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TBLS Supporters,

First, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support and participation with our organization in its first full year. The enthusiasm and generosity of the attorneys and firms who have offered their time, advice, and financial support of our new group have been stunning and we could not have made it this far without you.

The founding members of TBLS started this group primarily as a means to participate in the LawMeet competition. We were a motivated group of rising 2Ls who wanted to gain practical experience related to transactional law that we just couldn't get from a classroom. With the support of Dean Bangs and the Interscholastic Moot Court Program, we were able to send two teams to the competition last year.

We could have been satisfied, having accomplished our intended goal, but we saw an opportunity to fill a need at UT Law and the overwhelming support we received from Student Affairs and our founding sponsor Norton Rose Fulbright made it possible for us to turn a simple competition team into a full fledged society with almost 200 members.

Last semester we hosted 5 events, organized 2 intramural sports teams, and added 2 practice teams and a pre-meet to the LawMeet program. We have another packed semester ahead of us and we hope you continue to support our efforts. Thank you again for being a part of this adventure.

Sincerely,

Leslie G. Vaughn
President



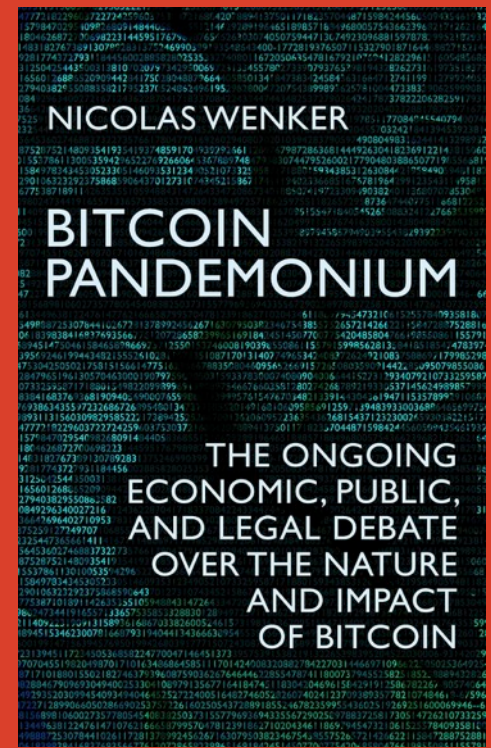
Board Spotlight: Nick Wenker, Class of 2015, LawMeet Liaison

In 2013-2014, Nick served as the group's first Vice President and as Captain of one of the new Drexel LawMeet transactional competition teams. Nick currently serves as the bridge between these teams and TBLS as the LawMeet Liaison.

In the spring of 2014 Nick developed an interest in Bitcoin during a financial regulation seminar. The timing coincided with

the initial wave of U.S. Bitcoin regulation, and in the summer Nick built on his seminar work to publish the first-ever full-length book on the history of Bitcoin and cryptocurrency regulation. The book is titled "Bitcoin Pandemonium: The Ongoing Economic, Public, and Legal Debate over the Nature and Impact of Bitcoin" and is available on Amazon.com in both digital and print.

Nick is originally from Zurich, Switzerland, and holds a B.A. in German and Humanities from the University of Texas and an M.A. in Political Science from the University of North Carolina. In October 2015 he will join the Houston office of Kirkland & Ellis as a transactional associate.



LawMeet 2015

This year TBLS has organized two competition teams and a practice squad for the Drexel Transactional LawMeet Competition.

The Houston team members are Jessica Sewell (Captain '16), Leslie Vaughn ('15), and Ben Griffith ('16). The Tucson team members are Hannah Houshian (Captain '16), Nafisa Bringe ('16), and Ashley Carlisle ('16).

The Practice Team members are Garrett McKuin (Captain '16), Anthony Franklyn ('16), Etienne Couret ('16), and William Shipman ('16).

The teams are coached by Norton Rose Fulbright attorneys Scott Brown (Houston), Tony Shih (Houston), Ann Benolken (Austin), and Scott Murray (Austin). The Regional Meets are February 28 and Norton Rose Fulbright will host a Pre-Meet in their Austin offices on February 20.

Recent Events

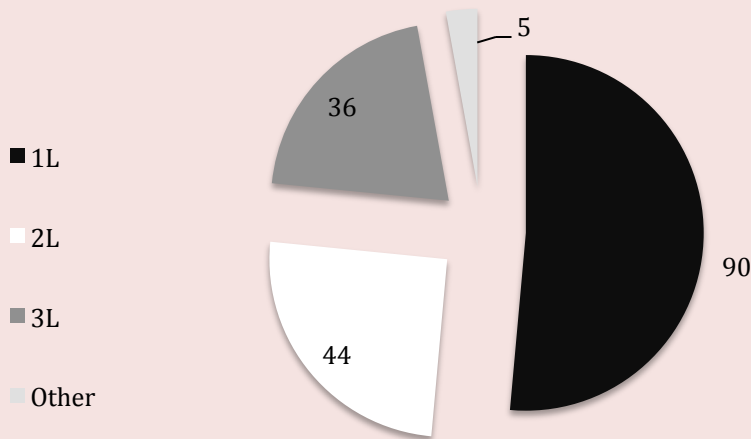
TBLS kicked off the fall semester with the **1L Happy Hour** at Buffalo Billiards. We had over 100 1Ls show up to hear about the group. The class of 2017 now makes up over half of TBLS membership. We had a packed house at the **Associate Luncheon** where associates from Norton Rose Fulbright, Kirkland and Ellis, Baker Botts, and Husch Blackwell had lunch with students and discussed what its like day-to-day as a transactional associate. Thirty students attended and there was a waitlist of thirty more. The **Pro Bono Small Business Boot Camp** featured presentations from UT Clinic faculty Prof. Way and Prof. Martinez, Reena Richtermeyer of Arendes, Green, Richtermeyer & Stahl, and David Garcia of Waller, Lansden, Dortch & Davis, LLP. Topics included Choice of Entity, Interview & Client Intake Skills, and Lifecycle of a Business. The **Partner Panel** featured Alan Laves (Akin Gump, Debt Finance), Tom Adkins (Bracewell & Giuliani, Corporate & Securities), Bill Benitez (Kirkland & Ellis, Corporate, M&A, Private Equity), Bart Huffman (Locke Lord, Intellectual Property) and Marlen Whitley (Reed Smith, Corporate and Securities). We capped off the semester with the **Fall BBQ**.



Upcoming Events

The LawMeet competition will take up the first half of the spring semester. In early March, TBLS will host a Crash Course in Private Equity presented by Kirkland & Ellis. There will also be a group wide volunteer day organized by our Pro Bono Committee. The Membership Committee is partnering with the SBA to plan a golf tournament. We will cap off the year with the two day long 2nd Annual M&A School hosted by Norton Rose Fulbright. TBLS will also organize intramural basketball and softball teams sponsored by Andrews Kurth.

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