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PARALEGAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION: MINNESOTA INNOCENCE PROJECT SPEAKER

This year, the Paralegal Student Association was fortunate enough to be able to host a presentation by Tanya Dugree, a Tampa Criminal Defense Attorney who was also a founding member of the Innocence Project of Minnesota. She spoke to a group of around 30 Paralegal Students at the Fireside Lounge in the Student Center on November 18th at 5:30 p.m.

For the uninitiated, the Innocence Project is a non-profit organization that aims to exonerate those who have been wrongly convicted of crimes. This is primarily done through DNA testing, as well as uncovering evidence of a lack of due process during the trial and eventual conviction of the accused. The Minnesota branch of the Innocence Project was established in 2001. If you are interested in volunteering for the organization, visit www.ipmn.org/volunteer/.



During her 90-minute presentation, Ms. Dugree offered advice to various students about their chosen areas of laws to study, and spoke passionately about her experiences as a criminal defense attorney in Florida. She also discussed how students may balance getting an education and a full-time job, as she did when she graduated from Hamline School of Law while working as a student attorney in Hennepin County.

Ms. Dugree's address was well-received by students who attended, and following the speech, she was open to questions from the students, who asked her questions ranging from asking about her experiences working as a public defender, to asking about her favorite nit-picks in television shows and movies based on the law.

SPRING 2018 REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration for the 2018 Spring Semester is open!

The schedule showing Paralegal Courses that will be offered during the fall semester is attached on page 4.

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PARALEGAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Join the NHCC Paralegal Student Association for a chance to participate in fun and engaging events to add notable experience to your resume.

Our next meeting will be held during the Spring 2018 semester. Look out for posters announcing the dates of the first meeting or contact PSA@nhcc.edu.

If you are interested in being involved as an officer of the club, several positions are available as listed with a description of the duties of each officer:

ROLES AND DEFINITIONS

- **Vice President**
 - It shall be the duty of the vice president to assist the president in the discharge of his/her duties and in the president's absence to assume his/her duties and officiate in his/her stead.
- **Treasurer**
 - The treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the club and shall keep a record of all receipts and disbursements and shall render a written report when requested by the president or board of directors.
- **Secretary**
 - It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the minutes of the meeting of the club and to supervise all reports.
- **Editor**
 - It shall be the duty of the editor to write, plan, and edit content for the newsletter Gears of Law; solicit for content for the newsletter; edit all solicited content.
- **Media Officer**
 - It shall be the duty of the media officer to photograph any club events or board meetings; create and supply visual aids for any club events or board meetings; create advertising media if requested or needed



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CURRENT EVENTS

- 'The NYPD has launched a criminal investigation into Harvey Weinstein, as sexual assault allegations surface' <http://www.businessinsider.com/nypd-launches-criminal-investigation-into-harvey-weinstein-2017-10>
- 'Court upholds confession by Brendan Dassey of 'Making a Murderer'' <http://www.cnn.com/2017/12/08/us/brendan-dassey-confession-upheld/index.html>
- 'Liking' Racist Posts Merits Students' Suspension, Judge Rules' <https://www.courthousenews.com/liking-racist-posts-merits-students-suspension-judge-rules/>
- 'Should a jury know a person's immigration status? Washington's high court says no with groundbreaking rule' <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/should-a-jury-know-a-persons-immigration-status-washingtons-high-court-says-no-with-groundbreaking-rule/>
- 'Second Judge Blocks Trump's Transgender Ban in the Military' <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/21/us/transgender-ban-military.html>
- 'Former New York state official sued over alleged sexual harassment' <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-new-york-harassment-lawsuit/former-new-york-state-official-sued-over-alleged-sex-harassment-idUSKBN1DK017>
- 'Corruption trial of Senator Menendez ends in mistrial' <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-new-jersey-menendez/corruption-trial-of-senator-menendez-ends-in-mistrial-idUSKBN1DG2NP>
- 'FCC approves TV technology that gives better pictures but less privacy' <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-television-technology/fcc-approves-tv-technology-that-gives-better-pictures-but-less-privacy-idUSKBN1DG2XF>
- '\$41.5M verdict for student who fell ill on school trip to China has implications for study abroad' <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2017/08/24/415m-verdict-student-who-fell-ill-school-trip-china-has-implications-study-abroad>
- 'Are iPhone slowdowns a trespass to chattel? 2 lawsuits with differing causes of action filed' http://www.abajournal.com/news/article/are_iphone_slowdowns_a_trespass_to_chattel_two_class_actions_filed_with_dif
- 'Grand Jury Report on Penn State Hazing Finds 'Indignities and Depravities' <https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/12/15/571059617/grand-jury-report-on-penn-state-hazing-finds-indignities-and-depravities>
- 'Red or blue? Supreme Court to rule on voters' apparel' <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2017/11/13/red-blue-supreme-court-rule-voters-apparel/763217001/>
- 'Trump travel ban and his tweets argued at federal court' https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/trump-travel-ban--the-30-version--argued-at-appeals-court/2017/12/08/58f506fe-daa7-11e7-a841-2066faf731ef_story.html?utm_term=.dc377d3c3a0b



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PARALEGAL COURSES
SPRING SEMESTER 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>PLEG 1111-91 Intro to Law and Paralegal Studies 6:30 - 9:10 p.m. 3 credits Vaia</p>	<p>PLEG 2430 Torts & Personal Injury Law –Hybrid 3:30 – 6:10 p.m. 3 credits Fenske</p>			<p>PLEG 2810-71 Employment Search - 4 mornings (1/14, 1/28, 2/11, 2/25) 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon 1 credit Vaia</p>
<p>PLEG 1510-91 Intellectual Property 5:30 -7:10 p.m. 2 credits Woodbury</p>	<p>PLEG 1412-91 Litigation II 6:30 – 9:10 p.m. 3 credits Overby</p>	<p>PLEG 2212-91 Legal Research and Writing II 6:30 – 9:10 p.m. 3 credits Woodbury</p>	<p>PLEG 2620-91 Property 6:30 – 9:10 p.m. 3 credits Vaia</p>		
<p>PLEG 1210-92 Computer Applications 7:30 – 9:10 p.m. 2 credits Woodbury</p>	<p>PLEG 1411-91 Litigation I 6:30 – 9:10 p.m. 3 credits Woodbury</p>	<p>PLEG 2211-91 Legal Research and Writing I 6:30 – 9:10 p.m. 3 credits Fenske</p>	<p>PLEG 2930-91 Legal Studies Seminar 6:30 – 9:10 p.m. 3 credits Fenske</p>		