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# WITAN

*St. Mary's University School of Law*

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Issue 1 – August 24, 2015

## Announcements

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### A Special Message from the Dean

Dear Member of the St. Mary's University School of Law:

Welcome to the new school year! We have an outstanding new class of J.D. students joining us. We have a great class of LL.M. students from across the globe. We have our first class of M.Jur. students. And, we have our world-class faculty and staff [here](#) to teach and to guide them all. It will be a wonderful year.

There have been important developments in the School of Law. We have a new tenure-track professor for our Immigration Clinic, Erica Schommer, who joins us from an immigration practice in Seattle, Washington. We have an Assistant Dean for Law Student Affairs, Alan Haynes, who joins us from the University of Minnesota. We are also fortunate to have a new Assistant Dean for Administration, at least on an interim basis, our new Practitioner in Residence, Scott Rammell. We have a new coordinator for our graduate and international students, Shannon Sevier.

We are inaugurating a new Law Success Program, which consolidates Academic Success and Bar Preparation, including new assistant directors, notably Sherry Clegg, who comes to us from Texas Tech, and a full-time counselor, Ileana Velazquez, who has been working in our criminal clinic.

A new program for institutional research and faculty assistance, the Dean's Research Fellows, is now located in the Law Library. The first class of fellows is being trained under the supervision of Mike Martinez and our interim manager, Paul Pellegrini.

Dean Emeritus Charles Cantú has returned to teaching from his sabbatical. He will co-teach, with me, a class in Ethical Leadership in the Law on Wednesday afternoons, hosting an array of fabulous speakers open to the whole law school.

Two new experts have joined our Law School Advancement team to increase outreach to our alumni and friends and to make the case for help for the law school, Jeremy Barnes and Lea Morford.

While you were away, University Facilities has been hard at work. Look for changes all over the Law School and nearby, including:

- The new Collaborative Learning Commons in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. We plan to open it in the first week of October.
- The new Pub in the Blume Library, which will open on September 10.
- The new plaza connecting the School of Law to the Blume Library, which will open with the Pub.
- A new nursing mother's room in Raba, and new baby-changing facilities throughout the School of Law.
- An improved sound system in the Courtroom, and a new sound system in the Law Alumni Room of the library.
- More attractive (and mosquito retarding) landscaping.
- New and attractive security lighting.
- Improved drinking fountains and other water accessories.
- I hope you find your time in law school this year happier, more productive, and more committed to your success in pursuing your goals.

Steve Sheppard

## **1L Mandatory Meeting with the Texas Board of Law Examiners**

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L1 Identity Solutions will conduct fingerprinting for all first-year law students for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners (BLE) on Tuesday, October 20 through Thursday, Oct. 22 and Monday, Oct. 26, 2015. All sessions will be held from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. in the Ernest Raba Building, second floor, law faculty room 207. The company reserves the right to cancel an entire day if the number of registrants is below 20. Please reserve the dates. Instructions for the registration process,

which is completed after the Declaration has been filed will be announced in September. Be sure to check your St. Mary's Student Email account for more details on the 1L Fingerprinting process.

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### **St. Mary's Federalist Society Board Recruitment**

Attention all St. Mary's University School of Law students: the St. Mary's Law Federalist Society Student Chapter is now accepting applications for the 2015-2016 Board of Directors. The application deadline is August 28, 2015. For more information, please contact: Ramon "Ray" Macias IV, President, at [rmacias10@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rmacias10@stmarytx.edu) or <http://www.facebook.com/stmufedsoc>.

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## Events

### Meet the Professional Luncheon

Don't miss out on this great opportunity on Tuesday, September 1, 2015, 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. in the Atrium, Law Administration building. Come and hear Jennifer Thomas of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS). PDS provides and promotes quality legal representation to indigent adults and children facing a loss of liberty in the District of Columbia and thereby protects society's interest in the fair administration of justice. PDS is regarded as one of the best public defender offices in the country—local or federal. It is the benchmark by which other public defender systems often measure themselves. Lunch will be provided.

### Innsbruck Program 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

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## Academic Support

### 1L Presentation – Study Schedules and Study Groups

On Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., LC105, the Office of Academic and Student Affairs will assist students in creating a weekly study schedule and provide helpful advice on creating productive study groups. Students will leave this presentation with a customized study schedule complete with time allotted for class, reading, outlining, and personal obligations. Don't miss this highly attended event. We look forward to seeing you there.

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## Call for Judges and Bailiffs

The Board of Advocates (BOA) seeks 3L student judges as well as any law students to serve as bailiffs for the 2015 St. Mary's Law School Texas Undergraduate Moot Court Association (TUMCA) Invitational to be held on Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19, 2015 on the law school campus. If you are a 3L interested in serving as a judge, alongside a local attorney for the preliminary rounds, please contact Ms. Margie Hilmo at [margie.hilmo@gmail.com](mailto:margie.hilmo@gmail.com). For more information go to [https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/custom/LawSchool/TheWitan/boa\\_call\\_for\\_judgesbailiffs.pdf](https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/custom/LawSchool/TheWitan/boa_call_for_judgesbailiffs.pdf).

## 1L BLE Information Available on Website

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[http://www.ble.state.tx.us/pdfs/Applications/Declarant\\_Steps\\_to\\_Bar\\_Admission\\_in\\_Texas.pdf](http://www.ble.state.tx.us/pdfs/Applications/Declarant_Steps_to_Bar_Admission_in_Texas.pdf)

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### China Summer Program Barbeque Party

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### When Criminal and Immigration Law Meet: A Talk with *Crimmigration Law* Author

Immigration law often turns on the outcome of criminal proceedings, that criminal proceedings are routinely affected by a defendant's immigration status, and that policing habits long associated with one or the other area of law have crossed the doctrinal divide. This is *crimmigration* law. Please join author García Hernández for a discussion of *Crimmigration Law*, the first book to map the doctrinal landscape of this emerging body of law that is rapidly evolving in courtrooms and legislatures throughout the U.S. This event will be held on Thursday, September 17 in the Atrium of the Law Administration building, 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Erica Schommer at [eschommer@stmarytx.edu](mailto:eschommer@stmarytx.edu).

### China Summer Program Barbecue Party

The law school China program will host a barbecue party at the residence of Professor Vincent R. Johnson on Sunday, September 20 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. All law students are invited to attend. While enjoying food and conversation you may find out about next summer's program in China. Please RSVP to [ecadena@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ecadena@stmarytx.edu) by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. Professor Johnson and his wife (Jill Torbert '87) live at 124 West Gramercy Place, San Antonio, 78212, in the Monte Vista Historic District, about two miles north of downtown San Antonio, near Trinity University.

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An Application for Degree card, which notifies the Administration when you intend to graduate (December 2015, May 2016, or August 2016) and how you want your name printed on your diploma, is now in the 3L student boxes in the law classroom building. The completed card is due by Friday, September 25, 2015 in room 121 in the Law Administration Building. If you did not receive a card in your student box, you may pick one up from this office. If you ARE NOT GRADUATING within the next 12 months, please let Ms. Olfers know so she can remove your name from any preliminary lists. Contact [yolfers@stmarytx.edu](mailto:yolfers@stmarytx.edu) for more information.

### Live Streaming of Pope Francis U.S. Visit

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## Congratulations

### 2015 St. Mary's School of Law Texas Undergraduate Moot Court Invitational

On September 18 and 19, 2015, St. Mary's School of Law hosted the 2015 Texas Undergraduate Moot Court Competition, a state wide invitational moot court competition for undergraduate students. Sixteen teams from six schools across Texas participated in this year's competition. The schools were Baylor University, Howard Payne University, University of the Incarnate Word, University of North Texas, Texas A&M University, and University of Texas at San Antonio. The three preliminary rounds were held at the St. Mary's School of Law campus. Four teams advanced to the semi-finals, which were held in the law classroom building: Alexis Rickmers & Kristen DeWilde (UNT), Joshua Upham & Memona Niazi (Baylor), Eryn Mascia & Taylor Ledford (UNT), and Julie Nelson & Rachel Reon (Baylor). In the final round of the competition, which was held in the law school's courtroom, Eryn Mascia & Taylor Ledford beat Alexis Rickmers & Kristen DeWilde to win the competition. A video of the final round was made. The judges for the final round were the Honorable Gloria Saldaña (presiding), Judge of the 438th Civil District Court of Bexar County, in San Antonio, Texas; Professor Dave Schlueter, Hardy Professor of Law and Director of Advocacy Programs at St. Mary's University, School of Law; and Mr. Ricky J. Poole, Coordinator of External Advocacy Teams and Coach of the External Advocacy Moot Court Team at St. Mary's University, School of Law. At the competition dinner following the preliminary Rounds, Dr. Gary Keith, Tournament Director and representative of the Texas Undergraduate Moot Court Association (TUMCA) recognized the Top 10 Best Speakers and awarded the Top 5 Best Speakers of the competition. This year's Invitational was organized and run by a law school committee consisting of: Ms. Catherine Casiano, Director of Student Recruitment and Associate Tournament Director; Ms. Margie Hilmo (3L), Student Director; and committee member, Stephanie De Sola (3L). Many thanks to the Committee, the Board of Advocates, members of the faculty who served as judges, the numerous law students who served as judges and bailiffs for their outstanding efforts and support in running this competition, and Dean Stephen Sheppard for his support and encouragement. Thanks are also extended to the many members of the San Antonio legal community, as well as St. Mary's Law School alumni, for their continued support of the school, this competition, and the law school's advocacy programs.

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## 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Red Mass

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On Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at Noon in LCB 101, Professors Chad Pomeroy and Michael Ariens will offer information about the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Institute on World Legal Problems in Innsbruck, Austria. This Informational Meeting will last approximately 40 minutes, and will include information about classes, financial aid, travel, housing, and other relevant news. Food and drink will be served. The 2016 Innsbruck program will begin on Monday, July 4, 2016, and end on Friday, August 5, 2016. All those interested in considering Law Study Abroad should plan on attending. For those who cannot make it, please feel free to see either Prof. Pomeroy or Prof. Ariens with any questions. Profs. Pomeroy and Ariens will also hold an informational meeting at 5:00 p.m. on October 13 in LCB 101 for any evening or other student interested in the 2016 Innsbruck program.

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### Red Mass

#### The Most Splendid Public Event of the Law School Year

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Texas Young Lawyers Association. \$1,000, \$500. <http://www.tyla.org/tyla/index.cfm/resources/law-students1/scholarships/>. Deadline is October 9, 2015.

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## December Degree Candidates – Order Academic Regalia and Invitations

Orders for tams, gowns, and hoods, plus invitations and announcements can be made on-campus on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 in the Atrium, Law Administration building, 12:00 - 6:00 p.m., or online starting October 12, at [www.texasrecognition.com](http://www.texasrecognition.com) ["Click Here for our Online Store" button and select "St. Mary's School of Law" to continue]. More information can be found here <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/custom/LawSchool/TheWitan/Regalia%20and%20Invitations.pdf>.

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The 2015 competition featured 16 law schools: Buffalo, Campbell, Charleston, Cumberland, Emory, Faulkner, University of Florida (Levin), Georgia State, Houston, Maryland, Pepperdine, South Texas, St. John's, Texas, Texas Southern (Thurgood Marshall), and American University, Washington College of Law. The three preliminary rounds were held at the Bexar County Courthouse and the Bexar County Justice Center. Four teams: Maryland, Florida, Charleston, and Campbell advanced to the semifinals in the Law Classroom Building on the St. Mary's campus. The Honorable John W. Primomo, United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Texas; Richard Durbin, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Texas; and Donna Coltharp, Deputy Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Texas judged the final round. The University of Maryland School of Law claimed a national title with its final-round victory over the University of Florida Levin College of Law in the Lone Star Classic mock trial competition. Nicholas Gurney, from the University of Florida, was named Best Speaker of the competition. The final round was held in the law school's high-tech courtroom. The following awards were announced at the competition dinner following the preliminary rounds:

- Most Professional Team – Texas Southern University
- Best Opening Statement – Tina Andrews (University of Texas)
- Best Direct Examination – Michael Reid (Pepperdine)
- Best Cross-Examination – Leyna Palmer (Georgia State)
- Best Closing Argument – Benjamin Garmoe (Maryland)
- Best Overall Advocate – Alexander Houthuijzen (South Texas)

The Lone Star Classic Committee was composed of Professor David Schlueter, Director, Associate Professor Ramona Lampley, Associate Director, Assistant Directors Clair Strom, Rebecca Fischer, and Austin Griffith and Committee Member Tifini Cigarroa, who is Chair of St. Mary's Law School's Board of Advocates. The Lone Star Classic Committee® would like to thank the members of the San Antonio Bar Association and all local attorneys who volunteered their time to make this competition successful.

## Student Organizations

### Women's Law Association and Office of Career Services Present: Attorney Panel Q&A

Join the Women's Law Association and the Office of Career Services on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 for an Attorney Panel Q&A. We have attorneys from a variety of legal fields who will join us and will answer all questions asked by the student body. The attorneys practice in areas including insurance law, medical malpractice, personal injury, DTPA, family law and more. This event will be held in the Law Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served and everyone is welcome. For more information you may contact Leah Wise at [leahmariewise@gmail.com](mailto:leahmariewise@gmail.com).

### St Mary's University's Student Veterans Organization Semester Meetings

The St Mary's University's Student Veterans Organization would like to invite all Veterans, ROTC, and VA benefits users to join us during our semester meetings. The meetings for the remainder of the semester are as scheduled as follows:

- Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
- Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

For more information about the meetings or to be added to the email distribution list, please send an email to [veterans@stmarytx.edu](mailto:veterans@stmarytx.edu) or [sle@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:sle@mail.stmarytx.edu).

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### Academic Course Advising

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<u>Activity</u>	<u>Cost per Person</u>
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Both events	\$ 55.00
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**SAYLA Courthouse Tour Agenda – October 21, 2015**

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1:00 - 1:30	Presiding Court, First Floor, Suite 1.09	Hon. Gloria Saldana <i>General Overview of Bexar County Civil District Courts</i>
1:35 - 1:55	Probate Court No. 1, First Floor, Room 123	Hon. Kelly Cross <i>General Overview of Probate Courts</i>
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### EAP Moot Court Teams Garner State and National Recognition in October

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## Student Organizations

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*St. Mary's University School of Law*

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6. That you are taking the courses needed to succeed on the bar exam.

To schedule a meeting contact Patricia Solano at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu). Be sure to bring a proposed class schedule with you as a starting point for the conversation.

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Students with 31 hours or more and less than 51 hours may register online beginning at 8:00 a.m. on November 2, 2015 and continue through 11:59 p.m. November 7, 2015. After November 7<sup>th</sup>, the next online opportunity for course changes will be the week of January 11, 2016.

1L students will be registered for the spring 2016 semester the week of October 19, 2015.

Online registration is only open for two weeks October 26 through November 7, 2015.

Please be advised that if you have a hold on your account you must clear it before you can access online registration. If you have questions regarding online registration, you must contact Ms. Catherine Mery, Director of Student Enrollment at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu). Please do not contact the Registrar's Office for questions related to law school registration. If you send an email to Ms. Mery include your name and St. Mary's student id number.

## Street Law Program at Holy Cross High School

Since 1972, law schools around the world have developed Street Law programs that teach young people in schools about the law, while providing law students with a unique, powerful professional development opportunity. We will be launching a Street Law program with Holy Cross High School next semester. If you are a law student and interested in participating please come to the one of the available Information Sessions on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 12:00 Noon in LC 104 or at 4:30 p.m. in LC 103. If you cannot attend but would like to participate, please contact Assistant Dean Alan Haynes at [ahaynes5@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ahaynes5@stmarytx.edu). For more information go to [http://www.streetlaw.org/en/programs//law\\_school\\_programs](http://www.streetlaw.org/en/programs//law_school_programs).

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## Events

### "Targeted Killing by the US" – A Lecture by Professor Frederick M. Lorenz

The 2016 China Summer Program and the International Law Student Association proudly present "Targeted Killing by the US." This talk by Professor Frederick M. Lorenz, a senior lecturer in

international studies at the University of Washington, will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 from 12:00 to 1:15 p.m. in LC 102. Lorenz has served as a Fulbright Senior Scholar in Russia, a military legal advisor in Africa, and has guest lectured for St. Mary's in San Antonio and Austria. Lorenz is an expert on numerous international law topics, ranging from maritime piracy and international criminal tribunals to environmental issues in Iraq along the Tigris and Euphrates. Professor Lorenz will use part of his time to discuss job opportunities in International Law (unrelated to the main topic of his talk). Contact Professor Vincent R. Johnson, [vjohnson@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vjohnson@stmarytx.edu) for more information.

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- Monday, Jan. 18, 2016
- Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016 (Advanced Only)
- Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016
- Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016 (Advanced Only)

Training will take place in the Albert B. Alkek Business School building at St. Mary's and will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Training materials as well as snacks, a light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Register at <https://www.stmarytxvita.org>. For more information please visit <https://www.stmarytxvita.org/>

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We know you join us in congratulating these fine advocates, as well as their tireless coach, Nicole Thornbro, for their hard work, dedication and great success on behalf of St. Mary's University School of Law.

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Earlier this month, the team of Stephanie De Sola (3L), Leah Wise (3L) and William "Billy" Calve (2L) competed at the National Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition at Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, California. The tournament deals with constitutional and statutory issues pertaining to the entertainment industry and included advocates from twenty-six (26) law schools all across the country. St. Mary's broke out of the elimination rounds in first place overall, and reached the **Semi-Finals** of the competition.



In addition to St. Mary's "Top-Four" finish, Stephanie De Sola was recognized as the **Second Best Oral Advocate** at the tournament. This tournament concludes a successful Fall semester for St. Mary's EAP Moot Court, with every team competing in the Fall making it to the elimination rounds at a state or national competition.

St. Mary's congratulates these fine advocates for their team and individual successes, and applauds their dedication and hard work on behalf of St. Mary's EAP Moot Court.

## **St. Mary's EAP Mock Trial Team Wins ABA Regional Championship and Qualify for National Finals**

This past weekend two St Mary's mock trial teams competed in the American Bar Association's Labor & Employment Law Trial Advocacy Competition in Dallas. Both teams advanced to the semifinal rounds.

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## **2015 Wayne and Maxine Scott Negotiations Competition Champions**

Congratulations to Rebecca Fischer (3L) and Travis McBride (3L), the 2015 Wayne and Maxine Scott Negotiations Competition champions. Finalists were Sean Menendez (3L) and Marcelo Garcia (2L).

Thank you to the Committee, the Board of Advocates, members of the faculty who served as judges and all law students who competed and volunteered their time. A heartfelt thank you is also extended to the members of the San Antonio legal community for their continued support of the law school's advocacy programs.

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### **Mock Trial Team is Finalist at ABA National Competition**

This past weekend a St. Mary's School of Law mock trial team was the national runner up in the American Bar Association's Section of Labor and Employment Law Trial Advocacy Competition in New Orleans, Louisiana. The team composed of Mr. Dominic Selvera (3L), Mr. Jim Mattox (3L), Ms. Charli Kilpatrick (2L) and Mr. Eric Botello who competed with dedication and passion. After successfully defending their regional crown (won at Dallas in November) by advancing to the semifinals, the team defeated a squad from William & Mary and advanced to the final round against UC Hastings.

The final round was presided over by the Honorable Justice Bernice Donald of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

After a well fought round, the St. Mary's team was defeated by only one point. Coach Joshua Luke Sandoval said that "He is extremely proud of the students for their dedication to advocacy and professionalism. They represented the school with dignity." Please congratulate the team and Mr. Sandoval on this national honor.

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## 2016 Equal Justice Works Public Interest Awards

*Equal Justice Works* is now accepting applications for their 2016 Public Interest Awards. This year, the Equal Justice Works [National Advisory Committee](#) is presenting awards to law students at Equal Justice Works [member schools](#) in eight regions who have a demonstrated commitment to public interest law and pro bono work. The 2016 Equal Justice Works Public Interest Awards seek to identify and honor law students who have provided extraordinary service through clinics, volunteer work, internships, extracurricular projects, and more. The deadline to apply for an Equal Justice Works Public Interest Award is March 1, 2016. [Click here](#) to access the 2016 Equal Justice Works Public Interest Award application, and [click here](#) to view a list of all Equal Justice Works member schools by region. For all questions, please email our Law School Engagement & Advocacy Unit at [lsea@equaljusticeworks.org](mailto:lsea@equaljusticeworks.org).

## Meeting on Study in China – This Summer

Professor's Vincent Johnson and Bob Hu will meet with students to discuss the China study program this summer. The meeting will be in the Atrium, Law Administration building on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 from 12–1:00 p.m. Food will be provided. They will discuss the courses offered, housing, internships, travel, costs, and answer any questions you may have. Please attend if you plan to study in China this summer.

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*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* invites you to their 2016 Symposium Immigration Law at a Crossroads: The Path Forward with presentations by Barbara Hines, Steven Schulman and Dennis J. Windscheffel, Nina Perales and more. February 26, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Pearl Studio at the Historic Pearl, 312 Pearl Parkway, San Antonio, Texas 78215. Program Fees: \$100 for Attorneys, \$60 for Non-Attorneys, Free Student Admission. Program fee includes breakfast and lunch. CLE Hours: 7.5 hours and includes 1 hour of ethics. For more information please visit [www.scholarlawreview.com](http://www.scholarlawreview.com) or contact *The Scholar* at [scholarsymposium@gmail.com](mailto:scholarsymposium@gmail.com).

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Congratulations to the 2016 Federal Bar Association Moot Court Competition winners Damon Goff (2L) and Oliver Mintz (2L) with best speaker awarded to Damon Goff. Finalists were Vincent Petrucci (3L) and Brandon Grable (3L). Judges for the final round were the Honorable Xavier Rodriguez, U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas; Honorable Craig Gargotta, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Texas & Adjunct Professors; and Judge Ron Rangel, 379th Criminal District Court. The Board of Advocates would like to acknowledge and thank their sponsor, the San Antonio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, for their support. Thanks are also extended to the members of the San Antonio legal community for their continued support of the law school's advocacy programs.

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### Free Luncheon on the Future of Corporate Law and Energy Policy

Terry Bassham, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Great Plains Energy and Kansas City Power and Light in Kansas City, MO will visit St. Mary's University School of Law on Tuesday, February 2, 2016. Mr. Bassham will give a presentation on corporate law and energy policy at 12:00 noon in the Atrium, Law Administration building. Students interested in attending this luncheon should RSVP to Ofilia Rodarte at [orodarte@stmarytx.edu](mailto:orodarte@stmarytx.edu). Mr. Bassham holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting from the University of Texas-Arlington and a Juris Doctor degree from St. Mary's University School of Law.

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\$100 for Attorneys, \$60 for Non-Attorneys, Free Student Admission. Program fee includes breakfast and lunch. CLE Hours: 7.5 hours and includes 1 hour of ethics. For more information please visit [www.scholarlawreview.com](http://www.scholarlawreview.com) or contact *The Scholar* at [scholarsymposium@gmail.com](mailto:scholarsymposium@gmail.com).

## San Antonio Bar Auxiliary

The San Antonio Bar Auxiliary will host their Olive Trueheart scholarship presentation on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at Club Giraud, 707 N. Saint Mary's Street, San Antonio, Texas, 78205 at 11:00 a.m.

## Student Competitions

### Renna and Jeff Embry Mock Trial Competition

The Board of Advocates will be hosting the Renna and Jeff Embry Mock Trial Competition. Teams interested in competing as well as persons interested serving as bailiffs must sign up for the competition by Friday, February 12, 2016 at Noon in the Law Classroom building, or by email to [Jessica.a.shawver@gmail.com](mailto:Jessica.a.shawver@gmail.com). Each team member is required to sign a consent form in order to register for the competition. The competition will consist of two-person teams. This year's mock trial problem involves a civil case. During the preliminary rounds each team will argue two out of the three evenings, once as plaintiff, and once as defendant. Preliminary Rounds: February 16th, 17th, and 18th Quarterfinal: February 22<sup>nd</sup> Semi- Final: February 24<sup>th</sup> Final Round: February 26<sup>th</sup>. 1Ls are not eligible to compete. However, they are welcome to volunteer as a bailiff or witness for the competitors. This is an excellent opportunity to observe the format of a mock trial competition.

## Ministry

### Campus Ministry

Ash Wednesday Mass and Distribution of Ashes for the School of Law will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. in the Law Alumni Room. Father Tim Eden will preside. A light Lenten lunch will follow. For a private confession, you may contact Fr. Jim Tobin at [jtobin@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jtobin@stmarytx.edu). Mass with distribution of ashes will also be held at 7:30 a.m. in the Assumption Chapel and at 11:20 a.m. in the Bill Greehey Arena, Alumni Athletics Convocation Center. Prayer services with distribution of ashes will be held at 5:00 p.m. in the Alkek Plaza and at 7:00 p.m. Taize Prayer at Guadalupe Chapel. For more information, contact University Ministry at 210.436.3213 or [univmin@stmarytx.edu](mailto:univmin@stmarytx.edu).

Sunday Masses are held at 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel. Weekday Masses are held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel and Tuesday, Thursday, 12:30 p.m. at Assumption Chapel.

RCIA and Confirmation classes are now underway. RCIA will meet at 9:30 a.m. in UMin every Sunday and then head to mass at 10:30 a.m. RCIA and Confirmation Students will gather at 12:15 in UMin for Faith Sharing, and Confirmation. Classes begin at 1:30 p.m. For more information please contact Irene Quesnot at [iquesnot@stmarytx.edu](mailto:iquesnot@stmarytx.edu).

### Bible Study

Those interested in expository teaching of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba building at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m.



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## Writing Competitions, Fellowships and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions, fellowships or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu). Additional scholarships may be available in the "Writing Contests and Competitions" section of Symplicity.

The Sylvester Turner for Mayor Campaign (Houston, Tx) is looking for interns and fellows for runoff election internship program. Visit <http://bit.ly/1f4wYLO>, telephone (832) 260-4507, or email [turnercampaigninternships@hotmail.com](mailto:turnercampaigninternships@hotmail.com).

The American Constitution Society. Recognition at annual ACS convention and cash prizes. <http://www.acslaw.org/chapters/studentcompetitions/writing>. Deadline is February 12, 2016.

Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation. <http://www.dallashispaniclawfoundation.com/>. Deadline is March 4, 2016.

Cameron County Bar Association. \$2,500. <http://ccbatexas.blogspot.com/p/scholarship.html>. Deadline is March 15, 2016.

Common Cause. \$5,000 \$3,000, \$2,000. [www.commoncause.org/GerrymanderStandard](http://www.commoncause.org/GerrymanderStandard). Deadline is March 27, 2016.

Zelle LLP. 2016 Diversity in Law Scholarship. \$30,000. Click [here](#) for a copy of the application. Deadline is April 1, 2016. Click [here](#) for more information or go to [www.zelle.com](http://www.zelle.com).

Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas. Three \$2,000 scholarships. Deadline is April 8, 2016.

DISH Network L.L.C. and Redgrave LLP. eDiscovery Legal Research & Writing competition. \$2,500, \$1,000. <http://www.dishediscovery.com>. Deadline is April 11, 2016.

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The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Deadline is June 15, 2016.

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## Law Clinic Applications and Information Sessions

St. Mary's Law Clinics are now accepting applications for Summer 2016 and Fall/Spring 2016-2017. To apply visit <https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/center-legal-social-justice/clinical-program/>. For more information about the clinical programs, visit our website or come talk to students and faculty at one of these information sessions: Tuesday, February 23, 12:00–2:00 p.m. in the Raba Foyer or on Wednesday, February 24, 12:00–2:00 p.m. and 5:00–7:00 p.m. in the Raba Foyer. Apply early, spaces are limited.

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The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Deadline is June 15, 2016.

Patrick Malone & Associates. "Representing Real People." Two \$5,000 scholarships. <http://www.patrickmalonelaw.com/patrick-malone-associates-scholarship/>. Deadline is July 1, 2016.

Tannenwald Writing Competition. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500. <http://www.tannenwald.org/2016-Competition-Announcement>. Deadline is 9:00 p.m., EDT, July 1, 2016.

Law Office of Renkin & Associates. 2016 Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness Law School Scholarship. \$1,000. <http://www.renkinlaw.com/leukemia-lymphoma-law-school-scholarship/>. Deadline is July 31, 2016.



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## Announcements

### **Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?**

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

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St. Mary's University School of Law will host the Texas Women Lawyers (TWL) 2016 Annual CLE and Annual Meeting on Friday, February 19, 2016. The TWL's speaker and networking reception will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at the downtown Menger Hotel from 5:30-7:30 p.m. There are tickets available at no cost, first come, first serve basis, and preferably to third-year students. The ticket includes the TWL conference, lunch, networking reception and annual membership to TWL. Please RSVP on Symplicity to guarantee your ticket <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. Aundria Martinez will send you a link to register after you have RSVP'd. You may find more information about the conference at <http://www.texaswomenlawyers.net/home/events/cle/>.

### **Court of Criminal Appeals Internship**

A summer internship with the Staff Attorneys' Office at the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin, Texas is available for a limited number of students during the summer of 2016. Students who are selected for the program will work under the supervision of staff attorneys on criminal appeals, petitions for discretionary review and habeas corpus petitions. Those interested in applying should send a resume and a cover letter addressed to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224 of the Law Faculty Building.

In the letter please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive two (2) pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a

minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed two years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply.

The deadline for applications is 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2015. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing. Students having questions about the program should contact Professor Schmolesky by e-mail at [jschmolesky@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jschmolesky@stmarytx.edu) or by calling his office 210.431.2275.

## 2016 Equal Justice Works Public Interest Awards

*Equal Justice Works* is now accepting applications for their 2016 Public Interest Awards. This year, the Equal Justice Works [National Advisory Committee](#) is presenting awards to law students at Equal Justice Works [member schools](#) in eight regions who have a demonstrated commitment to public interest law and pro bono work. The 2016 Equal Justice Works Public Interest Awards seek to identify and honor law students who have provided extraordinary service through clinics, volunteer work, internships, extracurricular projects, and more. The deadline to apply for an Equal Justice Works Public Interest Award is March 1, 2016. [Click here](#) to access the 2016 Equal Justice Works Public Interest Award application, and [click here](#) to view a list of all Equal Justice Works member schools by region. For all questions, please email our Law School Engagement & Advocacy Unit at [lsea@equaljusticeworks.org](mailto:lsea@equaljusticeworks.org).

## Nominations are Now Being Accepted

Nominations are now being accepted for Retired Chief Justice, Catherine M. Stone "**Rock of Justice**" award and for Retired Chief Justice, Alma L. Lopez "**Women in Law**" Student Leadership award. Faculty, staff, students, and student organizations may nominate a student for each award no later than Thursday, March 9, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Nominees will be asked to submit a resume and no self-nominations will be accepted. All nominees and the award recipient will be recognized at a reception for the Fourth Court of Appeals, following Oral Arguments on Monday, March 31, 2016 in the Alumni Room. Nominee applications are available in the law classroom and Raba building student bulletin boards.

## Academic Support

### Counseling Corner at the Law Commons Psychoeducational Discussion on Sleep Hygiene

Join Ileana, Velazquez Tuesday, February 16, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday, February 17, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. both days in the Law Commons for a discussion on sleep hygiene. Take a sleep quiz and learn all about good sleep hygiene. A good night's rest is essential for better performance, alertness and helps you retain and process new information. Investing in lifestyle choices that enhance a restful night's sleep is one of the most important ingredients you can give yourself to reach academic success, have better physical and mental health for a better quality of life. Handouts on different tips and techniques will be provided. Hope to see you there. For more information contact Ileana Velazquez at [ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu).

## Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in RABA 208. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call (210) 431-4225 or email at [ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu) to set up an appointment.

## Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has produced a quick video about how TLAP can assist law students navigate the pressures of law school. The video is on their web page at <http://www.texasbar.com/tlapisthere>.

## Notices

### Law Clinic Applications and Information Sessions

St. Mary's Law Clinics are now accepting applications for Summer 2016 and Fall/Spring 2016-2017. To apply visit <https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/center-legal-social-justice/clinical-program/>. For more information about the clinical programs, visit our website or come talk to students and faculty at one of these information sessions: Tuesday, February 23, 12:00–2:00 p.m. in the Raba Foyer or on Wednesday, February 24, 12:00–2:00 p.m. and 5:00–7:00 p.m. in the Raba Foyer. Apply early, spaces are limited.

### Family Law Monthly Meetings

The Family Law Section of the San Antonio Bar Association is sponsoring two (2) law students at each of their monthly meetings. Meetings are held each 3rd Tuesday of every month and are a good opportunity for students to meet local attorneys and judges, while learning about Family Law from the CLE topic presented at each meeting. They meet from 12:00–1:00 p.m. at The Palm Restaurant, 233 E. Houston Street, San Antonio, TX 78205. Students must be enrolled in either Family Law or the Family Law Clinic. If interested please contact attorney Richard Loza at (210) 212-3710 the week prior to the event to reserve one of the two spots.

### University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
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### Practice Credit Program/Office Hours

Gain legal experience while earning credit! Contact Nicole Merchan, [nmerchan@stmarytx.edu](mailto:nmerchan@stmarytx.edu) to set an appointment during her office hours. Office hours are located in the Office of Career Services on Mondays, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 2:00–4:00 p.m. She will help you learn more about the credit program details. Start planning for summer and fall NOW! Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Program, is on maternity leave until late April. Please contact Nicole for any questions about the program.

# Events

## People's Law School

People's Law School is an annual event in which members of the San Antonio community are invited to the law school to attend seminars on various areas of law lead by licensed attorneys. Student volunteers will also have the opportunity to listen in on seminars and meet the attorneys as part of assisting with operations. This year's event will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2016, from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. in the Law Classroom Building. We will need approximately eight (8) volunteers to help advertise, pass out flyers, and promote the event. Sign up on TWEN. Questions? Contact Angela Martinez-Alvarado at [angelamartinez\\_7@yahoo.com](mailto:angelamartinez_7@yahoo.com).

## Doing Business with Mexico – Guest Speaker

On Monday, February 22, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in RABA Building 103, Jesus Ramirez, Esq. a partner of VBCSR Abogados in Mexico City will be Prof. Rosas' guest speaker in his Doing Business with Mexico course. Mr. Ramirez will present a PowerPoint in English and give an oral explanation in Spanish on the meaning and benefits of the Mexican Energy Reform (O&G) and the new opportunities for American lawyers, mainly future St. Mary's law graduates. Please confirm attendance this week to Professor Rosas, [rosas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rosas@stmarytx.edu) no later than Friday, February 19, 2016.

## Theology & Beer and Root Beer

Join us for an engaging discussion on the Canon Laws of Marriage for this month's Theology & Beer and Root Beer event to be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at The Pub. Professor Richard Flint will be the speaker. Come and meet and greet with students and professors. This event is sponsored by St. Thomas More Society & Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity. For more information please contact Sister Grace Walle at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).

## Fifteenth Annual Symposium on Legal Malpractice and Ethics

The Fifteenth Annual Symposium on Legal Malpractice and Ethics will be held on Friday, February 26, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Plaza Club, 100 West Houston Street, Suite 2100, San Antonio, Texas, 78205. For paying registrants please go to <http://stmaryslawjournalsymposium16.eventbrite.com>. Law faculty who would like to attend the Symposium, please rsvp via email to either Renee Higgins at [rhiggins@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhiggins@stmarytx.edu) or Chris Bell at [chrisbell@mac.com](mailto:chrisbell@mac.com).

## Immigration Law at a Crossroads: The Path Forward

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* invites you to their 2016 Symposium Immigration Law at a Crossroads: The Path Forward with presentations by Barbara Hines, Steven Schulman and Dennis J. Windscheffel, Nina Perales and more. February 26, 2016, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Pearl Studio at the Historic Pearl, 312 Pearl Parkway, San Antonio, Texas 78215. Program Fees: \$100 for Attorneys, \$60 for Non-Attorneys, Free Student Admission. Program fee includes breakfast and lunch. CLE Hours: 7.5 hours and includes 1 hour of ethics. For more information please visit [www.scholarlawreview.com](http://www.scholarlawreview.com) or contact *The Scholar* at [scholarsymposium@gmail.com](mailto:scholarsymposium@gmail.com).

## San Antonio Bar Auxiliary

The San Antonio Bar Auxiliary will host their Olive Trueheart scholarship presentation on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at Club Giraud, 707 N. Saint Mary's Street, San Antonio, Texas, 78205 at 11:00 a.m.

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## Congratulations

### 2016 Renna and Jeff Embry Mock Trial Competition Semi-Finalists

Please join the Board of Advocates in congratulating the teams advancing to the semi-final round of the 2016 Renna and Jeff Embry Mock Trial Competition. The semi-finalists are Stacie Krause and Ashley Jones, Tifini Cigarroa and Victoria Cruz, Rachel Patman and Ramón Macías IV, Amanda Hernandez and Dannel Bock-Barnes. The semi-final round will be held in LC105 and 106 [on Wednesday, February 24, 2016](#). The Final round will take place [on Friday, February 26, 2016](#) in the Law Campus Courtroom and is open to spectators. Good luck to all the semi-finalists. The Board of Advocates extends warm appreciation to all the competitors who participated in this year's competition, and all of the individuals who made its success possible.

### St. Mary's Law Journal Volume 47 Publication Announcement

St. Mary's *Law Journal* is pleased to announce the below student written comments selected for publication. Congratulations!

- *The Amplified Need for Supreme Court Guidance on Student Speech Rights in a Digital Age* - William Calve
- *Force Majeure: How the Frack Lessees Can Save Their Leases While the War on Fracking Rages on* - Allison Ebanks
- *When Fantasy Becomes Reality: Attempts to Regulate the Highly Unregulated Daily Fantasy Sports Industry* - Garrett Greene
- *No Appropriation Without Compensation: How Takings of Personal Property Check the Power to Regulate* - William MacDaniel
- *Gay Rights Versus Religious Freedom, and the Influence of Obergefell v. Hodges on Distinguishing the Dividing Line* - Kathleen McStravick
- *Fourth Amendment Implications of Police-Worn Body Cameras* - Erik Nielsen
- *The Demise of Anti-panhandling Laws in America* - Katie Neidig
- *Filming the Police: An Interference or a Public Service* - Aracely Rodman

#### **For Publication in the St. Mary's Law Journal on Legal Malpractice & Ethics:**

- *Conflicts of Interest for Law Firm Clerks: Following the Student to Their Career* - Daniel Haley

#### **Credit with Honors:**

- *Skirting the Issue: Ex Parte Thompson's Effect on Upskirt Photography and the Right to Privacy in Texas* - Colin Brogan
- *Conservation Agreements and the Endangered Species Act: An Exercise in Statutory Construction and Agency Deference* - Devin de Bruyn

-- *Texas Dental Medicaid Provider Fraud Prosecution's Due Process and Impartiality: History, Analysis, and Reform* - Luis Perez

**Recent Developments For Publication in the *St. Mary's Law Journal*:**

-- Ford v. State: *Texas Forces a Resolution in the Cell Site Location Information Debate* - Brandon Grable

-- *Texas's Excessive Demand Doctrine Impacts Recoveries in Litigation* - Stephanie Green

-- *Use It or Lose It: Grappling with Classification of Post-petition Sale Proceeds Under Chapter Seven Bankruptcy for Consumer Debtors in the Lone Star State* - Danielle Rushing

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### Court of Criminal Appeals Internship

A summer internship with the Staff Attorneys' Office at the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin, Texas is available for a limited number of students during the summer of 2016. Students who are selected for the program will work under the supervision of staff attorneys on criminal appeals, petitions for discretionary review and habeas corpus petitions. Those interested in applying should send a resume and a cover letter addressed to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224 of the Law Faculty Building.

In the letter please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive two (2) pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed two years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply.

The deadline for applications is 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2015. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing. Students having questions about the program should contact Professor Schmolesky by e-mail at [jschmolesky@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jschmolesky@stmarytx.edu) or by calling his office 210.431.2275.

### 2016 Equal Justice Works Public Interest Awards

*Equal Justice Works* is now accepting applications for their 2016 Public Interest Awards. This year, the Equal Justice Works [National Advisory Committee](#) is presenting awards to law students at Equal Justice Works [member schools](#) in eight regions who have a demonstrated commitment to public interest law and pro bono work. The 2016 Equal Justice Works Public Interest Awards seek to identify and honor law students who have provided extraordinary service through clinics, volunteer work, internships, extracurricular projects, and more. The deadline to apply for an Equal Justice Works

Public Interest Award is March 1, 2016. [Click here](#) to access the 2016 Equal Justice Works Public Interest Award application, and [click here](#) to view a list of all Equal Justice Works member schools by region. For all questions, please email our Law School Engagement & Advocacy Unit at [lsea@equaljusticeworks.org](mailto:lsea@equaljusticeworks.org).

## Nominations are Now Being Accepted

Nominations are now being accepted for Retired Chief Justice, Catherine M. Stone "**Rock of Justice**" award and for Retired Chief Justice, Alma L. Lopez "**Women in Law**" Student Leadership award. Faculty, staff, students, and student organizations may nominate a student for each award no later than Thursday, March 9, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Nominees will be asked to submit a resume and no self-nominations will be accepted. All nominees and the award recipient will be recognized at a reception for the Fourth Court of Appeals, following Oral Arguments on Monday, March 31, 2016 in the Alumni Room. Nominee applications are available in the law classroom and Raba building student bulletin boards.

## Academic Support

### Health Awareness Week

Join us for Health Awareness Week beginning Monday, February 29, 2016 in the Law Library Commons, 9:00–10:00 a.m. and 12:30–1:30 p.m. Stop in and meet Fr. Jim Tobin for prayer, confession or schedule an appointment. Also meet staff from the Student Psychological and Testing Center, Health and Wellness Association, Law Campus Ministry and the Student Health Center. Free coffee, snacks and lots of resources will be available to you.

De-stress on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Chair massages will be available in the Law Library Alumni Room from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, meet State Bar President, Allan DuBois. Mr. DuBois will give a presentation on how to deal with the stresses of law school and what resources are available to students. This event will be held in the Atrium, Law Administration building from 12:00–1:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> is Yoga and Nutrition Day. A Yoga class will be held from 10:00–10:45 a.m. and again 11:00–11:45 a.m. with Instructor Kristal Cuevas in the Law Library Alumni Room. Bring your own yoga mat. At 12:00 noon stop in for a presentation by Dr. Benjamin Weger, CPT, US Army on Nutrition—"Perils and Pitfalls" and Common Ways of Internal and External Sabotage, in the Atrium, Law Administration Building.

These events are sponsored by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, Student Bar Association, Health and Wellness Association and Law Campus Ministry.

### Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in RABA 208. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call (210) 431-4225 or email at [ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu) to set up an appointment.

## Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has produced a quick video about how TLAP can assist law students navigate the pressures of law school. The video is on their web page at <http://www.texasbar.com/tlapisthere>.

## Notices

### Law Clinic Applications and Information Sessions

St. Mary's Law Clinics are now accepting applications for Summer 2016 and Fall/Spring 2016-2017. To apply visit <https://law.stmarytx.edu/academics/center-legal-social-justice/clinical-program/>. For more information about the clinical programs, visit our website or come talk to students and faculty at one of the following information sessions: Tuesday, February 23, 12:00–2:00 p.m. in the Raba Foyer or on Wednesday, February 24, 12:00–2:00 p.m. and 5:00–7:00 p.m. in the Raba Foyer. Apply early, spaces are limited.

### Have you Completed your Free Application for Federal Student Aid?

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2016 or for the 2016-17 academic year will need to renew their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students are encouraged to complete the 2016-2017 FAFSA in the month of February in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the March 31st deadline. You may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and make certain to include St. Mary's school code 003623. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at (210) 436-3141.

### Order of Barristers Applications

The Order of Barristers is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills. The Order — which is open only to third-year law students — provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools. St. Mary's School of Law is permitted to select up to ten new members each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the faculty's Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. The applications will be posted on his office door, beginning February 22nd. The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the Barristers' Ball on Friday, April 15, 2016. These applications will also be used, in part, to determine the recipients of the various faculty awards for outstanding advocacy. Please note that seeking or obtaining advice or assistance from any faculty member (full-time, visiting, or adjunct) other than the Chair of the Advocacy Committee (Professor Schlueter) concerning your application or its contents is strictly prohibited. All completed applications must be returned to Professor Schlueter's office no later than NOON on Tuesday, March 22, 2016.

### Volunteer with VITA this Semester

Interested in tax? Care to build valuable skills while earning pro bono hours? Take part with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program this spring. The 14th annual VITA Program at St. Mary's needs student volunteers to repeat the success of last year. Register today at <https://www.stmarytxvita.org/> for site operations, which run each Saturday through April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Center for Legal and Social Justice. Your volunteer hours will count towards both the St. Mary's graduation certificate and the State Bar of Texas Law Student Pro Bono College. Questions? Contact

Greg Zlotnick at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu) or for more information please visit <https://www.stmarytxvita.org/>.

## Family Law Monthly Meetings

The Family Law Section of the San Antonio Bar Association is sponsoring two (2) law students at each of their monthly meetings. Meetings are held each 3rd Tuesday of every month and are a good opportunity for students to meet local attorneys and judges, while learning about Family Law from the CLE topic presented at each meeting. They meet from 12:00–1:00 p.m. at The Palm Restaurant, 233 E. Houston Street, San Antonio, TX 78205. Students must be enrolled in either Family Law or the Family Law Clinic. If interested please contact attorney Richard Loza at (210) 212-3710 the week prior to the event to reserve one of the two spots.

## University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Syllabus-insert-IRB-Class-Projects-Policy.pdf>

## Practice Credit Program/Office Hours

Gain legal experience while earning credit! Contact Nicole Merchan, [nmerchan@stmarytx.edu](mailto:nmerchan@stmarytx.edu) to set an appointment during her office hours. Office hours are located in the Office of Career Services on Mondays, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 2:00–4:00 p.m. She will help you learn more about the credit program details. Start planning for summer and fall NOW! Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Program, is on maternity leave until late April. Please contact Nicole for any questions about the program.

## Events

### Doing Business with Mexico – Guest Speaker

On Monday, February 22, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. in RABA Building 103, Jesus Ramirez, Esq. a partner of VBCSR Abogados in Mexico City will be Prof. Rosas' guest speaker in his Doing Business with Mexico course. Mr. Ramirez will present a PowerPoint in English and give an oral explanation in Spanish on the meaning and benefits of the Mexican Energy Reform (O&G) and the new opportunities for American lawyers, mainly future St. Mary's law graduates.

### Theology & Beer and Root Beer

Join us for an engaging discussion on the Canon Laws of Marriage for this month's Theology & Beer and Root Beer event to be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at The Pub. Professor Richard Flint will be the speaker. Come meet and greet with students and professors. This

event is sponsored by St. Thomas More Society & Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity. For more information please contact Sister Grace Walle at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).

## Speed Networking and Mixer

Speed Networking is sponsored by the Bexar County Women's Bar Association, Women's Law Association (WLA) and the Office of Career Services on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Many attorneys from major law firms and public service sectors will be in attendance. This event is a great opportunity to meet some of your future peers. Immediately after the Speed Networking event, there will be a mixer. Food and drinks will be served. This event is open to all students and everyone is encouraged to attend. Please RSVP on the Symplicity page or on the WLA Twen Page by Monday, February 22, 2016. For more information please visit <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/index.php?mode=form&id=2a604fe2db843c43ae05bde8c9aad93&s=event&ss=ws>.

## Fifteenth Annual Symposium on Legal Malpractice and Ethics

The Fifteenth Annual Symposium on Legal Malpractice and Ethics will be held on Friday, February 26, 2016 from 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. at the Plaza Club, 100 West Houston Street, Suite 2100, San Antonio, Texas, 78205. For paying registrants please go to <http://stmaryslawjournalssymposium16.eventbrite.com>. Law faculty who would like to attend the Symposium, please rsvp via email to either Renee Higgins at [rhiggins@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhiggins@stmarytx.edu) or Chris Bell at [chriswbell@mac.com](mailto:chriswbell@mac.com).

## Immigration Law at a Crossroads: The Path Forward

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* invites you to their 2016 Symposium Immigration Law at a Crossroads: The Path Forward with presentations by Barbara Hines, Steven Schulman and Dennis J. Windscheffel, Nina Perales and more. February 26, 2016, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Pearl Studio at the Historic Pearl, 312 Pearl Parkway, San Antonio, Texas 78215. Program Fees: \$100 for Attorneys, \$60 for Non-Attorneys, Free Student Admission. Program fee includes breakfast and lunch. CLE Hours: 7.5 hours and includes 1 hour of ethics. For more information please visit [www.scholarlawreview.com](http://www.scholarlawreview.com) or contact *The Scholar* at [scholarsymposium@gmail.com](mailto:scholarsymposium@gmail.com).

## The Life and Legacy of Justice Antonin Scalia – Panel Discussion

The Federalist Society invites you join them for a celebration of the life and legacy of United States Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, Alumni Room. The event will feature a panel discussion with Professor David Forte of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and Professor Michael Ariens of St. Mary's University School of Law. A free dinner will be provided for all guests. For more information, please contact: Ramon "Ray" Macias IV at [rmaciasiv@gmail.com](mailto:rmaciasiv@gmail.com). Please RSVP via Facebook at [www.facebook.com/stmufedsoc](http://www.facebook.com/stmufedsoc). <http://www.facebook.com/stmufedsoc>.

## Olive Trueheart Scholarship Opportunity

The Olive Trueheart Scholarship is awarded annually by the San Antonio Bar Auxiliary Foundation to a current 2L student. Selection is based on character, financial need and scholastic endeavor; 3.0 GPA or above is required. The amount of the scholarship this year is \$2500. Interested students should apply by submitting a letter of application and résumé to Dean Mather at [vmather@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vmather@stmarytx.edu) no later than March 4, 2015.

## **The Carlos Cadena Legal Dining Society Dinner with the Honorable Judge David A. Ezra**

The Carlos Cadena Legal Dining Society will host their next event on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 6:30 p.m. at Piatti, Alamo Quarry Market, 255 E. Basse Road. Speaker and Guest of Honor will be The Honorable David A. Ezra, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas. Judge Ezra received a BBA from St. Mary's University, and later graduated first in his class from St. Mary's University School of Law. Judge Ezra currently serves by designation on the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division. Space at the event is limited. Students interested in attending should purchase their tickets early. Student tickets are \$20, which includes a meal and glass of wine. Students can purchase their ticket at the Dining Society's table in the Law Classroom Building. Ticket sales will begin February 22, 2016. Anyone with questions regarding this event may email Eric Michael Garza at [egarza2@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:egarza2@mail.stmarytx.edu).

## **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Alumni Golf Tournament**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Alumni Golf Tournament will be held at the Quarry Golf Club on April 2, 2016 with registration starting at 7:00 a.m. and shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. \$65 per student to register and \$100 non-students. For details about the tournament, please visit [https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/custom/LawSchool/TheWitan/STMU\\_law\\_alumni\\_open\\_2016.pdf](https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/custom/LawSchool/TheWitan/STMU_law_alumni_open_2016.pdf) or to register please email Clair Strom at [alumni.open@gmail.com](mailto:alumni.open@gmail.com).

## **Ministry**

### **Campus Ministry**

Sunday Masses are held at 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel. Weekday Masses are held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel and Tuesday, Thursday, 12:30 p.m. at Assumption Chapel.

RCIA and Confirmation classes are now underway. RCIA will meet at 9:30 a.m. in UMin every Sunday and then head to mass at 10:30 a.m. RCIA and Confirmation Students will gather at 12:15 in UMin for Faith Sharing, and Confirmation. Classes begin at 1:30 p.m. For more information please contact Irene Quesnot at [iquesnot@stmarytx.edu](mailto:iquesnot@stmarytx.edu).

### **Bible Study**

Those interested in expository teaching of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba building at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen and notebook! For more information contact Eric Rine at [rine.eric@gmail.com](mailto:rine.eric@gmail.com).

## **Writing Competitions, Fellowships and Scholarships**

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions, fellowships or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu). Additional scholarships may be available in the "Writing Contests and Competitions" section of Symplicity.

\*Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.



Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation. <http://www.dallashispaniclawfoundation.com/>. Deadline is March 4, 2016.

Cameron County Bar Association. \$2,500. <http://ccbatexas.blogspot.com/p/scholarship.html>. Deadline is March 15, 2016.

Common Cause. \$5,000 \$3,000, \$2,000. [www.commoncause.org/GerrymanderStandard](http://www.commoncause.org/GerrymanderStandard). Deadline is March 27, 2016.

The Amarillo Area Bar Foundation. Four \$2,500 scholarships. [www.amarillobar.org](http://www.amarillobar.org). Click on Amarillo Area Bar Foundation on left menu panel. Deadline is April 1, 2016.

The American Association of Law Libraries is offering various scholarships. <http://www.aallnet.org/mm/Member-Resources/scholarships/Scholarship-Applications>. Deadline is April 1, 2016.

Zelle LLP. 2016 Diversity in Law Scholarship. \$30,000. Click [here](#) for a copy of the application. Click [here](#) for more information or go to [www.zelle.com](http://www.zelle.com). Deadline is April 1, 2016.

Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas. Three \$2,000 scholarships. Deadline is April 8, 2016.

DISH Network L.L.C. and Redgrave LLP. eDiscovery Legal Research & Writing competition. \$2,500, \$1,000. <http://www.dishediscovery.com>. Deadline is April 11, 2016.

The Judge Advocate General's School. \$2,000, \$1,000. <http://www.afjag.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-151014-037.pdf>. Deadline is April 15, 2016.

Eastern District of Texas Bar Association. Seven (7) \$5,000 scholarships. [www.edexbar.com](http://www.edexbar.com). Deadline is April 15, 2016.

American Bar Association, Family Law Section, Howard C. Schwab Contest. \$1,500, \$750, \$300. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family\\_law/resources/essay\\_contest.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law/resources/essay_contest.html). Deadline is April 29, 2016.

University of Notre Dame. Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics writing competition. \$2,500. [www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith\\_doheny.pdf](http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf). Deadline is April 29, 2016.

State Bar of Texas. Intellectual Property Law Section. Two \$5,000 scholarships to a woman/and or minority law student. <http://texasbariplaw.org/Awards.aspx>. Deadline is May 2, 2016.

The Weisblatt Law Firm, LLC. \$1,000. <http://weisblattlaw.com/the-weisblatt-law-firm-llc-1000-00-scholarship>. Deadline is May 12, 2016.

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## **Student Competition**

### **2016 1L Moot Court Student Judges Needed**

The Board of Advocates (BOA) is looking for 2L and 3L students willing to judge the 2016 1L Moot Court Competition. The Preliminary Rounds will be held March 21-24, 2016 from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit <https://www.volunteersignup.org/H7AXY> to sign up or for more information please contact Tyler Ryska at [tyjriska@gmail.com](mailto:tyjriska@gmail.com). BOA thanks you for supporting this competition.

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### Chief Justice Nathan L. Hecht of the Texas Supreme Court to Visit St. Mary's

The St. Mary's University [School of Law](#) invites all students to join us for a special presentation featuring [Chief Justice Nathan L. Hecht](#) of the Texas Supreme Court. Hecht will share stories about leadership, the development of moral character and the field of law on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 4:00–5:50 p.m. in Law Classroom Building, Room 105. The event will mark Hecht's first visit to St. Mary's Law since becoming Chief Justice. Hecht is the longest-serving member of the court in the state's history and became Chief Justice in 2014. While on the court, Hecht has worked to provide access by low-income Texans to basic civil legal services and has overseen revisions to the rules of administration, practice and procedure in Texas courts. For more information, contact the Dean's Office at 210-436-3530.

### Court of Criminal Appeals Internship

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In the letter please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive two (2) pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed two years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply.

The deadline for applications is 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2015. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing. Students having questions about the program should contact Professor Schmolesky by e-mail at [jschmolesky@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jschmolesky@stmarytx.edu) or by calling his office 210.431.2275.

### 2016 Equal Justice Works Public Interest Awards

*Equal Justice Works* is now accepting applications for their 2016 Public Interest Awards. This year, the Equal Justice Works [National Advisory Committee](#) is presenting awards to law students at Equal Justice Works [member schools](#) in eight regions who have a demonstrated commitment to public interest law and pro bono work. The 2016 Equal Justice Works Public Interest Awards seek to identify and honor law students who have provided extraordinary service through clinics, volunteer work, internships, extracurricular projects, and more. The deadline to apply for an Equal Justice Works Public Interest Award is March 1, 2016. [Click here](#) to access the 2016 Equal Justice Works Public Interest Award application, and [click here](#) to view a list of all Equal Justice Works member schools by region. For all questions, please email our Law School Engagement & Advocacy Unit at [lsea@equaljusticeworks.org](mailto:lsea@equaljusticeworks.org).

## Nominations are Now Being Accepted

Nominations are now being accepted for Retired Chief Justice, Catherine M. Stone "**Rock of Justice**" award and for Retired Chief Justice, Alma L. Lopez "**Women in Law**" Student Leadership award. Faculty, staff, students, and student organizations may nominate a student for each award no later than Thursday, March 9, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Nominees will be asked to submit a resume and no self-nominations will be accepted. All nominees and the award recipient will be recognized at a reception for the Fourth Court of Appeals, following Oral Arguments on Monday, March 31, 2016 in the Alumni Room. Nominee applications are available in the law classroom and Raba building student bulletin boards.

## Academic Support

### Health Awareness Week

Join us today for Health Awareness Week in the Law Library Commons, 9:00–10:00 a.m. and 12:30–1:30 p.m. Stop in and meet Fr. Jim Tobin for prayer, confession or schedule an appointment. Also meet staff from the Student Psychological and Testing Center, Health and Wellness Association, Law Campus Ministry and the Student Health Center. Free coffee, snacks and lots of resources will be available to you.

De-stress on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Chair massages will be available in the Law Library Alumni Room from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, meet State Bar President, Allan DuBois. Mr. DuBois will give a presentation on how to deal with the stresses of law school and what resources are available to students. This event will be held in the Atrium, Law Administration building from 12:00–1:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> is Yoga and Nutrition Day. A Yoga class will be held from 10:00–10:45 a.m. and again 11:00–11:45 a.m. with Instructor Kristal Cuevas in the Law Library Alumni Room. Bring your own yoga mat. At 12:00 noon stop in for a presentation by Dr. Benjamin Weger, CPT, US Army on Nutrition—"Perils and Pitfalls" and Common Ways of Internal and External Sabotage, in the Atrium, Law Administration Building.

These events are sponsored by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, Student Bar Association, Health and Wellness Association and Law Campus Ministry.

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## Notices

### **Have you Completed your Free Application for Federal Student Aid?**

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2016 or for the 2016-17 academic year will need to renew their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by February in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the March 31st deadline. You may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and make certain to include St. Mary's school code 003623. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at (210) 436-3141.

### **Order of Barristers Applications**

The Order of Barristers is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills. The Order — which is open only to third-year law students — provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools. St. Mary's School of Law is permitted to select up to ten new members each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the faculty's Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. The applications will be posted on his office door, beginning February 22nd. The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the Barristers' Ball on Friday, April 15, 2016. These applications will also be used, in part, to determine the recipients of the various faculty awards for outstanding advocacy. Please note that seeking or obtaining advice or assistance from any faculty member (full-time, visiting, or adjunct) other than the Chair of the Advocacy Committee (Professor Schlueter) concerning your application or its contents is strictly prohibited. All completed applications must be returned to Professor Schlueter's office no later than NOON on Tuesday, March 22, 2016.

### **Volunteer with VITA this Semester**

Interested in tax? Care to build valuable skills while earning pro bono hours? Take part with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program this spring. The 14th annual VITA Program at St. Mary's needs student volunteers to repeat the success of last year. Register today at <https://www.stmarytxvita.org/> for site operations, which run each Saturday through April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Center for Legal and Social Justice. Your volunteer hours will count towards both the St. Mary's graduation certificate and the State Bar of Texas Law Student Pro Bono College. Questions? Contact Greg Zlotnick at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu) or for more information please visit <https://www.stmarytxvita.org/>.

### **Family Law Monthly Meetings**

The Family Law Section of the San Antonio Bar Association is sponsoring two (2) law students at each of their monthly meetings. Meetings are held each 3rd Tuesday of every month and are a good opportunity for students to meet local attorneys and judges, while learning about Family Law from the CLE topic presented at each meeting. They meet from 12:00–1:00 p.m. at The Palm Restaurant, 233 E. Houston Street, San Antonio, TX 78205. Students must be enrolled in either Family Law or the Family Law Clinic. If interested please contact attorney Richard Loza at (210) 212-3710 the week prior to the event to reserve one of the two spots.

### **University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination**

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of

these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/studentservices/disability/rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Syllabus-insert-IRB-Class-Projects-Policy.pdf>

## **Practice Credit Program/Office Hours**

Gain legal experience while earning credit! Contact Nicole Merchan, [nmerchan@stmarytx.edu](mailto:nmerchan@stmarytx.edu) to set an appointment during her office hours. Office hours are located in the Office of Career Services on Mondays, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 2:00–4:00 p.m. She will help you learn more about the credit program details. Start planning for summer and fall NOW! Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Program, is on maternity leave until late April. Please contact Nicole for any questions about the program.

## **Events**

### **The Life and Legacy of Justice Antonin Scalia – Panel Discussion**

The Federalist Society invites you join them for a celebration of the life and legacy of United States Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, Alumni Room. The event will feature a panel discussion with Professor David Forte of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and Professor Michael Ariens of St. Mary's University School of Law. A free dinner will be provided for all guests. For more information, please contact: Ramon "Ray" Macias IV at [rmaciasiv@gmail.com](mailto:rmaciasiv@gmail.com). Please RSVP via Facebook at [www.facebook.com/stmufedsoc](http://www.facebook.com/stmufedsoc). <http://www.facebook.com/stmufedsoc>.

### **Olive Trueheart Scholarship Opportunity**

The Olive Trueheart Scholarship is awarded annually by the San Antonio Bar Auxiliary Foundation to a current 2L student. Selection is based on character, financial need and scholastic endeavor; 3.0 GPA or above is required. The amount of the scholarship this year is \$2500. Interested students should apply by submitting a letter of application and résumé to Dean Mather at [vmather@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vmather@stmarytx.edu) no later than March 4, 2015.

### **Doing Business with Mexico – Guest Speaker**

On Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 5:00–5:50 p.m. in Raba 103, Juan J. Vasquez, Esq. an associate of Norton Rose Fulbright in Dallas, Texas will be Professor Roberto Rosas' guest speaker in his class Doing Business with Mexico. Mr. Vasquez will present a PowerPoint in Property and the opportunities for future St. Mary's law graduates. Please confirm your attendance by Monday, March 7, 2016 to Professor Rosas at [rrosas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rrosas@stmarytx.edu).

### **The Carlos Cadena Legal Dining Society Dinner with the Honorable Judge David A. Ezra**

The Carlos Cadena Legal Dining Society will host their next event on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 6:30 p.m. at Piatti, Alamo Quarry Market, 255 E. Basse Road. Speaker and Guest of Honor will be The

Honorable David A. Ezra, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas. Judge Ezra received a BBA from St. Mary's University, and later graduated first in his class from St. Mary's University School of Law. Judge Ezra currently serves by designation on the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division. Space at the event is limited. Students interested in attending should purchase their tickets early. Student tickets are \$20, which includes a meal and glass of wine. Students can purchase their ticket at the Dining Society's table in the Law Classroom Building. Anyone with questions regarding this event may email Eric Michael Garza at [egarza2@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:egarza2@mail.stmarytx.edu).

## **Alternative Spring Break in Houston, Texas**

Do you want to gain legal experience and still enjoy your spring break? This unique opportunity allows you to do both, work Wednesday through Friday and get your pro-bono hours in a variety of placements. Hotel accommodation and gas/car pool provided.

YMCA International Services: Walk-In Legal Clinic - providing services to individuals seeking help in any of the following: asylum, naturalization/citizenship, domestic violence, human trafficking and more.

Date: Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

Workshop: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Location: YMCA International Services @ Westpark

Community Service with Reach Unlimited - assist with gardening and landscaping front yards for disabled seniors home. Hours count for St. Mary's pro bono certificate.

Date: Thursday, March, 17<sup>th</sup>

Location: Reach Unlimited

Citizen Workshop - a group application workshop to assist eligible persons seeking to apply for U.S. Citizenship.

Date: Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

Training: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Workshop: 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Location: Catholic Charities

Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>, Alumni Reception. Time and place to be determined.

HBA Houston Volunteer Lawyers - Offers legal advice at community centers throughout Houston

Date: Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

Workshop: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Location: Baker-Ripley, 6500 Rookin St., Houston, TX 77074

## **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Alumni Golf Tournament**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Alumni Golf Tournament will be held at the Quarry Golf Club on April 2, 2016 with registration starting at 7:00 a.m. and shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. \$65 per student to register and \$100 non-students. For details about the tournament, please visit [https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/custom/LawSchool/TheWitan/STMU\\_law\\_alumni\\_open\\_2016.pdf](https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/custom/LawSchool/TheWitan/STMU_law_alumni_open_2016.pdf) or to register please email Clair Strom at [alumni.open@gmail.com](mailto:alumni.open@gmail.com).

# Ministry

## Campus Ministry

Sunday Masses are held at 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel. Weekday Masses are held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel and Tuesday, Thursday, 12:30 p.m. at Assumption Chapel.

RCIA and Confirmation classes are now underway. RCIA will meet at 9:30 a.m. in UMin every Sunday and then head to mass at 10:30 a.m. RCIA and Confirmation Students will gather at 12:15 in UMin for Faith Sharing, and Confirmation. Classes begin at 1:30 p.m. For more information please contact Irene Quesnot at [iquesnot@stmarytx.edu](mailto:iquesnot@stmarytx.edu).

## Bible Study

Those interested in expository teaching of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba building at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen and notebook! For more information contact Eric Rine at [rine.eric@gmail.com](mailto:rine.eric@gmail.com).

## Writing Competitions, Fellowships and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions, fellowships or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu). Additional scholarships may be available in the "Writing Contests and Competitions" section of Symplicity. \*Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation. <http://www.dallashispaniclawfoundation.com/>. Deadline is March 4, 2016.

Cameron County Bar Association. \$2,500. <http://ccbatexas.blogspot.com/p/scholarship.html>. Deadline is March 15, 2016.

Common Cause. \$5,000 \$3,000, \$2,000. [www.commoncause.org/GerrymanderStandard](http://www.commoncause.org/GerrymanderStandard). Deadline is March 27, 2016.

Austin Bar Foundation/Austin LGBT Bar Association. Two \$5,000 scholarships. [www.austingbtbar.org/scholarship](http://www.austingbtbar.org/scholarship). Deadline is March 31, 2016.\*

The Amarillo Area Bar Foundation. Four \$2,500 scholarships. [www.amarillobar.org](http://www.amarillobar.org). Click on Amarillo Area Bar Foundation on left menu panel. Deadline is April 1, 2016.

The American Association of Law Libraries is offering various scholarships. <http://www.aallnet.org/mm/Member-Resources/scholarships/Scholarship-Applications>. Deadline is April 1, 2016.

Zelle LLP. 2016 Diversity in Law Scholarship. \$30,000. Click [here](#) for a copy of the application. Click [here](#) for more information or go to [www.zelle.com](http://www.zelle.com). Deadline is April 1, 2016.

Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas. Three \$2,000 scholarships. Deadline is April 8, 2016.

DISH Network L.L.C. and Redgrave LLP. eDiscovery Legal Research & Writing competition. \$2,500, \$1,000. <http://www.dishediscovery.com>. Deadline is April 11, 2016.



The Judge Advocate General's School. \$2,000, \$1,000. <http://www.afjag.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-151014-037.pdf>. Deadline is April 15, 2016.

Eastern District of Texas Bar Association. Seven (7) \$5,000 scholarships. [www.edexbar.com](http://www.edexbar.com). Deadline is April 15, 2016.

American Bar Association, Family Law Section, Howard C. Schwab Contest. \$1,500, \$750, \$300. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family\\_law/resources/essay\\_contest.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law/resources/essay_contest.html). Deadline is April 29, 2016.

University of Notre Dame. Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics writing competition. \$2,500. [www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith\\_doheny.pdf](http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf). Deadline is April 29, 2016.

National Association of Women Lawyers. \$500. [www.nawl.org](http://www.nawl.org). Deadline is May 1, 2016.\*

State Bar of Texas. Intellectual Property Law Section. Two \$5,000 scholarships to a woman/and or minority law student. <http://texasbariplaw.org/Awards.aspx>. Deadline is May 2, 2016.

The Weisblatt Law Firm, LLC. \$1,000. <http://weisblattlaw.com/the-weisblatt-law-firm-llc-1000-00-scholarship>. Deadline is May 12, 2016.

International Association of Defense Counsel. \$2,000, 1,000, \$500. [www.iadclaw.org](http://www.iadclaw.org). Deadline is May 20, 2016.

American Accident Awareness Attorney (AAAA). \$2,000. [http://naqvilaw.com/AAAA\\_Scholarship](http://naqvilaw.com/AAAA_Scholarship). Deadline is May 30, 2016.

Brown, PC. \$500. <http://www.browntax.com/National-Tax-Scholarship.shtml>. Deadline is May 31, 2016.

Brown, PC. \$500. <http://www.browntax.com/National-Business-Law-Scholarship.shtml>. Deadline is May 31, 2016.

Adam Greenman. \$1,000. <http://www.adamgreenmanlaw.com/law-school-scholarship>. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

The Law Office of Joseph LoRusso, P.A. \$1,000 scholarship. <http://injuryflorida.lawyer/scholarship>. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Deadline is June 15, 2016.

Patrick Malone & Associates. Two \$5,000 scholarships. <http://www.patrickmalonelaw.com/patrick-malone-associates-scholarship/>. Deadline is July 1, 2016.

Tannenwald Writing Competition. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500. <http://www.tannenwald.org/2016-Competition-Announcement>. Deadline is 9:00 p.m., EDT, July 1, 2016.

Law Office of Renkin & Associates. 2016 Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness Law School Scholarship. \$1,000. <http://www.renkinlaw.com/leukemia-lymphoma-law-school-scholarship/>. Deadline is July 31, 2016.

Infinity Law Group, LLC, Third Annual Asian Heritage Law School Scholarship. \$1,000. Information and application can be found on [our website](#). Deadline is August 1, 2016.

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## Congratulations

### **EAP Moot Court Team Enjoys Success at ABA Moot Court Competition Declared Regional Champs**

Over this past weekend, members of the St. Mary's University School of Law EAP Moot Court Team competed in the American Bar Association's National Appellate Advocacy Competition. The ABA NAAC is the largest moot court competition in the nation, fielding more than 200 teams from all over the United States. The teams are placed in one of six different regional cities, with the champions of each region qualifying for the National Finals in Chicago. The ABA NAAC is also one of two premiere moot court competitions in the country. This year, St. Mary's students Stephanie De Sola (3L), Leah Wise (3L) and William "Billy" Calve (2L) *and* Moraya Baker (2L), Gary Hillier (2L) and Vanessa Cantu (2L) traveled to Boston, Massachusetts and competed against 30 other teams from law schools all over the United States, including Cornell, Notre Dame, Drake, Texas Tech, South Texas, Stetson, Loyola, Northeastern and Boston. The Boston Regional was arguably the most competitive of all of the regional cities this year, with four of the top five moot court programs in the country competing in this same regional for the right to go to Chicago. The team of De Sola, Wise and Calve reached the finals of the tournament, sweeping all 4 judges' ballots in the finals round against Kansas and being declared Regional Champion! The team of Baker, Hillier and Cantu broke 3rd Overall, but lost in the semi-finals to South Texas. Cantu was further recognized as having the fourth best brief out of the 30 teams and Hillier was awarded sixth best speaker out of more than 60 participating students. This win marks St. Mary's eighth ABA NAAC Regional Championship in the last 15 years, and qualifies De Sola, Wise and Calve for the National Finals in April, where the team will seek to bring home to St. Mary's a second ABA NAAC National Championship. Coach Ricky Poole wishes to specifically thank Lauren Valkenaar (St. Mary's, 2013) and Bill Sullivan (St. Mary's, 1987) of the law firm Norton Rose Fulbright, as well as Professor David Schlueter, for serving as guest judges in preparation for this competition. Congratulations to both teams for their great showing in Boston and best of luck to De Sola, Wise and Calve as they compete against the best of the best moot court teams next month in Chicago.

### **EAP Moot Court Teams (2) Both Finish Top-8 at National Competition**

Earlier this month, two St. Mary's EAP moot court teams traveled to Chapel Hill, North Carolina to compete in the 39th J. Braxton Craven National Moot Court Competition, held annually at the University of North Carolina School of Law. St. Mary's advocates Stephanie De Sola (3L), William "Billy" Calve (2L) and William "Sumner" MacDaniel (2L) and Mary Larakers (2L), Hannah Dominguez (2L) and Devin DeBruyn (2L) competed against schools from across the United States, with both St. Mary's teams reaching the quarter-final round of the competition. EAP Moot Court Coach Ricky J. Poole believes St. Mary's is the only law school to have placed two teams in the quarter-final round. This is St. Mary's first year to participate in this national tournament. Please congratulate these excellent advocates on their dual top-8 performance.

## **EAP Mock Trial Team Members Receive National Recognition**

The St. Mary's EAP mock trial team traveled this past weekend to Washington DC to compete in The Capitol City Challenge, a national tournament involving 24 schools. St. Mary's beat Villanova University, sweeping every judge's ballot in the first round. The team was defeated in the second round by Fordham University, but still picked up ballots despite the loss. In the third round, St. Mary's went on to beat The University of Houston, the team that eventually won the tournament. Each year the tournament names one competitor as the Best Plaintiffs Advocate at the tournament and another as the Best Defense Advocate. At the Awards Banquet it was announced that this was the first year that there was a tie for Best Defense Advocate - and that the tie was between two students on the same team. St. Mary's students Thomas Pare (3L) and John Duff (3L) were both honored with the Best Defense Advocate award. It was a great showing for the school's first trip to the Capitol City Challenge. St. Mary's was represented at the tournament by Thomas Pare (3L), John Duff (3L), Eric Meza (2L), Alex Hilliard (3L), Richard Dutchover (2L) and Nathan Janis (2L). The team was coached by Nicole Thornbro. Congratulations to Coach Thornbro and the EAP mock trial team.

## **Student Organizations**

### **Last Call for Nominations**

### **Catherine M. Stone "Rock of Justice" & the Alma L. Lopez "Women in Law"**

### **Student Leadership Awards**

Nominate a female St. Mary's law student who is committed to serving others through faith and courage and is a strong leader within a student organization(s) for the Catherine Stone "Rock of Justice" or the Alma Lopez "Women in Law" Student Leadership Awards. Submit your nominee's information to Sr. Grace Walle at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu) no later than Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00p.m. Nominees will be asked to submit a resume. Award recipients and nominees will be recognized at a reception for the Fourth Court of Appeals, following Oral Arguments on Thursday, March 31, 2016, in the Alumni Room.

### **Student Veterans Organization Meetings**

Please join the Student Veterans Organization (SVO) for their bi-monthly meetings. The meetings will be held in the University Center, Alumni Conference Room on the first Monday of each month from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and the third Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided during the Monday meetings. The SVO extends an invitation to all students to join them.

## **Student Competition**

### **Tryouts for Mock Trial Teams (EAP)**

Each year the Law School sends teams to participate in regional and national advocacy competitions—mock trial, moot court, and negotiations. The coaches for those respective teams hold interviews and tryouts during the Spring semester to select students to participate in those competitions the next school year.

The application procedures for the EAP Mock Trial teams will begin shortly. If you are interested in being considered for the next year's mock trial teams, you should fill out an application—

which can be picked from Professor Schlueter, (LFB 270)—and turn it back in to him not later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25th. When you turn in your application, you should sign up for a 15-minute interview, which will be conducted by the mock trial coaches and assistant coaches. Interviews will be conducted on March 31<sup>st</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. If all of those slots fill up, additional times will be available on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Students who are already on a mock trial team will not need to go through the interview process but must meet with the coaches at 9:00 pm on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Those selected will be announced at the Barristers' Ball on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Those students will be required to attend a one-hour Mock Trial Mini Course, to be held the first part of August. That course will familiarize students with basic litigation techniques and styles.

## Announcements

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## Events

### Doing Business with Mexico – Guest Speaker

On Tuesday March, 8 from 5:00 to 5:50 p.m. in Raba 103, Juan J. Vasquez, Esq. an associate of Norton Rose Fulbright in Dallas, TX will be Prof. Roberto Rosas' guest speaker in his class Doing Business with Mexico. Mr. Vasquez will present a PowerPoint in English and give an oral explanation in Spanish on Intellectual Property and the opportunities for future St. Mary's law graduates. Please confirm your attendance by Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> to Professor Rosas at [rrosas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rrosas@stmarytx.edu).

### The Carlos Cadena Legal Dining Society Dinner with the Honorable Judge David A. Ezra

The Carlos Cadena Legal Dining Society will host their next event on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 6:30 p.m. at Piatti, Alamo Quarry Market, 255 E. Basse Road. Speaker and Guest of Honor will be The Honorable David A. Ezra, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas. Judge Ezra received a BBA from St. Mary's University, and later graduated first in his class from St. Mary's University School of Law. Judge Ezra currently serves by designation on the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division. Space at the event is limited. Students interested in attending should purchase their tickets early. Student tickets are \$20, which includes a meal and glass of wine. Students can purchase their ticket at the Dining Society's table in the Law Classroom Building. Anyone with questions regarding this event may email Eric Michael Garza at [egarza2@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:egarza2@mail.stmarytx.edu).

### Alternative Spring Break in Houston, Texas

Do you want to gain legal experience and still enjoy your spring break? This unique opportunity allows you to do both; work Wednesday through Friday and get your pro-bono hours in a variety of placements. Hotel accommodation and gas/car pool provided. For more information contact Sister Grace Walle at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).

YMCA International Services: Walk-In Legal Clinic - providing services to individuals seeking help in any of the following: asylum, naturalization/citizenship, domestic violence, human trafficking and more.

Date: Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

Workshop: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Location: YMCA International Services @ Westpark

Community Service with Reach Unlimited - assist with gardening and landscaping front yards for disabled seniors home. Hours count for St. Mary's pro bono certificate.

Date: Thursday, March, 17<sup>th</sup>

Location: Reach Unlimited

Citizen Workshop – a group application workshop to assist eligible persons seeking to apply for U.S. Citizenship.

Date: Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>  
Training: 12:00-1:00 p.m.  
Workshop: 1:00-5:00 p.m.  
Location: Catholic Charities

Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>, Alumni Reception. Time and place to be determined.

HBA Houston Volunteer Lawyers – Offers legal advice at community centers throughout Houston

Date: Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>  
Workshop: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Location: Baker-Ripley, 6500 Rookin St., Houston, TX 77074

## **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Alumni Golf Tournament**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Alumni Golf Tournament will be held at the Quarry Golf Club on April 2, 2016 with registration starting at 7:00 a.m. and shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. \$65 per student to register and \$100 non-students. For details about the tournament, please visit [https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/custom/LawSchool/TheWitan/STMU\\_law\\_alumni\\_open\\_2016.pdf](https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/custom/LawSchool/TheWitan/STMU_law_alumni_open_2016.pdf) or to register please email Clair Strom at [alumni.open@gmail.com](mailto:alumni.open@gmail.com).

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### **Campus Ministry**

Sunday Masses are held at 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel. Weekday Masses are held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:15 p.m., Assumption Chapel and Tuesday, Thursday, 12:30 p.m. at Assumption Chapel.

RCIA and Confirmation classes are now underway. RCIA will meet at 9:30 a.m. in UMin every Sunday and then head to mass at 10:30 a.m. RCIA and Confirmation Students will gather at 12:15 in UMin for Faith Sharing, and Confirmation. Classes begin at 1:30 p.m. For more information please contact Irene Quesnot at [iquesnot@stmarytx.edu](mailto:iquesnot@stmarytx.edu).

### **Bible Study**

Those interested in expository teaching of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba building at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen and notebook! For more information contact Eric Rine at [rine.eric@gmail.com](mailto:rine.eric@gmail.com).

## **Writing Competitions, Fellowships and Scholarships**



If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions, fellowships or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu). Additional scholarships may be available in the "Writing Contests and Competitions" section of Symplicity.  
\*Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

Cameron County Bar Association. \$2,500. <http://ccbatexas.blogspot.com/p/scholarship.html>. Deadline is March 15, 2016.

Common Cause. \$5,000 \$3,000, \$2,000. [www.commoncause.org/GerrymanderStandard](http://www.commoncause.org/GerrymanderStandard). Deadline is March 27, 2016.

Austin Bar Foundation/Austin LGBT Bar Association. Two \$5,000 scholarships. [www.austingbtbar.org/scholarship](http://www.austingbtbar.org/scholarship). Deadline is March 31, 2016.

The Amarillo Area Bar Foundation. Four \$2,500 scholarships. [www.amarillobar.org](http://www.amarillobar.org). Click on Amarillo Area Bar Foundation on left menu panel. Deadline is April 1, 2016.

The American Association of Law Libraries is offering various scholarships. <http://www.aallnet.org/mm/Member-Resources/scholarships/Scholarship-Applications>. Deadline is April 1, 2016.

Zelle LLP. 2016 Diversity in Law Scholarship. \$30,000. Click [here](#) for a copy of the application. Click [here](#) for more information or go to [www.zelle.com](http://www.zelle.com). Deadline is April 1, 2016.

Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas. Three \$2,000 scholarships. Deadline is April 8, 2016.

DISH Network L.L.C. and Redgrave LLP. eDiscovery Legal Research & Writing competition. \$2,500, \$1,000. <http://www.dishediscovery.com>. Deadline is April 11, 2016.

The Judge Advocate General's School. \$2,000, \$1,000. <http://www.afjag.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-151014-037.pdf>. Deadline is April 15, 2016.

Eastern District of Texas Bar Association. Seven (7) \$5,000 scholarships. [www.edexbar.com](http://www.edexbar.com). Deadline is April 15, 2016.

American Bar Association, Family Law Section, Howard C. Schwab Contest. \$1,500, \$750, \$300. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family\\_law/resources/essay\\_contest.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law/resources/essay_contest.html). Deadline is April 29, 2016.

University of Notre Dame. Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics writing competition. \$2,500. [www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith\\_doheny.pdf](http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf). Deadline is April 29, 2016.

National Association of Women Lawyers. \$500. [www.nawl.org](http://www.nawl.org). Deadline is May 1, 2016.

State Bar of Texas. Intellectual Property Law Section. Two \$5,000 scholarships to a woman/and or minority law student. <http://texasbariplaw.org/Awards.aspx>. Deadline is May 2, 2016.

The Weisblatt Law Firm, LLC. \$1,000. <http://weisblattlaw.com/the-weisblatt-law-firm-llc-1000-00-scholarship>. Deadline is May 12, 2016.

International Association of Defense Counsel. \$2,000, 1,000, \$500. [www.iadclaw.org](http://www.iadclaw.org). Deadline is May 20, 2016.

American Accident Awareness Attorney (AAAA). \$2,000. [http://naqvilaw.com/AAAA\\_Scholarship](http://naqvilaw.com/AAAA_Scholarship). Deadline is May 30, 2016.

Brown, PC. \$500. <http://www.browntax.com/National-Tax-Scholarship.shtml>. Deadline is May 31, 2016.

Brown, PC. \$500. <http://www.browntax.com/National-Business-Law-Scholarship.shtml>. Deadline is May 31, 2016.

Adam Greenman. \$1,000. <http://www.adamgreenmanlaw.com/law-school-scholarship>. Deadline is June 1, 2016.



The Law Office of Joseph LoRusso, P.A. \$1,000 scholarship. <http://injuryflorida.lawyer/scholarship>. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Deadline is June 15, 2016.

Cole Schotz, P.C. \$5,000. Email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu) for application. Deadline is July 1, 2016.\*

Patrick Malone & Associates. Two \$5,000 scholarships. <http://www.patrickmalonelaw.com/patrick-malone-associates-scholarship/>. Deadline is July 1, 2016.

Tannenwald Writing Competition. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500. <http://www.tannenwald.org/2016-Competition-Announcement>. Deadline is 9:00 p.m., EDT, July 1, 2016.

Duffy Law, LLC. \$1,000. <http://www.duffylawct.com/duffy-law-llc-1000-scholarship>. Deadline is July 15, 2016.\*

Law Office of Renkin & Associates. 2016 Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness Law School Scholarship. \$1,000. <http://www.renkinlaw.com/leukemia-lymphoma-law-school-scholarship/>. Deadline is July 31, 2016.

Infinity Law Group, LLC, Third Annual Asian Heritage Law School Scholarship. \$1,000. Information and application can be found on [our website](#). Deadline is August 1, 2016.

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## **Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?**

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

## **Student Organizations**

### ***The Scholar*: Volume 19 Staff Writer Application Information**

Attention future Staff Writers. Applications for *The Scholar*: Volume 19 will be available on TWEN beginning Monday, March 21, 2016. Add: Application for Volume 19, *The Scholar*: *St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* 2016-2017. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 p.m. Please submit applications via TWEN. The Scholar will also hold two "Meet & Greet" lunches in their office, Law Library 224, second floor on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet the Board and learn more about the law review. Feel free to come and go.

### **Elections for Officers – Student Animal Legal Defense Fund**

If you are a first or second-year student and would like to be an officer of the Student Animal Defense Fund (SALDF), you may email Laura Tannenbaum at [ltannenbaum@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ltannenbaum@stmarytx.edu) with your contact information and preferred officer position or you may submit your name and preferred officer position on TWEN --> SALDF --> Sign-up Sheets --> 2016-2017 Officer Interest. The deadline for submitting interest in an officer position is 5:00 p.m., March 23, 2016. This academic year, SALDF was able to accomplish a few goals with two officers. We wish to expand the number of officers in our organization in order to host more events and increase awareness about our group. For more information about SALDF please visit <https://stmarytx.collegiatelink.net/organization/SALDF/news/details/86981?fromCampus=False>.

### **Student Veterans Organization Meetings**

Please join the Student Veterans Organization (SVO) for their bi-monthly meetings. The meetings will be held in the University Center, Alumni Conference Room on the first Monday of each month from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and the third Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided during the Monday meetings. The SVO extends an invitation to all students to join them.

# Student Competition

## Tryouts for Mock Trial Teams (EAP)

Each year the Law School sends teams to participate in regional and national advocacy competitions—mock trial, moot court, and negotiations. The coaches for those respective teams hold interviews and tryouts during the Spring semester to select students to participate in those competitions the next school year.

The application procedures for the EAP Mock Trial teams will begin shortly. If you are interested in being considered for the next year's mock trial teams, you should fill out an application—which can be picked from Professor Schlueter, (LFB 270)—and turn it back in to him not later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25th. When you turn in your application, you should sign up for a 15-minute interview, which will be conducted by the mock trial coaches and assistant coaches. Interviews will be conducted on March 31<sup>st</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, and April 5<sup>th</sup>. If all of those slots fill up, additional times will be available on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Students who are already on a mock trial team will not need to go through the interview process but must meet with the coaches at 9:00 pm on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Those selected will be announced at the Barristers' Ball on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Those students will be required to attend a one-hour Mock Trial Mini Course, to be held the first part of August. That course will familiarize students with basic litigation techniques and styles.

## Academic Support

### Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in RABA 208. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call (210) 431-4225 or email at [ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu) to set up an appointment.

### Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has produced a quick video about how TLAP can assist law students navigate the pressures of law school. The video is on their web page at <http://www.texasbar.com/tlapisthere>.

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### Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for the 2016/17 academic year, or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2016 will need to renew their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students are encouraged to complete the 2016-2017 FAFSA by the March 31<sup>st</sup> priority deadline. Students may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and should include St. Mary's school code 003623. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at (210) 436-3141.

## The Justices of the Fourth Court of Appeals

Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend the moot court competition finals and the leadership awards luncheon on Thursday, March 31, 2016. Linda and Dave Schlueter First-year Moot Court Competition Finals will be held 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Law Classroom Building, Courtroom. The final round of the first-year moot court competition will be judged by Justices of the Fourth Court of Appeals. The Women in Law Leadership Awards Luncheon will be at 12:15 p.m., Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, Law Alumni Room. The luncheon includes the presentation of the Chief Justice (Ret.) Alma L. Lopez Women in Law Award and the Chief Justice (Ret.) Catherine M. Stone Rock of Justice Award. For more information, contact Sister Grace Walle, F.M.I., at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).

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Orders for graduation invitation and announcements may also be ordered through Texas Recognition at [www.texasrecognition.com](http://www.texasrecognition.com). These items will be delivered directly to the graduates' address listed on the order. For more information please visit [https://11903-presscdn-0-75-pagely.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/CommencementEventSheetMay2016\\_030816.pdf](https://11903-presscdn-0-75-pagely.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/CommencementEventSheetMay2016_030816.pdf).

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## Events

### Law Week and Reunion Events

The St. Mary's University School of Law invites you to our inaugural Law Week and Reunion, March 28-April 2, 2016. Join us for a golf tournament, concert, social gatherings, CLE seminars and more.

**Wednesday, March 30, 2016**

**Nuts and Bolts of International Law Seminar and Networking Lunch.** Sponsored by the State Bar of Texas International Law Section and the St. Mary's University School of Law International Law Society, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, *Three CLE credit hours, including one hour of ethics CLE, are pending.*

**St. Mary's University Law Lecture on Global Affairs.** The Right Honourable Henry McLeish, former First Minister of Scotland, will discuss international relations and topics affecting European Union member countries with ties to the United States. A panel discussion will follow the lecture. McLeish is a Visiting Professor of European Studies at the School of Law. 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., Law Classrooms Building, Courtroom.

**14th Annual Catholic Intellectual Tradition Lecture Series.** "The Church Facing Pluralism, Catholicism and Secular Cultural, Economic and Political Institutions in These Last Fifty Years," lecture by Massimo Faggioli, Ph.D., 7:00 p.m., University Center, Conference Room A.

**Thursday, March 31, 2016**

**Law Clinic Open House, 5:00 to 7 p.m.,** The Center for Legal and Social Justice, 2507 NW 36th St.

**Student Bar Association Fundraising Concert featuring Sam Riggs, John T. Floore's Country Store, 8:00 p.m., 14492 Old Bandera Road, Helotes, Texas 78023, Alumni, family and friends tickets: \$20 presale, \$25 at the door. Student tickets: \$15 presale, \$20 at the door. Buy tickets [here](#).**

**Friday, April 1, 2016**

**Faculty Presentations:**

**3:00 to 4:00 p.m., *America's Exceptional Commitment to Free Speech*, Professor Vincent Johnson, J.D., LL.D., Law Classrooms Building, Room 105, One credit hour of CLE.**

**4:00 to 5:00 p.m., *Bought & Bound – Updates on Consumer Arbitration Agreements*, Associate Professor Ramona L. Lampley, J.D., Law Classrooms Building, Room 105, One credit hour of CLE.**

**Heritage Club 50-year Reunion and Reception honoring Class of 1966, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., University Center, Conference Room A, *this event is for University and School of Law alumni from 1996 only.***

**Town Hall Meeting with Dean Stephen M. Sheppard, 5:00 to 5:45 p.m., Law Classrooms Building, Room 105, *this event is for alumni only.***

**Law Commons Grand Opening and Faculty Meet-and-Greet, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, *this event is for alumni and prospective students only.***

**Saturday, April 2, 2016**

**SBA Alumni Golf Tournament, 8:00 a.m., The Quarry Golf Club, 444 East Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209, *Single player entry fee including lunch, tournament and dinner: \$100. Student entry fee: \$65. Sponsorships are available. Please click [here](#) for more details or email [Clair Strom](#), Student Bar Association Alumni Chair.***

**Homecoming Mass, 4:30 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel.**

**Sterling Club 25-year Reunion and Reception honoring Class of 1991, 6:00 p.m., Quad Amphitheater, *this event is for University and School of Law alumni from 1991 only.***

**Homecoming Oyster Bake (Baby Bake), 6:00 p.m., Pecan Grove.**

**Law Alumni All-class Reunion Reception, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Law Courtyard, *this event is for alumni only.***

*To see the full schedule, visit our [Law Week and Reunion webpage](#). Please RSVP for the events you plan to attend.*

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## Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions, fellowships or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu). Additional scholarships may be available in the "Writing Contests and Competitions" section of Symplicity.

\*Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

Common Cause. \$5,000 \$3,000, \$2,000. [www.commoncause.org/GerrymanderStandard](http://www.commoncause.org/GerrymanderStandard). Deadline is March 27, 2016.

Austin Bar Foundation/Austin LGBT Bar Association. Two \$5,000 scholarships. [www.austingbtbar.org/scholarship](http://www.austingbtbar.org/scholarship). Deadline is March 31, 2016.

The Amarillo Area Bar Foundation. Four \$2,500 scholarships. [www.amarillobar.org](http://www.amarillobar.org). Click on Amarillo Area Bar Foundation on left menu panel. Deadline is April 1, 2016.

The American Association of Law Libraries is offering various scholarships. <http://www.aallnet.org/mm/Member-Resources/scholarships/Scholarship-Applications>. Deadline is April 1, 2016.

Zelle LLP. 2016 Diversity in Law Scholarship. \$30,000. Click [here](#) for a copy of the application. Click [here](#) for more information or go to [www.zelle.com](http://www.zelle.com). Deadline is April 1, 2016.

Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas. Three \$2,000 scholarships. Deadline is April 8, 2016.

DISH Network L.L.C. and Redgrave LLP. eDiscovery Legal Research & Writing competition. \$2,500, \$1,000. <http://www.dishediscovery.com>. Deadline is April 11, 2016.

The Judge Advocate General's School. \$2,000, \$1,000. <http://www.afjag.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-151014-037.pdf>. Deadline is April 15, 2016.

Eastern District of Texas Bar Association. Seven (7) \$5,000 scholarships. [www.edexbar.com](http://www.edexbar.com). Deadline is April 15, 2016.

American Bar Association, Family Law Section, Howard C. Schwab Contest. \$1,500, \$750, \$300. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family\\_law/resources/essay\\_contest.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law/resources/essay_contest.html). Deadline is April 29, 2016.

University of Notre Dame. Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics writing competition. \$2,500. [www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith\\_doheny.pdf](http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf). Deadline is April 29, 2016.

National Association of Women Lawyers. \$500. [www.nawl.org](http://www.nawl.org). Deadline is May 1, 2016.

State Bar of Texas. Intellectual Property Law Section. Two \$5,000 scholarships to a woman/and or minority law student. <http://texasbariplaw.org/Awards.aspx>. Deadline is May 2, 2016.

The Weisblatt Law Firm, LLC. \$1,000. <http://weisblattlaw.com/the-weisblatt-law-firm-llc-1000-00-scholarship>. Deadline is May 12, 2016.

International Association of Defense Counsel. \$2,000, 1,000, \$500. [www.iadclaw.org](http://www.iadclaw.org). Deadline is May 20, 2016.

American Accident Awareness Attorney (AAAA). \$2,000. [http://naqvilaw.com/AAAA\\_Scholarship](http://naqvilaw.com/AAAA_Scholarship). Deadline is May 30, 2016.

Brown, PC. \$500. <http://www.browntax.com/National-Tax-Scholarship.shtml>. Deadline is May 31, 2016.

Brown, PC. \$500. <http://www.browntax.com/National-Business-Law-Scholarship.shtml>. Deadline is May 31, 2016.



Adam Greenman. \$1,000. <http://www.adamgreenmanlaw.com/law-school-scholarship>. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

The Law Office of Joseph LoRusso, P.A. \$1,000 scholarship. <http://injuryflorida.lawyer/scholarship>. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Deadline is June 15, 2016.

Cole Schotz, P.C. \$5,000. Email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu) for application. Deadline is July 1, 2016.

Patrick Malone & Associates. Two \$5,000 scholarships. <http://www.patrickmalonelaw.com/patrick-malone-associates-scholarship/>. Deadline is July 1, 2016.

Tannenwald Writing Competition. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500. <http://www.tannenwald.org/2016-Competition-Announcement>. Deadline is 9:00 p.m., EDT, July 1, 2016.

Duffy Law, LLC. \$1,000. <http://www.duffylawct.com/duffy-law-llc-1000-scholarship>. Deadline is July 15, 2016.

Law Office of Renkin & Associates. 2016 Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness Law School Scholarship. \$1,000. <http://www.renkinlaw.com/leukemia-lymphoma-law-school-scholarship/>. Deadline is July 31, 2016.

Infinity Law Group, LLC, Third Annual Asian Heritage Law School Scholarship. \$1,000. Information and application can be found on [our website](#). Deadline is August 1, 2016.

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## **Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?**

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

## **Congratulations**

### **HLSA Moot Court Team Excels at National Competition**

The St. Mary's Hispanic Law Student Association's (HLSA) Moot Court Team competed in the Hispanic National Bar Association's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Uvaldo Herrera National Moot Court Competition in Las Vegas over Spring Break. The St. Mary's team comprised of Alyssa Arriola (3L), Tabatha Fuentes (2L) and Eric Michael Garza (3L) won Best Petitioner's Brief and bested 27 teams to argue in the semi-final round before being eliminated by the team that ultimately won the competition. The HLSA Moot Court Team's wins continue St. Mary's reputation and stronghold as a national advocacy powerhouse. Please make sure to congratulate the team members when you see them.

### **Mock Trial Success Continues – EAP Mock Trial Team Advances to Semi-Finals at AAJ's Student Trial Advocacy Competition**

The success of the EAP Mock Trial team continued at the 2016 Student Trial Advocacy Competition sponsored by the American Association of Justice. The St. Mary's team comprised of Richard Dutchover (2L), Alex Hilliard (3L), Abasi Major (2L) and Nathan Janis (2L) advanced out of the preliminary rounds of the second most prestigious regional/national tournament of the year. The team competed against and advanced past Texas A&M, South Texas, and University of Oklahoma, breaking from 16 teams down to a FINAL 4, and finishing as semifinalists after dropping a close round to Baylor. In addition to the team accomplishment, Abasi Major (2L) received the award for Best Witness at the competition. Congratulations to Coach Nicole Thornbro and the EAP Mock Trial Team!

## **Student Organizations**

### ***The Scholar*: Volume 19 Staff Writer Application Information**

Attention future Staff Writers. Applications for *The Scholar*: Volume 19 are now available on TWEN. Add: Application for Volume 19, *The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* 2016-2017. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 p.m. Please submit applications

via TWEN. The Scholar will also hold two "Meet & Greet" lunches in their office, Law Library 224, second floor on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet the Board and learn more about the law review. Feel free to come and go.

## **Elections for Officers – Student Animal Legal Defense Fund**

If you are a first or second-year student and would like to be an officer of the Student Animal Defense Fund (SALDF), you may email Laura Tannenbaum at [ltannenbaum@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ltannenbaum@stmarytx.edu) with your contact information and preferred officer position or you may submit your name and preferred officer position on TWEN --> SALDF --> Sign-up Sheets --> 2016-2017 Officer Interest. The deadline for submitting interest in an officer position is 5:00 p.m., March 23, 2016. This academic year, SALDF was able to accomplish a few goals with two officers. We wish to expand the number of officers in our organization in order to host more events and increase awareness about our group. For more information about SALDF please visit <https://stmarytx.collegiatelink.net/organization/SALDF/news/details/86981?fromCampus=False>.

## **Student Veterans Organization Meetings**

Please join the Student Veterans Organization (SVO) for their bi-monthly meetings. The meetings will be held in the University Center, Alumni Conference Room on the first Monday of each month from 12:30–1:30 p.m. and the third Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided during the Monday meetings. The SVO extends an invitation to all students to join them.

## **Student Competition**

### **Tryouts for Mock Trial Teams (EAP)**

Each year the Law School sends teams to participate in regional and national advocacy competitions—mock trial, moot court, and negotiations. The coaches for those respective teams hold interviews and tryouts during the Spring semester to select students to participate in those competitions the next school year.

The application procedures for the EAP Mock Trial teams will begin shortly. If you are interested in being considered for the next year's mock trial teams, you should fill out an application—which can be picked from Professor Schlueter, (LFB 270)—and turn it back in to him not later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. When you turn in your application, you should sign up for a 15-minute interview, which will be conducted by the mock trial coaches and assistant coaches. Interviews will be conducted on March 31<sup>st</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, and April 5<sup>th</sup>. If all of those slots fill up, additional times will be available on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Students who are already on a mock trial team will not need to go through the interview process but must meet with the coaches at 9:00 pm on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Those selected will be announced at the Barristers' Ball on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Those students will be required to attend a one-hour Mock Trial Mini Course, to be held the first part of August. That course will familiarize students with basic litigation techniques and styles.

### **External Advocacy Program (EAP) Moot Court Try-Outs Begin Sunday, April 3, 2016**

**SIGN UP NOW FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF THE ST. MARY'S EAP MOOT COURT TEAM!** St. Mary's External Advocacy Program will be conducting interviews beginning Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> to select upcoming 2L students for the 2016 2017 EAP Moot Court Team. If you would like to be considered for

a position on the most successful advocacy team in the history of St. Mary's University School of Law, please access the sign-up sheet on the TWEN page for "EAP Moot Court Team" and select a convenient date and time for your interview. EAP Moot Court teams have won numerous national, regional and state competitions, and travel throughout the United States representing our law school. The try-outs will take place between April 3-5 and April 11-12, 2016. Additional information and interview requirements can be found on the TWEN page (please be sure to comply with the requirements set forth on TWEN), as well as EAP Moot Court's Facebook link. If you should have any additional questions, please feel free to contact adjunct professor and St. Mary's Moot Court Coach, Ricky J. Poole at [rpoole@alamocityattorney.com](mailto:rpoole@alamocityattorney.com). Good luck and we look forward to seeing you at try-outs.

## Academic Support

### Fall 2016 Academic Scholar Applications

The Office of Academic & Student Affairs is seeking rising 2Ls and 3Ls to serve as Academic Scholars for the Fall 2016 semester. Scholars teach expert learning skills to 1Ls and lead weekly interactive classes and hold individual meetings depending on the needs of students. Scholars will receive a \$1,250 stipend for the semester. Current 1Ls who will complete the first-year curriculum Spring 2016 are eligible to apply. Pick up an application from the Office of Academic & Student Affairs, Raba Building, Room 106-E. The application, cover letter, resume, and transcript, are due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2016.

### Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in RABA 208. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call (210) 431-4225 or email at [ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu) to set up an appointment.

### Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has produced a quick video about how TLAP can assist law students navigate the pressures of law school. The video is on their web page at <http://www.texasbar.com/tlapisthere>.

## Notices

### Student Workers Wanted

The Sarita Kenedy East Law Library is hiring student workers for the Summer and Fall semester. Job duties include providing informational, directional, reference and research assistance to Law Library patrons. A student worker usually works 10-15 hours per week. Training will be provided. Students must be in good standing to be eligible. If you are interested, please stop by at the Circulation Desk and speak to Professor Mike Martinez. A resume is required for consideration.

### Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for the 2016/17 academic year, or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2016 will need to renew their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students are encouraged to complete the 2016-2017 FAFSA by the March 31<sup>st</sup> priority deadline. Students may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and

should include St. Mary's school code 003623. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at (210) 436-3141.

## **The Justices of the Fourth Court of Appeals**

Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend the moot court competition finals and the leadership awards luncheon on Thursday, March 31, 2016. Linda and Dave Schlueter First-year Moot Court Competition Finals will be held 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Law Classroom Building, Courtroom. The final round of the first-year moot court competition will be judged by Justices of the Fourth Court of Appeals. The Women in Law Leadership Awards Luncheon will be at 12:15 p.m., Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, Law Alumni Room. The luncheon includes the presentation of the Chief Justice (Ret.) Alma L. Lopez Women in Law Award and the Chief Justice (Ret.) Catherine M. Stone Rock of Justice Award. For more information, contact Sister Grace Walle, F.M.I., at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).

## **Order of Barristers Applications**

The Order of Barristers is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills. The Order — which is open only to third-year law students — provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools. St. Mary's School of Law is permitted to select up to ten new members each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the faculty's Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. The applications will be posted on his office door. The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the Barristers' Ball on Friday, April 15, 2016. These applications will also be used, in part, to determine the recipients of the various faculty awards for outstanding advocacy. Please note that seeking or obtaining advice or assistance from any faculty member (full-time, visiting, or adjunct) other than the Chair of the Advocacy Committee (Professor Schlueter) concerning your application or its contents is strictly prohibited. All completed applications must be returned to Professor Schlueter's office no later than NOON on Tuesday, March 22, 2016.

## **Orders for Graduation Regalia, Announcements and Invitations**

Orders for tams, gowns and hoods, may be placed through Texas Recognition at [www.texasrecognition.com](http://www.texasrecognition.com) ["Click Here for our Online Store" button and select "St. Mary's School of Law" to continue]. A late fee of \$25, to pay for expedited shipping and handling fees, will be assessed to the graduate for any order placed after Saturday, April 2, 2016. The regalia will be available for on-campus pick-up on April 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>, (Tue. and Wed., 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. both days) These are the only times your hoods, tams and gowns will be issued by Texas Recognition team at the school, Law Administration building, Atrium. THE LAW SCHOOL DOES NOT ISSUE THE GRADUATION APPAREL. If you cannot make either of these dates, you can have your regalia order shipped to your home address for a fee of \$15.00. To make shipping arrangements (if not included in your initial order) please email [info@texasrecognition.com](mailto:info@texasrecognition.com).

Orders for graduation invitation and announcements may also be ordered through Texas Recognition at [www.texasrecognition.com](http://www.texasrecognition.com). These items will be delivered directly to the graduates' address listed on the order. For more information please visit [https://11903-presscdn-0-75-pagely.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/CommencementEventSheetMay2016\\_030816.pdf](https://11903-presscdn-0-75-pagely.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/CommencementEventSheetMay2016_030816.pdf).

## **Spring 2016 Commencement and Hooding Information**

Please visit the School of Law website or <https://law.stmarytx.edu/student-life/commencement/> to learn about the Spring 2016 Law Commencement and events.

## Volunteer with VITA this Semester

Interested in tax? Care to build valuable skills while earning pro bono hours? Take part with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program this spring. The 14th annual VITA Program at St. Mary's needs student volunteers to repeat the success of last year. Register today at <https://www.stmarytxvita.org/> for site operations, which run each Saturday through April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Center for Legal and Social Justice. Your volunteer hours will count towards both the St. Mary's graduation certificate and the State Bar of Texas Law Student Pro Bono College. Questions? Contact Greg Zlotnick at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu) or for more information please visit <https://www.stmarytxvita.org/>.

## Family Law Monthly Meetings

The Family Law Section of the San Antonio Bar Association is sponsoring two (2) law students at each of their monthly meetings. Meetings are held each 3rd Tuesday of every month and are a good opportunity for students to meet local attorneys and judges, while learning about Family Law from the CLE topic presented at each meeting. They meet from 12:00–1:00 p.m. at The Palm Restaurant, 233 E. Houston Street, San Antonio, TX 78205. Students must be enrolled in either Family Law or the Family Law Clinic. If interested please contact attorney Richard Loza at (210) 212-3710 the week prior to the event to reserve one of the two spots.

## University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Syllabus-insert-IRB-Class-Projects-Policy.pdf>

## Practice Credit Program/Office Hours

Gain legal experience while earning credit! Contact Nicole Merchan, [nmerchan@stmarytx.edu](mailto:nmerchan@stmarytx.edu) to set an appointment during her office hours. Office hours are located in the Office of Career Services on Mondays, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 2:00–4:00 p.m. She will help you learn more about the credit program details. Start planning for summer and fall NOW! Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Program, is on maternity leave until late April. Please contact Nicole for any questions about the program.

## Events

### Color of Justice Program: Encouraging Diversity in the Bar and Judiciary

The National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) presents the *Color Justice Program: Encouraging Diversity in the Bar and Judiciary* on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 22-23, 2016 in the Alumni

Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Panelists, including Federal and State Judges, Lawyers and Law Students, along with law school faculty, will discuss education, career preparation, and share personal and professional experiences in their pursuit of a legal career and the bench. Tuesday's program will be held from 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. and will include Law as a Career: Preparing the Way; The Color of Justice: Making a Difference; and Getting Real with the Bench & Bar. A free box lunch will be served. Wednesday's program From Bar to Bench will be held from 1:30–3:30 p.m. Space is limited so please register for this free presentation soon. Contact Catherine Casiano, Director of Recruitment at [ccasiano@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ccasiano@stmarytx.edu) or Justice Rebeca Martinez, NAWJ Director at [rebeca.martinez@txcourts.gov](mailto:rebeca.martinez@txcourts.gov). This event is sponsored by the Bexar County Women's Bar, St. Mary's University School of Law and San Antonio Bar Association.

## **ABA Law Student Division Announces National Mental Health Day**

The ABA Law Student Division has selected March 28<sup>th</sup>, as the official National Mental Health Day. Join us in the Law School Courtyard from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Mr. Chris Ritter, Staff Attorney, from Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program will be here to meet and greet students, answer questions and provide information on resources available. Our Health and Wellness Association (HAWA), Law Campus Ministry and other Campus Departments who provide services will join us. Refreshments will be provided.

## **Law Week and Reunion Events**

The St. Mary's University School of Law invites you to our inaugural Law Week and Reunion, March 28-April 2, 2016. Join us for a golf tournament, concert, social gatherings, CLE seminars and more.

### **Wednesday, March 30, 2016**

**Nuts and Bolts of International Law Seminar and Networking Lunch. Sponsored by the State Bar of Texas International Law Section and the St. Mary's University School of Law International Law Society, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, *Three CLE credit hours, including one hour of ethics CLE, are pending.***

**St. Mary's University Law Lecture on Global Affairs. The Right Honourable Henry McLeish, former First Minister of Scotland, will discuss international relations and topics affecting European Union member countries with ties to the United States. A panel discussion will follow the lecture. McLeish is a Visiting Professor of European Studies at the School of Law. 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., Law Classrooms Building, Courtroom.**

**14th Annual Catholic Intellectual Tradition Lecture Series. "The Church Facing Pluralism, Catholicism and Secular Cultural, Economic and Political Institutions in These Last Fifty Years," lecture by Massimo Faggioli, Ph.D., 7:00 p.m., University Center, Conference Room A.**

### **Thursday, March 31, 2016**

**Law Clinic Open House, 5:00 to 7 p.m., The Center for Legal and Social Justice, 2507 NW 36th St.**

**Student Bar Association Fundraising Concert featuring Sam Riggs, John T. Floore's Country Store, 8:00 p.m., 14492 Old Bandera Road, Helotes, Texas 78023, *Alumni, family and friends tickets: \$20 presale, \$25 at the door. Student tickets: \$15 presale, \$20 at the door. Buy tickets [here](#).***



## **Friday, April 1, 2016**

### **Faculty Presentations:**

**3:00 to 4:00 p.m., *America's Exceptional Commitment to Free Speech*, Professor Vincent Johnson, J.D., LL.D., Law Classrooms Building, Room 105, *One credit hour of CLE.***

**4:00 to 5:00 p.m., *Bought & Bound – Updates on Consumer Arbitration Agreements*, Associate Professor Ramona L. Lampley, J.D., Law Classrooms Building, Room 105, *One credit hour of CLE.***

**Heritage Club 50-year Reunion and Reception honoring Class of 1966, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., University Center, Conference Room A, *this event is for University and School of Law alumni from 1996 only.***

**Town Hall Meeting with Dean Stephen M. Sheppard, 5:00 to 5:45 p.m., Law Classrooms Building, Room 105, *this event is for alumni only.***

**Law Commons Grand Opening and Faculty Meet-and-Greet, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, *this event is for alumni and prospective students only.***

## **Saturday, April 2, 2016**

**SBA Alumni Golf Tournament, 8:00 a.m., The Quarry Golf Club, 444 East Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209, *Single player entry fee including lunch, tournament and dinner: \$100. Student entry fee: \$65. Sponsorships are available. Please click [here](#) for more details or email [Clair Strom](#), Student Bar Association Alumni Chair.***

**Homecoming Mass, 4:30 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel.**

**Sterling Club 25-year Reunion and Reception honoring Class of 1991, 6:00 p.m., Quad Amphitheater, *this event is for University and School of Law alumni from 1991 only.***

**Homecoming Oyster Bake (Baby Bake), 6:00 p.m., Pecan Grove.**

**Law Alumni All-class Reunion Reception, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Law Courtyard, *this event is for alumni only.***

*To see the full schedule, visit our [Law Week and Reunion webpage](#). Please RSVP for the events you plan to attend.*

## **Ministry**

### **The Days of Holy Week**

March 24<sup>th</sup> – Holy Thursday, 6:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

March 25<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday, 3:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel, Friday of the Passion of the Lord

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University of Notre Dame. Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics writing competition. \$2,500. [www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith\\_doheny.pdf](http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf). Deadline is April 29, 2016.

National Association of Women Lawyers. \$500. [www.nawl.org](http://www.nawl.org). Deadline is May 1, 2016.

State Bar of Texas. Intellectual Property Law Section. Two \$5,000 scholarships to a woman/and or minority law student. <http://texasbariplaw.org/Awards.aspx>. Deadline is May 2, 2016.

The Weisblatt Law Firm, LLC. \$1,000. <http://weisblattlaw.com/the-weisblatt-law-firm-llc-1000-00-scholarship>. Deadline is May 12, 2016.

International Association of Defense Counsel. \$2,000, 1,000, \$500. [www.iadclaw.org](http://www.iadclaw.org). Deadline is May 20, 2016.

American Accident Awareness Attorney (AAAA). \$2,000. [http://naqvilaw.com/AAAA\\_Scholarship](http://naqvilaw.com/AAAA_Scholarship). Deadline is May 30, 2016.

Brown, PC. \$500. <http://www.browntax.com/National-Tax-Scholarship.shtml>. Deadline is May 31, 2016.

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The Law Office of Joseph LoRusso, P.A. \$1,000 scholarship. <http://injuryflorida.lawyer/scholarship>. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Deadline is June 15, 2016.

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Duffy Law, LLC. \$1,000. <http://www.duffylawct.com/duffy-law-llc-1000-scholarship>. Deadline is July 15, 2016.

Law Office of Renkin & Associates. 2016 Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness Law School Scholarship. \$1,000. <http://www.renkinlaw.com/leukemia-lymphoma-law-school-scholarship/>. Deadline is July 31, 2016.

Infinity Law Group, LLC, Third Annual Asian Heritage Law School Scholarship. \$1,000. Information and application can be found on [our website](#). Deadline is August 1, 2016.

# WITAN

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Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

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For qualified 1Ls interested in joining as a Staff Writer for the *St. Mary's Law Journal* through the write-on process, the *Law Journal* is pleased to announce their annual Write-On Competition. A self-contained packet with instructions and all the necessary research materials will be available at the *Law Journal* office (Law Library 2nd floor) starting on the last day of finals, Friday, May 6 at 11:00 a.m. The deadline to return completed packets will be Friday, June 3, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Submissions must be made at the *Law Journal* office no later than the deadline. Please contact Mitch Gonzales at [mgonzales14@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:mgonzales14@mail.stmarytx.edu) for more information.

### ***The Scholar: Volume 19* Staff Writer Application Information**

Attention future Staff Writers. Applications for *The Scholar: Volume 19* are now available on TWEN. Add: Application for Volume 19, *The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* 2016-2017. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 p.m. Please submit applications via TWEN. The Scholar will hold a "Meet & Greet" lunch in their office, Law Library 224, second floor on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet the Board and learn more about the law review. Feel free to come and go.

### **Student Veterans Organization Meetings**

Please join the Student Veterans Organization (SVO) for their bi-monthly meetings. The meetings will be held in the University Center, Alumni Conference Room on the first Monday of each month from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and the third Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided during the Monday meetings. The SVO extends an invitation to all students to join them.

# Student Competition

## EXTERNAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM (EAP) Moot Court Try-Outs

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF THE ST. MARY'S EAP MOOT COURT TEAM! St. Mary's External Advocacy Program will be conducting interviews beginning Sunday, April 3rd to select upcoming 2L students for the 2016-2017 EAP Moot Court Team. If you would like to be considered for a position on the most successful advocacy team in the history of St. Mary's University School of Law, please access the sign-up sheet on the TWEN page for "EAP Moot Court Team" and select a convenient date and time for your interview. EAP Moot Court teams have won numerous national, regional and state competitions, and travel throughout the United States representing our law school. The try-outs will take place between April 3-5 and April 11-12, 2016. Additional information and interview requirements can be found on the TWEN page (please be sure to comply with the requirements set forth on TWEN), as well as EAP Moot Court's Facebook link. If you should have any additional questions, please feel free to contact adjunct professor and St. Mary's Moot Court Coach, Ricky J. Poole at [rpoole@alamocityattorney.com](mailto:rpoole@alamocityattorney.com). Good luck and we look forward to seeing you at try-outs.

## Negotiations Team Tryouts

The Negotiations Team has represented St. Mary's University School of Law in Regional, National, and International competitions. The Team has one, three-hour practice per week. Students prepare individually and with their partner outside of the designated practice time. The Team competes in two competitions every year—one in the fall semester (the ABA Regional Negotiation Competition), and one in the spring semester. In recent spring competitions, the Team has competed in Ft. Worth, Houston, New Orleans, New York City, Richmond, and Warsaw, Poland. If you are interested in being considered for the 2016-2017 Negotiations Team, please sign-up for the Negotiations Team TWEN page. Download the application from TWEN and sign-up for a 15-minute interview. TRYOUTS will take place Saturday, April 9 from 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Submit your application, resume, and any questions or requests for additional information to Kristine Gregg at [kgregg1@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:kgregg1@mail.stmarytx.edu) by 10:00 am, Thursday, April 7. Those selected will be announced at Barristers' Ball on Friday, April 15, 2016.

## Mock Trial Team Tryouts

Each year the Law School sends teams to participate in regional and national advocacy competitions—mock trial, moot court, and negotiations. The coaches for those respective teams hold interviews and tryouts during the Spring semester to select students to participate in those competitions the next school year.

If you are interested in being considered for the next year's mock trial teams, you should fill out an application—which can be picked from Professor Schlueter (LFB 270). When you pick up the application please sign up for a 15-minute interview, which will be conducted by the mock trial coaches and assistant coaches. Interviews will be conducted on March 31<sup>st</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, and April 5<sup>th</sup>. If all of those slots fill up, additional times will be available on April 6<sup>th</sup>. You will need to take your application with you to that interview. You do not need to turn it back in to Professor Schlueter.

Students who are already on a mock trial team will not need to go through the interview process but must meet with the coaches at 9:00 pm on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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# Academic Support

## Course Advising Appointments – Open to All Students

All students are invited to schedule a course advising appointment with Office of Academic & Student Affairs. Please bring a proposed schedule with your class selections, including any alternate or back-up choices. During the meeting, we will discuss the law school's graduation requirements, answer any questions, advise if you are taking too heavy of a course load, and help to ensure that you are taking classes that will prepare you for the bar exam. To schedule your course advising appointment, please contact Patricia Solano at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) or (210) 431-4340.

## Fall 2016 Academic Scholar Applications

The Office of Academic & Student Affairs is seeking rising 2Ls and 3Ls to serve as Academic Scholars for the Fall 2016 semester. Scholars teach expert learning skills to 1Ls and lead weekly interactive classes and hold individual meetings depending on the needs of students. Scholars will receive a \$1,250 stipend for the semester. Current 1Ls who will complete the first-year curriculum Spring 2016 are eligible to apply. Pick up an application from the Office of Academic & Student Affairs, Raba Building, Room 106-E. The application, cover letter, resume, and transcript, are due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2016.

## Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in RABA 208. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call (210) 431-4225 or email at [ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu) to set up an appointment.

## Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has produced a quick video about how TLAP can assist law students navigate the pressures of law school. The video is on their web page at <http://www.texasbar.com/tlapisthere>.

## Notices

### Mandatory 1L Re-Orientation Meetings

All 1Ls should attend a mandatory 1L Re-Orientation meeting. Section C will meet Tuesday, April 5 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. in Law Classroom 105. Sections A & B will meet on Thursday, April 7, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. in Law Classroom 105.

### Student Workers Wanted

The Sarita Kenedy East Law Library is hiring student workers for the Summer and Fall semester. Job duties include providing informational, directional, reference and research assistance to Law Library patrons. A student worker usually works 10-15 hours per week. Training will be provided. Students must be in good standing to be eligible for employment. If you are interested, please stop by at the Circulation Desk and speak to Professor Mike Martinez. A resume is required for consideration.

## Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for the 2016/17 academic year, or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2016 will need to renew their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students are encouraged to complete the 2016-2017 FAFSA by the March 31<sup>st</sup> priority deadline. Students may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and should include St. Mary's school code 003623. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at (210) 436-3141.

## Orders for Graduation Regalia, Announcements and Invitations

Orders for tams, gowns and hoods, may be placed through Texas Recognition at [www.texasrecognition.com](http://www.texasrecognition.com) ["Click Here for our Online Store" button and select "St. Mary's School of Law" to continue]. A late fee of \$25, to pay for expedited shipping and handling fees, will be assessed to the graduate for any order placed after Saturday, April 2, 2016. The regalia will be available for on-campus pick-up on April 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>, (Tue. and Wed., 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. both days) These are the only times your hoods, tams and gowns will be issued by Texas Recognition team at the school, Law Administration building, Atrium. THE LAW SCHOOL DOES NOT ISSUE THE GRADUATION APPAREL. If you cannot make either of these dates, you can have your regalia order shipped to your home address for a fee of \$15.00. To make shipping arrangements (if not included in your initial order) please email [info@texasrecognition.com](mailto:info@texasrecognition.com).

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## Spring 2016 Commencement and Hooding Information

Please visit the School of Law website or <https://law.stmarytx.edu/student-life/commencement/> to learn about the Spring 2016 Law Commencement and events.

## Volunteer with VITA this Semester

Interested in tax? Care to build valuable skills while earning pro bono hours? Take part with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program this spring. The 14th annual VITA Program at St. Mary's needs student volunteers to repeat the success of last year. Register today at <https://www.stmarytxvita.org/> for site operations, which run each Saturday through April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Center for Legal and Social Justice. Your volunteer hours will count towards both the St. Mary's graduation certificate and the State Bar of Texas Law Student Pro Bono College. Questions? Contact Greg Zlotnick at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu) or for more information please visit <https://www.stmarytxvita.org/>.

## Family Law Monthly Meetings

The Family Law Section of the San Antonio Bar Association is sponsoring two (2) law students at each of their monthly meetings. Meetings are held each 3rd Tuesday of every month and are a good opportunity for students to meet local attorneys and judges, while learning about Family Law from the CLE topic presented at each meeting. They meet from 12:00-1:00 p.m. at The Palm Restaurant, 233 E. Houston Street, San Antonio, TX 78205. Students must be enrolled in either Family Law or the Family Law Clinic. If interested please contact attorney Richard Loza at (210) 212-3710 the week prior to the event to reserve one of the two spots.

## University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
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## Practice Credit Program/Office Hours

Gain legal experience while earning credit! Contact Nicole Merchan, [nmerchan@stmarytx.edu](mailto:nmerchan@stmarytx.edu) to set an appointment during her office hours. Office hours are located in the Office of Career Services on Mondays, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 2:00–4:00 p.m. She will help you learn more about the credit program details. Start planning for summer and fall NOW! Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Program, is on maternity leave until late April. Please contact Nicole for any questions about the program.

## Events

### Lunch and Learn with the Marianist Sisters in India

Please join Sister Grace Walle on Tuesday March 29<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 p.m. at Casa Maria (next to Marian Hall) for a Lunch and Learn with the Marianist Sisters in India. This event will feature Sister Laura Leming, F.M.I., Ph.D., (B.A. '79) Sociology Professor, University of Dayton and Adjunct Faculty, Marianist Studies in India and Jennifer Lloyd, Director of Law Communications. Indian cuisine and sandwiches will be served. This event sponsored by the Women's History Month Committee and the Marianist Sisters. We hope to see all of you there.

### The Justices of the Fourth Court of Appeals

Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend the moot court competition finals and the leadership awards luncheon on Thursday, March 31, 2016. Linda and Dave Schlueter First-year Moot Court Competition Finals will be held 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Law Classroom Building, Courtroom. The final round of the first-year moot court competition will be judged by Justices of the Fourth Court of Appeals. The Women in Law Leadership Awards Luncheon will be at 12:15 p.m., Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, Law Alumni Room. The luncheon includes the presentation of the Chief Justice (Ret.) Alma L. Lopez Women in Law Award and the Chief Justice (Ret.) Catherine M. Stone Rock of Justice Award. For more information, contact Sister Grace Walle, F.M.I., at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).

### ABA Law Student Division Announces National Mental Health Day

The ABA Law Student Division has selected March 28<sup>th</sup>, as the official National Mental Health Day. Join us in the Law School Courtyard from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Mr. Chris Ritter, Staff Attorney, from Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program will be here to meet and greet students, answer questions and provide



information on resources available. Our Health and Wellness Association (HAWA), Law Campus Ministry and other Campus Departments who provide services will join us. Refreshments will be provided.

## **Law Week and Reunion Events**

The St. Mary's University School of Law invites you to our inaugural Law Week and Reunion, March 28-April 2, 2016. Join us for a golf tournament, concert, social gatherings, CLE seminars and more.

### **Wednesday, March 30, 2016**

**Nuts and Bolts of International Law Seminar and Networking Lunch. Sponsored by the State Bar of Texas International Law Section and the St. Mary's University School of Law International Law Society, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, *Three CLE credit hours, including one hour of ethics CLE, are pending.***

**St. Mary's University Law Lecture on Global Affairs. The Right Honourable Henry McLeish, former First Minister of Scotland, will discuss international relations and topics affecting European Union member countries with ties to the United States. A panel discussion will follow the lecture. McLeish is a Visiting Professor of European Studies at the School of Law. 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., Law Classrooms Building, Courtroom.**

**14th Annual Catholic Intellectual Tradition Lecture Series. "The Church Facing Pluralism, Catholicism and Secular Cultural, Economic and Political Institutions in These Last Fifty Years," lecture by Massimo Faggioli, Ph.D., 7:00 p.m., University Center, Conference Room A.**

### **Thursday, March 31, 2016**

**Law Clinic Open House, 5:00 to 7 p.m., The Center for Legal and Social Justice, 2507 NW 36th St.**

**Student Bar Association Fundraising Concert featuring Sam Riggs, John T. Floore's Country Store, 8:00 p.m., 14492 Old Bandera Road, Helotes, Texas 78023, *Alumni, family and friends tickets: \$20 presale, \$25 at the door. Student tickets: \$15 presale, \$20 at the door. Buy tickets [here](#).***

### **Friday, April 1, 2016**

#### **Faculty Presentations:**

**3:00 to 4:00 p.m., *America's Exceptional Commitment to Free Speech*, Professor Vincent Johnson, J.D., LL.D., Law Classrooms Building, Room 105, *One credit hour of CLE.***

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**Heritage Club 50-year Reunion and Reception honoring Class of 1966, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., University Center, Conference Room A, *this event is for University and School of Law alumni from 1996 only.***

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**Law Commons Grand Opening and Faculty Meet-and-Greet, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, *this event is for alumni and prospective students only.***

## **Saturday, April 2, 2016**

**SBA Alumni Golf Tournament, 8:00 a.m., The Quarry Golf Club, 444 East Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209, Single player entry fee including lunch, tournament and dinner: \$100. Student entry fee: \$65. Sponsorships are available. Please click [here](#) for more details or email [Clair Strom](#), Student Bar Association Alumni Chair.**

**Homecoming Mass, 4:30 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel.**

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## **Ministry**

### **Bible Study**

Those interested in expository teaching of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba building at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen and notebook! For more information contact Eric Rine at [rine.eric@gmail.com](mailto:rine.eric@gmail.com).

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The Judge Advocate General's School. \$2,000, \$1,000. <http://www.afjag.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-151014-037.pdf>. Deadline is April 15, 2016.

Eastern District of Texas Bar Association. Seven (7) \$5,000 scholarships. [www.edexbar.com](http://www.edexbar.com). Deadline is April 15, 2016.

American Bar Association, Family Law Section, Howard C. Schwab Contest. \$1,500, \$750, \$300. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family\\_law/resources/essay\\_contest.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law/resources/essay_contest.html). Deadline is April 29, 2016.

University of Notre Dame. Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics writing competition. \$2,500. [www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith\\_doheny.pdf](http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf). Deadline is April 29, 2016.

National Association of Women Lawyers. \$500. [www.nawl.org](http://www.nawl.org). Deadline is May 1, 2016.

State Bar of Texas. Intellectual Property Law Section. Two \$5,000 scholarships to a woman/and or minority law student. <http://texasbariplaw.org/Awards.aspx>. Deadline is May 2, 2016.

The Weisblatt Law Firm, LLC. \$1,000. <http://weisblattlaw.com/the-weisblatt-law-firm-llc-1000-00-scholarship>. Deadline is May 12, 2016.

International Association of Defense Counsel. \$2,000, 1,000, \$500. [www.iadclaw.org](http://www.iadclaw.org). Deadline is May 20, 2016.

American Accident Awareness Attorney

(AAAA). \$2,000. [http://naqvilaw.com/AAAA\\_Scholarship](http://naqvilaw.com/AAAA_Scholarship). Deadline is May 30, 2016.

Brown, PC. \$500. <http://www.browntax.com/National-Tax-Scholarship.shtml>. Deadline is May 31, 2016.

Brown, PC. \$500. <http://www.browntax.com/National-Business-Law-Scholarship.shtml>. Deadline is May 31, 2016.

Adam Greenman. \$1,000. <http://www.adamgreenmanlaw.com/law-school-scholarship>. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

The Law Office of Joseph LoRusso, P.A. \$1,000 scholarship. <http://injuryflorida.lawyer/scholarship>. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Deadline is June 15, 2016.

Cole Schotz, P.C. \$5,000. Email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu) for application. Deadline is July 1, 2016.

Patrick Malone & Associates. Two \$5,000 scholarships. <http://www.patrickmalonelaw.com/patrick-malone-associates-scholarship/>. Deadline is July 1, 2016.

Tannenwald Writing Competition. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500. <http://www.tannenwald.org/2016-Competition-Announcement>. Deadline is 9:00 p.m., EDT, July 1, 2016.

Duffy Law, LLC. \$1,000. <http://www.duffylawct.com/duffy-law-llc-1000-scholarship>. Deadline is July 15, 2016.

Law Office of Renkin & Associates. 2016 Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness Law School Scholarship. \$1,000. <http://www.renkinlaw.com/leukemia-lymphoma-law-school-scholarship/>. Deadline is July 31, 2016.

Infinity Law Group, LLC, Third Annual Asian Heritage Law School Scholarship. \$1,000. Information and application can be found on [our website](#). Deadline is August 1, 2016.



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## Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

## Notices

### Required Reading – Updated Student Exam Policies and Procedures

*GENERAL POLICIES* – Faculty will not proctor exams. This task will be undertaken by outside, independent proctors hired by the law school. Proctors are to supervise the exam process, enforce rules, and eliminate the opportunity to cheat. Each Proctor shall treat all students with respect at all times. Each exam room will have assigned seat numbers prominently displayed in front of the seats in the room. Students will be seated, following the check-in process described below, according to the randomly-assigned seat numbers provided to the Proctors by the Office of the Associate Dean. Students will not have access to this list prior to the check-in process.

*CHECK-IN PROCEDURE* – Students may not enter their exam room any earlier than fifteen minutes (i.e., 7:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., or 5:45 p.m.) before the scheduled start. No student will be checked into the exam room until fifteen minutes before the scheduled exam time. Any student who is in the exam room before the official check-in time will be asked to leave the exam room by the proctor until the formal check-in process begins. Students will be checked-in to their assigned exam room by presenting their St. Mary's-issued student photo ID to the proctor. The student will be confirmed by the proctor and told her/his seat number for that exam. Students without the proper ID will not be allowed in the exam room. The check-in table will have ear plugs, pencils (if the exam is using a scantron), and, if the exam allows both laptop and handwriting, a blue book for students who are handwriting. Students who are handwriting may pick-up only one (1) blue book upon check-in. If a second blue book is needed once the exam is underway, the student will raise her/his hand and the proctor will bring a second blue book to the student. Students arriving late to the exam will be checked in according to the above procedure in the regular exam room, and will not be given any additional time to complete their exam. Proctors will NOT have access to the students' exam numbers at any time during the exam administration. It is the responsibility of the student to have her/his exam number prior to entering the exam room. Students must keep their photo ID face-up on their desk top by their seat number throughout the exam. Students can have only their photo ID, pencils, erasers, a pencil sharpener, pens, and highlighters at their seat. If a student is using a laptop computer with ExamSoft already loaded, the student may also have the laptop and its power cord at their seat.

*ITEMS NOT ALLOWED IN THE EXAM ROOM* – Students may not bring any of the following banned devices into the exam room: Smart phones, cell phones, smart watches, tablets, or any other electronic device except for a laptop if the exam can be taken using ExamSoft or as otherwise approved by the individual [professor], drinks in any sort of container, food, candy, gum, etc.

Students are strongly urged not to bring any backpacks, purses, clutches, rolling bags, or the like into the exam room. If a student attempts to check in with any backpack, purse, laptop bag, rolling bag or the like, the student will be instructed to place all of these items at the front of the room behind the podium. Please note that if a large number of students bring these items to the exam room and place them at the front of the room, it may be disruptive or a nuisance when it comes time to retrieve them at the end of the exam. For an exam that is modified closed (faculty may allow their students to bring in specific items such as textbook, code book, printed notes, printed outlines, or non-wireless calculator, and this will be conveyed to the proctor in the manifest) the student must carry the items in her/his hands. If a student attempts to check in with any backpack, purse, laptop bag, rolling bag or the like, the student will be instructed to place all of these items at the front of the room behind the podium. Hats, caps, sunglasses, keys, etc. must be placed in the students' bags at the front of the room OR on the floor by their seat. These items may not be on the desktop. The Associate Dean's Office will inform the proctor if the professor has approved the usage of scratch paper.

*EXAM PLEDGE AND HANDING OUT EXAMS* – Students will be required to complete the *School of Law Exam Pledge*, placed by their assigned seat prior to check-in, for each exam in each course. By completing the *Exam Pledge*, the student certifies that he/she does not have a smart phone, cell phone or other banned electronic device, and acknowledges that the student will submit all required exam materials at the end of the exam. The *Exam Pledge* will be kept in the Office of the Associate Dean and will NOT be given to the professor. Other material that may be placed at each assigned seat, depending on the type of exam and instructions by the professor, include a scantron, blue book (if laptops are not allowed and answers are to be handwritten only), or scratch paper (if allowed by the professor). The exams will be handed out to each student while picking-up the completed *Exam Pledge* according to their numbered seat/test number at the start of the scheduled exam time (i.e., 8:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.) unless there is still a line for students waiting to be checked in by the proctor. The Proctor will not give an exam to a student without first picking up the completed Exam Pledge. No exam will be placed at a seat unless the student is in her/his place.

*PREPARING TO START THE EXAM - HANDWRITING AND LAPTOPPING* – Students must place their exam number on all exam materials. Student names must NEVER be written on any exam materials. All laptop users MUST bring and use a power adapter for their computer. If they do not bring it with them, they must write their exam in a bluebook. Students planning to type their exam must run the law school's prescribed exam software regardless of whether the exam is open book or closed book. Students must download ExamSoft (for exams where allowed) prior to the start of the exam period. Students who intend to laptop must immediately launch ExamSoft when they enter the exam room and shall not turn on their computers and pull up their notes, outline, etc. to study in the exam room. Students cannot connect to the internet except for the SoftTest website. Students who are laptoping must get to the "Stop" (PC) or "i" (Mac) screen and wait for further instructions from the professor. The "Spell Check" feature has been disabled for ExamSoft users. Students planning to type using ExamSoft who are not able to successfully launch SoftTest at the start of the exam must handwrite. Any lost time will not be given back to the student to complete the exam. The start of an exam will not be delayed to wait for a laptop user to finish uploading or launching the exam. A laptopter MUST be ready and at the "STOP" (for PC) or "i" (for Mac) when all other students in the exam room are ready to begin. Any laptop user who is NOT ready MUST handwrite and will be handed a blue book by the proctor. If a laptop crashes or freezes during an exam, the student will be given a blue book and allowed to complete the exam by handwriting the remainder of the exam, but no extra time will be allowed for the exam. The Administration will ensure the professor receives both the portion of the exam completed on ExamSoft and the portion completed in a blue book. If a student arrives late to an exam she/he will NOT be allowed to laptop and MUST handwrite. Bluebook writers and laptop users will begin their exams at the same time.

*DURING THE EXAM* – Proctors will use the on-screen stopwatch to post the exam time for the room; it will provide a countdown of the time remaining on the exam that all students can see. Proctors are required to QUIETLY walk around during the examination approximately at unpredictable intervals every hour of the exam. In rooms where there are 2 proctors, 1 proctor will be at the back of the room and 1 proctor at the front throughout the exam. Students who are handwriting receive 1 blue book at check-in. If a student needs a second blue book to complete the exam, the student must raise his/her hand and the proctor will bring the blue book to the student. A student should not rip pages

from the Bluebook. Students will be instructed to raise their hands if they have a question or problem once the exam is in progress. Proctors will walk to the student to answer any questions once the exam is in progress. Students are permitted to use the restrooms only in the building where they are taking the exam; only one student is allowed to be out of the exam room for a restroom break at a time. Students must leave their student ID and all exam materials with the proctor in the front of the room and may not take any materials with them during an exam break. Students will provide their test number to the proctor, who will log the departure and return time of the student on a log sheet. Each restroom will have a dedicated proctor. Students must return within five minutes and will not receive additional time on their exam. Students are not permitted to leave the building where they are taking an exam for any reason until they have completed their exam. Students are NOT permitted to leave their seats during the last 5 minutes of the exam.

*EXAM CONCLUSION* – No student is allowed to leave the room, or turn in her/his exam, during the last 5 minutes of the exam. The proctor will announce when 5 minutes are remaining and that all students are to remain in their seats until time is called proctor will loudly announce "STOP WORK" at the end of the exam time. Any student who continues to write or type will be noted on the Exam Manifest by the proctor and reported to the Administration, with the exact amount of time the student continued to write or type. Students using ExamSoft must upload their completed exam at the end of the exam administration once time has been called by the proctor. A "Congratulations" screen will appear after a successful upload. A student shall not leave the classroom until she/he has received this notice. If a student fails to upload their exam immediately after the exam has ended and before leaving the exam room, the professor will be notified of the delay and the extent of the delay by the law school administration. The professor may lower the student's grade based on the reported delay. Once the student has turned in the examination and any required supporting materials (scantron, blue book, scratch paper) he/she must leave the room as quickly as possible and proceed outside. Students must leave the building once they have completed their exam and are not to remain in the hallways where they could cause a disturbance to other students still taking an exam

## **Mandatory 1L Re-Orientation Meetings**

All 1Ls should attend a mandatory 1L re-orientation meeting. Section C will meet Tuesday, April 5 from 10:00–11:30 a.m. in Law Classroom 105. Sections A & B will meet on Thursday, April 7, 12:00–1:30 p.m. in Law Classroom 105.

## **Summer and Fall 2016 Registration**

Online registration will open for summer 2016 and fall 2016 on the days indicated below. USE THE HOURS earned at the END of the fall 2015 semester to determine when you register. Do not include spring 2016 hours in your calculation of earned hours.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on  
TUESDAY, April 5 through SUNDAY, April 10, 2016 students with hours earned equal to or greater than 43 hours may register online.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on  
MONDAY, April 11 through SATURDAY, April 16, 2016 students with less than 43 hours may register online.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on  
MONDAY, April 18 through SATURDAY, April 22 all student groups may register online.

Online registration closes at midnight April 22, 2016 for all semesters. The next opportunity to register for summer online will be May 18th. The next opportunity to register for the fall will be August 22nd.



If you have a hold on your account you must clear it before you can access online registration. If you have any questions regarding online registration, you must contact Ms. Catherine Mery, Director of Student Enrollment, at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu). DO NOT contact the Registrar's Office for questions related to law school registration. If you send an email to Ms. Mery include your name and St. Mary's student ID number.

## Student Workers Wanted

The Sarita Kenedy East Law Library is hiring student workers for the Summer and Fall semester. Job duties include providing informational, directional, reference and research assistance to Law Library patrons. A student worker usually works 10-15 hours per week. Training will be provided. Students must be in good standing to be eligible for employment. If you are interested, please stop by at the Circulation Desk and speak to Professor Mike Martinez. A resume is required for consideration.

## Graduation Regalia, Announcements and Invitations

Graduation regalia will be available for on-campus pick-up on April 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>, (Tue. and Wed., 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. both days) in the Atrium, Law Administration building. These are the only times your hoods, tams and gowns will be issued by Texas Recognition team at the school. THE LAW SCHOOL DOES NOT ISSUE GRADUATION APPAREL.

Orders for graduation invitation and announcements may be ordered through Texas Recognition at [www.texasrecognition.com](http://www.texasrecognition.com). These items will be delivered directly to the graduates' address listed on the order. For more information please visit [https://11903-presscdn-0-75-pagely.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/CommencementEventSheetMay2016\\_030816.pdf](https://11903-presscdn-0-75-pagely.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/CommencementEventSheetMay2016_030816.pdf).

## Spring 2016 Commencement and Hooding Information

Please visit the School of Law website or <https://law.stmarytx.edu/student-life/commencement/> to learn about the Spring 2016 Law Commencement and events.

## Family Law Monthly Meetings

The Family Law Section of the San Antonio Bar Association is sponsoring two (2) law students at each of their monthly meetings. Meetings are held each 3rd Tuesday of every month and are a good opportunity for students to meet local attorneys and judges, while learning about Family Law from the CLE topic presented at each meeting. They meet from 12:00–1:00 p.m. at The Palm Restaurant, 233 E. Houston Street, San Antonio, TX 78205. Students must be enrolled in either Family Law or the Family Law Clinic. If interested please contact attorney Richard Loza at (210) 212-3710 the week prior to the event to reserve one of the two spots.

## University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment  
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability  
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability-rights/>



- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Syllabus-insert-IRB-Class-Projects-Policy.pdf>

## **Practice Credit Program/Office Hours**

Gain legal experience while earning credit! Contact Nicole Merchan, [nmerchan@stmarytx.edu](mailto:nmerchan@stmarytx.edu) to set an appointment during her office hours. Office hours are located in the Office of Career Services on Mondays, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 2:00–4:00 p.m. She will help you learn more about the credit program details. Start planning for summer and fall NOW! Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Program, is on maternity leave until late April. Please contact Nicole for any questions about the program.

## **Congratulations**

### ***St. Mary's EAP Moot Court Team Three-Peats at 2016 FBA National Moot Court Competition***

This past weekend, members of the St. Mary's EAP Moot Court Team traveled to Washington, DC for the 19th Annual Thurgood Marshall Memorial Moot Court Competition, sponsored by the Federal Bar Association (FBA). The tournament began with a total of thirty-nine teams from law schools all over the United States, each team vying for the coveted FBA traveling trophy.

The St. Mary's team of Stephanie De Sola (3L) and William "Billy" Calve (2L) broke into the competition's elimination rounds as the Number One seed, garnering the most points of any team in the preliminary rounds. De Sola and Calve continued their domination to the Final Round which took place in the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, besting a formidable team from University of California-Berkeley to be named the 2016 FBA National Champion. In addition to their outstanding team performance, De Sola was individually recognized as the Best Speaker in the Finals Round and also won Best Brief. Along with De Sola and Calve, the team of Leah Wise (3L) and Alicia Grant (3L) reached the Octo-Finals. Sumner Macdaniel (2L) and Mary Larakers (2L) competed as St. Mary's third team at the tournament as well.

This win marks the third year in a row St. Mary's EAP Moot Court has won this prestigious national competition, and the fourth time in five years the trophy has traveled to San Antonio. Adjunct Professor and Coach Ricky J. Poole (1990) said of these mooters "I want to thank Stephanie and Billy for bringing this national championship cup back to St. Mary's where it rightfully belongs. Their performance in the Finals Round was nearly flawless, and serves as a testament to their hard work, immense natural talent and dedication to advocacy." Please congratulate all of these fine advocates for their accomplishments on behalf of St. Mary's.

### ***Linda and David Schlueter First-Year Moot Court Competition Winners***

Congratulations to the 2016 Linda and Dave Schlueter First-Year Moot Court Competition winners Shaunté Collins (D) and Marina Gonzales (D) with best speaker awarded to Shaunté Collins (D). Finalists were Michael Piri (A) and Christopher Mery (A).

The Board of Advocates (BOA) would like to extend a special thank you to The Fourth Court of Appeals who took time from their busy schedules to serve as judges for the final round. Thank you once again for your time.

Also, BOA would like to congratulate everyone who participated in the Linda and Dave Schlueter First-Year Moot Court Competition. The BOA extends a heartfelt thank you to the student judges and for everyone's hard work in making the preliminary rounds of the competition a success.

BOA would also like to acknowledge the hard work of the following 16 teams that competed Monday, March 28th and Tuesday, March 29th.

#### **Semi-Finalists**

24 - David Brewster (C) / Rigoberto Patino Ledesma (C)  
75 - Trevor Deason (A) / Cyra Dumitru (A)

#### **Quarter Finalists**

60 - Gregory Hubbard (A) / Theodore Kim (A)  
3 - Eric Swanson (D) / Andrew Saenz (D)  
70 - Audrey Vasquez (A) / Alexandra Zepeda (A)  
89 - Nasra Aaden (A) / Zoe Russell (A)

#### **Octa Finalists**

9 - Matthew Birdwell (C) / Peter Reed (C)  
66 - Christopher Hamblin (A) / Yuri Kostun (A)  
65 - Katherine Bunting (A) / Lindsey Bradley (A)  
86 - Raymundo Saldana (C) / Nathan Lerma (A)  
98 - Crystal Hagler (C) / Allison Kalis (C)  
26 - Ciara Perritano (C) / Madison Preston (C)  
49 - Michael Lichtmacher (D) / Jane Knapik (D)  
4 - Maria Fernandez-Merlo (D) / Christopher Fails (D)

### ***The Scholar* - Student Comments and Awards**

The Editorial Board of *The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race & Social Justice* would like to offer congratulations to the following students for their comments and awards:

**Lee J. Terán Humanitarian Award:** Claudia Galan

**Volume 18 Staff Writer of the Year:** Martin Garza

#### **Credit with honors for excellence in writing their comment:**

Luis Medina — *"Immigrating While Trans: The Disproportionate Impact of the Prostitution Ground of Inadmissibility and Other Provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act on Transgender Women"*

Lisa Martinez — *"The Right to Marry is Not the Right to Parent: What Obergefell Means for Same-sex Couples Wishing to Adopt"*

Alicia Stoll — *"Lessons Concerning Federal Land use, management and Regulation that suggest opportunities for increased state and local community involvement"*

Karly Houchin — *"How to Get Away With Racism: Permeating Conservative Bias in Textbooks and the Whitewashing of Critical Events in Minority Histories"*

Svetlana Sumina — *"The Failure of Belligerent Occupation of the Gaza Strip"*

#### **Selected comments for publication:**

Mary Larakers — *"The Inevitability of Human Error and the INA 212(k) Waiver: Why Immigrants Should Not Bear the Burden of a Government Mistake"*

Jesus Joslin — *"Navigating the Post-Shelby Landscape: Using Universalism to Augment the Remaining Power of the Voting Rights Act"*

Dania Pulido — *"When Giving Birth Becomes a Liability: the Intersection of Reproductive Oppression and the Motherhood Wage Penalty for Latinas in Texas"*

Krishna De La Cruz — *"Exploring The Conflicts of Carceral Feminism: A Call To Revocalize the Voices Of Women Still Suffering"*

## Student Organizations

### **St. Mary's Law Journal Write-on Competition**

For qualified 1Ls interested in joining as a Staff Writer for the *St. Mary's Law Journal* through the write-on process, the *Law Journal* is pleased to announce their annual Write-On Competition. A self-contained packet with instructions and all the necessary research materials will be available at the *Law Journal* office (Law Library 2nd floor) starting on the last day of finals, Friday, May 6 at 11:00 a.m. The deadline to return completed packets will be Friday, June 3, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Submissions must be made at the *Law Journal* office no later than the deadline. Please contact Mitch Gonzales at [mgonzales14@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:mgonzales14@mail.stmarytx.edu) for more information.

### **The Scholar: Volume 19 Staff Writer Application Information**

Attention future Staff Writers. Applications for *The Scholar: Volume 19* are now available on TWEN. Add: Application for Volume 19, *The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice 2016-2017*. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 p.m. Please submit applications via TWEN. The Scholar will hold a "Meet & Greet" lunch in their office, Law Library 224, second floor on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet the Board and learn more about the law review. Feel free to come and go.

### **Student Veterans Organization Meetings**

Please join the Student Veterans Organization (SVO) for their bi-monthly meetings. The meetings will be held in the University Center, Alumni Conference Room on the first Monday of each month from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and the third Thursday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided during the Monday meetings. The SVO extends an invitation to all students to join them.

## Student Competition

### **EXTERNAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM (EAP) Negotiations Team Tryouts**

The Negotiations Team has represented St. Mary's University School of Law in Regional, National, and International competitions. The Team has one, three-hour practice per week. Students prepare individually and with their partner outside of the designated practice time. The Team competes in two competitions every year—one in the fall semester (the ABA Regional Negotiation Competition), and one in the spring semester. In recent spring competitions, the Team has competed in Ft. Worth, Houston, New Orleans, New York City, Richmond, and Warsaw, Poland. If you are interested in being considered for the 2016-2017 Negotiations Team, please sign-up for the Negotiations Team on TWEN. Download the application from TWEN and sign-up for a 15-minute interview. TRYOUTS will take place Saturday, April 9 from 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Submit your application, resume, and any questions or requests for additional information to Kristine Gregg at [kgregg1@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:kgregg1@mail.stmarytx.edu) by 10:00 am, Thursday, April 7. Those selected will be announced at Barristers' Ball on Friday, April 15, 2016.

## **Mock Trial Team Tryouts**

Each year the Law School sends teams to participate in regional and national advocacy competitions—mock trial, moot court, and negotiations. The coaches for those respective teams hold interviews and tryouts during the Spring semester to select students to participate in those competitions the next school year.

If you are interested in being considered for the next year's mock trial teams, you should fill out an application—which can be picked from Professor Schlueter (LFB 270). When you pick up the application please sign up for a 15-minute interview, which will be conducted by the mock trial coaches and assistant coaches. Interviews will be conducted April 4<sup>th</sup>, and April 5<sup>th</sup>. If those slots fill up, additional times will be available on April 6<sup>th</sup>. You will need to take your application with you to that interview. You do not need to turn it back in to Professor Schlueter.

Those selected will be announced at the Barristers' Ball on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Those students will be required to attend a one-hour Mock Trial Mini Course, to be held the first part of August. That course will familiarize students with basic litigation techniques and styles.

## **Academic Support**

### **Course Advising Appointments Open to All Students**

All students are invited to schedule a course advising appointment with Office of Academic & Student Affairs. Please bring a proposed schedule with your class selections, including any alternate or back-up choices. During the meeting, we will discuss the law school's graduation requirements, answer any questions, advise if you are taking too heavy of a course load, and help to ensure that you are taking classes that will prepare you for the bar exam. To schedule your course advising appointment, please contact Patricia Solano at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) or (210) 431-4340.

### **Fall 2016 Academic Scholar Applications**

The Office of Academic & Student Affairs is seeking rising 2Ls and 3Ls to serve as Academic Scholars for the Fall 2016 semester. Scholars teach expert learning skills to 1Ls and lead weekly interactive classes and hold individual meetings depending on the needs of students. Scholars will receive a \$1,250 stipend for the semester. Current 1Ls who will complete the first-year curriculum Spring 2016 are eligible to apply. Pick up an application from the Office of Academic & Student Affairs, Raba Building, Room 106-E. The application, cover letter, resume, and transcript, are due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2016.

### **Stress, Anxiety and Exams – How to Manage and Make it Work for You**

Join Ileana Velazquez, Law School Counselor on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 12:00–12:45 in the RABA Foyer or 5:00–5:45 p.m. in the law classroom Student Lounge for a brown bag presentation and discussion on how to manage your stress, anxiety and do well on your exams. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

### **Want to Relieve Stress? Exercise Can Help!**

Check out the Spring 2016 group fitness class at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation/fitness-classes>.

## Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in RABA 208. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call (210) 431-4225 or email at [ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu) to set up an appointment.

## Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has produced a quick video about how TLAP can assist law students navigate the pressures of law school. The video is on their web page at <http://www.texasbar.com/tlapisthere>.

## Events

### American Constitutional Society – Merrick Garland's Confirmation

The American Constitution Society (ACS) is pleased to present: Confirming the Next Supreme Court Justice. Please join the American Constitution Society on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Atrium, located in the Law Administration Building. Enjoy a fun and relaxing social with your peers after class to watch a special screening regarding Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland and the Senate's refusal to confirm him. Come and learn about ACS, our values, and enjoy time to speak with fellow students on the constitutional issues that are shaping our world today. For any questions, please contact [dsmathew@gmail.com](mailto:dsmathew@gmail.com).

### The Carlos Cadena Legal Dining Society Event: Fourth Court Mixer

The Carlos Cadena Legal Dining Society invites you to attend a mixer with justices from the Fourth Court of Appeals, as well as practitioners from San Antonio Young Lawyers Association. The event will be held on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at Azuca, 713 S. Alamo Street, 6:30-8:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to mingle and establish connections with those in attendance. Faculty spots will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. Faculty members should contact Eric Michael Garza, [egarza2@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:egarza2@mail.stmarytx.edu) to attend. Student tickets will be sold for \$15, which includes hors d'oeuvres and a cocktail. Students can purchase their ticket at the Dining Society's table in the Law Classroom Building. Cash or credit cards are accepted. Business attire is required. The event is in gratitude to the Fourth Court for their engagement with the law school.

### Class of 2016 – Fiesta Farewell

The Class of 2016 Fiesta Farewell lunch and class graduation photos will be held Monday, April 11, 2016 at noon in the School of Law Courtyard. The celebration will include remarks by Dean Stephen M. Sheppard, J.S.D., and a Law Alumni Association Board member, as well as the presentation of service awards. The event will culminate with the blessing of the third-year law students, followed by class graduation photos. Please wear business attire. The photos will be available for purchase.

### Careers in Compliance Law featuring Sheryl Vacca

The St. Mary's University School of Law will host a presentation by Sheryl Vacca on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 5:00-5:50 p.m., Law Classroom 101. Vacca is Senior Vice President/Chief Compliance and Audit Officer for the University of California System. The UC System includes such schools as UCLA, Berkeley and UCSF. It also includes prestigious teaching hospitals and medical centers. Vacca will discuss a "day in the life" of a compliance professional/officer, how to break into the compliance field,

develop a career path in corporate compliance law and practice, and the relationship between auditing/compliance. The compliance field is a new and expanding career opportunity for both law students and M.Jur. students. This event is open to members of the St. Mary's Law community and law alumni.

## Ministry

### Bible Study

Those interested in expository teaching of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba building at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen and notebook! For more information contact Eric Rine at [rine.eric@gmail.com](mailto:rine.eric@gmail.com).

## Fellowship/Internship

### Ms. JD Fellowship

Ms. JD invites all 2L students to apply for the 2016 Ms. JD Fellowship program. The deadline to apply is fast approaching on April 1st. Ms. JD partners with the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession to provide mentoring and professional development to our Fellowship class. In addition to receiving financial support and invitations to ABA and Ms. JD events, each fellowship recipient is paired with a mentor chosen from among the Brent Award honorees, Spirit of Excellence Award recipients, and ABA Commission on Women in the Profession Commissioners. The fellowship is a fantastic way for students to build their network across the country within the legal field! The official fellowship announcement can be found [here on Ms. JD's website](#).

### Center for Terrorism Law Research Fellowship Application 2016

The Center for Terrorism Law is looking for research fellows for the 2016-17 academic year. The position is available to current 1Ls who are in good academic standing and have an interest in national security and terrorism law. The goal of the Center is to examine current and potential legal issues related to terrorism in light of the challenge of achieving and maintaining a proper balance between global security and civil justice. This goal is pursued through professional exchanges such as symposia and consultations; writing, commenting on, and publishing written materials; and ensuring access to extensive information resources regarding terrorism. Applications will be accepted until April 8, 2016. If selected, interviews will be conducted April 11-14, 2016. Please stop by the Center for Terrorism Law in the RABA building to pick up an application.

# Writing Competitions and Scholarships

If a link is not provided for detailed information to any of the writing competitions, fellowships or scholarships described below, please email Bebe Gonzalez at [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu). Additional scholarships may be available in the "Writing Contests and Competitions" section of Symplicity.

\*Indicates a new scholarship opportunity added this week.

Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas. Three \$2,000 scholarships. Deadline is April 8, 2016.

DISH Network L.L.C. and Redgrave LLP. eDiscovery Legal Research & Writing competition. \$2,500, \$1,000. <http://www.dishediscovery.com>. Deadline is April 11, 2016.

The Judge Advocate General's School. \$2,000, \$1,000. <http://www.afjag.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-151014-037.pdf>. Deadline is April 15, 2016.

Eastern District of Texas Bar Association. Seven (7) \$5,000 scholarships. [www.edexbar.com](http://www.edexbar.com). Deadline is April 15, 2016.

American Bar Association, Family Law Section, Howard C. Schwab Contest. \$1,500, \$750, \$300. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family\\_law/resources/essay\\_contest.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law/resources/essay_contest.html). Deadline is April 29, 2016.

University of Notre Dame. Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics writing competition. \$2,500. [www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith\\_doheny.pdf](http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf). Deadline is April 29, 2016.

National Association of Women Lawyers. \$500. <http://www.nawl.org/p/bl/et/blogid=10&blogaid=478>. Deadline is May 1, 2016.

State Bar of Texas. Intellectual Property Law Section. Two \$5,000 scholarships to a woman/and or minority law student. <http://texasbariplaw.org/Awards.aspx>. Deadline is May 2, 2016.

The Weisblatt Law Firm, LLC. \$1,000. <http://weisblattlaw.com/the-weisblatt-law-firm-llc-1000-00-scholarship>. Deadline is May 12, 2016.

International Association of Defense Counsel. \$2,000, 1,000, \$500. [www.iadclaw.org](http://www.iadclaw.org). Deadline is May 20, 2016.

American Accident Awareness Attorney (AAAA). \$2,000. [http://naqvilaw.com/AAAA\\_Scholarship](http://naqvilaw.com/AAAA_Scholarship). Deadline is May 30, 2016.

Brown, PC. \$500. <http://www.browntax.com/National-Tax-Scholarship.shtml>. Deadline is May 31, 2016.

Brown, PC. \$500. <http://www.browntax.com/National-Business-Law-Scholarship.shtml>. Deadline is May 31, 2016.

Adam Greenman. \$1,000. <http://www.adamgreenmanlaw.com/law-school-scholarship>. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

The Law Office of Joseph LoRusso, P.A. \$1,000 scholarship. <http://injuryflorida.lawyer/scholarship>. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Deadline is June 15, 2016.

Cole Schotz, P.C. \$5,000. Email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu) for application. Deadline is July 1, 2016.

Patrick Malone & Associates. Two \$5,000 scholarships. <http://www.patrickmalonelaw.com/patrick-malone-associates-scholarship/>. Deadline is July 1, 2016.

Tannenwald Writing Competition. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500. <http://www.tannenwald.org/2016-Competition-Announcement>. Deadline is 9:00 p.m., EDT, July 1, 2016.

Duffy Law, LLC. \$1,000. <http://www.duffylawct.com/duffy-law-llc-1000-scholarship>. Deadline is July 15, 2016.

Law Office of Renkin & Associates. 2016 Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness Law School Scholarship. \$1,000. <http://www.renkinlaw.com/leukemia-lymphoma-law-school-scholarship/>. Deadline is July 31, 2016.

Infinity Law Group, LLC, Third Annual Asian Heritage Law School Scholarship. \$1,000. Information and application can be found on [our website](#). Deadline is August 1, 2016.

The Levin Firm, two \$1,000 scholarships. <http://www.levininjuryfirm.com/scholarship/>. Deadline is August 15, 2016.\*

Judge John R. Brown, \$10,000. <http://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>. Deadline is August 19, 2016.\*





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## **Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?**

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

## **Congratulations**

### **St. Mary's EAP Moot Court Team Crowned 2016 American Bar Association National Champions**

This past weekend, members of the St. Mary's EAP Moot Court Team traveled to Chicago, Illinois for the National Finals of the 39th Annual American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition. The ABA NAAC is considered the premiere moot court competition in the country, with the best advocates from the best moot court programs in the United States vying for this prestigious national title. It is also the largest moot court competition, with an original 193 teams from 113 law schools competing in six regional tournaments for the chance to reach the National Finals. EAP Moot Court team members Stephanie De Sola (3L), Leah Wise (3L) and William "Billy" Calve (2L) won their regional in March, giving them the opportunity to compete against the "best of the best" in Chicago.

At the National Finals, St. Mary's defeated teams from Drake University, University of Georgia, and Chicago-Kent School of Law to reach the Championship Round. Presenting argument before a panel of eight (8) judges in the Ceremonial Courtroom at the Dirksen Federal Building, St. Mary's competed against Loyola University of Los Angeles, besting Loyola in a 6-2 decision and bringing home to St. Mary's the 2016 ABA NAAC national crown.

"This is a tremendous achievement for these gifted advocates and a huge feather in St. Mary's advocacy cap," says Ricky J. Poole ('90), Coach of the EAP Moot Court Team. Coach Poole continues: "It simply confirms what I have long known, that through their innate advocacy skills and diligent preparation, St. Mary's advocates can not only compete against the best programs in the country, but can be the best. I can't really put into words how proud I am of Stephanie, Leah and Billy. This was truly a team effort and each of these students was incredibly deserving of this high honor."

Stephanie De Sola was further individually recognized as the Third Best Brief Writer in the Nation.

### **Winner – 2016 James "Jimi" Derrick III Constitutional Law Debate**

Congratulations to the winner of 2016 James "Jimi" Derrick III Constitutional Law Debate, Damon Goff (2L). Eric Michael Garza (3L) was the runner up and Best "Rookie" Award went to Maria Fernandez-Merlo (1L). Law Ministry and the Board of Advocates would like to thank, Mr. James Derrick II & Ms. Carrin Patman, and Mrs. Becky Millikin & Mr. Lee Millikin and our amazing panel of judges, Honorable Xavier

Rodriguez, Honorable Marina Garcia Marmolejo, and Honorable Henry J. Bemporad. The Board of Advocates would like to thank all the attorneys who volunteered their time to help make this competition a success.

## Notices

### Thursday Law Classes Cancelled

The St. Mary's University campus will close at noon on Friday, April 15, for Fiesta Oyster Bake. Friday classes will meet this week Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday classes are cancelled.

### Bookstore Closing

The St. Mary's University Bookstore will officially close at the end of the day Friday, May 6 and will reopen Wednesday, May 18, 2016. Students are encouraged to purchase summer 1 books before the end of day May 6<sup>th</sup> otherwise the Bookstore will not be open until two days after the start of summer 1 classes. To contact the University Bookstore, please call (210) 436-3406 or online at <http://rattlerbooks.com/>.

### Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2016, or planning on applying for financial aid for the 2016/17 academic year will need to renew their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In order to be awarded financial aid for the summer, students must also complete the 2016 Summer Aid Application Form. The Summer Aid Application can be found on the Financial Aid website for Law students under the section entitled "Forms and Resources". Students may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and should make certain to include St. Mary's school code 003623. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at (210) 436-3141.

### Do you have School Aged Children? Need Summer Programming Ideas?

If you have children and are looking for summer programming ideas, you may view the below resource links for more information.

<http://www.sanantonio.gov/ParksAndRec/Programs>

<http://alamocity.citymomsblog.com/2015/05/05/vacation-bible-school-vbs-in-san-antonio>

<http://www.alamo.edu/kidscamps>

<http://www.ourkidsmagazine>

<http://www.rattlerathletics.com/sports/2012/12/19/sportscamp>

### Required Reading – Updated Student Exam Policies and Procedures

*GENERAL POLICIES* – Faculty will not proctor exams. This task will be undertaken by outside, independent proctors hired by the law school. Proctors are to supervise the exam process, enforce rules, and eliminate the opportunity to cheat. Each Proctor shall treat all students with respect at all times. Each exam room will have assigned seat numbers prominently displayed in front of the seats in the room. Students will be seated, following the check-in process described below, according to the randomly-assigned seat numbers provided to the Proctors by the Office of the Associate Dean. Students will not have access to this list prior to the check-in process.

**CHECK-IN PROCEDURE** – Students may not enter their exam room any earlier than fifteen minutes (i.e., 7:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., or 5:45 p.m.) before the scheduled start. No student will be checked into the exam room until fifteen minutes before the scheduled exam time. Any student who is in the exam room before the official check-in time will be asked to leave the exam room by the proctor until the formal check-in process begins. Students will be checked-in to their assigned exam room by presenting their St. Mary's-issued student photo ID to the proctor. The student will be confirmed by the proctor and told her/his seat number for that exam. Students without the proper ID will not be allowed in the exam room. The check-in table will have ear plugs, pencils (if the exam is using a scantron), and, if the exam allows both laptop and handwriting, a blue book for students who are handwriting. Students who are handwriting may pick-up only one (1) blue book upon check-in. If a second blue book is needed once the exam is underway, the student will raise her/his hand and the proctor will bring a second blue book to the student. Students arriving late to the exam will be checked in according to the above procedure in the regular exam room, and will not be given any additional time to complete their exam. Proctors will NOT have access to the students' exam numbers at any time during the exam administration. It is the responsibility of the student to have her/his exam number prior to entering the exam room. Students must keep their photo ID face-up on their desk top by their seat number throughout the exam. Students can have only their photo ID, pencils, erasers, a pencil sharpener, pens, and highlighters at their seat. If a student is using a laptop computer with ExamSoft already loaded, the student may also have the laptop and its power cord at their seat.

**ITEMS NOT ALLOWED IN THE EXAM ROOM** – *Students may not bring any of the following banned devices into the exam room: Smart phones, cell phones, smart watches, tablets, or any other electronic device except for a laptop if the exam can be taken using ExamSoft or as otherwise approved by the individual [professor], drinks in any sort of container, food, candy, gum, etc.*

Students are strongly urged not to bring any backpacks, purses, clutches, rolling bags, or the like into the exam room. If a student attempts to check in with any backpack, purse, laptop bag, rolling bag or the like, the student will be instructed to place all of these items at the front of the room behind the podium. Please note that if a large number of students bring these items to the exam room and place them at the front of the room, it may be disruptive or a nuisance when it comes time to retrieve them at the end of the exam. For an exam that is modified closed (faculty may allow their students to bring in specific items such as textbook, code book, printed notes, printed outlines, or non-wireless calculator, and this will be conveyed to the proctor in the manifest) the student must carry the items in her/his hands. If a student attempts to check in with any backpack, purse, laptop bag, rolling bag or the like, the student will be instructed to place all of these items at the front of the room behind the podium. Hats, caps, sunglasses, keys, etc. must be placed in the students' bags at the front of the room OR on the floor by their seat. These items may not be on the desktop. The Associate Dean's Office will inform the proctor if the professor has approved the usage of scratch paper.

**EXAM PLEDGE AND HANDING OUT EXAMS** – Students will be required to complete the *School of Law Exam Pledge*, placed by their assigned seat prior to check-in, for each exam in each course. By completing the *Exam Pledge*, the student certifies that he/she does not have a smart phone, cell phone or other banned electronic device, and acknowledges that the student will submit all required exam materials at the end of the exam. The *Exam Pledge* will be kept in the Office of the Associate Dean and will NOT be given to the professor. Other material that may be placed at each assigned seat, depending on the type of exam and instructions by the professor, include a scantron, blue book (if laptops are not allowed and answers are to be handwritten only), or scratch paper (if allowed by the professor). The exams will be handed out to each student while picking-up the completed *Exam Pledge* according to their numbered seat/test number at the start of the scheduled exam time (i.e., 8:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.) unless there is still a line for students waiting to be checked in by the proctor. The Proctor will not give an exam to a student without first picking up the completed Exam Pledge. No exam will be placed at a seat unless the student is in her/his place.

**PREPARING TO START THE EXAM - HANDWRITING AND LAPTOPPING** – Students must place their exam number on all exam materials. Student names must NEVER be written on any exam materials. All laptop users MUST bring and use a power adapter for their computer. If they do not bring it with them, they must write their exam in a bluebook. Students planning to type their exam

must run the law school's prescribed exam software regardless of whether the exam is open book or closed book. Students must download ExamSoft (for exams where allowed) prior to the start of the exam period. Students who intend to laptop must immediately launch ExamSoft when they enter the exam room and shall not turn on their computers and pull up their notes, outline, etc. to study in the exam room. Students cannot connect to the internet except for the SoftTest website. Students who are lap topping must get to the "Stop" (PC) or "i" (Mac) screen and wait for further instructions from the professor. The "Spell Check" feature has been disabled for ExamSoft users. Students planning to type using ExamSoft who are not able to successfully launch SoftTest at the start of the exam must handwrite. Any lost time will not be given back to the student to complete the exam. The start of an exam will not be delayed to wait for a laptop user to finish uploading or launching the exam. A laptop user MUST be ready and at the "STOP" (for PC) or "i" (for Mac) when all other students in the exam room are ready to begin. Any laptop user who is NOT ready MUST handwrite and will be handed a blue book by the proctor. If a laptop crashes or freezes during an exam, the student will be given a blue book and allowed to complete the exam by handwriting the remainder of the exam, but no extra time will be allowed for the exam. The Administration will ensure the professor receives both the portion of the exam completed on ExamSoft and the portion completed in a blue book. If a student arrives late to an exam she/he will NOT be allowed to laptop and MUST handwrite. Bluebook writers and laptop users will begin their exams at the same time.

*DURING THE EXAM* – Proctors will use the on-screen stopwatch to post the exam time for the room; it will provide a countdown of the time remaining on the exam that all students can see. Proctors are required to QUIETLY walk around during the examination approximately at unpredictable intervals every hour of the exam. In rooms where there are 2 proctors, 1 proctor will be at the back of the room and 1 proctor at the front throughout the exam. Students who are handwriting receive 1 blue book at check-in. If a student needs a second blue book to complete the exam, the student must raise his/her hand and the proctor will bring the blue book to the student. A student should not rip pages from the Bluebook. Students will be instructed to raise their hands if they have a question or problem once the exam is in progress. Proctors will walk to the student to answer any questions once the exam is in progress. Students are permitted to use the restrooms only in the building where they are taking the exam; only one student is allowed to be out of the exam room for a restroom break at a time. Students must leave their student ID and all exam materials with the proctor in the front of the room and may not take any materials with them during an exam break. Students will provide their test number to the proctor, who will log the departure and return time of the student on a log sheet. Each restroom will have a dedicated proctor. Students must return within five minutes and will not receive additional time on their exam. Students are not permitted to leave the building where they are taking an exam for any reason until they have completed their exam. Students are NOT permitted to leave their seats during the last 5 minutes of the exam.

*EXAM CONCLUSION* – No student is allowed to leave the room, or turn in her/his exam, during the last 5 minutes of the exam. The proctor will announce when 5 minutes are remaining and that all students are to remain in their seats until time is called. Proctor will loudly announce "STOP WORK" at the end of the exam time. Any student who continues to write or type will be noted on the Exam Manifest by the proctor and reported to the Administration, with the exact amount of time the student continued to write or type. Students using ExamSoft must upload their completed exam at the end of the exam administration once time has been called by the proctor. A "Congratulations" screen will appear after a successful upload. A student shall not leave the classroom until she/he has received this notice. If a student fails to upload their exam immediately after the exam has ended and before leaving the exam room, the professor will be notified of the delay and the extent of the delay by the law school administration. The professor may lower the student's grade based on the reported delay. Once the student has turned in the examination and any required supporting materials (scantron, blue book, scratch paper) he/she must leave the room as quickly as possible and proceed outside. Students must leave the building once they have completed their exam and are not to remain in the hallways where they could cause a disturbance to other students still taking an exam.

## Summer and Fall 2016 Registration Continues this Week

Online registration will open for summer 2016 and fall 2016 on the days indicated below. USE THE HOURS earned at the END of the fall 2015 semester to determine when you register. Do not include spring 2016 hours in your calculation of earned hours.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on

MONDAY, April 11 through SATURDAY, April 16, 2016 students with less than 43 hours may register online.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on

MONDAY, April 18 through SATURDAY, April 22 all student groups may register online.

Online registration closes at midnight April 22, 2016 for all semesters. The next opportunity to register for summer online will be May 18th. The next opportunity to register for the fall will be August 22nd.

If you have a hold on your account you must clear it before you can access online registration. If you have any questions regarding online registration, you must contact Ms. Catherine Mery, Director of Student Enrollment, at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu). DO NOT contact the Registrar's Office for questions related to law school registration. If you send an email to Ms. Mery include your name and St. Mary's student ID number.

## Graduation Regalia, Announcements and Invitations

Graduation regalia will be available for on-campus pick-up on April 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>, (Tue. and Wed., 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. both days) in the Atrium, Law Administration building. These are the only times your hoods, tams and gowns will be issued by Texas Recognition team at the school. THE LAW SCHOOL DOES NOT ISSUE GRADUATION APPAREL.

Orders for graduation invitation and announcements may be ordered through Texas Recognition at [www.texasrecognition.com](http://www.texasrecognition.com). These items will be delivered directly to the graduates' address listed on the order. For more information please visit [https://11903-presscdn-0-75-pagely.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/CommencementEventSheetMay2016\\_030816.pdf](https://11903-presscdn-0-75-pagely.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/CommencementEventSheetMay2016_030816.pdf).

## Spring 2016 Commencement and Hooding Information

Please visit the School of Law website or <https://law.stmarytx.edu/student-life/commencement/> to learn about the Spring 2016 Law Commencement and events.

## Family Law Monthly Meetings

The Family Law Section of the San Antonio Bar Association is sponsoring two (2) law students at each of their monthly meetings. Meetings are held each 3rd Tuesday of every month and are a good opportunity for students to meet local attorneys and judges, while learning about Family Law from the CLE topic presented at each meeting. They meet from 12:00–1:00 p.m. at The Palm Restaurant, 233 E. Houston Street, San Antonio, TX 78205. Students must be enrolled in either Family Law or the Family Law Clinic. If interested please contact attorney Richard Loza at (210) 212-3710 the week prior to the event to reserve one of the two spots.

## University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain

such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment  
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability  
<https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability/rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Syllabus-insert-IRB-Class-Projects-Policy.pdf>

## **Practice Credit Program/Office Hours**

Gain legal experience while earning credit! Contact Nicole Merchan, [nmerchan@stmarytx.edu](mailto:nmerchan@stmarytx.edu) to set an appointment during her office hours. Office hours are located in the Office of Career Services on Mondays, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 2:00–4:00 p.m. She will help you learn more about the credit program details. Start planning for summer and fall NOW! Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Program, is on maternity leave until late April. Please contact Nicole for any questions about the program.

## **Student Organizations**

### ***State Bar of Texas T-Shirts***

The State Bar of Texas will be tabling in the law classroom building on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:00–6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. to take t-shirt size orders. Student Bar cards are also now available in your mailbox. For more information please email William Brooks at [wbrooks@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:wbrooks@mail.stmarytx.edu).

### ***St. Mary's Law Journal Write-on Competition***

For qualified 1Ls interested in joining as a Staff Writer for the *St. Mary's Law Journal* through the write-on process, the *Law Journal* is pleased to announce their annual Write-On Competition. A self-contained packet with instructions and all the necessary research materials will be available at the *Law Journal* office (Law Library 2nd floor) starting on the last day of finals, Friday, May 6 at 11:00 a.m. The deadline to return completed packets will be Friday, June 3, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Submissions must be made at the *Law Journal* office no later than the deadline. Please contact Mitch Gonzales at [mgonzales14@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:mgonzales14@mail.stmarytx.edu) for more information.

### **Student Veterans Organization Meetings**

Please join the Student Veterans Organization (SVO) for their bi-monthly meetings. The meetings will be held in the University Center, Alumni Conference Room on the first Monday of each month from 12:30–1:30 p.m. and the third Thursday from 6:30–7:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided during the Monday meetings. The SVO extends an invitation to all students to join them.

# Academic Support

## Course Advising Appointments Open to All Students

All students are invited to schedule a course advising appointment with Office of Academic & Student Affairs. Please bring a proposed schedule with your class selections, including any alternate or back-up choices. During the meeting, we will discuss the law school's graduation requirements, answer any questions, advise if you are taking too heavy of a course load, and help to ensure that you are taking classes that will prepare you for the bar exam. To schedule your course advising appointment, please contact Patricia Solano at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) or (210) 431-4340.

## Want to Relieve Stress? Exercise Can Help!

Check out the Spring 2016 group fitness class at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation/fitness-classes>.

## Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in RABA 208. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call (210) 431-4225 or email at [ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu) to set up an appointment.

## Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has produced a quick video about how TLAP can assist law students navigate the pressures of law school. The video is on their web page at <http://www.texasbar.com/tlapisthere>.

# Events

## Careers in Compliance Law featuring Sheryl Vacca

The St. Mary's University School of Law will host a presentation by Sheryl Vacca on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 5:00–5:50 p.m., Law Classroom 101. Vacca is Senior Vice President/Chief Compliance and Audit Officer for the University of California System. The UC System includes such schools as UCLA, Berkley and UCSF. It also includes prestigious teaching hospitals and medical centers. Vacca will discuss a "day in the life" of a compliance professional/officer, how to break into the compliance field, develop a career path in corporate compliance law and practice, and the relationship between auditing/compliance. The compliance field is a new and expanding career opportunity for both law students and M.Jur. students. This event is open to members of the St. Mary's Law community and law alumni.

# Ministry

## Bible Study

Those interested in expository teaching of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class." Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in

the Raba building at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring your Bible, pen and notebook! For more information contact Eric Rine at [rine.eric@gmail.com](mailto:rine.eric@gmail.com).

## Fellowship/Internship

### Federal Bar Association 2016 Blask Fellowship

The Southern District of Texas Chapter of the Federal Bar Association is pleased to announce that it is accepting applicants for the 2016 Blask Fellowships. Grants of at least \$2,000 are available for a limited number of law students who serve as legal interns for a minimum of six weeks during the summer of 2016 in the offices of a federal court or agency located within the Southern District of Texas. Full-time students at any accredited U.S. law school who have completed at least 30 hours of course work by June 1, 2016 at the time of application, have a GPA which ranks in the top half of the applicant's law school class, and have secured or will secure an internship with a federal court or agency within the district. Students should send a resume with GPA and class rank together with a letter identifying their federal employer(s), date(s) of employment, any employment or internships this summer in addition to their federal internship, and other stipends or awards received; describing their interest in federal public service; and discussing any special circumstances they would like considered to: [fa.southtx@gmail.com](mailto:fa.southtx@gmail.com). For additional inquiries contact Elena Bible, Executive Director, Southern District of Texas [elena.bible@nortonrosefulbright.com](mailto:elena.bible@nortonrosefulbright.com). Deadline to apply is Friday, April 15, 2016. All applicants will receive a response by April 29, 2016.

### Legal Aid Society

Each year, The Legal Aid Society sponsors candidates for Public Service Fellowships such as the Skadden, Equal Justice Works. The Legal Aid Society seeks applicants with a demonstrated commitment to providing high quality legal services for low-income families and individuals. They believe that quality representation also includes a staff that reflects the diversity of the clients they serve. Annually, The Legal Aid Society receives hundreds of applications for a limited number of positions. Application by email is required and an automatic response will acknowledge the receipt of your application. Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. June 12, 2016. Email a resume and cover letter, fellowship proposal, law school transcript, list of references and writing sample to [fellowships@legal-aid.org](mailto:fellowships@legal-aid.org) in 1 single PDF. Only a PDF will be accepted. Also, please complete The Legal Aid Society [Questionnaire](#) and the [Applicant Information Form](#) and include them in your single PDF. In the subject line of the email, please write the name of the Practice Area to which you would like to apply (Civil, Criminal, or Juvenile Rights). The Questionnaire and Applicant Information Form may be accessed from links on the Diversity and Careers page of our web site, at <http://www.legal-aid.org/en/las/diversityandcareers.aspx>.

## Writing Competitions and Scholarships

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The Judge Advocate General's School. \$2,000, \$1,000. <http://www.afjag.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-151014-037.pdf>. Deadline is April 15, 2016.

Eastern District of Texas Bar Association. Seven (7) \$5,000 scholarships. [www.edexbar.com](http://www.edexbar.com). Deadline is April 15, 2016.



American Bar Association, Family Law Section, Howard C. Schwab Contest. \$1,500, \$750, \$300. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family\\_law/resources/essay\\_contest.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law/resources/essay_contest.html). Deadline is April 29, 2016.

University of Notre Dame. Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics writing competition. \$2,500. [www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith\\_doheny.pdf](http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf). Deadline is April 29, 2016.

National Association of Women Lawyers. \$500. <http://www.nawl.org/p/bl/et/blogid=10&blogaid=478>. Deadline is May 1, 2016.

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International Association of Defense Counsel. \$2,000, 1,000, \$500. [www.iadclaw.org](http://www.iadclaw.org). Deadline is May 20, 2016.

American Accident Awareness Attorney (AAAA). \$2,000. [http://naqvilaw.com/AAAA\\_Scholarship](http://naqvilaw.com/AAAA_Scholarship). Deadline is May 30, 2016.

Brown, PC. \$500. <http://www.browntax.com/National-Tax-Scholarship.shtml>. Deadline is May 31, 2016.

Brown, PC. \$500. <http://www.browntax.com/National-Business-Law-Scholarship.shtml>. Deadline is May 31, 2016.

Ladah Law Firm, \$2,000. 2016 Car Accident Scholarship. <http://www.ladahlaw.com/las-vegas-car-accident-lawyer#scholarship-application>. Deadline is May 31, 2016.\*

Adam Greenman. \$1,000. <http://www.adamgreenmanlaw.com/law-school-scholarship>. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

The Law Office of Joseph LoRusso, P.A. \$1,000 scholarship. <http://injuryflorida.lawyer/scholarship>. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Deadline is June 15, 2016.

Cole Schotz, P.C. \$5,000. Email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu) for application. Deadline is July 1, 2016.

Patrick Malone & Associates. Two \$5,000 scholarships. <http://www.patrickmalonelaw.com/patrick-malone-associates-scholarship/>. Deadline is July 1, 2016.

Tannenwald Writing Competition. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500. <http://www.tannenwald.org/2016-Competition-Announcement>. Deadline is 9:00 p.m., EDT, July 1, 2016.

Duffy Law, LLC. \$1,000. <http://www.duffylawct.com/duffy-law-llc-1000-scholarship>. Deadline is July 15, 2016.

Law Office of Renkin & Associates. 2016 Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness Law School Scholarship. \$1,000. <http://www.renkinlaw.com/leukemia-lymphoma-law-school-scholarship/>. Deadline is July 31, 2016.

Infinity Law Group, LLC, Third Annual Asian Heritage Law School Scholarship. \$1,000. Information and application can be found on [our website](#). Deadline is August 1, 2016.

The Levin Firm, two \$1,000 scholarships. <http://www.levininjuryfirm.com/scholarship/>. Deadline is August 15, 2016.

Judge John R. Brown, \$10,000. <http://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>. Deadline is August 19, 2016.

# WITAN St. Mary's University School of Law

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## **Submitting an Event for Publication in the Witan?**

Please [click here](#) to submit events and news items for inclusion in the Witan.

## **Notices**

### **Save the Date for 2L and 3L Re-orientation**

Save the date for 2nd and 3L re-orientation. 2Ls will meet Thursday, August 18 and 3Ls will meet Friday, August 19. More information will be available soon – so watch your inbox for details.

### **Photos for Law Commencement Slideshow**

Send us your best pictures of law school-related activities, trips and organizations. We will display appropriate photographs digitally during your commencement ceremony. The deadline to submit photos for potential inclusion is Friday, May 6, 2016. Submit online only via <http://bit.ly/1qNkCO5>.

### **Bookstore Closing**

The St. Mary's University Bookstore will officially close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6 and will reopen Wednesday, May 18, 2016. Students are encouraged to purchase summer 1 books before 5:00 p.m., May 6<sup>th</sup> otherwise the Bookstore will not be open until two days after the start of summer 1 classes. To contact the University Bookstore, please call (210) 436-3406 or online at <http://rattlerbooks.com/>.

### **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**

Law students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2016 or planning on applying for financial aid for the 2016/17 academic year will need to renew their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In order to be awarded financial aid for the summer, students must also complete the 2016 Summer Aid Application Form. The Summer Aid Application can be found on the Financial Aid website for Law students under the section entitled "Forms and Resources." Students may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and should make certain to include St. Mary's school code 003623. Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Assistance at (210) 436-3141.

## Do you have School Aged Children? Need Summer Programming Ideas?

If you have children and are looking for summer programming ideas, you may view the below resource links for more information.

<http://www.sanantonio.gov/ParksAndRec/Programs>

<http://alamocity.citymomsblog.com/2015/05/05/vacation-bible-school-vbs-in-san-antonio>

<http://www.alamo.edu/kidscamps>

<http://www.ourkidsmagazine>

<http://www.rattlerathletics.com/sports/2012/12/19/sportscamp>

## Required Reading – Updated Student Exam Policies and Procedures

*GENERAL POLICIES* – Faculty will not proctor exams. This task will be undertaken by outside, independent proctors hired by the law school. Proctors are to supervise the exam process, enforce rules, and eliminate the opportunity to cheat. Each Proctor shall treat all students with respect at all times. Each exam room will have assigned seat numbers prominently displayed in front of the seats in the room. Students will be seated, following the check-in process described below, according to the randomly-assigned seat numbers provided to the Proctors by the Office of the Associate Dean. Students will not have access to this list prior to the check-in process.

*CHECK-IN PROCEDURE* – Students may not enter their exam room any earlier than fifteen minutes (i.e., 7:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., or 5:45 p.m.) before the scheduled start. No student will be checked into the exam room until fifteen minutes before the scheduled exam time. Any student who is in the exam room before the official check-in time will be asked to leave the exam room by the proctor until the formal check-in process begins. Students will be checked-in to their assigned exam room by presenting their St. Mary's-issued student photo ID to the proctor. The student will be confirmed by the proctor and told her/his seat number for that exam. Students without the proper ID will not be allowed in the exam room. The check-in table will have ear plugs, pencils (if the exam is using a scantron), and, if the exam allows both laptop and handwriting, a blue book for students who are handwriting. Students who are handwriting may pick-up only one (1) blue book upon check-in. If a second blue book is needed once the exam is underway, the student will raise her/his hand and the proctor will bring a second blue book to the student. Students arriving late to the exam will be checked in according to the above procedure in the regular exam room, and will not be given any additional time to complete their exam. Proctors will NOT have access to the students' exam numbers at any time during the exam administration. It is the responsibility of the student to have her/his exam number prior to entering the exam room. Students must keep their photo ID face-up on their desk top by their seat number throughout the exam. Students can have only their photo ID, pencils, erasers, a pencil sharpener, pens, and highlighters at their seat. If a student is using a laptop computer with ExamSoft already loaded, the student may also have the laptop and its power cord at their seat.

*ITEMS NOT ALLOWED IN THE EXAM ROOM* – Students may not bring any of the following banned devices into the exam room: Smart phones, cell phones, smart watches, tablets, or any other electronic device except for a laptop if the exam can be taken using ExamSoft or as otherwise approved by the individual [professor], drinks in any sort of container, food, candy, gum, etc.

Students are strongly urged not to bring any backpacks, purses, clutches, rolling bags, or the like into the exam room. If a student attempts to check in with any backpack, purse, laptop bag, rolling bag or the like, the student will be instructed to place all of these items at the front of the room behind the podium. Please note that if a large number of students bring these items to the exam room and place them at the front of the room, it may be disruptive or a nuisance when it comes time to retrieve them at the end of the exam. For an exam that is modified closed (faculty may allow their students to bring in specific items such as textbook, code book, printed notes, printed outlines, or non-wireless

calculator, and this will be conveyed to the proctor in the manifest) the student must carry the items in her/his hands. If a student attempts to check in with any backpack, purse, laptop bag, rolling bag or the like, the student will be instructed to place all of these items at the front of the room behind the podium. Hats, caps, sunglasses, keys, etc. must be placed in the students' bags at the front of the room OR on the floor by their seat. These items may not be on the desktop. The Associate Dean's Office will inform the proctor if the professor has approved the usage of scratch paper.

*EXAM PLEDGE AND HANDING OUT EXAMS* – Students will be required to complete the *School of Law Exam Pledge*, placed by their assigned seat prior to check-in, for each exam in each course. By completing the *Exam Pledge*, the student certifies that he/she does not have a smart phone, cell phone or other banned electronic device, and acknowledges that the student will submit all required exam materials at the end of the exam. The *Exam Pledge* will be kept in the Office of the Associate Dean and will NOT be given to the professor. Other material that may be placed at each assigned seat, depending on the type of exam and instructions by the professor, include a scantron, blue book (if laptops are not allowed and answers are to be handwritten only), or scratch paper (if allowed by the professor). The exams will be handed out to each student while picking-up the completed *Exam Pledge* according to their numbered seat/test number at the start of the scheduled exam time (i.e., 8:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.) unless there is still a line for students waiting to be checked in by the proctor. The Proctor will not give an exam to a student without first picking up the completed Exam Pledge. No exam will be placed at a seat unless the student is in her/his place.

*PREPARING TO START THE EXAM - HANDWRITING AND LAPTOPPING* – Students must place their exam number on all exam materials. Student names must NEVER be written on any exam materials. All laptop users MUST bring and use a power adapter for their computer. If they do not bring it with them, they must write their exam in a bluebook. Students planning to type their exam must run the law school's prescribed exam software regardless of whether the exam is open book or closed book. Students must download ExamSoft (for exams where allowed) prior to the start of the exam period. Students who intend to laptop must immediately launch ExamSoft when they enter the exam room and shall not turn on their computers and pull up their notes, outline, etc. to study in the exam room. Students cannot connect to the internet except for the SoftTest website. Students who are laptoping must get to the "Stop" (PC) or "i" (Mac) screen and wait for further instructions from the professor. The "Spell Check" feature has been disabled for ExamSoft users. Students planning to type using ExamSoft who are not able to successfully launch SoftTest at the start of the exam must handwrite. Any lost time will not be given back to the student to complete the exam. The start of an exam will not be delayed to wait for a laptop user to finish uploading or launching the exam. A laptopter MUST be ready and at the "STOP" (for PC) or "i" (for Mac) when all other students in the exam room are ready to begin. Any laptop user who is NOT ready MUST handwrite and will be handed a blue book by the proctor. If a laptop crashes or freezes during an exam, the student will be given a blue book and allowed to complete the exam by handwriting the remainder of the exam, but no extra time will be allowed for the exam. The Administration will ensure the professor receives both the portion of the exam completed on ExamSoft and the portion completed in a blue book. If a student arrives late to an exam she/he will NOT be allowed to laptop and MUST handwrite. Bluebook writers and laptop users will begin their exams at the same time.

*DURING THE EXAM* – Proctors will use the on-screen stopwatch to post the exam time for the room; it will provide a countdown of the time remaining on the exam that all students can see. Proctors are required to QUIETLY walk around during the examination approximately at unpredictable intervals every hour of the exam. In rooms where there are 2 proctors, 1 proctor will be at the back of the room and 1 proctor at the front throughout the exam. Students who are handwriting receive 1 blue book at check-in. If a student needs a second blue book to complete the exam, the student must raise his/her hand and the proctor will bring the blue book to the student. A student should not rip pages from the Bluebook. Students will be instructed to raise their hands if they have a question or problem once the exam is in progress. Proctors will walk to the student to answer any questions once the exam is in progress. Students are permitted to use the restrooms only in the building where they are taking the exam; only one student is allowed to be out of the exam room for a restroom break at a time. Students must leave their student ID and all exam materials with the proctor in the front of the room and may not take any materials with them during an exam break. Students will provide their test number to the proctor, who will log the departure and return time of the student on a log sheet. Each restroom will have a dedicated proctor. Students must return within five minutes and will not

receive additional time on their exam. Students are not permitted to leave the building where they are taking an exam for any reason until they have completed their exam. Students are NOT permitted to leave their seats during the last 5 minutes of the exam.

*EXAM CONCLUSION* – No student is allowed to leave the room, or turn in her/his exam, during the last 5 minutes of the exam. The proctor will announce when 5 minutes are remaining and that all students are to remain in their seats until time is called proctor will loudly announce "STOP WORK" at the end of the exam time. Any student who continues to write or type will be noted on the Exam Manifest by the proctor and reported to the Administration, with the exact amount of time the student continued to write or type. Students using ExamSoft must upload their completed exam at the end of the exam administration once time has been called by the proctor. A "Congratulations" screen will appear after a successful upload. A student shall not leave the classroom until she/he has received this notice. If a student fails to upload their exam immediately after the exam has ended and before leaving the exam room, the professor will be notified of the delay and the extent of the delay by the law school administration. The professor may lower the student's grade based on the reported delay. Once the student has turned in the examination and any required supporting materials (scantron, blue book, scratch paper) he/she must leave the room as quickly as possible and proceed outside. Students must leave the building once they have completed their exam and are not to remain in the hallways where they could cause a disturbance to other students still taking an exam.

## **Summer and Fall 2016 Registration Continues this Week**

Online registration will open for summer 2016 and fall 2016 on the days indicated below. USE THE HOURS earned at the END of the fall 2015 semester to determine when you register. Do not include spring 2016 hours in your calculation of earned hours.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on  
MONDAY, April 18 through SATURDAY, April 22 all student groups may register online.

Online registration closes at midnight April 22, 2016 for all semesters. The next opportunity to register for summer online will be May 18th. The next opportunity to register for the fall will be August 22nd.

If you have a hold on your account you must clear it before you can access online registration. If you have any questions regarding online registration, you must contact Ms. Catherine Mery, Director of Student Enrollment, at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu). DO NOT contact the Registrar's Office for questions related to law school registration. If you send an email to Ms. Mery include your name and St. Mary's student ID number.

## **Graduation Regalia, Announcements and Invitations**

Graduation regalia will be available for on-campus pick-up on April 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>, (Tue. and Wed., 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. both days) in the Atrium, Law Administration building. These are the only times your hoods, tams and gowns will be issued by Texas Recognition team at the school. THE LAW SCHOOL DOES NOT ISSUE GRADUATION APPAREL.

Orders for graduation invitation and announcements may be ordered through Texas Recognition at [www.texasrecognition.com](http://www.texasrecognition.com). These items will be delivered directly to the graduates' address listed on the order. For more information please visit [https://11903-presscdn-0-75-pagely.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/CommencementEventSheetMay2016\\_030816.pdf](https://11903-presscdn-0-75-pagely.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/CommencementEventSheetMay2016_030816.pdf).

## **Spring 2016 Commencement and Hooding Information**

Please visit the School of Law website or <https://law.stmarytx.edu/student-life/commencement/> to learn about the Spring 2016 Law Commencement and events.

## Family Law Monthly Meetings

The Family Law Section of the San Antonio Bar Association is sponsoring two (2) law students at each of their monthly meetings. Meetings are held each 3rd Tuesday of every month and are a good opportunity for students to meet local attorneys and judges, while learning about Family Law from the CLE topic presented at each meeting. They meet from 12:00–1:00 p.m. at The Palm Restaurant, 233 E. Houston Street, San Antonio, TX 78205. Students must be enrolled in either Family Law or the Family Law Clinic. If interested please contact attorney Richard Loza at (210) 212-3710 the week prior to the event to reserve one of the two spots.

## University Policies and Procedures on Non-Discrimination

St. Mary's University is committed to providing a safe, equitable, and fair environment where students can pursue academic excellence. Policies and procedures have been developed to foster and sustain such an environment and apply to all courses offered at the university. Students need to be aware of these policies and procedures, which can be found in *Gateway* (<https://www.stmarytx.edu/policies/>). Please become familiar with these important policies and procedures, which include:

- Nondiscrimination, Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment <https://www.stmarytx.edu/about/title-ix/>
- Students with Disability <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/student-services/disability/rights/>
- Human Subjects Research <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Syllabus-insert-IRB-Class-Projects-Policy.pdf>

## Practice Credit Program/Office Hours

Gain legal experience while earning credit! Contact Nicole Merchan, [nmerchan@stmarytx.edu](mailto:nmerchan@stmarytx.edu) to set an appointment during her office hours. Office hours are located in the Office of Career Services on Mondays, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 2:00–4:00 p.m. She will help you learn more about the credit program details. Start planning for summer and fall NOW! Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Program, is on maternity leave until late April. Please contact Nicole for any questions about the program.

## Student Organizations

### ***St. Mary's Law Journal* Write-on Competition**

For qualified 1Ls interested in joining as a Staff Writer for the *St. Mary's Law Journal* through the write-on process, the *Law Journal* is pleased to announce their annual Write-On Competition. A self-contained packet with instructions and all the necessary research materials will be available at the *Law Journal* office (Law Library 2nd floor) starting on the last day of finals, Friday, May 6 at 11:00 a.m. The deadline to return completed packets will be Friday, June 3, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Submissions must be made at the *Law Journal* office no later than the deadline. Please contact Mitch Gonzales at [mgonzales14@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:mgonzales14@mail.stmarytx.edu) for more information.

### **Student Veterans Organization Meetings**

Please join the Student Veterans Organization (SVO) for their bi-monthly meetings. The meetings will be held in the University Center, Alumni Conference Room on the first Monday of each month from 12:30–1:30 p.m. and the third Thursday from 6:30–7:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided during the Monday meetings. The SVO extends an invitation to all students to join them.

# Academic Support

## Course Advising Appointments Open to All Students

All students are invited to schedule a course advising appointment with Office of Academic & Student Affairs. Please bring a proposed schedule with your class selections, including any alternate or back-up choices. During the meeting, we will discuss the law school's graduation requirements, answer any questions, advise if you are taking too heavy of a course load, and help to ensure that you are taking classes that will prepare you for the bar exam. To schedule your course advising appointment, please contact Patricia Solano at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) or (210) 431-4340.

## Want to Relieve Stress? Exercise Can Help!

Check out the Spring 2016 group fitness class at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation/fitness-classes>.

## Counseling Services

Ileana Velazquez, M.A., LPC, N.C.C. is the counselor for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in RABA 208. Are you experiencing stress, depression, need someone to discuss a difficult matter with or need information on TLAP (Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program)? Please call (210) 431-4225 or email at [ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ivelazquez@stmarytx.edu) to set up an appointment.

## Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program for Students

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has produced a quick video about how TLAP can assist law students navigate the pressures of law school. The video is on their web page at <http://www.texasbar.com/tlapisthere>.

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your application. Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. June 12, 2016. Email a resume and cover letter, fellowship proposal, law school transcript, list of references and writing sample to [fellowships@legal-aid.org](mailto:fellowships@legal-aid.org) in 1 single PDF. Only a PDF will be accepted. Also, please complete The Legal Aid Society [Questionnaire](#) and the [Applicant Information Form](#) and include them in your single PDF. In the subject line of the email, please write the name of the Practice Area to which you would like to apply (Civil, Criminal, or Juvenile Rights). The Questionnaire and Applicant Information Form may be accessed from links on the Diversity and Careers page of our web site, at <http://www.legal-aid.org/en/las/diversityandcareers.aspx>.

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Municipal Judges Section of the State Bar of Texas. Two \$500 scholarships. One each for a 1L and 2L. Email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu). Deadline is May 16, 2016.\*

International Association of Defense Counsel. \$2,000, 1,000, \$500. [www.iadclaw.org](http://www.iadclaw.org). Deadline is May 20, 2016.

American Accident Awareness Attorney (AAAA). \$2,000. [http://naqvilaw.com/AAAA\\_Scholarship](http://naqvilaw.com/AAAA_Scholarship). Deadline is May 30, 2016.

Brown, PC. \$500. <http://www.browntax.com/National-Tax-Scholarship.shtml>. Deadline is May 31, 2016.

Brown, PC. \$500. <http://www.browntax.com/National-Business-Law-Scholarship.shtml>. Deadline is May 31, 2016.

Ladah Law Firm, \$2,000. 2016 Car Accident Scholarship. <http://www.ladahlaw.com/las-vegas-car-accident-lawyer#scholarship-application>. Deadline is May 31, 2016.

Adam Greenman. \$1,000. <http://www.adamgreenmanlaw.com/law-school-scholarship>. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

The Law Office of Joseph LoRusso, P.A. \$1,000 scholarship. <http://injuryflorida.lawyer/scholarship>. Deadline is June 1, 2016.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law. \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500. [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org). Deadline is June 15, 2016.

American Inns of Court. Warren E. Burger Prize. \$5,000. [www.innsofcourt.org/BurgerPrize](http://www.innsofcourt.org/BurgerPrize). Deadline is July 1, 2016.\*

Cole Schotz, P.C. \$5,000. Email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu) for application. Deadline is July 1, 2016.



Patrick Malone & Associates. Two \$5,000 scholarships. <http://www.patrickmalonelaw.com/patrick-malone-associates-scholarship/>. Deadline is July 1, 2016.

Tannenwald Writing Competition. \$5,000, \$2,500, \$1,500. <http://www.tannenwald.org/2016-Competition-Announcement>. Deadline is 9:00 p.m., EDT, July 1, 2016.

Duffy Law, LLC. \$1,000. <http://www.duffylawct.com/duffy-law-llc-1000-scholarship>. Deadline is July 15, 2016.

Law Office of Renkin & Associates. 2016 Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness Law School Scholarship. \$1,000. <http://www.renkinlaw.com/leukemia-lymphoma-law-school-scholarship/>. Deadline is July 31, 2016.

Infinity Law Group, LLC, Third Annual Asian Heritage Law School Scholarship. \$1,000. Information and application can be found on [our website](#). Deadline is August 1, 2016.

The Levin Firm, two \$1,000 scholarships. <http://www.levininjuryfirm.com/scholarship/>. Deadline is August 15, 2016.

Judge John R. Brown, \$10,000. <http://www.brownsims.com/about-brown-sims/affiliations/judge-john-r-brown-award/>. Deadline is August 19, 2016.