For Former Law Center Student, Service to the Community is a Way of Life

The Google map had looked very straightforward, so I'd decided to skip my GPS device. Needless to say, it had taken me a while to find the right address in Mountain View. As I park, I try to estimate the size of her office by the size of its mini-parking lot – a driveway that accommodates six cars, each parking spot marked with a large number assigned to a different office in the same small building. Then, when I open one of the doors facing the lot, my suspicion becomes real as I gain instant access to her lobby, her office and her supply room – all in the same, compact room. Reema Diwan '09 is there, behind her desk, and greets me with a friendly smile.

"Oh good – you found us. Welcome!" she says. It takes me a minute to re-adjust my memory of her when she was a law student at the Alexander Community Law Center, just three years earlier. She is now an immigration attorney at Apoyo Legal Migrante Asociado ("Associated Legal Support [for] Immigrants").

I had run into Reema when she attended the recent human trafficking workshop at the Center, offered by Lynnette Parker, our Immigration Supervising Attorney. We spoke briefly afterwards, but I immediately knew that I needed to share her story because she truly exemplifies the capable and compassionate service to the community that is part of a Santa Clara education. "I need to get you in our newsletter," I said to her, and this is what has brought me to her office.

Reema introduces me to her colleague, Mary Dutcher, and their full-time volunteer-assistant, Amie Martinez, but the presence of clients dictates a restrained greeting. Leaving behind the flurry of activity in the front, Reema leads me to their interviewing room, a spartan

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As our conversation continues, I ask her how her current legal work differs from what she did at the Law Center. She says that the way she did things at the KGACLC inspired her to set high standards for her practice. "Lynette taught me to be very detail-oriented and that everything we did in a case or a file was for a very particular reason. All those details helped me appreciate the client experience even more and helped me gain a good grasp of the subject. I try to retain the same focus in my practice, but I realize that there are places where the focus is on getting cases completed as soon as possible to move to the next client. That's not what we do here. But the work does demand that we stay on top of the law, and that's why we attend classes and events like Lynette's workshop or the recent training on human trafficking (see p. 7), among other things."

"This sounds very demanding. Are you happy with what you do?"

"I love what I do!" she replies. "It's a lot of work, you name it. They're so grateful for what we do. Y'know, my husband sometimes asks me jokingly when I'll use my JD in the household. But then he always follows it up by telling me how happy he is that I am able to give back to our community."

Happy Holidays! In this edition of our newsletter, we highlight some of the great work of the staff, students, and volunteers of the Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center, as well as some new additions to our staff.

As in previous years, we've seen several successes in our consumer protection litigation, immigration applications, and workers' rights cases. Some of the dramatic cases featured in this issue are just a few examples of our work. We also served hundreds of clients through our interviewing and counseling clinics, and we helped educate community members about their rights through our educational workshops. Because of growing demands for services – including the new deferred action program that grants special immigration status for many undocumented youth – we've been able to secure additional funding and provide expanded services for clients in need.

This year, the Alexander Community Law Center welcomed several Graduate Fellows, who are recent graduates of the Santa Clara University School of Law who were honored with one-year post-graduate fellowships: Madeline Feldon (immigration), Carolyn Kim (immigration), Justina Mignea (workers' rights), Amanda Sparks (low-income taxpayer clinic), and Nordeep Taura (consumer). The fellowships provide important training for these graduates, and will greatly expand our capacity to provide high-quality legal services.

A Message from the Executive Director

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We also welcomed a new member of the KGACLC extended family this past year. Congratulations to KGACLC's financial administrator Kendra Henderson and her husband Dennis on the birth of their son Wyatt in October.

As always, we thank our students, volunteers, and supporters who have worked with the Community Law Center in the past year. Our students continue to be our most important asset, combining their legal training with key services to low-income clients, and the Center's work could not be possible without them. And, the agencies, law firms, foundations, and individuals who provide financial support to the Center remain in our deepest gratitude. This support has been invaluable, and we hope that all of our supporters will sustain their efforts in the coming year to ensure that we remain a vibrant resource for Santa Clara University and the local community.

Best wishes,

Angelo Ancheta
They Came for the Classes, Stayed for the Fellowship

Navdeep Taunk ’12 fulfills her part-time fellowship as the Research Assistant in the Consumer Law component, under Supervising Attorney Scott Maurer. She gained legal experience by taking the Skills I and II courses in the same component, and she is quick to remark that it reinvigorated her pursuit of a career in the legal profession. "I found the clinical programs offered by the school to be the most valuable. It is one of the few opportunities in law school where you get to be a lawyer on behalf of real clients. It was there that I negotiated my first settlement, made my first appearance in court, interviewed my first client, and so many other things that I had not had the opportunity to do in any other aspect of my law school career."

Today, she collaborates with Maurer on the enforcement of judgments, performs preliminary phone interviews with clients, and produces publications that highlight people’s rights in specific situations – something clients appreciate when attending the Law Center’s Consumer Clinics. “Navdeep is very diligent in all that she does and she’s great with clients. We’re just delighted to have her on board,” says Maurer.

 Asked if she has any advice for current law students, she says, “After you graduate, the law will still be available to you. You can read the code, the cases, treatises, etc., but the opportunities to gain the practical skills will be few. The [practical experience] clarified to me how the academics fit in with the practical skills, and in so doing made law school classes much easier to understand. Besides, given today’s job market, there are few employers who want to be the ones to pay you while you learn the basics, so why not give yourself an edge over all those students who have only experienced the legal profession through reading textbooks and writing papers.”

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—NAVDEEP TAUNKE ’12
CONSUMER LAW FELLOW, 2012-13

The Graduate Fellowship Program has been a great asset for the KGACLCL and its clients. All of our fellows have been enormously helpful in assisting and representing our clients, and it’s an excellent opportunity for recent graduates to gain practical experience as they prepare for long-term employment.”

—ANGELO ANCHETA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, KGACLCL

Carolyn Kim ’12 took courses in the Consumer and the Immigration components of the Alexander Law Center during her time as a student. Now, as one of the two Immigration Fellows, she screens clients to determine if they are eligible for T-visas, which are reserved for victims of severe forms of human trafficking. Her exposure to the subject of immigration law began during her first year of law school, when she worked at Asian Pacific Islander (API) Legal Outreach, in San Francisco, handling T-visas, U-visas (for victims of crimes), visas under VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) and some family law issues. Carolyn met Lyndsay Parker, KGACLCL Immigration Supervising Attorney, while working at API. That experience made her want to become an immigration attorney. And so, when the Graduate Fellowship Program was recently instituted by the Law School, she saw it as an opportunity to pursue her interest.

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experience, plus her interest in human trafficking, helped her obtain her current fellowship and steer her attention towards the work of the Alexander Law Center.

“I have learned many valuable lessons from my supervising attorneys. Scott [Maurer, Consumer Law] taught me that litigation does not have to be unnecessarily aggressive. You can still represent your client fully without any dirty tricks. Scott was always very proper, respectful and preferred to take the high ground without exception. That’s the kind of lawyer I want to become.”

When asked about a case that was particularly challenging in either area, she pauses and redirects her answer. “You know,” she says, “the real challenge is for our clients, especially the victims of human trafficking. My clients are my heroes and role models. They are so strong and brilliant. I love working with them, and I love to imagine who they will become after they put this whole thing behind them.”

Parker is delighted to work with Carolyn because of the “thoroughness of her work and her big heart.” She says of Carolyn: “She is always concerned about our clients, even in the midst of all her other responsibilities. When she is away, she likes to check in to see if they have called for any reason. I always know that she will do everything possible to help her clients.”

Carolyn does recognize that it is sometimes difficult to find the boundaries between her work and her personal time because “everything always seems so urgent and important.” Nevertheless, the satisfaction she receives from assisting her clients still carries the day. “Being able to witness my clients’ transformation from victims to survivors is something simply amazing.”

As a student at the Taxpayer Clinic, she worked on a handful of personal income taxes cases that exposed her to the various stages of evaluation at the IRS. “Before this clinic, I felt like the IRS was the bad guy out to get people’s money. Now I think that it only asks for what is fair under the law, and that the agents are pretty reasonable,” says Amanda. “I really enjoy learning about the subject and how the IRS operates. A constant challenge is dealing with the different time zones, because IRS offices are located all over the place and there is a good chance you’ll be dealing with an agent across the country. On top of that, there is the pressure from your clients who always want favorable results. Overall, though, I enjoyed this and felt that I was doing something good. I am glad we are able to offer these services to our community.”

While in law school, Amanda Sparks ’12, took the Federal Income Tax course because she always had an interest in the subject. The sheer wealth of information she learned begged the question of what to do with it. The Low Income Taxpayer Clinic at the Alexander Law Center became her next logical choice, and it was one that would make her feel good about her work and lead her to her current fellowship.

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“Caroline [Chen, the Low Income Tax Clinic’s Director and Supervising Attorney] does a good job at throwing you in the deep end with a good life preserver. She’s a good teacher who makes you feel confident, independent and safe when you work on your cases.”

— AMANDA SPARKS ’12

LOW INCOME TAXPAYER CLINIC FELLOW

Alexander Law Center Attorneys Play Key Role in Raising Human Trafficking Awareness

On Friday, November 16 of this year, the South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking (SBCEHT) and the County of Santa Clara’s Office of Women’s Policy sponsored a full-day training on Human Trafficking. The training provided an overview of human trafficking and included break-out sessions focusing on criminal and civil human trafficking cases, immigration issues, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) cases, and public benefits issues. It was attended by about 175 legal professionals, service providers, and members of the community, and the speakers were specialists in their field from around the country. The event sought to shed light on the challenges faced by victims of human trafficking while increasing awareness, within the legal profession, of the remedies and services available to victims and the issues that arise with concurrent civil, criminal, and immigration proceedings.

Ruth Silver Taube, Adjunct Professor at the SCU School of Law, Special Counsel to the Legal Aid Society – Employment Law Center, Legal Services Chair of the SBCEHT, and the primary organizer of the training, was gratified by the “good attendance and the opportunity to raise awareness of this important topic within the County and beyond.”

Human trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery. Sex trafficking is a form of human trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion.

According to Santa Clara County statistics, the Bay Area is a top destination point for trafficked victims. Its major harbors and airports, powerful economy, large immigrant population and its industries make it vulnerable to human trafficking. It is believed that as many as 17,500 individuals are trafficked into the United States each year, and some have estimated that 100,000 U.S. citizen children are victims of trafficking within the United States. Despite these high figures, only 52 cases were charged by the Civil Rights Division and U.S. Attorneys’ Offices in FY 2010 (the greatest number of cases in continued on p. 10

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Maddeline Feldon ’12, is an experienced KGACL student, having taken the Skills I, Skills II and the Interviewing and Advice Clinic courses, plus an Independent Study course in the Immigration component of the Alexander Law Center. Now, as a newly-minted attorney (admitted to the California State Bar this December), she is on a partial fellowship, working mostly on DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) cases at the Center. On that front, the Law Center has submitted 26 applications on behalf of clients since July of this year, eight of which were completed by Maddeline. During her four semesters as a KGACL student, she worked on multiple applications for T-visas (reserved for victims of human trafficking), U and VAWA visas (for victims of crime and domestic violence, respectively), and petitions for asylum. “The most rewarding part of her job, she says, is the constant interaction with her clients, from the beginning to the conclusion of their cases. Most of her DACA clients are fully bilingual, but her Spanish-speaking clients “have helped me improve my Spanish tremendously and allowed me to remain connected to the Latino community. I have learned much from my experience at the Center, especially under the guidance of Lynnette Parker, who has become a mentor to me. The chemistry I find here is great because everyone is so helpful. But most importantly, I believe in the mission of the Law Center. I do think that we do very important to our community.”

Martina E. Vandenberg, Open Society Foundations Fellow and Training Presenter
When ‘Going the Extra Mile’ is the Name of the Game, His Clients Win

Jeremy and Lynette at the Alexander Law Center

Jesus Rivera Pizano ’12 is soft-spoken and has a relaxed demeanor. But when his supervising attorneys at the Alexander Law Center talk about him, they enthusiastically concur that “he gets things done!” His clients look at him with much gratitude, and his work shows all the attributes of a great, soon-to-be attorney.

Jayro delved into Consumer Law at the Community Law Center through its Skills I course, and he subsequently pursued his growing interest in immigration through the Skills II and the Advice and Counseling courses at the Law Center. Under the supervision of Lynette Parker, Jayro worked on the case of a Central-American client, a political asylee, to help bring her two children to the United States through asylee derivative petitions. “Jayro took on this huge challenge that had to be addressed within a very tight deadline if it had any of hope of being successful. He got it done!” said Parker. Among other things, the challenge involved scheduling medical exams, visa applications and interviews at the American embassy in a place that was thousands of miles away—all within 10 days. A natural-born American citizen who spent his formative years in Mexico, Jayro relied on his Spanish and his bicultural dexterity to deal with the seemingly endless amount of details involved. For instance, sending key correspondence to a small town in Central America became a real task due to the lack of formal addresses in the town. Undeterred, he simply looked for alternatives to this and other problems, and when everything else failed, he picked up the phone and spoke directly to the right person. “It was a bit stressful, but I knew that this work was making a big difference for my client, so I had to keep moving. My Spanish and my understanding of the culture helped a lot, both in dealing with the sensitivities and issues of my client and when calling all the places I had to call,” he says of this experience. In the end, the client’s children were able to join her legally in this country. A similar case called for a birth certificate from another country; the issuance of which could be handled through the country’s local consulate. Jayro soon discovered that meeting the requirements for such request would prove more challenging and time-consuming than obtaining the certificate directly through the region’s civil registrar. In his typical fashion, he did some research, picked up the phone and called the right office in that country. “I was able to convince them of the urgency of my request, but more importantly, I had to make them feel compassion for their countryman in need. They sent me the certificate and I was able to move my process forward.” Parker was “amazed with Jayro’s resourcefulness and his dedication to his clients.”

As for his experience at the Alexander Law Center, he figures that “it was time very well spent. I actually interned at the Public Defender’s office in San José before coming to the Law Center. But my experience here has been unique. I really enjoyed the hands-on experience and the fact that I had real control and responsibility for my cases. I feel that I did make a difference for my clients.”

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Housing Crisis, Bad Loans, Bankruptcy: Sorting Through the Issues, One at a Time

M r. and Mrs. R sought the assistance of the Alexander Community Law Center in October 2011 after they had filed bankruptcy. They had been sued in bankruptcy court for $140,000 based on allegations that they had committed fraud in applying for real property in 2007. Fraud claims are not dischargeable in bankruptcy. Persuaded that Mr. and Mrs. R. had not committed fraud and that fraud more likely had been committed by a loan broker who had submitted the loan applications to lenders on Mr. R’s behalf, the Law Center agreed to defend Mr. and Mrs. R in the bankruptcy court lawsuit. The lawsuit had been filed by a company in the business of buying unpaid debt that had filed approximately 300 similar cases in bankruptcy courts in California. In this case, the debt buyer had purchased promissory notes executed by Mr. R. in favor of two different loan originators. The promissory notes, originally secured by subordinate liens on the real property that Mr. R. had purchased, had become unsecured when senior lienholders foreclosed on the property during the collapse of the housing market.

Law student Denise Miller ’12 worked on the litigation from October 2011 through May 2012 (largely on discovery) and law student Jeremy Treanor ’12 worked on the litigation from June 2012 through November 2012. The Law Center was able to secure Mrs. R.’s dismissal from the lawsuit almost immediately because the complaint failed to even allege her participation in the loan application process. In preparing for a trial against Mr. R., Jeremy Treanor was prepared to argue, among other things, that the originating lenders had not justifiably or reasonably relied on any allegedly false information in the loan applications because of superficial underwriting standards and procedures pervasive in the industry at the time. In advance of trial, he was prepared and filed a motion to dismiss for lack of standing. Just prior to the hearing of the motion, the debt buyer agreed to dismiss the lawsuit with prejudice and without payment of anything by Mr. R. Although Jeremy had been relishing the opportunity to argue the motion and later, if necessary, to conduct the trial, he was pleased to deliver Mr. R. the great news. “Although I missed the opportunity to argue in court, I still enjoyed working on this case very much,” says Jeremy. “It really helped me improve my research skills, taught about interviewing a client through an interpreter, and helped me spot the strengths and weaknesses of a case. My supervising attorney also helped me to improve my legal writing. There is no class that will teach you all these practical skills all at once. This was a great experience overall.”

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Human Trafficking Training

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for the Freedom Network U.S.A., and one of the presenters on civil litigation cases. “In many instances, people do not know that they are victims of human trafficking, and this requires a higher level of alertness by the general public; we all have a stake in this,” said Lynette Parker, KGACL Immigration Supervising Attorney and a presenter at the training. In an evaluation, an attendee wrote that: “In the last seven years of many Hu-
man Trafficking training events that I’ve attended, I would say this is by far the best! I got to learn about Human Traffick-
ing in a 360-degree view… I learned about HT on a micro as well as a macro level.”
The sponsors of this event perform important work in the community. SBCHEST is the local effort that re-

dents to finding traffickers in Santa Clara County. Through a victim-centered approach, it strengthens local capacity to respond to and identify human trafficking survivors. The Office of Women’s Policy was created to identify and address current and emerging issues for women and girls challenging our community today. It promotes special programs and activities to support and encourage the success of women and girls in all aspects of society. It serves as a focal point to enhance col-
laboration among women’s organizations, and complement local advocacy efforts through a focus on education, effective public policy implementation, and systems and institutional reform to better serve women and girls.

Community, Commitment & Courage Awards, 2012

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d each year, the Alexander Community Law Center celebrates the individuals and firms whose exemplary contributions advance the goals of the Law Center and the School of Law. This year’s celebration was held on October 4, at the Adobe Lodge and Mission Gardens.

Community Award: Ruth Silver Taube and Carole Vigne accepted the Award on behalf of the Legal Aid Society - Employment Law Center (LAS-ELC). The plaque reads: “Honoring the LAS-ELC for its dedication to addressing the needs of low-income and disadvantaged communities. The LAS-ELC has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to workers’ rights and has been a crucial bridge between legal services providers, law students and the legal profession.”

Commitment Award: Bernadette Connolly. The Law Center is grateful for her continued dedication and commitment to its clients and students over the years. Her plaque reads: “With sincere gratitude for the many hours you have committed to the KGACL’s Immigration Interviewing and Advice Clinics, All-Day Saturday training, as well as for the technical assistance on specific immigration issues, case assistance, and presentations to Santa Clara Law students.”

Courage Award: Ms. Guadalupe Ochoa Martinez, a brave and humble Law Center client. Her plaque reads: “We honor your courage to speak out and to pursue justice when it was safer to remain silent. Your courage helped not only to shed light on an unacceptable violation of work place safety and personal security, but has also protected the rights of other workers. Reuben Castillo received a standing ovation during his acceptance of the Eric & Nancy Wright Award. This is the second time he receives this award during his employment at the KGACL, for “sharing your knowledge, expertise and experience with all your students. For your incredible hard work and devotion to the Law Center, and your compassion and dedication to all your clients.”

Left to right: Bernadette Connolly, Reuben Castillo, Carole Vigne, Ruth Silver Taube and Guadalupe Ochoa Martinez

Our Work During Fiscal Year 2011-12

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hat the George & Katharine Alexander Community Law Center are happy to have concluded another fiscal year so successfully. We could not have done it without the support of our volunteer attorneys, our law students, our undergraduates and all those who strive to serve our community with competence, conscience and compassion. Above all, we could not have done it without our supporters – thank you!

During the period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, the Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center provided brief services and advice to:

• 104 individuals during its Consumer Rights Clinics,
• 324 individuals during its Workers’ Rights Clinics and
• 199 individuals during its Immigration Clinics.

During the same period, the Community Law Center was able to:

• recover a total of $98,289.31 in damages for 25 clients in the Consumer Law area, while it was able to save them a total of $289,059.34 arising from contract disputes;
• recover $142,293.74 in unpaid wages and for discrimination claims (for cumulative awards totaling $268,825.97 for its Workers’ Rights clients);
• open 13 Human Trafficking cases and close eight in its Immigration area;
• open 20 U-Visa cases for victims of crime and close 12 cases based on the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

Thanks to its mobile community workshops, KGACL was able to reach 351 individuals in San José with information regarding their rights as consumers and tenants.

In all, KGACL students logged 13,425 hours of work to ameliorate the lives of the many individuals cited above. At a billable rate of $150 per hour, this would represent a direct benefit of $2,013,750.00 to the community.

Of course, we have completed much more work in the second half of this year, and those figures will be reflected in the next fiscal year.

Thanks to all of you for helping the Alexander Community Law Center achieve its dual goal of assisting the community while providing learning opportunities of the highest caliber to our law students.

Community Award: Reuben Castillo, Carole Vigne, Ruth Silver Taube and Guadalupe Ochoa Martinez

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You may learn more about KGACL at http://law.scu.edu/kgacl/

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