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## Thomas Jefferson School of Law elects 4 new board members



### Law Briefs

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Thomas Jefferson School of Law has elected four members to its board of trustees, Rudy Hasl, dean and president of the law school, announced Monday.

The new board members are the Hon. Patricia Benke, associate justice on the Fourth District Court of Appeal; L. Renée Comeau, senior vice president of **California Bank and Trust**; Dean Richard Morgan, former dean of the University of Nevada Las Vegas Boyd School of Law; and Randy Grossman, a practicing lawyer and adjunct faculty member, who will be serving in a newly established position for an alumnus/alumna.

"We are thrilled at the caliber of individual that we have been able to bring to the active leadership of the board," Hasl said. "As the school plans for its relocation to the downtown area in 2011, and its more significant engagement with the legal community, it has added four board members who are uniquely qualified to provide connections to the San Diego and to the broader legal education communities."

Benke has served on the appellate since 1987 and is a former resident faculty member at Thomas Jefferson. She is also the author of four fiction crime novels.

Comeau has been in banking and finance in San Diego for 30 years. She is highly active in community affairs and volunteer work, for which she has won many notable awards and honors.

Morgan was the founding dean at UNLV's William S. Boyd School of Law and currently practices with the firm of **Lionel Sawyer & Collins** in Las Vegas. He is also very active on several boards and committees.

In addition to being an adjunct faculty member at Thomas Jefferson, Grossman is the past president of the TJSL Alumni Association. He is in private practice as a sports agent and defense attorney.

Other Thomas Jefferson School of Law trustees are John Seitman, chair; Charles G. Abdelnour; Robert Ames; David Bejarano; Samuel J. Kahn; Magistrate William McCurine Jr.; Richard Prochazka; Raymond D. Taramasco and James P. White. **Source Code: 20091013tja**