice as a civil rights attorney, first at the ACLU National Legal Dept in New York City and then at the California Women’s Law Center in Los Angeles. She was an intervening-defendant and member of the legal team in the *Gutter v. Bollinger* litigation, which was a landmark affirmative action case.

Her fellowships include a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, the Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans; and the Edwin W. Pauley Endowed Scholars Fellowship.

Coronado Democratic Club, the La Mesa-Foothills Democratic Club, the Osher Institute for Lifelong Learning at UCSD and the Rancho Bernardo Democratic Club. Human Earth Rights sponsored a program at UCSD, where Professor Cohn gave advice to activists on community organizing. Some of the boards on which she serves include the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, the SALT Human Rights Committee, the American Association of Jurists, Sugar Law Center, Lawyers Rights Watch Canada, Global Voices for Justice and Guild Practitioner, and she is a contributing editor to *Jurist* and *MWC News*. Professor Cohn, who makes frequent radio appearances on international, national, regional and local stations (including a weekly spot on WBAI in New York), was given the 2008 Peace Scholar of the Year Award by the Peace and Justice Studies Association.

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 University of Swansea, Wales. She also attended the Storytelling and the Law Conference sponsored by the City College of London, UK, where she and her daughter Charlotte visited the Princess Diana Playground in London. Her 2008 opinion piece concerning state penalties for employers who hire undocumented workers was published in 36 newspapers, with a total circulation of three million readers. She delivered a paper concerning remedies for immigrant victims of domestic violence at the 2009 TJSJ Women & the Law Conference. Professor Durst has been appointed to the Advisory Board for the ABA San Diego Immigration Justice Project.

Professor Maurice Dyson is the co-editor of a new book titled *Our Promise: Achieving Educational Equality for America’s Children* (see page 54). He also gave several recent presentations, including: “The Pipeline: An Examination of Minority Male

Recruitment and Retention in U.S. Law Schools” at the Center for Diversity in the Legal Profession, City University of New York School of Law at Queens College, Flushing, New York in March; “Educational Finance and Funding, A New Wave of School Finance” at the Mid-Atlantic People of Color Scholarship Conference, Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in January; and “Education and the Economy—Discriminatory School Resource Allocation in *PICS v. Seattle School District No. 1*” at the Northeast People of Color Scholarship Conference, Boston University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts last September.

Professor Julie Greenberg continues to focus her scholarship and lectures on issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity. This year she has presented at a number of national and international conferences on these subjects. Her most recent presentations include: a discussion addressing how to incorporate issues relating to intersexuality into the law school curriculum, which she delivered at the Association of American Law Schools annual meeting; an analysis of the rules regarding sister state recognition of court rulings of legal sex at the National Transgender Roundtable in Washington D.C.; a lecture on transgenderism and the future of feminist legal theory at a conference at the University of Michigan Law School; a talk titled, “To Add or Not to Add the ‘I’ to GLBTQ: What Does it Mean to the Intersex Community?” at the International Gay and Lesbian Conference at University of California at Los Angeles Law School; and an address at the meeting of the California State Bar Labor and Employment Section titled “Taking the Sex Out of Work: Can Warmed-Up Workplaces Survive the Chill of Correctness?”

Professor Greenberg continues to serve as the chair of the Academic Advisory Committee to NLGLA (the National LGBT Bar), which is responsible for the academic programming at the annual Lavender Law Conference. At last year’s Lavender Law

meeting, she moderated a plenary session about the cutting-edge legal issues facing the LGBT community and participated on a panel discussing issues of consent related to elective genitoplasty performed on infants with an intersex condition. She organized a forum for the TJSJ community to watch and discuss the recent California Supreme Court hearings on the validity of Proposition 8, the initiative to revoke marriage from same-sex couples, a topic on which she has been interviewed extensively by the print and broadcast media.

Professor Greenberg also co-organized this year’s meeting of the National Transgender Roundtable. Her co-authored article titled *Intersex: Practice, Theory and Activism* was published in February in the *GLQ*, a quarterly publication of the Duke University Press.

Professor K.J. Greene apparently stirred things up at a recent intellectual property conference. The Colorado Bar Association, in association with the ABA, has been hosting IP and other legal conferences in Vail, Colorado for 26 years. When IP conference organizer David Bernstein, an internationally acclaimed trademark and IP lawyer at the powerhouse Wall Street firm of Debevoise & Plimpton, sought to add an academic component to the program on January 6th, he turned first to his Yale Law school classmate, Professor Greene, to take the stage. And Bernstein apparently wasn’t disappointed. He later remarked, “K.J. gave the most dynamic presentation of the entire (four day) conference.”

Opposite IP Professor David Franklyn of University of San Francisco Law School, and following Mei-Lan Stark, Senior Vice President of Intellectual Property at Fox Entertainment Group, Professor Greene headlined a panel titled “A View from the Tower,” where he delivered an unusually provocative presentation titled “Intellectual Property Bullies and Abusive IP Litigation.” The audience included high-level IP corporate counsel from companies such as Yahoo, Microsoft, Google, Nestlé and Fox Entertainment. TJSJ Adjunct Professor of

patent law, Bruce Greenhaus, was in attendance as well, and noted “K.J. hit a home run with his talk.” Professor Greene mused wryly that “it took a little bit of chutzpah to analytically dress-down an audience of high-powered IP corporate counsel and partners on what I have termed the abusive use of IP doctrine against artistic expression, but they all wished me well and seemed to enjoy the talk, even if they vehemently disagree with my analysis.”

Also in January, Professor Greene was the keynote speaker for Martin Luther King Community Learning Day at the Dor Hadash Synagogue and presented “Unconscionable Contracts—From Cruise Ships to Motion Picture Contracts” at a luncheon meeting of the San Diego Chapter of National Contract Management Association.

In February, Professor Greene was nominated and then appointed to the Board of Directors of the San Diego American Civil Liberties Union. That same month he organized (with second-year student Barbara Oppelz) and moderated the “Women as Global Consumers” conference sponsored by TJSL, WITI and the law firm of Fish and Richardson. He also was invited to be the keynote luncheon speaker in March for the National IP Empowerment Summit, in part inspired by his work on black culture and IP, at the Institute of Intellectual Property and Social Justice at Howard University Law School in Washington, D.C. He has a forthcoming book chapter in *African American Culture and Legal Discourse*, titled “Papa’s Got a Brand New Bag”: James Brown, Innovation and Appropriation in Copyright Law and Culture.”

Professor Luz Herrera presented alongside Fred Rooney at the City University of New York at the Global Alliance for Justice Education conference in Manila, Philippines, in December on models for private attorneys to serve low and moderate-income clients. Professor Herrera also was appointed to the ABA’s Delivery of Legal Services Committee. In February at a



Professor Greene is a Hit at this Year’s LAF-OFF!

Congratulations to **Professor K.J. Greene** for once again holding his own as one of the top competitors in this year’s annual San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program’s LAF-OFF (Lawyers are Funny)! On April 2 at the House of Blues in Downtown San Diego, Professor Greene had the packed-house laughing heartily at his imitation of his two sons teasing him in song about competing in the LAF-OFF as well as at his intelligent, politically-edged jokes.

Last year Professor Greene delivered an amazing performance, missing first place by one point. He came close again this year to grabbing the top spot. The three judges gave him a high score of 27 (a “9” from each judge), which put him in a three-way tie for first place. Even after the three finalists were called on to deliver a tie-breaker round of impromptu humor to the audience, the judges still couldn’t decide who was the best, so they let the audience make the call with the loudest round of applause. It was close, but the title went to a competitor. However, to his TJSL fans present, including Dean Rudy Hasl, there’s no doubt that Professor Greene gave the top performance!

Another talented competitor in the LAF-OFF contest this year was TJSL alumna Lisa (Pisano) Lawton ’07, who is married to Adjunct Professor Dan Lawton and works for the Lawton Law Firm. This was her first performance at the San Diego LAF-OFF and she deserves congratulations for her sharp wit and high score.

The proceeds from the LAF-OFF benefit the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program, a private, non-profit, charitable law firm that provides *pro bono* legal assistance to indigent residents of San Diego County. SDVLP accomplishes this with the help of a small staff and many volunteers from the San Diego legal community, some of whom are TJSL students and graduates.



symposium at Loyola Law School, she presented her work on incorporating solo and small firm practitioners in a new legal services delivery system. The Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County honored Professor Herrera on March 7 with the Guardián de Justicia Award. The event was titled “Heroes Among Us—Recognizing Public Service in the Latino Community,” and among the honorees was retired California Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso, for whom Professor Herrera has a great deal of respect. “I am grateful to the HBA-OC for recognizing the importance of this work and feel honored to be acknowledged alongside a legal services pioneer, Cruz Reynoso,” said Professor Herrera.

Professor Linda Keller’s article, “Seeking Justice at the International Criminal Court: Victims’ Reparations,” was reprinted by Amicus Books in *International Criminal Court: Expanding Horizons*. She participated in the conference, Law & Rhetoric—Legal Writing Through a Rhetorical Lens. At the AALS Annual Conference, she was elected to the executive committee of the International Law Section. She was also elected co-editor of the section newsletter.

In his new role as the director of TJSJ’s Center for Law and Social Justice, **Professor Alex Kreit** has been busy this academic year planning, hosting and co-hosting a number of events, including a panel discussion on Legal Services to the Homeless in San Diego in March that also focused on the innovative San Diego Homeless Court program. In October, Professor Kreit participated in “Dust-Up: Proposition 5,” an online debate for the *Los Angeles Times* with Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley, as part of a debate series on California ballot initiatives. His op-ed piece, “Prop. 5 is No Boon to Violent Offenders,” also appeared in the *Los Angeles Times* on October 24, 2008.

Associate Dean Eric Mitnick’s article, “Procedural Due Process and Reputational Harm: Liberty as Self-Invention,” will

appear this year in Volume 43 of the *U.C. Davis Law Review*. The article critiques the Supreme Court’s current stigma plus doctrine, under which state-caused stigmatic harm, unaccompanied by some more tangible loss, is deemed not to trigger the liberty provision of the Due Process Clause. Dean Mitnick’s article urges the Court to draw a closer connection between the values of reputation and liberty, arguing that when the state stigmatizes its citizens it necessarily impedes individual self-invention, a core aspect of individual liberty. Dean Mitnick also has been appointed to serve on the Law & Society Association’s 2009 Dissertation Prize Committee.

Professor Sandra Rierson’s article, “IP Remedies after eBay: Assessing the Impact on Trademark Law,” in the *Akron Intellectual Property Journal* (2008), was reprinted in *Trademark: Concept and Context* (Amicus Books 2008). She also published two entries in the *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States* (2008) regarding *Meyer v. Nebraska* and *Palko v. Connecticut*.

Professor Aaron Schwabach has spent a busy year in the world of law and fandom, giving talks on the copyright issues raised by fan fiction and fan videos, and on the law of Harry Potter’s world. His most recent article, on fan fiction, outsider work and copyright, will appear in the *University of Pittsburgh Law Review*. A book chapter on Harry Potter should appear in print over the summer. Professor Schwabach has also begun work on a book on fan fiction and the law, to be published by Ashgate Publishing.

Professor Richard Scott is pleased to report that he recently signed a new publication contract with Foundation Press and with co-authors Mary Ellen O’Connell of the Notre Dame Law School and newcomer Naomi Roht-Arriaza of the University of California Hastings College of Law for the 6th edition of *The International Legal System, Cases and Materials*. He was a co-author of

the 4th and 5th Editions. The 6th edition will be accompanied by a teacher’s manual and documentary supplement. It is now at an advanced state of preparation and is expected to be available late in 2009 or early 2010. This new edition introduces students broadly to the international legal system that governs, protects and develops legal relations among states, international organizations and individuals on the international scene.

Professor Steve Semeraro has recently completed a series of articles dealing with the law, economics, and fairness of the fees that merchants pay credit card companies for the right to accept cards. “The Economic Benefits of Credit Card Merchant Restraints: A Response to Adam Levitin” recently appeared in the *UCLA Law Review Discourse*. Two other pieces, “The Antitrust Economics (and Law) of Surcharging Credit Card” and “The Reverse-Robin-Hood-Cross-Subsidy Hypothesis: Do Credit Card Systems Effectively Tax the Poor to Reward the Rich?” are forthcoming in the *Stanford Journal of Law, Business & Finance* and the *Rutgers Law Journal*, respectively. Last summer, Professor Semeraro became a guest blogger about credit card issues on the Commercial Law Blog, which can be found at <http://www.ucclaw.blogspot.com/>. In the fall, he became a permanent contributor to the blog. Professor Semeraro’s current scholarship focuses on the relationship between the justifications for property rights and the limits that the law places on those rights. He anticipates that this will be an extended inquiry. His first piece in the area, “Sweet Land of Property?” recently appeared as the lead article in the *South Carolina Law Review*. His latest piece “Distinguishing The Right of Publicity: Property Rights, Free Speech Privilege, and Competition Policy” is currently under submission.

Professor Semeraro and Professor Alex Kreit are working on the creation of a property law casebook that will be provided to TJSJ students at cost. Professor Semeraro used an early draft of the book in his property class this spring. (see story on page 42)

On April 23, Professor Semeraro gave a presentation titled “Enforcing Fourth Amendment Rights Through Federal Habeas Corpus” for the San Diego Appellate Defenders and TJSJ alumni. In late June, Professor Semeraro will be teaching in the TJSJ Study Abroad Program in Nice, France, and will offer a new course comparing U.S. antitrust law with competition law enforcement in the European Union.

When he’s not busy performing weddings and organizing programs with Russian law schools (see page 57), **Professor William Slomanson** is hard at work on the sixth edition of his international law textbook, the revision of which will prevent him from teaching that subject at Pristina University in Kosovo this summer, where he is a Visiting Professor. He also recently authored an op-ed piece, titled “As Prop. 8 Debate Rages at Home, the U.N. Considers Gay Rights,” that appeared in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* and the *San Francisco Daily Journal* on Feb. 24, 2009, p. 6, and is available at http://slomanson.tjsl.edu/10.3_GLB_T_UN.pdf.

Professor David Steinberg’s most recent article, “Probable Cause, Reasonableness, and the Importance of Fourth Amendment History: A Response to Professor Arcila,” was published in the *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law*. This year, Professor Steinberg will serve on the Executive Committees of the Association of American Law Schools Section on Civil Rights Law, and the Section on Part-Time Division Programs. On March 31, Professor Steinberg gave a presentation on his Fourth Amendment research at Stanford Law School. Professor Bob Weisberg of Stanford Law School also spoke at this program. The program was co-sponsored by the Stanford Criminal Law Society, and the Stanford Criminal Justice Center.

Professor Steinberg continues to provide commentary for San Diego television stations, radio stations and newspapers.



First Comes Law School, Then Comes Marriage— And Professor Slomanson Does the Officiating!

Trisha Lemons '08 and Alex Pal '08 met while students at Thomas Jefferson School of Law in their very first class together—Civil Procedure with **Professor Bill Slomanson**. Little did they realize that one day “Pro Slo” was going to perform a “civil procedure” of his own for the couple—their wedding ceremony!

It was only fitting that Professor Slomanson, who is licensed to officiate at weddings, would perform the ceremony—just one day after Lemons and Pal graduated from TJSJ on Saturday, December 20, 2008. The ceremony took place at the Island Palms Hotel and Marina on San Diego’s scenic Shelter Island.

“From very early on, Alex and I had a great relationship with Pro Slo and knew it would be a lasting one,” said Lemons. “He has always had an open door for us, whether to discuss specific class issues or the rigors of law school life. So, when we planned our wedding to be the day after graduating from law school, we could think of no better officiant than the professor who dragged in a ball and chain the very first day of class!”

“When Alex and Trisha first asked me to officiate at their wedding, I was stunned—because I was sure it was a joke, but couldn’t figure out the punchline,” said Professor Slomanson. “I was humbled by their request.”

Of course, he wouldn’t be Pro Slo if he didn’t have some kind of trick up his sleeve.

“When they were ready to exchange vows, I pulled out two pink slips (the official student notice to professors that a student isn’t prepared for class that day), which fortunately, neither Alex nor Trish had to fill out,” said Professor Slomanson. “They were prepared to do their vows.”

The couple planned to relocate to Sacramento in May, where Pal is joining a law firm that practices personal injury and Lemons also has an opportunity to do parole advocacy work.

Congratulations to the newlyweds!

The screenshot shows a table titled "Antitrust & Competition Policy Blog" with columns for "Rank", "Name", "Institution", and "Downloads". The table lists several professors, with Professor Steve Semeraro appearing at rank 10.

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Professor Semeraro Scores High on SSRN Antitrust Downloads

Professor Steve Semeraro recently learned that he was ranked 10th on a list of the most downloaded antitrust professors in 2008—and that includes law professors around the world. The Antitrust Law Professor's Blog published the list. Professor Semeraro also was the only professor in the top 15 from a law school west of the Mississippi.

In order to make the list, the top 15 antitrust law professors must have written at least two antitrust papers that were posted on the SSRN (Social Science Research Network) in the past two years. The rankings were based on the number of downloads from SSRN. The top 15 downloaded antitrust professors list can be viewed at http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/antitrustprof_blog/. Professor Semeraro is just one of the many remarkably productive faculty scholars at TJSL who often have their scholarship posted on the SSRN. In fact, past reports from SSRN have shown that TJSL faculty scholarship has been among the most frequently downloaded overall from the more than 200 law schools worldwide that post articles on the network.

SSRN is devoted to the daily worldwide dissemination of social science research and is composed of a number of specialized research networks in each of the social sciences. Those networks have published more than 225,200 scholarly working papers and forthcoming papers as well as more than 193,000 downloadable full text documents.

Professor Steinberg recently has been interviewed about Proposition 8, the Bernie Madoff securities fraud case and a variety of other constitutional law and criminal law issues.

In December, **Professor Ben Templin** spoke for the second time at the annual conference of the Japan Economic Policy Association, which was held at Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan. He presented a paper titled "Creating a United States Sovereign Wealth Fund." This April, Professor Templin gave a presentation titled "The Marriage Contract in Fine Art" at the Twelfth Annual Conference for the Association of the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities. The conference was held at Suffolk University Law School in Boston.

In addition to founding and directing the law school's Nice International Law Study Abroad Program in France and the China International Law Study Abroad Program in Hangzhou, China, **Professor Susan Tiefenbrun** has hosted a visiting student from Dijon, France, and another will come next semester. This academic year she also launched the two new LL.M. Programs in International Trade & Investment and in American Legal Studies, and directs both programs. This year there were eight students in the American Legal Studies LL.M. program: two from the U.S.A., two from China, two from France, one from Mexico and one from Saudi Arabia. Professor Tiefenbrun also is writing three books: *Semiotics, International Law and Literature* (Oxford Univ. Press), *Women and International Human Rights Casebook* (North Carolina Academic Press) and *Foreign Trade Zones in the United States*. This year she also wrote and published two articles relating to women's rights in China. She was invited to speak at a conference in honor of Professor Andreas Lowenfeld at NYU Law School in April.

Professor Ken Vandavelde was invited by the United Nations to attend an intergovernmental experts meeting convened by the United Nations in Geneva to discuss developments in international investment law. Most attendees were official delegates of their governments. He was one of a small number of academics invited to advise the delegates and one of only two academics from the United States. In March, Oxford University Press published his book *U.S. International Investment Agreements*, a 900-page tome that covers the first 30 years of the U.S. bilateral investment treaty program as well as the investment chapters of U.S. free trade agreements, such as NAFTA. Later this year, Oxford University Press will publish his book *Bilateral Investment Treaties: History, Policy and Interpretation*, which surveys the first 50 years of bilateral investment treaty programs worldwide. Professor Vandavelde is also the author of the first chapter of a volume of essays edited by two scholars at Columbia Law School on the effect of bilateral investment treaties on foreign direct investment flows, which was also published by Oxford in March. He is the author of a chapter in the inaugural volume of the annual *Yearbook of International Investment Law* to be published during the summer, again by Oxford University Press.

During the spring semester, Professor Vandavelde taught a new course at TJSL, "International Investment Law and Arbitration," focusing on the legal and public policy implications of globalization and providing students with an understanding of the international legal principles applicable to foreign investment as well as the process of international arbitration by which these principles are enforced. Professor Vandavelde is also teaching this course in the Nice Program during the summer.

This spring, the TJSL students voted Professor Vandavelde "3L Professor of the Year," an award he received at this year's Barristers' Ball.

Professor Bryan H. Wildenthal last fall saw two articles of his appear in print in the field of American Indian (Native American) law: “Federal Labor Law, Indian Sovereignty, and the Canons of Construction,” 86 *Oregon Law Review* 413 (2007), and “How the Ninth Circuit Overruled a Century of Supreme Court Indian Jurisprudence—And Has So Far Gotten Away With It,” 2008 *Michigan State Law Review* 547. On January 7, Professor Wildenthal presented a talk and paper at a Symposium, “The Bill of Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment: What Do We Know? Why Does It Matter?” sponsored by the University of San Diego School of Law’s Center for the Study of Constitutional Originalism. His paper, the fourth major installment of his on-going series about the constitutional law and history of the Civil War and Reconstruction eras, will be published under the title “Nationalizing the Bill of Rights: Scholarship and Commentary on the Fourteenth Amendment in 1867-73,” in the *Journal of Contemporary Legal Issues* (forthcoming 2009). These and other scholarly works are available on his Social Science Research Network (SSRN) Author Page (<http://ssrn.com/author=181791>).

Professor Wildenthal also has been a participant in several scholarly and public events this spring. In March, he was among a select group of nationally known scholars and practitioners of American Indian law invited to participate in a Workshop at UCLA School of Law’s Native Nations Law and Policy Center. He was asked to comment on the anthology *Indian Law Stories*, a forthcoming book in Thomson-West’s popular “stories” of law series, which seeks to provide the human background of landmark legal cases. In early April, Professor Wildenthal participated on a panel about “Reading the Constitution: Constitutional Interpretation and the Reconstruction Amendments,” sponsored by the American Constitution Society at California Western School of Law. And, in late April, he was a featured speaker at the San Diego County Public Law Library’s Law Week Celebration of the Bicentennial of the

birth of President Abraham Lincoln, delivering a lecture on “The Constitutional Legacy of Abraham Lincoln.”

Professor Richard Winchester made presentations at two conferences this past November. He appeared on a panel at Stanford Law School to discuss tax proposals for the Obama administration. His presentation was drawn from a longer article on employment tax reform that will appear later this year in the *Stanford Law and Policy Review*. Professor Winchester also appeared at the annual meeting of the National Tax Association in Philadelphia to present a draft article on corporate tax history. A portion of that article will be published by the NTA in its Annual Proceedings.

Professor Claire Wright’s chapter titled “Toward a New Cultural Exemption,” in the book *Multiculturalism and International Law: Essays in Honor of Edward McWhinney* (Sienho Yee & Jacques-Yvan Morin, eds., The Netherlands, Koninklijke Brill, N.V. 2009), an American Society of International Law-sponsored project, was published in January. This spring, she also completed her article titled “Censoring the Censors in the WTO,” which is being published in Southwestern University School of Law’s *Journal of International Media & Entertainment Law*. This is a peer-reviewed journal sponsored by the ABA Forums in Communications Law and the Entertainment and Sports Industries together with the Donald Biederman Entertainment and Media Law Institute.

Professor Wright coordinated the Ninth Annual Women and the Law Conference and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecture, which was held at TJSJL on February 27 (see page 44). This year’s conference was titled “Confronting Domestic Violence Head On: The Role of Power in Domestic Relationships.” During the conference, Professor Wright presented a paper titled “Torture at Home: Borrowing from the Torture Convention to Define Verbal and Psychological Abuse.” This paper will be

published in a special issue of the *Thomas Jefferson Law Review*, along with papers by a number of other presenters

Professor Wright taught a new international trade law course in the fall titled “International Trade and the Developing Countries.” It was a very successful course, and she will teach it again this fall. She is working together with the *Thomas Jefferson Law Review* on publishing the papers prepared by the 20 students in her fall 2008 class in a special issue. This spring, she also began offering a voluntary, additional two-hour class called “Property Jocks” every Friday morning in order to provide additional review of especially difficult property law concepts and many extra problems with which her property law students can test their comprehension of the material. Although this class is voluntary, a high percentage of her spring Property I class attended Property Jocks every week, and both she and the students believe that the students absorbed property law much better as a result.

Professor Wright is participating in Thomas Jefferson’s China Program for the third time this summer, where she’ll teach a new course titled “Beyond Doha: The Role of China and the Developing Countries in the WTO.” Last fall, Professor Wright hosted Professor Yongxin Song from Zhejiang University Guanghua College of Law and his wife at her home, which afforded her an opportunity to practice her Mandarin Chinese as well as discuss with Professor Song a number of Chinese legal concepts relevant to her above-referenced article “Censoring the Censors in the WTO.” During his tenure in San Diego, Professor Song presented a series of lectures on the Chinese legal system at TJSJL. (see page 57)

Professor Wright also is very much looking forward to serving as the first participant in TJSJL’s new exchange program with Moscow State University Law School. While at Moscow State, she’ll collaborate with a number of professors and students on a variety of international trade law subjects and, at the end of her tenure there, she’ll present a speech titled “Has the Cold War

Thawed Enough for the Bear to Enter the Eagle's Nest?" In this speech, she'll address Russia's recent bid to join the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Her assistance to out-of-work U.S. film workers in filing a Section 301 petition with the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (the USTR) has been discussed in previous issues of *The Declaration*. The USTR in the Bush Administration denied this petition without providing any meaningful explanation, and, during the last few months, the U.S. film workers have requested Professor Wright to assist them in filing this petition once again with the USTR in the Obama Administration. Congresswoman Diane Watson (D-Los Angeles) is also considering whether the Congressional Entertainment Caucus of which she is a member should hold a private briefing rather than a public hearing on the legality of foreign film sub-

sidy programs. Should the Caucus hold such a briefing or hearing on this topic, Congresswoman Watson has invited Professor Wright to participate in it.

For a number of years, Professor Wright has been active in the American Law Institute's WTO Project. At present, the participants in this Project are compiling "The Principles of International Trade Law," and Professor Wright will be attending the next participants' meeting in Philadelphia in June.

Professor Julie Cromer Young is working on an article titled "From the Mouths of Babes: Protecting Infant Authors from Themselves" that explores the ability of underage authors to procure and protect copyright given contractual constraints. Along with Professor Aaron Schwabach, she will be on a panel about fan fiction at

the Harry Potter conference "Azcatraz" in San Francisco this July. Professor Young also will serve as co-editor of the newsletter of the Women's Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools for 2009-2010. As its Director, Professor Young continues to expand and develop the Thomas Jefferson School of Law Center for Law, Technology & Communications, which now produces a monthly online newsletter for the TJSL community.

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TJSL Faculty Participate at AALS Annual Meeting in San Diego



The Association of American Law Schools held its annual winter meeting in San Diego this January, much to the delight of those Thomas Jefferson law professors who braved the freezing temperatures in New York at the

2008 annual meeting. As always, a number of TJSL faculty and some administrators attended the various AALS sessions, while others landed starring roles:

Professor Leah Christensen presented to the section on Balance in Legal Education. Her presentation was titled: "Goal Orientation Theory and the Loss of Our Student's Self-Efficacy," based upon a recent empirical study that she completed this summer. The article, which will be published this spring, is: "Predicting Law School Success: A Study of Goal Orientations, Academic Achievement and the Declining Self-Efficacy of Our Law Students," (forthcoming in 33 J. of Psych. & Law, Spring 2009).

Professor Marjorie Cohn participated in a panel sponsored by Society of American Law Teachers on liability for Bush administration lawyers for torture policy.

Professor Julie Greenberg gave a presentation on "Incorporating Intersexuality Issues into the Law School Curriculum" at a session sponsored by the SOGI section—Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity. The name of the session was "Transgender 101: A Guide to Transgender Issues."

He didn't present at AALS, but **Professor David Steinberg** was appointed to the Executive Committees of the Section on Civil Rights, and the Section on Part-Time Division Programs. He attended the Section on Civil Rights program titled "Remedies For Exonerated Prisoners" where one of the panelists was Michael Avery of Suffolk Law School. Among other things, Avery discussed mistreatment of suspects and prisoners as torture, which can form the basis for a substantive due process action. Avery said: "The best treatment of this subject is the essay on *Chavez v. Martinez*, published by **Marjorie Cohn** of the Thomas Jefferson School of Law."

New Books... Authored and Co-Authored by TJS� Professors

The latest book publications from our Thomas Jefferson faculty include new titles from Professors Maurice Dyson and Marjorie Cohn, along with textbook chapters authored by Associate Dean William Byrnes and Associate Library Director Patrick Meyer



Maurice R. Dyson

Our Promise: Achieving Educational Equality for America's Children by Maurice R. Dyson and Daniel B. Weddle will be published in June by the Carolina Academic Press.

"With the advent of the new Obama-Biden administration and America's renewal of its promise to our public school children, I felt this book was essential and timely in influencing the public debate about the future direction of the No Child Left Behind Act, in particular, the issue of equity and quality in our public schools," said Professor Dyson.

"The NCLB has demoralized our teachers and broken a promise to fulfill its mandate of meaningful accountability. As there are too many children slipping through the

cracks, while others are punitively sanctioned without ample opportunity, we need greater attention to the ways we can enhance the nation's commitment and promise to quality public schooling. Supported by ample fiscal resources, public education will be the economic engine that will drive innovation and move this nation forward to overcome global recession and retrenchment," Professor Dyson added.

According to the publisher, "This compendium of works by nationally distinguished contributors who hail from a broad variety of disciplines is a unique reader that explores educational law through the interrelated fields of 'critical race education,' sociology, civil rights, pedagogical theory and law."

This critical reader of scholarly articles, essays and critiques explores the intractable issues in the landscape of educational equality including school finance, special education, affirmative action, desegregation, curricular reform and bilingual education through the prism of race, ethnicity, language, disability, socioeconomic status, sex and gender.

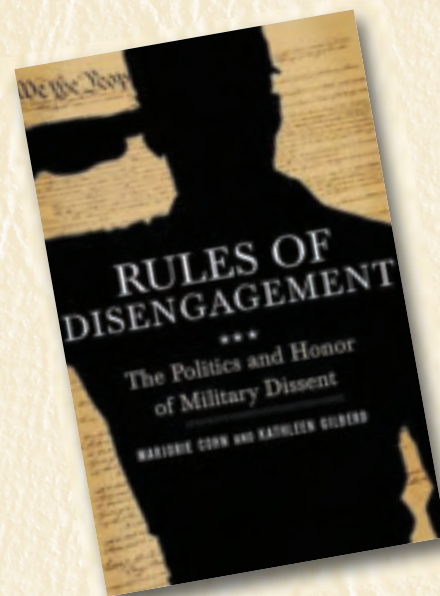
Contributors include William Kaplan, Preston Green, Bruce Baker, Angela Onwuachi Willig, Verna Williams, Victoria Dodd, Molly O'Brien and others, with a foreword by T.K. Daniels.

Professor Dyson's co-author Daniel Weddle is a professor at University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.

Marjorie Cohn

Professor Marjorie Cohn's latest book, *Rules of Disengagement: The Politics and Honor of Military Dissent*, has been published by PoliPointPress.

Rules of Disengagement examines the reasons men and women in the military have disobeyed orders and resisted the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. It takes readers



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

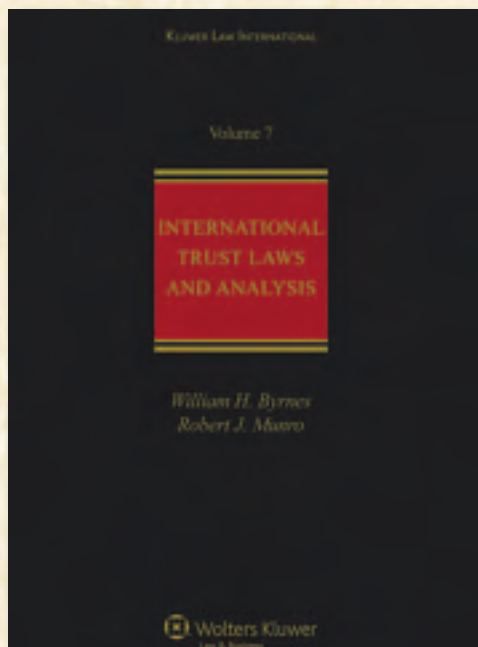
"The continuing occupation of Iraq and the growing war in Afghanistan are leaving permanent physical and emotional scars on a whole generation of soldiers," said Professor Cohn. "Not since Vietnam have so many G.I.'s objected to a war, and never have military families spoken out so strongly for withdrawal."

Professor Cohn's co-author, Kathleen Gilberd, is an expert on military administrative law.

William H. Byrnes

Associate Dean William Byrnes' latest book publication, *International Trust Laws and Analysis Volume 7*, is being published this spring. The 7-volume loose-leaf resource, marketed world-wide by Wolters Kluwer, will soon be available via online subscription.

Dean Byrnes and his co-author,



Dr. Robert Munro, believe the volume will be “the premier resource for global analysis of client strategies and of the law for wealth managers, family offices and their counsel.”

This publication has also provided a full time employment opportunity for recent Thomas Jefferson graduate Chris Sove '07 to work in the publishing field.

“As an example of the impact of this publication, it is being adopted as a professional tool by the American Academy of Financial Management, FINRA and the Department of Labor’s Bureau of Statistics cited wealth management certification body with 20,000 certified members and 50,000 candidates,” said Dean Byrnes.

Patrick Meyer

Patrick Meyer, who is our Associate Library Director as well as an adjunct professor here at the law school, has authored one of the chapters in a new book publication, *The Law School Librarian’s Role as an Educator: Leading Librarians on Adapting to New Technologies,*

Maximizing Research Skills, and Helping Students Transition from Law School to Law Firm.

Professor Meyer’s chapter is titled “Training the Next Generation of Lawyers: Teaching Essential Research Skills.”

“My chapter is based on years of teaching multiple sections of basic and advanced legal research courses to law students (ranging from first semester to last semester students) and also on results of law firm legal research surveys that I created based on my experience,” says Professor Meyer. “My research answers exactly what law firms expect our graduates to know, and a large part of my chapter reports on the findings of this research.”

According to the publisher, Aspatore Books, “The Law School Librarian’s Role as an Educator is an authoritative, insider’s perspective on key strategies for teaching successful legal research skills and fostering the transition from law school to law firm.

Featuring library directors and managers representing some of the nation’s top law schools, these experts guide the reader

through maximizing legal research, evaluating library resources, managing staff, and meeting law school expectations. The different niches represented and the breadth of perspectives presented enable readers to get inside the minds of some of the leading information managers of today, as these experienced law school librarians offer up their thoughts around the keys to navigating this ever-evolving profession.”



Prominent Human Rights Advocate Visits to Discuss Obama’s First Months in Office

The Center for Law and Social Justice at TJSL hosted on April 20 a discussion of President Obama’s approach to national security and human rights issues during his first three months in office. The issues ranged from Guantánamo Bay to torture policy and the event featured special guest Devon Chaffee, who is the Advocacy Counsel at the office of Human Rights First in Washington, D.C.

Chaffee is a leading advocate for U.S. counter-terrorism and national security policies that respect human rights. She has testified before the Helsinki Commission on the laws prohibiting cruel interrogation and served as an observer to the military commissions proceedings in Guantánamo Bay. She also is co-author of the joint Human Rights First/Physicians for Human Rights report “Leave No Marks: Enhanced Interrogation Techniques and the Risk of Criminality.”

Last fall, the American Constitution Society distributed an issue brief by Chaffee titled “Rehabilitating the U.S. Ban on Torture: A Call for Transparent Treatment Policy as part of ACS’ collection of policy proposals for the Obama Administration.”

Patent Dispute Symposium



In its ongoing commitment to stay on the cutting-edge of patent law, TJSL's Center for Law, Technology and Communications (CLTC), together with the law school's Alternative Patent Dispute Resolution Project and QUALCOMM, Inc., hosted a well-attended patent law symposium on April 3 at QUALCOMM's San Diego headquarters. The focus of the event was "Patent Dispute Resolution: Improving Patent Adjudication through ADR and Federal Court Reform."

The symposium engaged lawyers, judges, clerks and scholars in a discussion about

some fairly recent proposals to improve the current Federal patent adjudication process in the U.S. and to encourage the use of alternatives such as mediation and arbitration to solve disputes.

Distinguished speakers included Chief Judge Paul R. Michel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, Chief Judge James F. Holderman of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Judge Jeremy Fogel of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, and Robert J. Spar, former Director of the Office of Patent Legal Administration, as well as attorneys from prestigious firms such as DLA Piper LLP, Morrison and Foerster LLP and O'Melveny & Myers LLP.



From left: Student Anas Bhairi, Chief Judge James F. Holderman, Professor Randy Berholtz and student Mary F. Cheney.

The event was co-hosted by Foley & Lardner LLP and Mintz Levin and also featured patent attorneys from those firms among the panelists.

TJSL Adjunct Professor Randy Berholtz, who also is Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of ACON Laboratories, Inc., organized the symposium with major help from TJSL student Mary Cheney. Visit www.tjsl.edu/PatentLawSymposium for a complete line-up of speakers and topics.

Forum on National Education Reform



tions of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), which the Obama Administration has indicated that it intends on re-authoring.

According to TJSL Professor Maurice Dyson, "The purpose of this forum was to open the dialogue concerning how the NCLB can be revised."

Speakers at the event included: Dr. Phillip

Dr. Phillip Daniels

T.K. Daniels, a former graduate school dean and a current Professor of Education Administration and Adjunct Professor of Law at Ohio State University; Kimberly West-Faulcon of Loyola Law School; TJSL Professor Leah Christensen, an expert on pedagogy;

Daniel Weddle, Professor of Law at UMKC; Jennifer Creighton, an expert in public education litigation and partner at Winet, Patrick & Weaver; and Daniel Shinoff, a leading authority in school defense and a partner at Stutz Artiano Shinoff & Holz.



Attorney Jennifer Creighton

Is The No Child Left Behind Act working? That was the subject of a Forum on National Education Reform hosted in April by TJSL's Center for Law & Social Justice.

Speakers discussed a variety of pressing issues ranging from high stakes standardized tests, to the actual meanings and interpreta-

Visiting Lecturer Explains Chinese Legal System

Thomas Jefferson School of Law faculty and students had visited with Professor Yongxin Song at his law school in China two summers in a row. In turn, Professor Song got to visit TJSL last fall as a Distinguished Guest Lecturer.

Professor Song, of the Zhejiang University Guanghua School of Law in Hangzhou, China, was instrumental in the establishment of the partnership that ultimately resulted in the creation of TJSL's Summer Study Abroad Program at the law school in Hangzhou. An expert in the area of Chinese legal reform, he helped TJSL Professor Susan Tiefenbrun set up and develop the popular China Program, which she directs.

During his five-week visit to TJSL, Professor Song delivered a series of lectures on the Chinese legal system, government and educational system, titled "The Chinese Legal System and Its Reforms." Charming and humorous, Professor Song had

everyone laughing as he colorfully began his first lecture, "Development of the Chinese Legal System," describing a system that has evolved over thousands of years, many dynasties and a turbulent history.

It was a fascinating lecture series, starting with the Yin and Yang of the ancient Chinese system to the time of the 1949 Communist revolution led by Chairman Mao. That's when the legal system "was canceled," said Professor Song. "Suddenly there were no lawyers. There were still courts, but judges made their decisions based upon Communist Party policy,"

The cultural and legal system is still evolving, according to Professor Song, as China studies and adopts ideas from other cultures.

"We can learn from everyone. We can adopt everything we think is good."

Professor Song's Lecture series was presented by the TJSL's Center for Global Legal Studies.



The Russians are Coming!

Thomas Jefferson School of Law has locked down an agreement to become the only law school in the United States to have a joint program with Moscow State University's (MGU) Law School, considered "Russia's Harvard." This summer, TJSL also will participate in a joint program with MGU and San Diego State University (SDSU).

The joint program with TJSL, MGU and SDSU will kick off on June 29, when 26 MGU law students arrive to study Advanced Advocacy at TJSL. The students will spend four hours daily in the classroom and receive advocacy training from a different San Diego lawyer each day.

Professor William Slomanson has been instrumental in setting up the programs with MGU. Professor Claire Wright will lecture at MGU this fall.

Proposition 8 Draws Media to TJSL

Students, professors and even members of the public watched and listened to every word as the lawyers on both sides of the challenge to Proposition 8 argued live on television before the California Supreme Court.

It was a special viewing and forum held on the TJSL campus on Thursday, March 5, that focused on the controversial proposition passed by a 52% majority of Californians last November that outlawed same-sex marriage. The classroom was overflowing, not just with attendees, but with members of the local news media. TJSL's Prop 8 forum attracted coverage from almost every San Diego television news department and a columnist from the *San Diego Union-Tribune*.

Professor Julie Greenberg, an internationally recognized expert on the legal issues relating to gender, sex, sexual identity and sexual orientation, was interviewed several times, as were several TJSL students.

As for the live three-hour broadcast of the arguments, it made for compelling television and a first-hand lesson on how attorneys argue a case in front of the state's high court. After the broadcast, professors answered questions from the audience and discussed the strengths and weaknesses of the arguments presented.



Courtesy of News 8



Courtesy of Fox 5 News

New Faces, New Roles



New Face:
Mary Anderson,
Director of Bond
Compliance

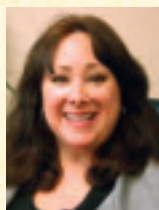
Mary Anderson is an Information Technologist with more than 25 years experience in the banking and financial services industry. Most recently she was a Project Manager at the Capital Group Companies, one of the world's largest investment management organizations. Her experience includes project and resource management, software development and IT compliance for various banking and accounting systems. She has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration/Finance from California State University, Fullerton. As TJSL's Director of Bond Compliance, Anderson is responsible for monitoring the reporting that is required under the law school's Bond Covenants. She also helps set up computer programs to develop the reports, maintains contact with the bond purchasers and performs any other principal activities that relate to the bond compliance.



New Role:
William H. Byrnes,
Associate Dean for
Distance Learning

William H. Byrnes, IV, has been elevated to Associate Dean for Distance Learning, having pioneered online legal education by creating the first Internet-delivered LL.M. in the United States offered by an ABA law school. At TJSL, he directs the Diamond Program, an online graduate degree program in International Tax & Financial Services.

Dean Byrnes is an accomplished academic and professional author. He brings to academia his experience as a senior manager and then associate director of international tax for the big-6 audit firm of Coopers and Lybrand (South Africa). Dean Byrnes also has served as a consultant to a number of governments on their fiscal policy, including the United Kingdom, South Africa, Botswana, the British Virgin Islands, the Turks and Caicos Islands, Anguilla and Montserrat.



New Face:
Lisa Chigos,
Director of Human
Resources

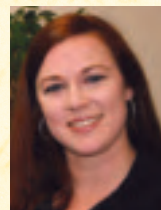
Lisa Chigos recently joined TJSL as the Director of Human Resources. She holds a B.A. in Behavioral Science and a M.A. in Human Behavior from National University. After starting her career at National University, she developed and enhanced the Human Resources Departments for Pre-IPO wireless technology companies. Chigos brings to TJSL her non-profit, Fortune 500, Pre-IPO and IPO company experience in Human Resources and Mergers and Acquisitions. As Director of Human Resources at TJSL, Chigos is responsible for the successful management of all aspects of Human Resources functions. These responsibilities include compliance with federal and state labor laws, and maintaining practices and procedures in personnel policies.



New Face:
James Cooper,
Chief Information
Officer

James Cooper brings more than 10 years of project management, information architecture and client service experience to TJSL, both in

academic and corporate settings. Most recently, he worked as an Information Architect, blueprinting large scale websites for clients, including Seattle International Film Festival, Target and Chicago's Lyric Opera. Cooper operated his own consulting business, providing Information Architecture and Content Management Services to clients, including Boeing, Los Angeles County Law Library and TJSL. As Director of Instructional Technology & Media Services for Seattle University School of Law, he developed and implemented broad technology change such as network implementation, classroom management software and interactive touch screens. He has a Masters of Science in Information Management from the University of Washington Information School as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics from Western Washington University.



New Face:
Jennifer McKinney
Cooper, Associate
Director of Academic
Success Program

Jennifer McKinney Cooper joins Thomas Jefferson after five years of criminal defense practice in Washington State where she tried more than 20 jury trials both as a public defender and in private practice. She graduated *magna cum laude* from Seattle University School of Law in 2003, where she was Note & Comment Editor of the *Seattle University Law Review* and won a CALI Award for Legal Writing II. She is originally from LaPlace, Louisiana, and earned her B.A. in Theatre and English from Louisiana State University in 1997. She looks forward to working with students in the Summit Series™ with legal writing and case comprehension.



New Face:
Donna Gehlken,
Faculty Assistant

Donna Gehlken is a new addition to the Academics support team. Gehlken is a San Diego native who recently returned home from living in El Paso, Texas, for the past eight years. She previously worked at the University of Texas at El Paso and has been employed in the clerical field for more than 20 years. Her duties at TJSL include answering and addressing students' questions and concerns, scheduling appointments with faculty members, serving as events liaison and completing class rosters and seating charts.



New Face:
Wendy Koen,
Director of Institutional Research

As TJSL's new Director of Institutional Research, Koen assists the Academic Success Program team by tutoring and teaching individual students and small groups. Her main function is to gather data about student demographics, test scores and individual student characteristics, and to track the academic support services provided to the students. In this way, she can tailor future academic support programs to increase the law school and bar exam success of TJSL students. In addition, Koen will provide the Admissions Department with more flexibility and the ability to admit students who would not otherwise meet traditional standards for admittance into law school. Her goal is to open the doors for students who could not otherwise attend law school, while at the same time increase student success in school, on the bar exam and in their future careers. She performs *pro bono* work as a volunteer attorney at the California Innocence Project, where she assists wrongfully convicted and incarcerated clients in their quest for justice.



New Role:
Beth Kransberger,
Associate Dean for Student Affairs

Dean Kransberger came to TJSL in July 2005 as the new Assistant Dean for Admissions & Financial Aid. Last November, she was promoted to Associate Dean and assumed responsibility for most of the student affairs functions at TJSL, including the bar programs and the Summit Series™. Since her graduation from law school, Dean Kransberger has spent 16 years in higher ed and legal education working on access to education issues. She came to TJSL after having served as Dean of Admissions & Financial Aid at the University of Wisconsin Law School for six years. Prior to that post, she served as vice president of a small liberal arts college. Dean Kransberger believes it's her job to provide as much support as she can to the offices she oversees: "We have an incredibly talented and dedicated workforce at TJSL and this is my dream job!"



New Role:
Alex Kreit, Director of the Center for Law and Social Justice

Professor Alex Kreit joined TJSL in the summer of 2007 and became Director of the Center for Law and Social Justice at the beginning of the 2008 academic year. He teaches Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Property. Before coming to TJSL, Professor Kreit worked as an associate at Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco where his practice focused on securities and appellate litigation. He is actively involved in the community, serving as a board member of the San Diego Lawyer Chapter of the American Constitution Society.



New Role:
Arnold Rosenberg,
Assistant Dean for Distance Education Programs

Dean Rosenberg will offer a new Bankruptcy Concentration through the

Diamond Program this Fall, as well as other innovative distance programs. He began his career in 1976 as a civil rights, consumer protection and labor lawyer in Chicago, and then spent two years at AT&T in New York and 12 years at the San Francisco law firm of Bancroft, Avery & McAlister, during which he served as chair of its Litigation Group. In 1997, he became General Counsel of California Pacific Bank and then formed his own firm in San Francisco, focusing on commercial transactions, bank regulation, commercial litigation and the technology industry. He also taught banking and commercial law before coming to TJSL in 2002.



New Face:
John Snay,
Multimedia Specialist

John Snay was most recently employed by Office Depot in shipping & receiving and inventory maintenance. He earned a certificate in Bioinformatics and is currently pursuing an Associate's degree in Bioinformatics at Coleman University. As Multimedia Specialist, he is responsible for managing the audio/video calendar, audio/video setups and the recording and distribution of lectures and events at TJSL.



New Role:
Professor Julie Cromer Young, Director of the Center for Law, Technology & and Communications

Professor Julie Cromer Young is the new director of the Center for Law, Technology, and Communications (CLTC). A member of the TJSL faculty since 2003, her scholarship is in the area of intellectual property, including new developments in copyright and trademark law. She also co-organized TJSL's Seventh Annual Women and the Law Conference, titled "Virtual Women: Gender Issues in Intellectual Property." After graduating from law school, Professor Young practiced law in Chicago for seven years. Her intellectual property practice, which focused on trademark and copyright law, included litigation, contractual, international and prosecution work.

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"Team Kill" won the TJSL Basketball Tournament

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It was Pure Negligence versus the Ambulance Chasers. An epic contest. A legal battle of opponents bent on destroying each other's team of legal eagles.

It was one of the games in Thomas Jefferson's flag football league tournament, organized by TJSL's "high commissioner of sports," third year law student Peter Goatz.

It's TJSL's Wide World of Sports.

The Ambulance Chasers went on to win the tournament, by defeating Hole in the Wall in a 40-7 "squeaker" at Mission Bay Park (the Rose Bowl wasn't available.)

The joy of victory, the agony of defeat.

Goatz became the Athletic Chairman after he transferred to TJSL in the fall of 2007 from Florida Coastal—which didn't have any intramural sports. Since then, he has been to TJSL sports what Pete Rozelle was to the NFL. Well, sort of.

The fall football tournament involved nine teams playing in a four week tournament on Sundays—the largest participation in recent years at TJSL.

"It didn't seem like many sports were being offered," said Goatz, speaking about when he arrived at TJSL. "The athletic chairman position was open and I saw an opportunity to offer students more alternatives to

just studying all day."

Since Goatz took over TJSL's athletic program, intramural sports at the law school have thrived. Not just flag football, but soccer, basketball and ping-pong tournaments, with dodge ball, laser tag and bowling on the schedule as well. The TJSL basketball league started up in January at the Mission Valley Toby Wells YMCA gym. "Team Kill" wound up winning the TJSL tournament in a hard-fought final.

And where better than San Diego?

"San Diego allows for more outdoor activity year-round," Goatz says. "The weather is great. You're not always cooped up in the law library."

Of course, sports aren't just a way to get outside, have fun and exercise—they are a great way for students to get to know each other. All the sports are co-ed!

"Had it not been for sports, I wouldn't have interacted with a lot of students," according to Goatz. "It's a great way to network, make new connections and involve yourself with other students."

Goatz says starting up the leagues was labor intensive at first—but that he had more than a little help from his friends, in particular students Robert Finkel, Sterling



Williams and Jeremy Evans.

"This was a re-building year for us," Goatz says, sounding like a professional sports general manager. He enjoyed his role as the high commissioner of TJSL sports, well aware that having an active intramural sports program is a definite plus for athletic-minded students thinking about going to TJSL.

"Any way we can enhance the students' experience is really enjoyable to me."

World Sports



*Above: Flag Football Champions
"The Ambulance Chasers"*

Right: Laser Tag Champs



THE EXTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE: ON DUTY WITH THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

by Tiffany Davis '09

Externships are a popular way for law students to explore career options, network and earn academic credit at the same time.

May 2009 graduate Tiffany Davis shares details of her adventures this past school year as a Secret Service extern.

Waiting for the results of my background check was painful!! In fact, you start to think that your future mentors could be a bigger part of your life than they actually are. For example, every time I heard a strange sound in my phone I hadn't heard before, I thought hmmm, "Must be the Secret Service." When I got home and my lights wouldn't turn on, I immediately suspected the Secret Service! It never occurred to me that a fuse just could have blown. Or, when I would pull up to my house and see a car with someone in it parked on the side of the road, I thought, there they are again! After a few months of guessing about how far along they were in my background, I received a call that they actually were just beginning the check. All of that suspicion for nothing!!

They checked out everything, including popping in on employers, neighbors that have known me since I was a kid and, of course, my TJSL professors. The best reactions were from some old bosses who called and said, "Tiffany, I almost had a heart attack when the Secret Service showed up at my door and asked if they could come in!" Then I finally found out the good news—I got it!

When contemplating what type of externship I wanted, I tried to think of the most random externship I would be interested in, and upon meeting a special agent, I decided to go for the Secret Service. I was determined to get it. Within my first week, I knew this would not be the traditional externship. The agents were in and out of the office all of the time, especially during a campaign year. One day they are working on a project, the next they are off to a different country on a moment's notice. The agents also get time during the day to go workout! I liked that!

Just as I sat down to learn what my externship would involve—mostly examining counterfeit—they grabbed me to go out on a security advance. They just learned Mrs. Cindy McCain was coming to town and had to secure her location and prepare for her arrival. It was fun working so closely with the agents; they have a great energy, even when working hard. They also have a good attitude and a thoroughness that I have never experienced.

After Mrs. McCain's short visit, we loaded up the motorcade, placed police at different points, and sped away to the airport. Within minutes, Mrs. McCain was in the plane and secure. We stayed until she was in the air—then had lunch and debriefed. All in a day's work!

Back in the office over the next few weeks, I was able to work

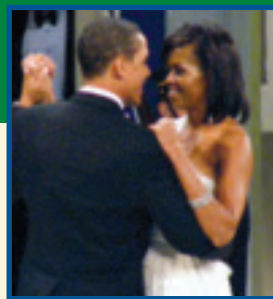
closely with the fraud task force and different agents as well as examine and analyze different types of counterfeit.

One week we had the Department of Homeland Security Secretary (Michael) Chertoff in town addressing the International Association of Chiefs of Police. He was followed by the Deputy Secretary, who was here addressing different organizations and meeting with defense companies. Again, we spent days advancing the locations, so upon arrival and departures to his meetings, the motorcade was fast, efficient and organized.

The next stop in my adventures (I mean externship) was to take part in a night shooting exercise at the firing range. During this particular exercise, the agents were lined up and all of the lights were turned off. Commands were shouted and the agents completed several drills. It was exciting and scary because, when the lights are out, you can see the fire that comes from the bullets when they exit the chambers. I was kept at a very safe distance, and decided to wander around until it was my turn. As I strolled behind the range, I witnessed a very disturbing sight. There was a group of agents from another organization that waved me over to see the drills they were going through. If you have never seen anyone get tasered, you really never should. In order for agents to testify as an expert, as well as grasp the severity of the taser, they each get tasered in the middle of their backs. When the taser gun is shot, fishhook like ends pinch the skin and send the body into a paralyzed state until the hooks are removed. I let them know that even if they gave me a million dollars, I would not ever participate. After examining my student loans however, I don't think I will make that statement again.

During the last week of my externship, Former President Bush Sr. and Mrs. Barbara Bush came into town for a mini retreat. The place where they stayed was very quiet and relaxing. Within my first ten minutes of arriving at their undisclosed location, I was snacking on a Red Vine and talking with some agents. Walking slowly down the hill was Mr. Bush and, as he came closer, he spotted my Red Vine. When he asked, "Hey, what are you up to?" the only thing I could think to say was "Licorice!" He laughed, while all of the agents looked shocked. I was about to give him a few pieces, when I remembered that licorice is actually considered contraband at the retreat and definitely was not allowed. He peeked his head out of his door a few more times over the next few hours and smiled.

Many more events occurred, including several teenagers on motorcycles who were at the wrong place at the wrong time, having no idea a former President was in the area. They were chased and caught. The Secret Service will take every precaution necessary—as will I. The rest of my story is...well...a SECRET.



Student Volunteers at Inauguration

It was a front row seat on history and the opportunity of a lifetime for third-year TJSL student Liz Grumet.

She attended the inauguration of President Barack Obama as a volunteer for the inauguration committee, after she paid her dues working for candidate Obama during the 2008 campaign.

Shivering in the 15-degree weather, Grumet and her team of 25 other volunteers directed people to D.C.'s Metro so they could ride to the Mall for the main event.

But when it came time for them to go to the Capitol Building themselves, they found that even with their volunteer credentials, which promised a good vantage point, they could not make their way through the multitudes to get close enough to see the historic oath of office being administered.

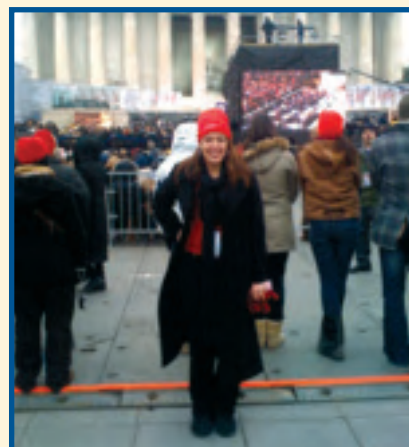
Yet, Grumet still experienced the exhilaration the moment, the time and the place.

"We were only two streets away from the Capitol Building, but too far from any big screen to see the address very well," Grumet said in her blog from Washington, D.C., which was posted on the TJSL website. "We could hear it on loud-speakers, and also see the steps of the Capitol Building with all the people. The people in my area were so elated when President Obama began to speak. They shouted 'Yes Lord!' 'You tell em!' and 'Praise God! Our time has come!' It was so moving. We were cheering as the cannons were shot off, and jumped for joy. It was awesome."

Grumet did, however, get to attend one of the inaugural balls and saw the new President and First Lady dance.

"He danced cheek to cheek with Michelle, holding her and looking like the happiest man alive," Grumet said in her blog. "He then took her hand, they stood and waived from in front of the seal, and the crowd began to chant, 'Yes we can! Yes we can! Yes we can!' His smile got bigger, and he waived

again and walked off stage. I was filled with so much happiness and pride, to be able to witness such an extraordinary event in our history."



Liz Grumet at the Inauguration.

Competition Teams Show Their Stuff

Thomas Jefferson School of Law's Mock Trial, Moot Court and Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) teams continue to distinguish themselves as stiff competition.

Mock Trial Team

Last fall, the TJSL Mock Trial team finished second in the 2008 University of Puerto Rico Invitational Criminal Trial Advocacy Competition, a prestigious national and invitation-only competition held in San Juan. Losing by a slim margin to Barry University School of Law, the TJSL team of Joshua Kay, Ashley Clark, Xochitl Garcia and Venus Barekatin competed against schools like Fordham and William and Mary.

In November, two TJSL teams competed in the ABA Labor & Employment Law Competition in Los Angeles. The Labor and Employment Law Section of the American Bar Association established the LEL Trial Advocacy Competition to introduce law students to the challenges and rewards of employment and labor litigation. Team members who competed were: Movses Shakarian, Erin Goldie, Monica Padilla, Talia Portocarrero, Ashley Clark, Josh Kay, Chris Paulos and Patrick Bergt.

The team of students Ashley Clark, Xochitl Garcia and Erin Goldie competed in February at the Texas Young Lawyers Association West Coast Regional Trial Competition held in Los Angeles. They made it to the semi-final rounds and lost in a spit decision by just one point!

"The core six members of this past year's team were the most dedicated students I have met in the last 18 years of teaching," said Professor Jane Siegel, who coaches the Mock Trial Team. "I try and give them a taste of the toughest judges they will meet in the real

world and they mastered it. They upheld the finest traditions of Thomas Jefferson School of Law."



Top Left: ADR Team of Narciso Cruz, Michelle Tran, Brandon Leopoldus



Top Right Photo: ADR Team of Robert Finkle, Yi-Hung Chung, Eric Rollason

Bottom from left: Mock Trial Team of Xochitl Garcia, Joshua Kay, Ashley Clark, Venus Barekatin



Moot Court and ADR

Both the Moot Court and ADR Teams are coached by Professor Paul Spiegelman, who likewise is extremely impressed with the students on both teams.

"Although the best placement any of the teams had in these competitions was a 5th place finish (by Eric Rollason and Robert Finkle, coached by Yi-Hung Chung) in the ABA Regional Negotiation Competition (one-half point from second place), the quality of the students' preparation and performance was excellent," said Professor Spiegelman. "They represented the school extremely well."

The ADR team sent a total of 27 student competitors and coaches to four competitions: the ABA Regional Negotiation competition, the Tulane Baseball Arbitration Competition, the ABA Representation in Mediation Competition and the California Bar Environmental Negotiation Competition.

The Moot Court Society sent 34 students to the following seven competitions:

American University Wechsler First Amendment Moot Court Competition in Washington, D.C.; Emory University Civil Rights Competition in Atlanta; Chicago Bar Association Moot Court Competition; Tulane Sports Law Moot Court Competition; ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition in San Francisco; Pace Law School National Environmental Moot Court Competition; and the Roger Traynor Moot Court competition in San Francisco.

In addition to Professor Spiegelman, other TJSL faculty members helped prepare the teams for competition by providing feedback in practice sessions and three even traveled with the team. Professor Julie Cromer Young not only helped supervise preparations, but accompanied the team to Washington, D.C., for the Wechsler First Amendment Moot Court Competition. Adjunct Professor Randy Grossman both helped prepare the team for the Tulane Baseball Arbitration Competition and accompanied the team to New Orleans. Professor Madeline Kass worked with the team and accompanied it to Westchester, N.Y. for the National Environmental Moot Court Competition.

The involvement of the professors greatly enhances the experience for students, allowing them to interact on a close and extended basis with faculty members. In the case of Professor Grossman, he has the unique experience of handling baseball arbitrations and gives students the benefit of his experience. The experience was a very positive one for the faculty members as well and they've indicated a willingness to continue this level of participation in the future.

Ferguson Jenkins Headlines Sports Law Symposium

Former Chicago Cubs pitcher Ferguson Jenkins was the All-Star attraction at the 7th Annual Sports Law Symposium in March. Jenkins delivered an entertaining talk about how it was for major leaguers in his day and what it's like for today's highly paid ballplayers.

"Signing a contract is like winning the lottery," Jenkins told his audience. "I love baseball, but I think we're spoiling it. Too many people are making too much money. I hope we won't overprice ourselves."

Other speakers at TJSL's Sports Law Society event included: SDSU Athletic Director Jeff Schemmel; former Padres Director of Minor League Operations Priscilla Oppenheimer; and Jeff Friedman, Vice-President of Business and Legal Affairs of Reveille—a media company.

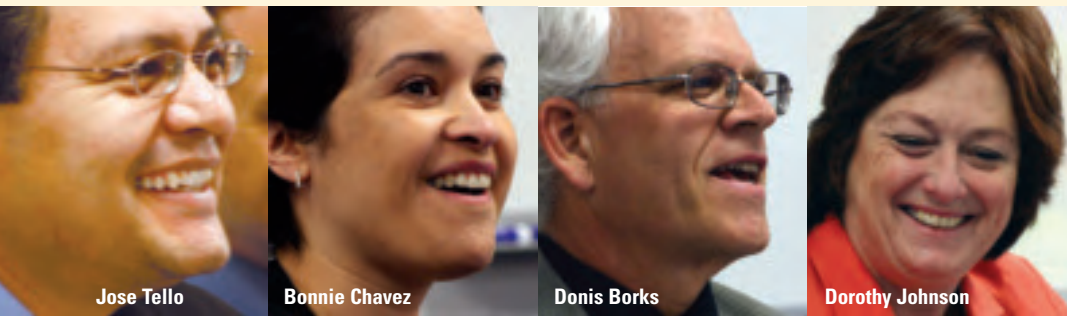


Pictionary Anyone? Family Game Day is a Hit



Just name your favorite game and it's likely you would have found someone playing it at "Family Game Day" in February. Taboo, Cranium, Texas Hold'em, Pictionary and Twister were among the popular choices at this event hosted on campus by TJSL's Family Law Society. The goal was to bring students, faculty, staff and their family members together for an informal day of food and fun. Games and activities like face painting as well as gift bags entertained the kids. Information on family law resources was made available and the Phi Alpha Delta student chapter contributed raffle prizes.





Cesar Chavez Honored with Workers' Rights Panel

In honor of Cesar Chavez Day on March 31, the La Raza Law Students Association and the Career Services Office hosted a dynamic Workers' Rights Panel at TJSL. Six prominent attorneys from San Diego, Los Angeles and Riverside came together to discuss a broad-spectrum of legal issues impacting employees and unions seeking workplace justice.

"This is an exciting time for law students to get involved in social justice and ensure that the legacy of Cesar Chavez and the United Farm workers lives on," said Ricardo Ochoa of the Law Offices of Ellyn Moscovitz, P.C., in Oakland, Pasadena and San Diego. "North San Diego County is rich in agriculture and the issues faced by migrant workers here are very similar to the struggles seen in the fields of Central California."

TJSL's expert on employment discrimination and international and comparative workplace law, Professor Susan Bisom-Rapp, moderated the panel. She led a lively discussion, asking Jose Tello, an employment law attorney at Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County, what students could do in this tough economy to break into the field of employment and labor law.

"A great option for graduating students is to apply for a public interest

fellowship, such as Equal Justice Works or Skadden," counseled Tello. "In San Diego, there is great opportunity to do innovative legal work targeting low-income employees due to a dearth of free legal services."

Another panelist was Dorothy Johnson of California Rural Legal Services (CRLA), who began her legal career helping migrant workers three decades ago as a volunteer for the United Farm Workers. Today, she is the Directing Attorney of CRLA's Oceanside Office where she has taken a lead role in challenging unconstitutional restrictions on the free speech rights of day laborers along with the ACLU.

Other panelists included: Bonnie Chavez, Counsel for the Screen Actors Guild in Los Angeles; Professor Ruben Garcia, who teaches employment and labor law at California Western School of Law; and Donis Borks, West Coast Organizer for the National Association of Legal Services Workers/UAW Local 2320 in Riverside, a national union that represents attorneys and professional legal staff.

Two TJSL students, **Dea Franck '11** and **Rory Pendergast '09**, secured internships at the Law Offices of Ellyn Moscovitz, P.C. in San Diego to gain experience in the area of wage and hour class action litigation.

TJSL Students Make 2009 Who's Who

Fourteen TJSL students have been nominated for inclusion in the 2009 *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*, which rewards and recognizes academic excellence on a national level.

Their fellow students, student organizations, faculty and administrative staff must first nominate students who are included in *Who's Who*. Each school is assigned a limited number of nominees who are to be selected based on their academic standing, participation in extracurricular activities and community service.

The following TJSL students made the 2009 *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*:

Erin Bello	Shima Kalaei
Robert Bello	Rory Pendergast
Jeffrey Bright	Brian Ray
Hayley Clair	Kara Shacket
Jesica Fellman	Paul Sheston
Agnaa Guzman	Vera Valdivia
Sarah Kalaei	Stephen Zeller



Make it a Habitat

Members of TJSL's Public Interest Law Foundation recently volunteered for a Habitat for Humanity housing project in San Diego's North County, helping to build three and four bedroom homes. PILF also raised \$14,000 from its annual Silent Auction Extraordinaire in April, which will be used for grant awards to students who pursue non-paid externships in the public interest sector this summer.

2009 Barristers' Ball

An Evening of Elegance

This year's annual Barristers' Ball on Saturday, March 14, at the Hyatt Regency at Aventine in La Jolla, more than lived up to its theme "An Evening of Elegance."

Organized by the Student Bar Association, the evening began with a pre-dinner reception and bountiful buffet. SBA President and Master of Ceremonies Pablo Zamora introduced the highlight of the Barristers' Ball, the annual awards ceremony that recognizes outstanding service and achievement by alumni, faculty, staff and students.

On behalf of the National Lawyers Guild, Professor Marjorie Cohn made the first presentation of the evening to the recipients of the **14th Annual Charles T. Bumer Civil Libertarian Book Award**. A copy of Bumer's favorite book, Lawrence Tribe's *Treatise on Constitutional Law*, is awarded to TJSJL students who best personify the ideals to which the deceased civil rights attorney dedicated his life. This year's honors went to Elizabeth Grumet and Antoinette Gonzales.

Professor Thom Golden presented his namesake award, the **A. Thomas Golden Honorary Thomas Jefferson School of Law Alumnus of the Year Award**, to two graduates (one for 2008 and one for 2009): the Honorable Browder Willis '83 and Frank Mead '00.

After accepting his award, Judge Willis noted that, in his job, he has encountered graduates from law schools across the country, but that "nobody accounts better than our graduates because we work hard."

Professor Golden acknowledged 2009 award recipient Frank Mead for helping TJSJL graduates find jobs within the Arizona legal community as well as serving as Editor

in Chief of the *Thomas Jefferson Law Review* and as an adjunct professor. Mead is joining the TJSJL staff this summer as the new Assistant Dean for Career Services.

Student Chris Paulos then introduced the Outstanding Faculty awards. The **1L award** was given to Professor Anders Kaye, who teaches Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure, among other courses. The **2L award** went to Evidence and Legal Writing Professor Leah Christensen. Professor Kenneth Vandeveld, who teaches Constitutional Law and several other courses, was announced as the **3L award** recipient.

Student Services Associate Julie Garrett and Externship Coordinator Angie Valdiconza took home the "**Staff Member of the Year**" awards.

Two students were selected to receive the new **Student Organization President Award**: Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) President Michael Jonas and President of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) President Nakhia Crossley.

1. Student Brandon Leopoldus and Professor Anders Kay (right)
2. Students Michael Jonas and Nakhia Crossley
3. Professor Thom Golden (center) with Alumnus of the Year Awardees Frank Mead (left) and Judge Browder Willis
4. Professor Leah Christensen with Student Brandon Leopoldus
5. Student Chris Paulos with Professor Ken Vandeveld (right)
6. Student Elizabeth Grumet
7. Staff Members Julie Garrett (left) and Angie Valdiconza
8. Students and guests enjoying the ball!





They Could Have Salsaed All Night!

According to the many sassy salsa dancers, Thomas Jefferson School of Law's first "Salsa Night" was an undeniable success!

It was a concerted effort by the La Raza student organization executive board and members to unite the law school's students in a spirit of festivity and have a great time as well. They achieved both goals!

The November evening started out with a salsa lesson provided by second-year student Frances Arroyo and Legal Writing Professor Jeff Slattery. They invited all the guests in the packed courtyard to learn the basics of salsa before the live band began playing.

Once the band started, though, Associate Dean Jeff Joseph showed everyone his great dance moves on the floor!

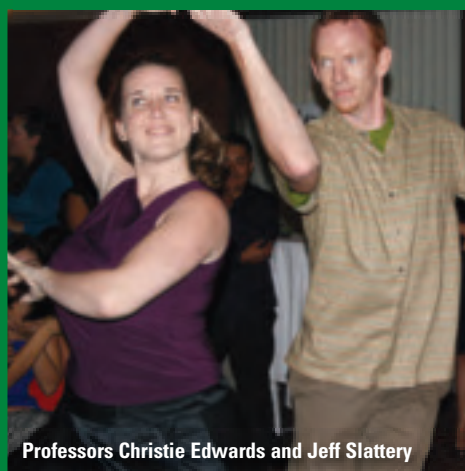
The evening provided an opportunity to salsa, win raffle prizes and network all at the same time. It also gave the students a glimpse of the wild "salsa" side of some of their professors. Everyone agreed, as they salsaed the night away, that they'd like to do it again sometime.



Erika Aspericueta and Romina Otoy



Lee Gener and
La Raza President Carla Galindez



Professors Christie Edwards and Jeff Slattery



Professor Jeff Joseph and Frances Arroyo

Entertainment Law Society Does Sundance Film Festival



Actor Robin Williams

Hanging out with movie stars is just one of the perks members of TJSL's Entertainment Law Society enjoyed when they descended upon Park City, Utah, January 15-19 for the 25th Sundance Film Festival.

"Those who took advantage of the opportunity were treated to a fun-filled weekend of skiing, film premieres and star sightings," said first-year student Harry Finkel.

The students stayed in a beautiful chalet close to all of the star-studded film screenings and world-class ski slopes. In every corner of the house, dialogue about the state of the film industry and that day's favorite movie screening or the impact of new media could be heard, according to Finkel.

He said a highlight of the weekend was a luncheon/roundtable discussion that included Tony Vianuku from the Polynesian film community in Salt Lake City and Jozua Malherbe, a producer from Johannesburg, among others, who took part in a candid discussion about the state of the film industry and the role of entertainment attorneys in film distribution and production.

Another featured panelist was attorney Roger Armstrong, whose client list includes everyone from The Rolling Stones to big Hollywood movie studios. Finkel says Armstrong's message was clear: Art and money without the protection of an attorney will usually lead to heartbreak.

"I had a blast!" said student Angel Bermudez. "I spent some time with good

people and got to watch great movies. The panel was really informative."

"I have received positive feedback from everyone who attended," noted student Chris Paulos. "We hope to make this an annual event that the Entertainment Law Society takes part in."

The president of TJSL's Entertainment Law Society, student Jakgeem Mays, also found the trip to be rewarding. "I interacted with several celebrities and executives both on my flight and throughout the weekend, and I'm glad I was able to bring one of the members to the after-party for the Jim Carrey movie premiere," he said.

All in all, not a bad way to start the spring semester!

Jakgeem Mays and actor Pierce Brosnan

TJSL's Phi Alpha Delta Named Most Improved Chapter



At the 2008 District XXX Conference, the Thomas Jefferson School of Law chapter of Phi Alpha Delta (PAD) was named "The Most Improved Chapter in District XXX of the Year."

In addition, Eric Ganci, a December 2008 graduate, was awarded "Most Outstanding Justice in District XXX of the Year." District XXX is comprised of chapters from seven law schools throughout San Diego and Orange Counties.

Justice Eric Ganci said, "We couldn't be more pleased with the reaction we have received thus far. Because of our group efforts, we have quickly achieved success and will continue to hold the bar high. Our chapter has an immeasurable group of officers that is excited to work with our incredible members, both new and old."

Students Learn the Secrets to Wine Selection

“The best wine is what you like—not what I like or what (wine critic) Robert Parker likes. The most important wine critic is you.”

That’s what former TJSL Dean Mary Lynn Perry reminded everyone who attended the Women’s Law Association’s wine-tasting seminar in March. The WLA event was the sequel to its highly successful white wine tasting last fall. The purpose of the wine-tasting seminars is to prepare TJSL’s future lawyers for entertaining future clients.



Former Dean Mary Lynn Perry

The latest vintage of this event proved equally successful and this time red wines were on the tasting table. Dean Rudy Hasl was the jovial, smiling host, along with Dean Perry, who is an award-winning winemaker herself. She owned and operated a successful vineyard and winery in Dundee, Oregon.



Dean Rudy Hasl

“The rules for the game—this is for enjoyment,” Dean Hasl said. “There is no wrong thing you can say.”

The large group of more than 70 students, staff and faculty tasted six different wines—four Pinot Noirs and two Red Zinfandels. Pinot Noir sales took off the moment the movie “Sideways” was released in 2004, growing even more popular than Merlots.

An oenophile is a lover of wine, according to Wikipedia, and the two oenophiles, Deans Hasl and Perry, shared not only their love of wine, but their knowledge about how the grapes for these red wines are grown and harvested as well as how the wines are processed and aged. Everyone present learned about bouquet, clarity and other qualities of fine wine—comparing different labels and vintages as they sampled and savored them. Some felt certain wines were spicier, or more peppery, than others. Some felt certain wines had more body than others.

There’s another factor that didn’t seem to affect which wines the tasters preferred—the price on the bottle! The majority preferred the less expensive labels on both the Pinots and the Zins. The same thing happened with the white wine tasting back in November—the group liked the less expensive labels better.

And that proves exactly what Deans Hasl and Perry were talking about: the only wine critic that counts is you—no matter what the Robert Parkers of the world may think.



Wine, Cheese & Judges' Pet Peeves

The event last fall was as unique as its name: "Wine, Cheese and Judges' Pet Peeves."

Presented by the TJS� Student Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta, the goal of the event was to educate students as to how to avoid ticking off the judge in the courtroom. Who better to explain the blunders to avoid than a panel of judges and attorneys?

Not only did the audience get some valuable advice, but they heard some hilarious stories from the panelists. For example, Superior Court Commissioner Gary Bloch '81 told everyone about the time his judicial robe got caught in the wheel of his chair in the courtroom and how he wound up doing a face plant on the desk.

Jeff Joseph, TJS� Associate Dean and General Counsel, told of a time when he was in the courtroom and realized his opposing counsel was "completely soused."

Funny stories aside, what came into sharp focus during the entertaining panel was that a lawyer's most important asset is his or her credibility.

As California Fourth District Appeals Court Justice James McIntyre put it, "When you practice law, your reputation is the most important thing you have. Once you lose it, it's gone."

Attorney Steven Voseller reminded the audience to be careful when in court because, "the person sitting next to you can become a judge one day. Also, always respect the court. Treat the judge like the Pope or whomever you give preeminent respect."

Attendees found the stories priceless and said they could have listened to the panelists talk all night long—and they almost got their wish when, after the panel concluded, everyone gathered in the Courtyard for wine, cheese and live music.



Professor and Student Host Digital Distribution Conference for the Elite of San Diego's High-Tech Community

Professor Kevin "K.J." Greene and second-year student Barbara Oppelz teamed up to help present a major conference on digital distribution in Del Mar last fall.

Oppelz has extensive experience in the telecommunications industry, where she put her MBA from Northwestern University to work in the world of marketing. Her strong business background helped Oppelz land an internship at the esteemed law firm of Baker & Mackenzie, where she reported to Maria Sendra, one of the top transactional business attorneys at the firm. Sendra and Oppelz are

affiliated with CommNexus, a network of high-tech investors, communications companies and business owners.

Tasked with putting together a panel on the challenges and opportunities of digital distribution in the entertainment world, Oppelz turned to Professor Greene, a recognized expert in entertainment and intellectual property law, to focus the discussion and moderate the panel of entertainment and advertising executives.

The result was a packed house of investors, business executives from the

world of mobile communications and entertainment, lawyers and TJS� students at the opulent Grand Del Mar Hotel for the one-day conference that featured speakers from major motion picture studios, mobile entertainment executives and film ancillary providers. Professor Greene kept the proceedings focused but light, prowling the room with a microphone like a talk show host. Oppelz said one of the attendees at the event commented that it was one of the most informative-and entertaining conferences he had attended.



Anna Romanskaya '07

Why I Stay Connected *by Anna Romanskaya '07*

When I decided to go to law school, I wanted to be in a city where I could see myself residing after law school and I wanted to remain in Southern California.

Through the trying time of law school applications with acceptance and rejection letters, my strongest memory is of all the mail I received from Thomas Jefferson. TJSL was the first school I heard from and continued to hear from on what seemed like a daily basis, right up to the first day of class.

Coming from a large undergraduate school where I rarely, if ever, had direct interaction with my professors, I was amazed by the level of interest the TJSL professors had in the students and how involved they were in student life. I will always remember the feeling I had when I ran into Professor Cromer in the elevator on the first day of school and she addressed me by my last name. I was so impressed she knew my name and, in that instant, I knew I had made the right decision to attend TJSL.

One of the best aspects of TJSL is the supportive environment for student involvement and participation. The staff and faculty are open to student input, whether it's about a speaking event, networking opportunity or a new student organization.

I had the privilege of serving as the Public Interest Law Foundation president for two years. I also had the opportunity to represent TJSL on the ABA level as a Lieutenant Governor and as an ABA Representative on the SBA. My student leadership involvement gave me a chance to know the staff and faculty on a personal level and to build lasting relationships.

I left TJSL with not just the skills of "thinking like a lawyer" and understanding how to decipher a case, but with a sense of confidence in myself as a member of the legal community and with a support system behind me.

I stay involved to give back and to encourage the current students in the same way I was encouraged to become involved, make connections and not get discouraged. I feel connected with TJSL and am proud to be an alumna. I believe TJSL grads are a powerful force to be reckoned with because we support each other, during school, through the Bar exam and in the profession.

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