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Welcome back! I hope you had an excellent summer break. As you may know, I became dean during the summer. I have been busy meeting many of St. Mary's friends, and ... now that you are back ... I hope to meet you. Later this semester, Dean Mather will issue an invitation designating a time and place where you can join us and discuss whatever is on your mind. In the meantime, if there is anything urgent, please contact Ms. Becky Adams ([badams@stmarytx.edu](mailto:badams@stmarytx.edu), 210. 431.5017) for some time with me, or catch me in my office in the Raba Building, LF 272. Enjoy your semester!

**LAWYER WHO FREED WRONGFULLY CONVICTED MAN ON DEATH ROW TO  
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Diana Holt, whose efforts were chronicled in the best seller *Anatomy of Injustice*, will talk about the case as part of Trinity University's Reading TUgether keynote lecture. Diana is an attorney who took up the cause of a wrongfully convicted man sitting on death row. Her presentation will take place at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 27, 2014** in **Laurie Auditorium, Trinity University, One Trinity Place, San Antonio, Texas, 78212**. In attendance will be Edward Lee Elmore, the man whose conviction she fought to overturn. The event is free and open to the public.

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- UTSA Commercialization- IP/Trademarks (San Antonio)
- Office of Attorney General- Child Support (San Antonio)
- Texas Civil Rights Project (Austin)
- Office of the Governor (Austin)

Read about the two program options (**PCP Externship** or **PCP Independent Study**) on our website: <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/centers/practice-credit-program/>.

PLAN ahead: **PCP Externship program (including In House Counsel) MANDATORY orientation class.** The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class. Contact Amanda Rivas with any questions about the program or class at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu).

***DISCLAIMER:** You may attend the class even if you are not formally registered and you are still trying to solidify a placement. If you get a qualified job later and have not attended the class, you will be precluded from registering for the Externship course and gaining the maximum amount of credits.*

## **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Please **RSVP to attend any of the below listed programs:** RSVP in the “Events” section of Symplicity under “Workshops”. You will not be included in the head count for food if you do not RSVP at least 24-hours before the event. You may still attend the event; however we ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

**Ask a Counselor Hour**

**Monday, August 25, 2014**

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**OCS Back to School Kick Off, Popcorn in the Courtyard**

**Wednesday, August 27, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Courtyard**

Come by to get a bag of popcorn and learn about all of the exciting programming OCS has to offer this semester.

**Department of Justice Honors Program Information Session**

**Wednesday, August 27, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Atrium, Law Administration Building**

Lunch will be provided.

Tracey Greer, United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division attorney will come and speak about opportunities for paid and unpaid summer and paid post graduate positions through the honors program with the United States Department of Justice.

**Meet the Professionals Series: Federal Government, ARMY JAG**

**Tuesday, September 2, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library**

You may bring a brown bag lunch.

**LIMITED TO 10 STUDENTS, FIRST COME FIRST SERVE, SIGN UP IN SYMPPLICITY**

The Meet the Professionals Series is a series of programs that provide students with an opportunity to learn from practitioners in a small setting. The practitioners will talk about their career and experiences and how they got to their current positions as well as answer student questions. This program will be presented by Major Jason Wells an ARMY JAG officer and will discuss opportunities to become an ARMY JAG intern or ARMY JAG after law school. He will also be conducting JAG informational interviews if you are interested in applying for JAG for after graduation that day. If you are interested, you may apply to the 2014 Army JAG session in the “On Campus Interviews Tab” in Symplicity.

**Lunch and Learn: Southwest Research Institute**

**Wednesday, September 3, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library**

Come learn about Southwest Research Institute from attorneys in their legal department. You will learn about what their practice is like and the type of work Southwest Research engages in on a regular basis. This employer hires students for paid internships so it is a great networking opportunity! Lunch will be provided by Southwest Research from Jason's Deli. This event is cosponsored by the Business Law Association and the Office of Career Services.

**Meet the Professionals Series: Federal Government, NAVY JAG**

**Wednesday, September 10, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library**

You may bring a brown bag lunch.

LIMITED TO 10 STUDENTS, FIRST COME FIRST SERVE, SIGN UP IN SYMPPLICITY

Come hear from current JAG officer and STMU Law alum about the NAVY program and the hiring process. The NAVY does not conduct interviews on campus so if you are interested in learning about the NAVY, do not miss this opportunity. Lt. Albright, J.D. '06 will be speaking at this session.

**LL.M. Informational Meeting and Luncheon**

**Wednesday, September 10, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:15 p.m., Law Alumni Room**

Lunch will be served.

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs and the Office of Career Services will be holding a lunch meeting with LL.M. students to discuss questions related to academic skills, career resources, gaining experience through the Pro Bono program and the changing New York Bar Exam requirements.

**Charting Your Course over your Last Year in Law School (Class of 2015)**

**Wednesday, September 17, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room**

Lunch will be provided.

This program will refresh your game plan as you start your last year of law school. Topics will include:

- Refreshing your Resume
- Using Symplicity
- Gaining additional job skills in your last year
- Preparing for solo practice
- Learning about exit interviews and much more.

**SABA/3L Mentor-Mentee Program Reception**

**Thursday, September 18, 2014**

**5:30 – 7:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room**

Food and drinks will be provided.

The Office of Career Services and the San Antonio Bar Association (SABA) invite you to the SABA-3L Mentor-Mentee Program Reception. Please join us to learn about the program and tell us what area of the law you are interested in so we can find the right mentor for you. Dress code is business casual.

**Ask a Counselor Hour**

**Monday, September 22, 2014**

**8:00 – 9:00 p.m., Online Through Symplicity Chat Feature**

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Staff Member.

**Year Two, Now What to Do? (Class of 2016)**

**Wednesday, September 24, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room**

Lunch will be provided.

This program is designed to help you stay on task with your career planning. Did you work your first summer? Are you worried about gaining experience? It is not too late! There are tons of opportunities for second year students and this program will highlight them for you. We will also discuss how to update your resume, maximize your use of Symplicity including the various resume books and take advantage of networking opportunities.

**Meet the Professionals Series: Insurance Defense Law**

**Tuesday, September 30, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library**

The Meet the Professionals Series is a series of programs that provide students with an opportunity to learn from practitioners in a small setting. The practitioners will talk about their career and experiences and how they got to their current positions as well as answer student questions. The programs are limited to 10 students. Space is limited. Sarah Minter, a local insurance defense attorney at the law firm of Goldman and Associates will present this program. You may bring a brown bag lunch.

## **HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT**

St. Mary's University **requires all students living on campus and all F1 international students** to show proof of health insurance. All students who live on campus and all F1 international students are **automatically billed** for the Student Health Insurance program. If you already carry private insurance and wish to have the charge for the Student Health Insurance removed from your bill, then you may complete the **waiver process** by going to the following link: <https://www.academichealthplans.com/stmarytx/>

**Deadline to waive** the Student Health Insurance is **September 19, 2014**. There are no extensions to this deadline. F1 international students are **NOT** allowed to waive the Student Health Insurance for any reason.

**Commuter students** who are interested in enrolling on the Student Health Insurance program can do so online by visiting: <https://www.academichealthplans.com/stmarytx/index.php>. Students have until **September 19, 2014** to request that the insurance premium be added to your business account at STMU. The insurance brochure and FAQ's are available online as well at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/healthcenter>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the St. Mary's Student Health Center 210.436.3506.



## EVENT SET-UP FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** should be submitted 10-days in advance to Ofilia Rodarte, Dean's Office, [orodarte@stmarytx.edu](mailto:orodarte@stmarytx.edu).

Please note this is a St. Mary's University Housekeeping Division policy. This advance notice allows the Housekeeping Division to appropriately schedule staff, set-up and breakdown of your event.

Work Orders **received after this deadline** will be accommodated when possible, however **not guaranteed**.

## TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Smoking is **prohibited** in all law school buildings. **Please refrain** from the use of all **tobacco products** in the library and in the classrooms. Chewing tobacco, in particular, can stain furniture and carpets and the waste disposal process is distracting to others.

## LAW MINISTRY

**Sister Grace Walle**, FMI is the Campus Minister for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in **Room 105** of the **Ernest Raba (Law Faculty) building**. Sister Grace is available for pastoral counseling and spiritual guidance. Sister Grace also coordinates service programs that provide outreach to the community. You may reach Sister Grace by telephone at 210.436.3063 or by email at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu). Stop by for a cup of coffee or a PBJ sandwich, available at no cost, just outside of her office.

## JOIN AUSTIN YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

Do you live in Austin or are you planning on practicing in Austin? Join Austin Young Lawyers Association (AYLA). A one year student membership is \$25 or \$50 for a three year membership (good even after graduation). Other reasons to join AYLA:

- Networking/social opportunities
- Free monthly "Docket Call" Happy Hours and the Annual Holiday Party
- Pro Bono and Community Service Volunteer Opportunities
- Austin Bar Association/AYLA Joint Luncheons
- Annual Bench-Bar Conference
- Opportunities to mix, mingle, and make new friends
- Opportunity for participation in various athletic events and tournaments
- All members receive the *Austin Lawyer*, a monthly newsletter

This is a great opportunity to meet and work with young Austin attorneys - any one of which

could be your connection to a job! To join, please go to the AYLA website at [www.ayla.org](http://www.ayla.org).

## POSTING NOTICES

A student organization may publicize an event or deadline through announcements:

- ❖ In the *Witan* (provide a copy to Ms. Bebe Gonzalez ([bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu)) by noon Thursday.
- ❖ On its organization bulletin board
- ❖ On the posting walls in the east and west foyers of the law classroom building and in the west foyer of the law faculty building, provided the notice is:
  - (1) not greater than 11" x 17" (legal size) and
  - (2) not posted more than ten days before an event;

Except as provided above, do not tape, staple, pin, or otherwise display any notice on walls or furniture of any building at the Law Center (including classroom entry doors). Announcements posted in violation of this rule will be removed.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

If a link is not provided below for detailed information to any of the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzalez at [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu).

The **Dallas Asian-American Bar Association** (DAABA) will award a scholarship of up to \$5,000 to a law student enrolled at the time of the application and scholarship. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage Asian-American law students to enter the practice of law in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and to become active members of DAABA and the Asian-American community. The [Law Student Scholarship Application](#) must be postmarked by **September 19, 2014**.

The Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association (PIABA) is pleased to announce the **James E. Beckley** writing competition. This is a writing competition for students who are interested in Securities Arbitration and Securities law. First prize is \$1000, Second prize is \$750 and third prize is \$500. For more information please visit [www.piabafoundation.org](http://www.piabafoundation.org). Submission deadline is 5:00 p.m., **September 19, 2014**.

**Latham & Watkins** is pleased to announce the Latham Diversity Scholars Program which will award a \$10,000 non-renewable scholarship to six law students for use during their second year of law school. Details and application forms may be found [here](#). Deadline to apply is **September 26, 2014**.

**1-800-LAW-FIRM, PLLC** is now accepting essay entries through **October 5, 2014** on the topic "What would you do to improve the legal system." \$10,000 grand prize. Please go to <http://www.1800lawfirm.com/scholarship> for more information.

The **Center for Alcohol Policy** is accepting submissions for their national essay contest. The topic for this year's contest is: "As states contemplate the legalization of prohibited products, like marijuana, what are some lessons policymakers and regulators can learn from the movement to end alcohol Prohibition in the 1930s?" Prizes are \$5,000, 2,500 and 1,000. For more information, please visit [www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org](http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org). All entries must be received by **November 17, 2014**.

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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. MARY'S DACA PROJECT**

The **St. Mary's Immigration & Human Rights Clinic DACA Project** is seeking **volunteers** for the Fall semester. The St. Mary's DACA Project assists "Dreamers" — young immigrants brought to the United States as children, to apply for Deferred Action status pursuant to the Presidential announcement of June 15, 2012.

Volunteering with the St. Mary's DACA Project **offers hands-on experience and exposure to a growing field of law.** Volunteers will assist with completing and assembling the client's application and forms. Volunteers may also be asked to assist with community outreach sessions dedicated to finding additional eligible applicants.

Volunteering is easy, and no experience or immigration law knowledge is required. **Hours are flexible** and easily accommodated to **not interfere with class** schedules. The DACA Office is located right by the law school at the St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice. Speaking Spanish is useful, but not a requirement of volunteering. Finally, hours worked count towards the Texas Pro Bono College Certificate.

If interested please email [StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu](mailto:StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu) or contact Maria Calixto 210.436.3953 to volunteer.

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Positions Available:  
Section A 1L Senators (2)  
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## LAW MINISTRY

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## FAITH FORMATION CLASSES NOW FORMING

The **Office of University Ministry** is offering faith formation classes to interested students, faculty, staff and alumni as follow:

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- Networking/social opportunities
- Free monthly "Docket Call" Happy Hours and the Annual Holiday Party

- Pro Bono and Community Service Volunteer Opportunities
- Austin Bar Association/AYLA Joint Luncheons
- Annual Bench-Bar Conference
- Opportunities to mix, mingle, and make new friends
- Opportunity for participation in various athletic events and tournaments
- All members receive the *Austin Lawyer*, a monthly newsletter

This is a great opportunity to meet and work with young Austin attorneys - any one of which could be your connection to a job! To join, please go to the AYLA website at [www.ayla.org](http://www.ayla.org).

## POSTING NOTICES

A student organization may publicize an event or deadline through announcements:

- ❖ In the *Witan* (provide a copy to Ms. Bebe Gonzalez ([bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu)) by noon Thursday.
- ❖ On its organization bulletin board
- ❖ On the posting walls in the east and west foyers of the law classroom building and in the west foyer of the law faculty building, provided the notice is:
  - (1) not greater than 11" x 17" (legal size) and
  - (2) not posted more than ten days before an event;

Except as provided above, do not tape, staple, pin, or otherwise display any notice on walls or furniture of any building at the Law Center (including classroom entry doors). Announcements posted in violation of this rule will be removed.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

If a link is not provided below for detailed information to any of the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzalez at [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu).

The **Dallas Asian-American Bar Association** (DAABA) will award a scholarship of up to \$5,000 to a law student enrolled at the time of the application and scholarship. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage Asian-American law students to enter the practice of law in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and to become active members of DAABA and the Asian-American community. The [Law Student Scholarship Application](#) must be postmarked by **September 19, 2014**.

The Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association (PIABA) is pleased to announce the **James E. Beckley** writing competition. This is a writing competition for students who are interested in Securities Arbitration and Securities law. First prize is \$1000, Second prize is \$750 and third prize

is \$500. For more information please visit [www.piabafoundation.org](http://www.piabafoundation.org). Submission deadline is 5:00 p.m., **September 19, 2014**.

**Latham & Watkins** is pleased to announce the Latham Diversity Scholars Program which will award a \$10,000 non-renewable scholarship to six law students for use during their second year of law school. Details and application forms may be found [here](#). Deadline to apply is **September 26, 2014**.

**1-800-LAW-FIRM, PLLC** is now accepting essay entries through **October 5, 2014** on the topic "What would you do to improve the legal system." \$10,000 grand prize. Please go to <http://www.1800lawfirm.com/scholarship>" for more information.

**NEW** – Each year, **Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA)** awards a \$1,000 scholarship to one minority student at each Texas law school. The scholarship promotes diversity in the legal profession by assisting members of minority populations within the bar to: (1) enter the legal profession; and (2) participate in the programs and activities of TYLA and the State Bar of Texas. The application deadline is **October 10, 2014**. More information is available on the TYLA website at <http://www.tyla.org/tyla/index.cfm/resources/law-students1/scholarships/>.

The **Center for Alcohol Policy** is accepting submissions for their national essay contest. The topic for this year's contest is: "As states contemplate the legalization of prohibited products, like marijuana, what are some lessons policymakers and regulators can learn from the movement to end alcohol Prohibition in the 1930s?" Prizes are \$5,000, 2,500 and 1,000. For more information, please visit [www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org](http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org). All entries must be received by **November 17, 2014**.

**NEW** – The **American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers** is pleased to announce awards to be presented for (a) the best book chapter or book, (b) the best publishable article or substantial book review, and, (c) the best student case note or comment on a **topic dealing with consumer financial services law**. For more information please visit <http://www.accfsl.org/writing-competition/>. The deadline for entry is **December 1, 2014**.

**NEW** – **Pacific Legal Foundation's** Program for Judicial Awareness announces its law student writing competition. Prizes are \$3,000, 2,000 and 1,000. For rules and information please visit <http://www.pacificlegal.org/pja/writingcomp>.

**NEW** – The Florida State University Center announces the Mollie and Paul Hill Student Writing Competition in Medical-Legal Interprofessional Collaboration for 2015. Award is \$250. Go to <http://med.fsu.edu/userFiles/file/2015%20Student%20Writing%20Competition.pdf> for details. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2015**.

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By VMM

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**ALL 1Ls are encouraged to attend their designated Academic Scholar sessions.** Academic Scholars are 2Ls and 3Ls who are here to help you learn and perfect the skills you need to succeed in law school. Each Academic Scholar will hold a weekly 50 minute session beginning the week of **September 8, 2014**. This is an excellent source of help as you learn to brief cases, develop outlines, and begin to prepare for exams later in the semester.

**WHO IS YOUR ACADEMIC SCHOLAR AND WHEN WILL THEY MEET?** Please check the colorful spreadsheets posted on the bulletin board just inside the doors of the Law Classroom Building. You can find your name associated with your assigned Academic Scholar as well as the time and location of your Academic Scholar Sessions. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

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**At least one officer from each RSO** must receive **risk management training** from the University. The easiest way to do this is to attend the **Presidents' Council** meeting at **5:30 p.m.** on **Tuesday, September 16, 2014** in University Center **Conference Room B**. The meeting should last about 45 minutes. If you have questions, please contact **Director Tullos** at [ktullos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ktullos@stmarytx.edu).

### 2014 LARRY G. HYDEN MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

The **Board of Advocates** will be hosting the **Larry G. Hyden Mock Trial Competition**. Interested teams must sign up for the competition by **Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**, in the law classroom building or by e-mailing [kmeyer8700@yahoo.com](mailto:kmeyer8700@yahoo.com). Each team member is required to sign a consent form in order to be registered for the competition.

The competition will **consist of two-person teams**. This year's mock trial problem involves a criminal case. During the preliminary rounds each team will argue on two of three nights, once as prosecution and once as defendant.

**Preliminary Rounds:** September 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

**Quarterfinal:** September 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Semi-Final Rounds:** September 24<sup>th</sup>

**Final Round:** September 26<sup>th</sup>

**1L's cannot compete, but are welcome to volunteer as a bailiff or witness.** This is an excellent opportunity to observe the format of a mock trial competition.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. MARY'S DACA PROJECT

The **St. Mary's Immigration & Human Rights Clinic DACA Project** is seeking **volunteers** for the Fall semester. The St. Mary's DACA Project assists "Dreamers" — young



immigrants brought to the United States as children, to apply for Deferred Action status pursuant to the Presidential announcement of June 15, 2012.

Volunteering with the St. Mary's DACA Project **offers hands-on experience and exposure to a growing field of law.** Volunteers will assist with completing and assembling the client's application and forms. Volunteers may also be asked to assist with community outreach sessions dedicated to finding additional eligible applicants.

Volunteering is easy, and no experience or immigration law knowledge is required. **Hours are flexible** and easily accommodated to **not interfere with class** schedules. The DACA Office is located right by the law school at the St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice. Speaking Spanish is useful, but not a requirement of volunteering. Finally, hours worked count towards the Texas Pro Bono College Certificate.

If interested please email [StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu](mailto:StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu) or contact Maria Calixto 210.436.3953 to volunteer.

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**Calling all law student organizations, programs and services!**

**Docket Call** will be held on Thursday, **September 11, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., in the Law Plaza.** This is a great way to register members and inform everyone about what your organization does. Students, come learn about the various opportunities at your school and don't forget to bring your checkbooks so you may join the different organizations that will help shape your future. Food and drinks will be provided. For more information, or if you are interested in a table, please contact Jessica Shawver ([jessica.shawver@aol.com](mailto:jessica.shawver@aol.com)) or Kate Dewan ([kate.dewan@gmail.com](mailto:kate.dewan@gmail.com)).

### **OIL, GAS AND ENERGY RESOURCES LAW SOCIETY**

Please join the Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Society on **Friday, September 12, 2014, for a Happy Hour at La Gloria, 100 E. Grayson Street.** This social is sponsored by **Martin & Drought, P.C.** Dress is casual and membership is not required to attend. The event is from 5:00 — 6:00 p.m. Come out and have a drink on us! For any questions, please contact Paul Gaines at 512.461.4855 or Courtney Potter at 210. 379.8711.

### **WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING**

The first meeting of the **Women's Law Association** will be held on **Thursday, September 18, 2014, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.** in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, **Alumni Room.** The Women's Law Association addresses the concerns of women law students. Seminars, speakers, and fundraisers are frequently sponsored by the organization. In addition, the Association has established a mentor program that pairs its members with local lawyers. Membership in the Association is **open to both women and men.** For more information, contact the Women's Law Association at [bfrisaura@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:bfrisaura@mail.stmarytx.edu).

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The 3L student mailboxes have been stuffed with an *Application for Degree* card, which lets the Administration know (1) if you will receive your J.D. or LL.M. degree [must check one]; (2) whether you intend to **complete your degree requirements** in **December 2014, May 2015, or August 2015** [August graduates are considered with the next years' class, Class of 2016, for graduation purposes]; (3) if you will also **receive a joint degree** in conjunction with the Graduate School [indicate the Masters degree you will earn]; and (4) how you would like **your name to appear on your diploma** [next to (*Print Name*) line]. **The completed card must be returned** to Ms. Yvonne Olfers, Director of Student Records, Law Administration Building, Room 121, **by Friday, September 19, 2014**. If you intend to graduate but did not receive a card in your student box, you can pick one up from her 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.

**1L FINGERPRINTING - RESERVE THE DATE**

**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 the below listed dates.

<b>Wednesday, October 22</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, October 24</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, October 27</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 29</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, November 3</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>

Please reserve the dates. Instructions for the registration process, which is completed after the Declaration has been filed, as well as the location will be announced at a later date. Please check your **St. Mary's Student Email account** for more details on the 1L Fingerprinting process.

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Application deadlines for the Texas Bar Examination are noted below:

<u><i>Examination Dates</i></u>	<u><i>File No Earlier Than</i></u>	<u><i>Timely Postmark Deadline</i></u>	<u><i>Absolute Postmark Deadline</i></u> Late Fee Required
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July	November 30	January 30	March 30

Deadlines are **STRICTLY** enforced. Please refer to the Texas Board of Law Examiners

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## **PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS (PCP)**

It is not too late for **FALL** externships! Start planning ahead for the **SPRING OR** if you have an internship and want to earn credit. **Contact AMANDA RIVAS as soon as possible!** Email or call to schedule a one-on-one meeting, [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu), office telephone 210.431.5712. PCP office hours in Career Services are Monday's, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and Thursday's, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The below positions are available NOW:

- Veterans Administration, Audie Murphy- MedMal/Torts- (San Antonio)
- Equal Justice Center- Employment Law- (San Antonio)
- Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (San Antonio-tax, property, others)
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It is important to **be aware of the October 1<sup>st</sup> due date to change your password**. All students must change their password **PRIOR** to the October 1<sup>st</sup> due date, as all accounts that have not had the password changed will be disabled. Disabled accounts will not be able to access wifi, (wireless services), email, Gateway, Blackboard, or any other online services.

The helpdesk staff members are ready to assist you with this important time sensitive action. The Helpdesk can be reached by phone at 210. 431.4357 or by email at [helpdesk@stmarytx.edu](mailto:helpdesk@stmarytx.edu). You are invited to visit the helpdesk at either of the two locations Cotrell Commons in the Blume Library or Charles Francis 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

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Are you anticipating graduating December 2014, May 2015 or August 2015? If so your completed *Application for Degree* card is due this week, **Friday, September 19, 2014** to Ms. Yvonne Olfers, Director of Student Records, Law Administration Building, Room 121. If you intend to graduate but did not receive a card in your student box, you can pick one up from her in Room 121.

## CALL FOR BAILIFFS & MARSHALS

The **2014 Lone Star Classic<sup>®</sup>** will be held on **October 16 – 18, 2014** in San Antonio, Texas. The competition is open to all law schools that are accredited by the American Bar Association. We anticipate having 16 teams compete.

This year's problem will be a criminal case. It will take place in the State of Lone Star, a hypothetical venue, and will utilize the Federal Rules of Evidence.

If you are **interested in serving as a bailiff or marshal for the preliminary rounds**, please stop by the **Board of Advocates (BOA)** office or contact **Ms. Rebecca Fischer** for an entry form. Students serving in one of these capacities will receive two (2) BOA points for each round in which they serve—enabling those seeking to join BOA in the future to meet the required participation points set out by the organization.

The **preliminary rounds** will take place on Thursday and Friday, October 16th and 17th, in the Bexar County Courthouse, Probate Court 2. The teams will break to **semi-final rounds** on the morning of Saturday, October 18th. The **final round** will take place on this same day, the afternoon of the 18th. Both the semi-final and final rounds will be held on campus, at St. Mary's University School of Law.

If you are interested in advocacy, joining a mock trial team, or just want to see what these competitions are all about, this is an excellent opportunity to witness some of the best mock trial teams in the nation compete. BOA looks forward to hearing from you.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Rebecca Fischer, [beccafischer@mac.com](mailto:beccafischer@mac.com).

### **RARE BOOK ROOM TOURS**

The **Sarita Kenedy East Law Library** is offering **brief tours** of the **Rare Book Room**. The Law Library has an outstanding collection of **rare law books** and special collections housed in a humidity and temperature controlled environment. The rare books collection consists of Mexican law, Texas Law, international law, and a number of valuable works in English, American, Spanish, and European law. The **tours are 10-15 minutes** long. Please contact Reference and Special Collection Services Librarian Fang Wang at 210.436.3435 x1366 or email [fwang@stmarytx.edu](mailto:fwang@stmarytx.edu) to set up an appointment.

### **ACADEMIC SCHOLAR PROGRAM**

**ALL 1Ls are encouraged to attend their designated Academic Scholar sessions.** Academic Scholars are 2Ls and 3Ls who are here to help you learn and perfect the skills you need to succeed in law school. Each Academic Scholar will hold a **weekly 50 minute session**. This is an excellent source of help as you learn to brief cases, develop outlines, and begin to prepare for exams later in the semester.

**WHO IS YOUR ACADEMIC SCHOLAR AND WHEN WILL THEY MEET?** Please check the colorful spreadsheets posted on the bulletin board just inside the doors of the Law Classroom Building. You can find your name associated with your assigned Academic Scholar as well as the time and location of your Academic Scholar Sessions. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

### **ATTENTION ALL OFFICERS OF REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (RSO)**

At least one officer from each **RSO** must receive **risk management training** from the University. The easiest way to do this is to attend the **Presidents' Council** meeting at **5:30 p.m.** on **Tuesday, September 16, 2014** in University Center **Conference Room B**. The meeting should last about 45 minutes. If you have questions, please contact **Director Tullos** at [ktullos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ktullos@stmarytx.edu).

## WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

The first meeting of the **Women's Law Association** will be held on **Thursday, September 18, 2014, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.** in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, **Alumni Room**. The Women's Law Association addresses the concerns of women law students. Seminars, speakers, and fundraisers are frequently sponsored by the organization. In addition, the Association has established a mentor program that pairs its members with local lawyers. Membership in the Association is **open to both women and men**. For more information, contact the Women's Law Association at [bfrisaura@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:bfrisaura@mail.stmarytx.edu).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. MARY'S DACA PROJECT

The **St. Mary's Immigration & Human Rights Clinic DACA Project** is seeking **volunteers** for the Fall semester. The St. Mary's DACA Project assists "Dreamers" — young immigrants brought to the United States as children, to apply for Deferred Action status pursuant to the Presidential announcement of June 15, 2012.

Volunteering with the St. Mary's DACA Project **offers hands-on experience and exposure to a growing field of law**. Volunteers will assist with completing and assembling the client's application and forms. Volunteers may also be asked to assist with community outreach sessions dedicated to finding additional eligible applicants.

Volunteering is easy, and no experience or immigration law knowledge is required. **Hours are flexible** and easily accommodated to **not interfere with class** schedules. The DACA Office is located right by the law school at the St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice. Speaking Spanish is useful, but not a requirement of volunteering. Finally, hours worked count towards the Texas Pro Bono College Certificate.

If interested please email [StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu](mailto:StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu) or contact Maria Calixto 210.436.3953 to volunteer.

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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 the below listed dates.

<b>Wednesday, October 22</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, October 24</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, October 27</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 29</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, November 3</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>

Please reserve the dates. Instructions for the registration process, which is completed after the Declaration has been filed, as well as the location will be announced at a later date. Please check your

St. Mary's Student Email account for more details on the 1L Fingerprinting process.

### TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

Application deadlines for the Texas Bar Examination are noted below:

<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u> Late Fee Required
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
July	November 30	January 30	March 30

Deadlines are STRICTLY enforced. Please refer to the Texas Board of Law Examiners website [http://www.ble.state.tx.us/exam\\_info/deadlines\\_tbe.htm](http://www.ble.state.tx.us/exam_info/deadlines_tbe.htm) for more information.

### PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS (PCP)

It is not too late for **FALL** externships! Start planning ahead for the **SPRING OR** if you have an internship and want to earn credit. **Contact AMANDA RIVAS as soon as possible!** Email or call to schedule a one-on-one meeting, [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu), office telephone 210.431.5712. PCP office hours in Career Services are Monday's, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and Thursday's, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The below positions are available NOW:

- Veterans Administration, Audie Murphy- MedMal/Torts- (San Antonio)
- Equal Justice Center- Employment Law- (San Antonio)
- Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (San Antonio-tax, property, others)
- Catholic Charities- Immigration (San Antonio)
- Disability Rights Texas- Education/Civil Rights/ADA (San Antonio)
- UTSA Commercialization- IP/Trademarks (San Antonio)
- Office of Attorney General- Child Support (San Antonio)
- Texas Civil Rights Project (Austin)
- Office of the Governor (Austin)

Read about the two program options (**PCP Externship** or **PCP Independent Study**) on our website: <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/centers/practice-credit-program/>.

**PLAN ahead: PCP Externship program (including In House Counsel) MANDATORY orientation class.** The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class. Contact Amanda Rivas with any questions about the program or class at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu).

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### **Charting Your Course over your Last Year in Law School (Class of 2015)**

**Wednesday, September 17, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room**

Lunch will be provided.

This program will refresh your game plan as you start your last year of law school. Topics will include:

- Refreshing your Resume
- Using Symplicity
- Gaining additional job skills in your last year
- Preparing for solo practice
- Learning about exit interviews and much more.

### **SABA/3L Mentor-Mentee Program Reception**

**Thursday, September 18, 2014**

**5:30 – 7:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room**

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The Office of Career Services and the San Antonio Bar Association (SABA) invite you to the SABA-3L Mentor-Mentee Program Reception. Please join us to learn about the program and tell us what area of the law you are interested in so we can find the right mentor for you. Dress code is business casual.

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**Monday, September 22, 2014**

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**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room**

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**Meet the Professionals Series: Insurance Defense Law**

**Tuesday, September 30, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library**

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Historically, **fundraising at the law school** has been the province of the Dean of the Law School, with the exception of student organizations seeking in-kind (i.e. non cash) contributions from individuals or organizations. Therefore, **neither students nor student organizations** were permitted to approach individual donors to request monetary donations, unless this was **coordinated through the Office of the Dean**. If, however, a student organization approached an individual and/or organization such as HEB for an in-kind contribution of hamburger meat, chips and salsa, such a donation did not have to be coordinated with the Office of the Dean.

Dean Sheppard wishes to maintain this approach, with some process changes. **Effectively immediately, all efforts to seek in-kind and monetary contributions will be coordinated through the law school's Office of Advancement**. In the near future, **Mr. Joel Lauer, Executive Director of the Office of Advancement**, will have a form that must be filled out when students and/or student organizations seek an in-kind contribution. This will allow the law school to **properly thank those who make in-kind donations**, which should increase the likelihood of these individuals and organizations continuing to support our student organizations. Mr. Lauer will also coordinate any and all efforts from students seeking monetary contributions.

## EMAIL PASSWORD CHANGE

Security of confidential information is everyone's responsibility. This past summer all employees were required to change their password under a newly approved Password Policy for St. Mary's University. **Effective this Fall 2014 semester, all students are required to change their password** every 180 days. Students are encouraged to visit the Reset Password tool located on the login page of Gateway at [gateway.stmarytx.edu](http://gateway.stmarytx.edu), to initiate the change of password. Information on the Password Policy, Frequently Asked Questions, and other helpful information describing the password requirements is available in Gateway under the **Resource** tab. Take a few moments to review the details.

It is important to **be aware of the October 1<sup>st</sup> due date to change your password**. All students must change their password **PRIOR** to the October 1<sup>st</sup> due date, as all accounts that have not had the password changed will be disabled. Disabled accounts will not be able to access wifi, (wireless services), email, Gateway, Blackboard, or any other online services.

The help desk staff members are ready to assist you with this important time sensitive action. The Helpdesk can be reached by phone at 210. 431.4357 or by email at [helpdesk@stmarytx.edu](mailto:helpdesk@stmarytx.edu). You are invited to visit the helpdesk at either of the two locations Cotrell Commons in the Blume Library or Charles Francis 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

## GOLF NETWORKING EVENT

Join the Business Law Society's **Golf Networking Event on Tuesday, September 23, 2014, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** at the **Quarry Golf Club**. This event is open to everyone. A \$5 donation will be



accepted at the door. If interested in the networking event or for more details, please contact Eric Michael Garza at [egarza2@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:egarza2@mail.stmarytx.edu).

## **WAR STORIES: REPRESENTING PLAINTIFF IN OIL AND GAS ISSUES**

The American Association for Justice (AAJ) and the Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Society (OGERLS) are co-sponsoring **War Stories: Representing Plaintiffs in Oil and Gas Issues** with presentations by St. Mary's University of Law Graduates: Luke C. Kellogg, J.D. '89 and Laura H. Burney, J.D. '84. The event is **Monday, September 29, 2014** from **12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. AAJ will be giving away a **\$100 prepaid debit card** as a door prize and providing **FREE lunch**. All students are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Brittani Booker, [msbooker17@aol.com](mailto:msbooker17@aol.com), or Paul Gaines, [jamesgaines1901@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesgaines1901@yahoo.com).

## **TOWN HALL MEETINGS**

All students are invited to meet with **Dean Sheppard** and Associate Deans Mather and Valencia in an open-format, **town hall meeting** scheduled from **12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** and **5:00 – 6:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday October 8, 2014** in **Law Classroom 105**. Students are encouraged to attend, come with questions, comments or concerns and talk with Dean Sheppard.

## **INTRODUCING LAWACCOUNTABILITY, J.D.**

Lawcountability, JD is a **new** cloud-based platform to help promote consistency, creativity, and accountability in your job search and career development. It is available to all students and offers fun, informative and creative ways to stay on track with networking. There are leader boards with points and the **Office of Career Services** will award Starbucks cards to students on the top of the leader board each month. This program will also be used as a follow up to all counseling sessions. It was launched last week in our Weekly Update. Last week's 10-minute webinar - **Week # 1 - The Key to Relationship Building**, and this week's 10-minute webinar - **Week # 2 - Cultivating Your Personal Brand**, are both now available on the [Lawcountability J.D.](#) dashboard. If you haven't seen it, check it out. There is a link to [Lawcountability](#) in the Shortcuts in [Simplicity](#).

## **FLINT FEST**

Come on out on **Friday, October 17, 2014** to **FLINT FEST**. Learn about the Institute on World Legal Problems in Innsbruck. This year's event will be held at **Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church Hall**, 223 E. Summit Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78212 **starting at 6:00 p.m.** Your \$10 contribution at the door will get you food, drink and a chance at door prizes. This event is sponsored by Law Ministry. For more information, please contact Sister Grace Walle at [gwall@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwall@stmarytx.edu).

## CALL FOR BAILIFFS & MARSHALS

The **2014 Lone Star Classic**<sup>®</sup> will be held on **October 16 – 18, 2014** in San Antonio, Texas. The competition is open to all law schools that are accredited by the American Bar Association. We anticipate having 16 teams compete.

This year's problem will be a criminal case. It will take place in the State of Lone Star, a hypothetical venue, and will utilize the Federal Rules of Evidence.

If you are **interested in serving as a bailiff or marshal for the preliminary rounds**, please stop by the **Board of Advocates** (BOA) office or contact **Ms. Rebecca Fischer** for an entry form. Students serving in one of these capacities will receive two (2) BOA points for each round in which they serve—enabling those seeking to join BOA in the future to meet the required participation points set out by the organization.

The **preliminary rounds** will take place on Thursday and Friday, October 16th and 17th, in the Bexar County Courthouse, Probate Court 2. The teams will break to **semi-final rounds** on the morning of Saturday, October 18th. The **final round** will take place on this same day, the afternoon of the 18th. Both the semi-final and final rounds will be held on campus, at St. Mary's University School of Law.

If you are interested in advocacy, joining a mock trial team, or just want to see what these competitions are all about, this is an excellent opportunity to witness some of the best mock trial teams in the nation compete. BOA looks forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Rebecca Fischer, [beccafischer@mac.com](mailto:beccafischer@mac.com).

## LAW LIBRARY RESEARCH WORKSHOPS

If you would like to attend a particular workshop, please contact Professor Martinez at [mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu) so that he may plan for refreshments. Food will be provided for workshop attendees.

**Choosing a Paper Topic**  
**Tuesday, October 7, 2014**  
**12:30 - 1:10 p.m.**  
**Law Classroom, Room 101**

You've selected a class that sounded interesting. A few days into it and you realize your grade is based on a scholarly paper due at the end of the semester. How do you transform the lectures you are receiving and all the information into a paper? Join the Law Library Faculty as they help you with tips on gathering information, selecting a topic, and mastering this daunting task.

**New in Town? I can help!: Government Information for Everyday Life**  
**Tuesday, October 14, 2014**  
**12:30 - 1:10 p.m.**

**Law Classroom, Room 103**

Need help finding the perfect apartment or a wonderful doctor? How about a good part-time job? From health to safety to voting, let me show you some government resources that can help ease the stress of getting settled in a new city.

### **RARE BOOK ROOM TOURS**

The **Sarita Kenedy East Law Library** is offering **brief tours** of the **Rare Book Room**. The Law Library has an outstanding collection of **rare law books** and special collections housed in a humidity and temperature controlled environment. The rare books collection consists of Mexican law, Texas Law, international law, and a number of valuable works in English, American, Spanish, and European law. The **tours are 10-15 minutes** long. Please contact Reference and Special Collection Services Librarian Fang Wang at 210.436.3435 x1366 or email [fwang@stmarytx.edu](mailto:fwang@stmarytx.edu) to set up an appointment.

### **ACADEMIC SCHOLAR PROGRAM**

**ALL 1Ls are encouraged to attend their designated Academic Scholar sessions.** Academic Scholars are 2Ls and 3Ls who are here to help you learn and perfect the skills you need to succeed in law school. Each Academic Scholar will hold a **weekly 50 minute session**. This is an excellent source of help as you learn to brief cases, develop outlines, and begin to prepare for exams later in the semester.

**WHO IS YOUR ACADEMIC SCHOLAR AND WHEN WILL THEY MEET?** Please check the colorful spreadsheets posted on the bulletin board just inside the doors of the Law Classroom Building. You can find your name associated with your assigned Academic Scholar as well as the time and location of your Academic Scholar Sessions. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. MARY'S DACA PROJECT**

The **St. Mary's Immigration & Human Rights Clinic DACA Project** is seeking **volunteers** for the Fall semester. The St. Mary's DACA Project assists "Dreamers" — young immigrants brought to the United States as children, to apply for Deferred Action status pursuant to the Presidential announcement of June 15, 2012.

Volunteering with the St. Mary's DACA Project **offers hands-on experience and exposure to a growing field of law**. Volunteers will assist with completing and assembling the client's application and forms. Volunteers may also be asked to assist with community outreach sessions dedicated to finding additional eligible applicants.

Volunteering is easy, and no experience or immigration law knowledge is required. **Hours are flexible** and easily accommodated to **not interfere with class** schedules. The DACA Office is located right by the law school at the St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice. Speaking Spanish is useful, but not a requirement of volunteering. Finally, hours worked count towards the Texas Pro Bono College Certificate.

If interested please email [StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu](mailto:StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu) or contact Maria Calixto 210.436.3953 to volunteer.

### **APPOINTMENTS CAN NOW BE MADE FOR 1L FINGERPRINTING**

Appointments can now be made with **L1 Identity Solutions** to conduct **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the **Declaration of Intent** for the Board of Law Examiners (BLE) on the below listed dates and times.

<b>Wednesday, October 22</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>LFB 207</b>
<b>Friday, October 24</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>LFB 207</b>
<b>Monday, October 27</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>LFB 207</b>
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<b>Monday, November 3</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>LFB 207</b>

Detailed instructions on making your appointment were sent to your **St. Mary's Student Email account**.

### **PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS (PCP)**

It is not too late for **FALL** externships! Start planning ahead for the **SPRING OR** if you have an internship and want to earn credit. **Contact AMANDA RIVAS as soon as possible!** Email or call to schedule a one-on-one meeting, [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu), office telephone 210.431.5712. PCP office hours in Career Services are Monday's, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and Thursday's, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

#### The below positions are available NOW:

- Veterans Administration, Audie Murphy- MedMal/Torts- (San Antonio)
- Equal Justice Center- Employment Law- (San Antonio)
- Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (San Antonio-tax, property, others)
- Catholic Charities- Immigration (San Antonio)
- Disability Rights Texas- Education/Civil Rights/ADA (San Antonio)
- UTSA Commercialization- IP/Trademarks (San Antonio)
- Office of Attorney General- Child Support (San Antonio)
- Texas Civil Rights Project (Austin)
- Office of the Governor (Austin)

Read about the two program options (**PCP Externship** or **PCP Independent Study**) on our website: <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/centers/practice-credit-program/>.

**PLAN ahead: PCP Externship program (including In House Counsel) MANDATORY orientation class.** The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class. Contact Amanda Rivas with any questions about the program or class at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu).

***DISCLAIMER:** You may attend the class even if you are not formally registered and you are still trying to solidify a placement. If you get a qualified job later and have not attended the class, you will be precluded from registering for the Externship course and gaining the maximum amount of credits.*

## **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Please **RSVP to attend any of the below listed programs:** RSVP in the “Events” section of Symplicity under “Workshops”. You will not be included in the head count for food if you do not RSVP at least 24-hours before the event. You may still attend the event; however we ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

### **Ask a Counselor Hour**

**Monday, September 22, 2014**

**8:00 – 9:00 p.m., Online Through Symplicity Chat Feature**

Need to ask a question about career planning but don't have enough time to stop by the Office of Career Services? Director Patrick will be available to answer your questions through the live chat feature in Symplicity. Log into Symplicity and click on the Chat with an Office of Career Services Staff Member.

### **Year Two, Now What to Do? (Class of 2016)**

**Wednesday, September 24, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room**

Lunch will be provided.

This program is designed to help you stay on task with your career planning. Did you work your first summer? Are you worried about gaining experience? It is not too late! There are tons of opportunities for second year students and this program will highlight them for you. We will also discuss how to update your resume, maximize your use of Symplicity including the various resume books and take advantage of networking opportunities.

### **Meet the Professionals Series: Insurance Defense Law**

**Tuesday, September 30, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library**

The Meet the Professionals Series is a series of programs that provide students with an opportunity to learn from practitioners in a small setting. The practitioners will talk about their career and experiences and how they got to their current positions as well as answer student questions. The program is limited to 10 students. Sarah Minter, a local insurance defense attorney at the law firm of

Goldman and Associates will present this program. You may bring a brown bag lunch.

**Collegiate Meet the Professionals Series: Texas A&M Aggies**

**Wednesday, October 1, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library**

**Lunch will be provided.**

Calling all Aggies! The Collegiate Meet the Professionals Series is a series of programs that provide students with an opportunity to learn from practitioners in a small setting. The practitioners will talk about their career and experiences and how they got to their current positions as well as answer student questions. The program is limited to 10 students. This program will be presented by Devin ""Buck"" Benson, who obtained his Bachelors of Science at Texas A&M College Station and his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law. Mr. Benson is a partner at the San Antonio law firm of Pulman, Cappuccio, Pullen, Benson & Jones, LLP. Join us for this great networking opportunity. This program is being held in conjunction with the Aggie Bar Association Student Group.

**Collegiate Meet the Professionals Series: Texas Tech Red Raiders**

**Thursday, October 2, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library**

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Calling all Red Raiders! The Collegiate Meet the Professionals Series is a series of programs that provide students with an opportunity to learn from practitioners in a small setting. The practitioners will talk about their career and experiences and how they got to their current positions as well as answer student questions. The program is limited to 10 students. This program will be presented by Marc Stroope, who obtained his undergraduate degree in Zoology at Texas Tech and his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law. He is an attorney with The Gardner Law Firm in San Antonio. Join us for this great networking opportunity. This program is being held in conjunction with the Red Raider Bar Association Student Group.

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Join the fun on **Sunday, October 19, 2014** at the **St. Mary's 5k for the Neighborhood Run/Walk** to support the neighborhood and your good health. There will be a \$10 registration fee. You may pre-register at [www.stmarytx.edu/5k](http://www.stmarytx.edu/5k) or register on the day of the race. Proceeds will go to neighborhood revitalization. Mass and race registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The timed 5k run and walk will start at 9:00 a.m. Meet at the Pecan Grove. Dogs welcome!

**FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE**

Get fit with Zumba, Water, Dance, CrossFit and many other fitness classes offered by the Recreation Department in the Alumni Athletics Convocation Center (AACC). Please go to <http://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/2014-2014-Fitness-Class-Schedule-Sheet1.pdf> for a complete schedule.

## LAW MINISTRY

**Sister Grace Walle**, FMI is the Campus Minister for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in **Room 105** of the **Ernest Raba (Law Faculty) building**. Sister Grace is available for pastoral counseling and spiritual guidance. Sister Grace also coordinates service programs that provide outreach to the community. You may reach Sister Grace by telephone at 210.436.3063 or by email at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu). Stop by for a cup of coffee or a PBJ sandwich, available at no cost, just outside of her office.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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**NEW** – The **Institute for Energy Law** of The Center for American and International Law announces its 2014 Hartrick Scholar writing competition. The general subject for this year's competition is any topic related to energy development. Winner will receive a \$2,500 cash award. For more information and guidelines please visit <http://www.cailaw.org/iel/index.html>. The article must be submitted no later than **December 19, 2014**.

The **Reeves Law Group** is now accepting submissions for their 2014 Scholarship Contest. For complete rules please visit <http://www.robertreeveslaw.com/scholarship/>. Deadline to apply is **December 31, 2014**.

**NEW** – Thomas Jefferson School of Law announces the first annual Jameson Crane III Disability and the Law Writing Competition. Papers may be on any topic relating to disability law. The winner will be awarded \$1,500 and two second place winners will each receive a \$1,000 cash prize. For more information, please visit: [www.tjssl.edu/cranewritingcompetition](http://www.tjssl.edu/cranewritingcompetition). Deadline to apply is midnight, PST, **January 15, 2015**.

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## 2014 LARRY G. HYDEN MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION WINNERS

The **Board of Advocates** concluded the 2014 Larry G. Hyden Mock Trial Competition last week. **Congratulations** to the following winners:

### **Finalists**

Kenny Yu Sung Lam (3L)  
Mauricio Alejandro Martinez (3L)

### **Best Speaker**

Mauricio Alejandro Martinez (3L)

### **Semi-Finalists**

Zachary Chandler Bowen (3L)  
Victor Sanchez (3L)

The **Board of Advocates and Law Ministry** would like to thank the following for their support and time:

### **Sponsor**

The Firm of Jordan, Hyden, Womble, Culbreth  
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The American Association for Justice (AAJ) and the Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Society (OGERLS) are co-sponsoring **War Stories: Representing Plaintiffs in Oil and Gas Issues** with presentations by St. Mary's University of Law Graduates: Luke C. Kellogg, J.D. '89 and Laura H. Burney, J.D. '84. The event is **Monday, September 29, 2014 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** in the

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## CALL FOR BAILIFFS & MARSHALS

The **2014 Lone Star Classic<sup>®</sup>** will be held on **October 16 – 18, 2014** in San Antonio. The competition is open to all law schools that are accredited by the American Bar Association. We anticipate having 16 teams compete. This year's problem will be a criminal case. It will take place in the State of Lone Star, a hypothetical venue, and will utilize the Federal Rules of Evidence.

If you are **interested in serving as a bailiff or marshal for the preliminary rounds**, please stop by the **Board of Advocates (BOA)** office or contact **Ms. Rebecca Fischer** for an entry form. Students serving in one of these capacities will receive two BOA points for each round in which they serve, which enables those seeking to join BOA in the future to meet the required participation points set out by the organization.

The **preliminary rounds** will take place on Thursday and Friday, October 16th and 17th, in the Bexar County Courthouse, Probate Court 2. The teams will break to **semi-final rounds** on the morning of Saturday, October 18th. The **final round** will take place on the afternoon of the 18th. Both the semi-final and final rounds will be held at St. Mary's University School of Law.

If you are interested in advocacy, joining a mock trial team, or just want to see what these competitions are all about, this is an excellent opportunity to witness some of the best mock trial teams in the nation compete. BOA looks forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Rebecca Fischer at [beccafischer@mac.com](mailto:beccafischer@mac.com).

## LAW LIBRARY RESEARCH WORKSHOPS

If you would like to attend a particular workshop, please contact Professor Martinez at [mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu) so that he may plan for refreshments. Food will be provided for workshop attendees.

**Choosing a Paper Topic**  
**Tuesday, October 7, 2014**  
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**Law Classroom, Room 101**

You've selected a class that sounded interesting. A few days into it, you realize your grade is based on a scholarly paper due at the end of the semester. How do you transform the lectures you are receiving and all the information from the course into a paper? Join the Law Library Faculty as they help you with tips on gathering information, selecting a topic, and mastering this daunting task.

**New in Town? I can help. Government Information for Everyday Life**

**Tuesday, October 14, 2014**

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Need help finding the perfect apartment or a wonderful doctor? How about a good part-time job? From health to safety to voting, let Prof. Martinez -show you some government resources that can help ease the stress of getting settled in a new city.

### **ACADEMIC SCHOLAR PROGRAM**

**ALL 1Ls are encouraged to attend their designated Academic Scholar sessions.**

Academic Scholars are 2Ls and 3Ls who are here to help you learn and perfect the skills you need to succeed in law school. Each Academic Scholar will hold a **weekly 50-minute session**. This is an excellent source of help as you learn to brief cases, develop outlines, and begin to prepare for exams later in the semester.

**WHO IS YOUR ACADEMIC SCHOLAR, AND WHEN DOES YOUR SCHOLAR SECTION MEET?** Please check the colorful spreadsheets posted on the bulletin board just inside the doors of the Law Classroom Building. You can find your name associated with your assigned Academic Scholar, as well as the time and location of your Academic Scholar Sessions. Your Scholars look forward to seeing all of you there.

### **RARE BOOK ROOM TOURS**

The **Sarita Kenedy East Law Library** is offering **brief tours** of the **Rare Book Room**. The Law Library has an outstanding collection of **rare law books** and special collections housed in a humidity and temperature-controlled environment. The rare books collection consists of Mexican law, Texas Law, international law, and a number of valuable works on English, American, Spanish, and European law. The **tours are 10-15 minutes** long. Please contact Reference and Special Collection Services Librarian Fang Wang at 210.436.3435 x1366 or email [fwang@stmarytx.edu](mailto:fwang@stmarytx.edu) to set up an appointment.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST. MARY'S DACA PROJECT**

The **St. Mary's Immigration & Human Rights Clinic DACA Project** is seeking **volunteers** for the Fall semester. The St. Mary's DACA Project assists "Dreamers" L young immigrants brought to the United States as children - to apply for Deferred Action status pursuant to the Presidential announcement of June 15, 2012.

Volunteering with the St. Mary's DACA Project **offers hands-on experience and exposure to a growing field of law.** Volunteers will assist with completing and assembling the client's application and forms. Volunteers may also be asked to assist with community outreach sessions dedicated to finding additional eligible applicants.

Volunteering is easy, and no experience or immigration law knowledge is required. **Hours are flexible** and easily accommodated to **not interfere with class** schedules. The DACA Office is located right by the Law School at the St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice. Speaking Spanish is useful, but being bilingual is not a requirement of volunteering. Finally, hours worked count towards the Texas Pro Bono College Certificate.

If you are interested, please email [StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu](mailto:StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu) or contact Maria Calixto at 210.436.3953 to volunteer.

### **APPOINTMENTS CAN NOW BE MADE FOR 1L FINGERPRINTING**

Appointments can now be made with **L1 Identity Solutions** to conduct **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the **Declaration of Intent** for the Board of Law Examiners (BLE) on the below listed dates and times.

<b>Wednesday, October 22</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>LFB 207</b>
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<b>Monday, October 27</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>LFB 207</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 29</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>LFB 207</b>
<b>Monday, November 3</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>LFB 207</b>

Check your **St. Mary's student email account** for detailed instructions on making your appointment.

### **PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS (PCP)**

Start planning for a spring externship NOW! Join us for a meeting and come get advice from students who have completed the program on **Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**. If you would like to participate, contact AMANDA RIVAS as soon as possible at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.5712. PCP office hours in Career Services are Mondays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

#### **SPRING POSITIONS:**

- Veterans Administration, Audie Murphy- (San Antonio)
- Equal Justice Center- (San Antonio)
- Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (San Antonio-tax, property, others)
- Catholic Charities- (San Antonio)
- Disability Rights Texas- (San Antonio)
- UTSA Commercialization- (San Antonio)



- Office of Attorney General- Child Support (San Antonio)
- Office of Attorney General- Consumer Protection (San Antonio)
- Texas Civil Rights Project (Austin)
- Office of the Governor (Austin)
- MALDEF (San Antonio)
- Texas General Land Office (Austin)
- KCI- In-House Counsel (San Antonio)
- State Bar of Texas (San Antonio)
- RAICES (San Antonio)
- Family Violence Prevention (San Antonio)
- CentroMed- In House Counsel (San Antonio)
- Bexar County Juvenile Probation- General Counsel (San Antonio)
- MORE TO COME!!!

Read about the two program options (**PCP Externship** or **PCP Independent Study**) at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/centers/practice-credit-program/>.

PLAN ahead: The PCP Externship program (including In House Counsel) MANDATORY Spring orientation class will be held **January 9, 2014**. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class. Contact Amanda Rivas with any questions about the program or class.

### **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Please **RSVP to attend any of the below listed programs:** RSVP in the “*Events*” section of Symplicity under “*Workshops*.” You will not be included in the head count for food if you do not RSVP at least 24 hours before the event. If you do not RSVP you may still attend the event; however, we ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

#### **Collegiate Meet the Professionals Series: Texas A&M Aggies**

**Wednesday, October 1, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library**

**Lunch will be provided.**

Calling all Aggies! The Collegiate Meet the Professionals Series is a series of programs that provide students with an opportunity to learn from practitioners in a small setting. The practitioners will talk about their career and experiences and how they got to their current positions as well as answer student questions. The program is limited to 10 students. This program will be presented by Devin "Buck" Benson, who obtained his Bachelors of Science at Texas A&M College Station and his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law. Mr. Benson is a partner at the San Antonio law firm of Pulman, Cappuccio, Pullen, Benson & Jones, LLP. Join us for this great networking opportunity. This program is being held in conjunction with the Aggie Bar Association Student Group.

#### **Collegiate Meet the Professionals Series: Texas Tech Red Raiders**

**Thursday, October 2, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library**

**Lunch will be provided.**

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**Meet the Professionals Series: Insurance Defense Law**

**Tuesday, October 9, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library**

The Meet the Professionals Series is a series of programs that provide students with an opportunity to learn from practitioners in a small setting. The practitioners will talk about their career and experiences and how they got to their current positions as well as answer student questions. The program is limited to 10 students. Sarah Minter, a local insurance defense attorney at the law firm of Goldman and Associates, will present this program. You may bring a brown bag lunch.

**Oil and Gas Mini-Counseling Session with Professor Laura Burney**

**Wednesday, October 15, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216 of the Law Library**

Not sure how to get started on your career plan? Interested in a career in Oil and Gas Law? Sign up for our mini group career counseling session with Professor Laura Burney. Space is limited to 10 students to a group. The session will discuss job search strategies in this area of law. Please note these sessions should last about 30 minutes to an hour. The sessions are designed to give you ideas of places to intern, CLEs to attend, and bar associations to join to gain experience in this area and help launch your careers. This is not a session to have your resume or cover letter reviewed. All slots are first-come, first-served! RSVP in Symplicity! You may bring a brown bag lunch.

**Insight from the Bench: A View into the Field of Criminal Law**

**Thursday, October 16, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room**

**Lunch will be provided.**

Come hear Judge Michael Fields speak about his court and the practice of criminal law. Judge Mike Fields was elected as presiding judge of Harris County Criminal Court No. 14 in November, 1998. He presides over one of fifteen county criminal courts at law with countywide jurisdiction over serious misdemeanor cases such as driving while intoxicated, domestic violence, illegal possession of drugs, criminal pollution, and theft. This event is co-sponsored by BLSA and OCS.

**First-Year OCS Information Sessions**  
**October 16-23, 2014**  
**Classroom and Law Alumni Room**  
**(Times and locations vary depending on Professor specifications)**  
First-year students will be emailed details.

## **STMU 5K FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

Join the fun on **Sunday, October 19, 2014** at the **St. Mary's 5k for the Neighborhood Run/Walk** to support the neighborhood and your good health. There will be a \$10 registration fee. You may pre-register at [www.stmarytx.edu/5k](http://www.stmarytx.edu/5k) or register on the day of the race. Proceeds will go to neighborhood revitalization. Mass and race registration begin at 7:30 a.m. The timed 5k run and walk will start at 9:00 a.m. Meet at the Pecan Grove. Dogs welcome!

## **FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE**

Get fit with Zumba, Water, Dance, CrossFit, and many other fitness classes offered by the Recreation Department in the Alumni Athletics Convocation Center (AACC). Please go to <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/2014-2014-Fitness-Class-Schedule-Sheet1.pdf> for a complete schedule.

## **LAW MINISTRY**

**Sister Grace Walle**, FMI, is the Campus Minister for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in **Room 105** of the **Ernest Raba (Law Faculty) building**. Sister Grace is available for pastoral counseling and spiritual guidance. Sister Grace also coordinates service programs that provide outreach to the community. You may reach Sister Grace by telephone at 210.436.3063 or by email at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu). Stop by for a cup of coffee or a PBJ sandwich, available at no cost, just outside of her office.

## **WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

If a link is not provided below for detailed information to any of the below writing competitions and scholarships, 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 **Presidential Management Fellows (PMF)** Program Office invites **interested applicants** to join us for two upcoming webcasts, conducted through Adobe Connect, to provide information for the **Class of 2015 PMF** application. The Class of 2015 PMF application will open from **October 1-15, 2014**, and the announcement can be found at [www.USAJOBS.gov](http://www.USAJOBS.gov) when it opens (simply search for "Presidential Management Fellows" during the open period). To learn more about eligibility and how to apply, please review the "Become a PMF" section on the PMF website at [www.pmf.gov](http://www.pmf.gov). In addition, the *2015 PMF Assessment Preparation Guide* has been

published on the website.

**Tuesday, September 30, 2014** from 3:00-4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time): A **one-time** Applicant Information Session that will focus on a general overview of the PMF Program, the 2015 PMF application, and a panel of current Fellows offering their advice and experiences. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions throughout the presentation.

**Wednesday, October 8** from 1:30-3:30 p.m. (Eastern Time): A question and answer session will take place; applicants may submit questions regarding the 2015 PMF application cycle.

**These webcasts will be conducted on-line through Adobe Connect** and will have dedicated PMF Program Office staff to answer questions. **Applicants can connect at <http://opm.adobeconnect.com/pmfapplicantchat/>** and select “Enter as a Guest.” Please note that the audio from the webcasts will be provided through your computer/device audio output.

**1-800-LAW-FIRM, PLLC** is now accepting essay entries through **October 5, 2014** on the topic “What would you do to improve the legal system.” This competition offers a \$10,000 grand prize. Please go to <http://www.1800lawfirm.com/scholarship> for more information.

Each year, **Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA)** awards a \$1,000 scholarship to one minority student at each Texas law school. The scholarship promotes diversity in the legal profession by assisting members of minority populations within the bar to: (1) enter the legal profession; and (2) participate in the programs and activities of TYLA and the State Bar of Texas. The application deadline is **October 10, 2014**. More information is available on the TYLA website at <http://www.tyla.org/tyla/index.cfm/resources/law-students1/scholarships/>.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc. (ASECA)** is pleased to announce their 2014 Securities Law Writing Competition. First prize is \$5,000, second prize is \$3,000 and third prize is \$2,000. The topic may be any subject in the field of securities law. Unpublished papers, papers published in any law journal or other publication during calendar year 2014, and papers scheduled for publication in 2014 or 2015 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Mail two copies of your submission to ASECA, P. O. Box 5767, Washington, D.C., 20016. **The deadline to submit a paper is November 15, 2015.**

The **Center for Alcohol Policy** is accepting submissions for their national essay contest. The topic for this year’s contest is: “As states contemplate the legalization of prohibited products, like marijuana, what are some lessons policymakers and regulators can learn from the movement to end alcohol Prohibition in the 1930s?” Prizes are \$5,000, 2,500, and 1,000. For more information, please visit [www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org](http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org). All entries must be received by **November 17, 2014.**

The International Section of the New York State Bar Association, with the support of Cleary, Gottlieb, Stern & Hamilton LLP, is pleased to announce the annual Albert S. Pergam International Law Writing Competition. Students may submit an article regarding any area of public or private international law or practice. The award is \$2,000. For rules please visit

[http://www.nysba.org/Sections/International/Section\\_Awards/Pergam\\_Writing\\_Competition\\_brochure.html](http://www.nysba.org/Sections/International/Section_Awards/Pergam_Writing_Competition_brochure.html). The deadline to apply is 4:00 p.m., **Friday, November 21, 2014**.

The **American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers** is pleased to announce awards to be presented for (a) the best book chapter or book, (b) the best publishable article or substantial book review, and (c) the best student case note or comment on a **topic dealing with consumer financial services law**. For more information please visit <http://www.accfsl.org/writing-competition/>. The deadline for entry is **December 1, 2014**.

The **Institute for Energy Law** of The Center for American and International Law announces its 2014 Hartrick Scholar writing competition. The general subject for this year's competition is any topic related to energy development. The winner will receive a \$2,500 cash award. For more information and guidelines, please visit <http://www.cailaw.org/iel/index.html>. The article must be submitted no later than **December 19, 2014**.

The **Reeves Law Group** is now accepting submissions for its 2014 Scholarship Contest. For complete rules, please visit <http://www.robertreeveslaw.com/scholarship/>. The deadline to apply is **December 31, 2014**.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law announces the first annual Jameson Crane III Disability and the Law Writing Competition. Papers may be on any topic relating to disability law. The winner will be awarded \$1,500, and two second place winners will each receive a \$1,000 cash prize. For more information, please visit: [www.tjssl.edu/cranewritingcompetition](http://www.tjssl.edu/cranewritingcompetition). The deadline to apply is midnight, PST, **January 15, 2015**.

**Pacific Legal Foundation's** Program for Judicial Awareness announces its law student writing competition. Prizes are \$3,000, 2,000, and 1,000. For rules and information, please visit <http://www.pacificlegal.org/pja/writingcomp>. The deadline to apply is **January 16, 2015**.

The Florida State University Center announces the Mollie and Paul Hill Student Writing Competition in Medical-Legal Interprofessional Collaboration for 2015. The award is \$250. Go to <http://med.fsu.edu/userFiles/file/2015%20Student%20Writing%20Competition.pdf> for details. The deadline to apply is **April 1, 2015**.

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This year's event is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 15, 2014**. The Courthouse Tour will begin promptly at **1:00 p.m.** in Presiding District Court, Bexar County Courthouse, Suite 109. Please arrive early for registration. The Judicial Reception will be held at **Club Giraud** from **5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** The cost for law students or those pending bar results is \$25 for the tour only, \$30 for the reception only, or \$50 for both events. **To register for this event [CLICK HERE](#) or register online at [SAYLA.org](http://SAYLA.org).**

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later in the semester.

WHO IS YOUR ACADEMIC SCHOLAR, AND WHEN DOES YOUR SCHOLAR SECTION MEET? Please check the colorful spreadsheets posted on the bulletin board just inside the doors of the Law Classroom Building. You can find your name associated with your assigned Academic Scholar, as well as the time and location of your Academic Scholar Sessions. Your Scholars look forward to seeing all of you there.

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### SPRING POSITIONS:

- Veterans Administration, Audie Murphy- (San Antonio)
- Equal Justice Center- (San Antonio)
- Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (San Antonio-tax, property, others)
- Catholic Charities- (San Antonio)
- Disability Rights Texas- (San Antonio)
- UTSA Commercialization- (San Antonio)
- Office of Attorney General- Child Support (San Antonio)
- Office of Attorney General- Consumer Protection (San Antonio)
- Texas Civil Rights Project (Austin)
- Office of the Governor (Austin)
- MALDEF (San Antonio)
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- KCI- In-House Counsel (San Antonio)
- State Bar of Texas (San Antonio)
- RAICES (San Antonio)
- Family Violence Prevention (San Antonio)
- CentroMed- In House Counsel (San Antonio)
- Bexar County Juvenile Probation- General Counsel (San Antonio)
- MORE TO COME!!!

Read about the two program options (**PCP Externship** or **PCP Independent Study**) at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/centers/practice-credit-program/>.

PLAN ahead: The PCP Externship program (including In House Counsel) MANDATORY Spring orientation class will be held **January 9, 2014**. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class. Contact Amanda Rivas with any questions about the program or class.

## **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Please **RSVP to attend any of the below listed programs:** RSVP in the “*Events*” section of Symplicity under “*Workshops*.” You will not be included in the head count for food if you do not RSVP at least 24 hours before the event. If you do not RSVP you may still attend the event; however, we ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

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**Tuesday, October 9, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library**

The Meet the Professionals Series is a series of programs that provide students with an opportunity to learn from practitioners in a small setting. The practitioners will talk about their career and experiences and how they got to their current positions as well as answer student questions. The program is limited to 10 students. Sarah Minter, a local insurance defense attorney at the law firm of Goldman and Associates, will present this program. You may bring a brown bag lunch.

### **Oil and Gas Mini-Counseling Session with Professor Laura Burney**

**Wednesday, October 15, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216 of the Law Library**

Not sure how to get started on your career plan? Interested in a career in Oil and Gas Law? Sign up for our mini group career counseling session with Professor Laura Burney. Space is limited to 10 students to a group. The session will discuss job search strategies in this area of law. Please note these sessions should last about 30 minutes to an hour. The sessions are designed to give you ideas of places to intern, CLEs to attend, and bar associations to join to gain experience in this area and help launch your careers. This is not a session to have your resume or cover letter reviewed. All slots are first-come, first-served! RSVP in Symplicity! You may bring a brown bag lunch.

### **Insight from the Bench: A View into the Field of Criminal Law**

**Thursday, October 16, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room**

**Lunch will be provided.**

Come hear Judge Michael Fields speak about his court and the practice of criminal law. Judge Mike Fields was elected as presiding judge of Harris County Criminal Court No. 14 in November, 1998. He presides over one of fifteen county criminal courts at law with countywide jurisdiction over serious misdemeanor cases such as driving while intoxicated, domestic violence, illegal possession of drugs, criminal pollution, and theft. This event is co-sponsored by BLSA and OCS.

### **First-Year OCS Information Sessions**

**October 16-23, 2014**

**Classroom and Law Alumni Room**

**(Times and locations vary depending on Professor specifications)**

First-year students will be emailed details.

### **NEW MOBILE APP – DOJ LAW JOBS**

The **U.S. Department of Justice** unveiled a new mobile app, *DOJ Law Jobs*, which will provide attorneys and law students with a quick and easy way to find an attorney position or law student internship with the Department. *DOJ Law Jobs* is available for free **now** on iTunes for Apple iPhone, and additional versions for iPad and Android devices will be available in the next few weeks. The mobile app was developed by the Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management and Office of the Chief Information Officer. **Users of the app will be able to create personalized job searches** based on practice area, geographic preference, and hiring organization. *DOJ Law Jobs* includes the following key features: provides instructions on how to apply to attorney jobs and legal internships; saves search criteria for quick access to future opportunities; allows users to save, share, and email their favorite jobs; and provides access to hundreds of attorney jobs and legal internships at the U.S. Department of Justice. To review the full press release, please go to: <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/doj-law-jobs-be-available-itunes-and-play-store>.

### **STMU 5K FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

Join the fun on **Sunday, October 19, 2014** at the **St. Mary's 5k for the Neighborhood Run/Walk** to support the neighborhood and your good health. There will be a \$10 registration fee. You may pre-register at [www.stmarytx.edu/5k](http://www.stmarytx.edu/5k) or register on the day of the race. Proceeds will go to neighborhood revitalization. Mass and race registration begin at 7:30 a.m. The timed 5k run and walk will start at 9:00 a.m. Meet at the Pecan Grove. Dogs welcome!

### **FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE**

Get fit with Zumba, Water, Dance, CrossFit, and many other fitness classes offered by the Recreation Department in the Alumni Athletics Convocation Center (AACC). Please go to <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/2014-2014-Fitness-Class-Schedule-Sheet1.pdf> for a complete schedule.

### **LAW MINISTRY**

**Sister Grace Walle**, FMI, is the Campus Minister for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in **Room 105** of the **Ernest Raba (Law Faculty) building**. Sister Grace is available for pastoral counseling and spiritual guidance. Sister Grace also coordinates service programs that provide outreach to the community. You may reach Sister Grace by telephone at 210.436.3063 or by email at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu). Stop by for a cup of coffee or a PBJ sandwich, available at no cost, just outside of her office.

### **WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

If a link is not provided below for detailed information to any of the below writing competitions and scholarships, 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 **Presidential Management Fellows** (PMF) Program Office invites **interested applicants** to join us for two upcoming webcasts, conducted through Adobe Connect, to provide information for the **Class of 2015** PMF application. The Class of 2015 PMF application will open from **October 1-15, 2014**, and the announcement can be found at [www.USAJOBS.gov](http://www.USAJOBS.gov) *when it opens* (simply search for “Presidential Management Fellows” during the open period). To learn more about eligibility and how to apply, please review the “Become a PMF” section on the PMF website at [www.pmf.gov](http://www.pmf.gov). In addition, the *2015 PMF Assessment Preparation Guide* has been published on the website.

Each year, **Texas Young Lawyers Association** (TYLA) awards a \$1,000 scholarship to one minority student at each Texas law school. The scholarship promotes diversity in the legal profession by assisting members of minority populations within the bar to: (1) enter the legal profession; and (2) participate in the programs and activities of TYLA and the State Bar of Texas. The application deadline is **October 10, 2014**. More information is available on the TYLA website at <http://www.tyla.org/tyla/index.cfm/resources/law-students1/scholarships/>.

**NEW** – The Richard Linn American Inn of Court is proud to offer the **Mark T. Banner Scholarship** for law students. This scholarship is part of The Richard Linn American Inn of Court’s commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers of high ethics, civility and professionalism, and especially those from diverse backgrounds. Recipient of the Mark T. Banner Scholarship will receive \$5,000 payable during the Fall 2015 semester of law school. Please visit [www.linninn.org](http://www.linninn.org) for more information and an application. Deadline to apply is **November 12, 2014**.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2014 Securities Law Writing Competition. First prize is \$5,000, second prize is \$3,000 and third prize is \$2,000. The topic may be any subject in the field of securities law. Unpublished papers, papers published in any law journal or other publication during calendar year 2014, and papers scheduled for publication in 2014 or 2015 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Mail two copies of your submission to ASECA, P. O. Box 5767, Washington, D.C., 20016. **The deadline to submit a paper is November 15, 2015.**

The **Center for Alcohol Policy** is accepting submissions for their national essay contest. The topic for this year’s contest is: “As states contemplate the legalization of prohibited products, like marijuana, what are some lessons policymakers and regulators can learn from the movement to end alcohol Prohibition in the 1930s?” Prizes are \$5,000, 2,500, and 1,000. For more information, please visit [www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org](http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org). All entries must be received by **November 17, 2014**.

The International Section of the New York State Bar Association, with the support of Cleary, Gottlieb, Stern & Hamilton LLP, is pleased to announce the annual Albert S. Pergam International

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The **American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers** is pleased to announce awards to be presented for (a) the best book chapter or book, (b) the best publishable article or substantial book review, and (c) the best student case note or comment on a **topic dealing with consumer financial services law**. For more information please visit <http://www.accfsl.org/writing-competition/>. The deadline for entry is **December 1, 2014**.

The **Institute for Energy Law** of The Center for American and International Law announces its 2014 Hartrick Scholar writing competition. The general subject for this year's competition is any topic related to energy development. The winner will receive a \$2,500 cash award. For more information and guidelines, please visit <http://www.cailaw.org/iel/index.html>. The article must be submitted no later than **December 19, 2014**.

The **Reeves Law Group** is now accepting submissions for its 2014 Scholarship Contest. For complete rules, please visit <http://www.robertreeveslaw.com/scholarship/>. The deadline to apply is **December 31, 2014**.

**NEW** – Banner & Witcoff is pleased to offer the **Donald W. Banner** Diversity Scholarship for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Please visit <http://bannerwitcoff.com/about/diversity/> for details. Applications are now being accepted through **January 5, 2015**.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law announces the first annual Jameson Crane III Disability and the Law Writing Competition. Papers may be on any topic relating to disability law. The winner will be awarded \$1,500, and two second place winners will each receive a \$1,000 cash prize. For more information, please visit: [www.tjsl.edu/cranewritingcompetition](http://www.tjsl.edu/cranewritingcompetition). The deadline to apply is midnight, PST, **January 15, 2015**.

**Pacific Legal Foundation's** Program for Judicial Awareness announces its law student writing competition. Prizes are \$3,000, 2,000, and 1,000. For rules and information, please visit <http://www.pacificlegal.org/pja/writingcomp>. The deadline to apply is **January 16, 2015**.

The Florida State University Center announces the Mollie and Paul Hill Student Writing Competition in Medical-Legal Interprofessional Collaboration for 2015. The award is \$250. Go to <http://med.fsu.edu/userFiles/file/2015%20Student%20Writing%20Competition.pdf> for details. The deadline to apply is **April 1, 2015**.



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This year's event is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 15, 2014**. The Courthouse Tour will begin promptly at **1:00 p.m.** in Presiding District Court, Bexar County Courthouse, Suite 109. Please arrive early for registration. The Judicial Reception will be held at **Club Giraud** from **5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** The cost for law students or those pending bar results is \$25 for the tour only, \$30 for the reception only, or \$50 for both events. **To register for this event [CLICK HERE](#) or register online at [SAYLA.org](http://SAYLA.org).**

### SECTION E MEETING

Intersession and Spring Registration

On **Wednesday, October 15 at 5:30 p.m. in LC 102**, Professor Cochran and Dean Mather will meet with current section E students **who are ending their first year of law school**. Intersession and Spring registration and requirements for graduation will be discussed. The meeting is mandatory; students should consult with Professor Cochran if they cannot attend. Early registration forms have been emailed to Evening Students (other than first year students). The **deadline** for early registration is **Monday, October 20, at 5:00 p.m.**

### FIRST INFORMATION MEETING ON CHINA PROGRAM

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**Atrium, Law Administration Building**

**Are you interested in studying in China next summer?** Please join Professor Bob Hu for the first informational meeting of the China program. You will learn more about the program, travel, housing, and internship opportunities in China. **Lunch will be provided.** For questions, please contact Professor Bob Hu at [rhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhu@stmarytx.edu).

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and may be billed to their student account or health insurance. For more information, please contact the **Student Health Center**. Please note there is a 20-minute wait after the injection has been given to ensure against an allergic reaction.

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Come on out on **Friday, October 17, 2014** to **FLINT FEST**. Learn about the Institute on World Legal Problems in Innsbruck. This year's event will be held at **Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church Hall**, 223 E. Summit Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78212, **starting at 6:00 p.m.** Your \$10 contribution at the door will get you food, drink and a chance at door prizes. This event is sponsored by Law Ministry. For more information, please contact Sister Grace Walle at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).

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### **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Please **RSVP to attend any of the below listed programs:** RSVP in the “*Events*” section of Symplicity under “*Workshops*.” You will not be included in the head count for food if you do not RSVP at least 24 hours before the event. If you do not RSVP you may still attend the event; however, we ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

#### **Oil and Gas Mini-Counseling Session with Professor Laura Burney**

**Wednesday, October 15, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216 of the Law Library**

Not sure how to get started on your career plan? Interested in a career in Oil and Gas Law? Sign up for our mini group career counseling session with Professor Laura Burney. Space is limited to 10 students to a group. The session will discuss job search strategies in this area of law. Please note these sessions should last about 30 minutes to an hour. The sessions are designed to give you ideas of places to intern, CLEs to attend, and bar associations to join to gain experience in this area and help launch your careers. This is not a session to have your resume or cover letter reviewed. All slots are first-come, first-served! RSVP in Symplicity! You may bring a brown bag lunch.

## **Insight from the Bench: A View into the Field of Criminal Law**

**Thursday, October 16, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room**

**Lunch will be provided.**

Come hear Judge Michael Fields speak about his court and the practice of criminal law. Judge Mike Fields was elected as presiding judge of Harris County Criminal Court No. 14 in November, 1998. He presides over one of fifteen county criminal courts at law with countywide jurisdiction over serious misdemeanor cases such as driving while intoxicated, domestic violence, illegal possession of drugs, criminal pollution, and theft. This event is co-sponsored by BLSA and OCS.

## **First-Year OCS Information Sessions**

**October 16-23, 2014**

**Classroom and Law Alumni Room**

**(Times and locations vary depending on Professor specifications)**

First-year students will be emailed details.

## **NEW MOBILE APP – DOJ LAW JOBS**

The **U.S. Department of Justice** unveiled a new mobile app, *DOJ Law Jobs*, which will provide attorneys and law students with a quick and easy way to find an attorney position or law student internship with the Department. *DOJ Law Jobs* is available for free **now** on iTunes for Apple iPhone, and additional versions for iPad and Android devices will be available in the next few weeks. The mobile app was developed by the Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management and Office of the Chief Information Officer. **Users of the app will be able to create personalized job searches** based on practice area, geographic preference, and hiring organization. *DOJ Law Jobs* includes the following key features: provides instructions on how to apply to attorney jobs and legal internships; saves search criteria for quick access to future opportunities; allows users to save, share, and email their favorite jobs; and provides access to hundreds of attorney jobs and legal internships at the U.S. Department of Justice. To review the full press release, please go to: <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/doj-law-jobs-be-available-itunes-and-play-store>.

## **STMU 5K FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

Join the fun on **Sunday, October 19, 2014** at the **St. Mary's 5k for the Neighborhood Run/Walk** to support the neighborhood and your good health. There will be a \$10 registration fee. You may pre-register at [www.stmarytx.edu/5k](http://www.stmarytx.edu/5k) or register on the day of the race. Proceeds will go to neighborhood revitalization. Mass and race registration begin at 7:30 a.m. The timed 5k run and walk will start at 9:00 a.m. Meet at the Pecan Grove. Dogs welcome!



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**SPEAKERS:** Colonel Julie K. Hasdorff, Senior Military Judge. Col. Hasdorff has served as Military Judge since 2004.

**MCLE CREDIT:** The FBA has applied for 1 hour of MCLE credit from the State Bar of Texas.

**DATE / TIME:** THURSDAY OCTOBER 23, 2014, 12:00 – 1:00 pm.

**LOCATION:** Courtroom C (Courtroom of Magistrate Judge Henry Bemporad), John H.Wood, Jr. United States Courthouse, 655 E. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd., San Antonio, TX.

**REGISTRATION:** None required; just come by.

**FEE:** None.

This event is a free CLE event and is open to the bar. Please bring your own "brown bag" lunch if you wish to have lunch. For any further questions, please contact Simon Azar-Farr at [azarfarr@grandecom.net](mailto:azarfarr@grandecom.net).

**FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE**

Get fit with Zumba, Water, Dance, CrossFit, and many other fitness classes offered by the Recreation Department in the Alumni Athletics Convocation Center (AACC). Please go to <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/2014-2014-Fitness-Class-Schedule-Sheet1.pdf> for a complete schedule.

**LAW MINISTRY**

**Sister Grace Walle**, FMI, is the Campus Minister for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in **Room 105** of the **Ernest Raba (Law Faculty) building**. Sister Grace is available for pastoral counseling and spiritual guidance. Sister Grace also coordinates service programs that provide outreach to the community. You may reach Sister Grace by telephone at 210.436.3063 or by email at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu). Stop by for a cup of coffee or a PBJ sandwich, available at no cost, just outside of her office.

**WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

If a link is not provided below for detailed information to any of the below writing competitions and scholarships, 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 **Presidential Management Fellows (PMF)** Program Office invites **interested applicants** to join us for two upcoming webcasts, conducted through Adobe Connect, to provide information for the **Class of 2015 PMF** application. The Class of 2015 PMF application is open through **October 15, 2014**, and the announcement can be found at [www.USAJOBS.gov](http://www.USAJOBS.gov) when it opens (simply search for “Presidential Management Fellows” during the open period). To learn more about eligibility and how to apply, please review the “Become a PMF” section on the PMF website at [www.pmf.gov](http://www.pmf.gov). In addition, the *2015 PMF Assessment Preparation Guide* has been published on the website.

The Richard Linn American Inn of Court is proud to offer the **Mark T. Banner Scholarship** for law students. This scholarship is part of The Richard Linn American Inn of Court’s commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers of high ethics, civility and professionalism, and especially those from diverse backgrounds. Recipient of the Mark T. Banner Scholarship will receive \$5,000 payable during the Fall 2015 semester of law school. Please visit [www.linninn.org](http://www.linninn.org) for more information and an application. Deadline to apply is **November 12, 2014**.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc. (ASECA)** is pleased to announce their 2014 Securities Law Writing Competition. First prize is \$5,000, second prize is \$3,000 and third prize is \$2,000. The topic may be any subject in the field of securities law. Unpublished papers, papers published in any law journal or other publication during calendar year 2014, and papers scheduled for publication in 2014 or 2015 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Mail two copies of your submission to ASECA, P. O. Box 5767, Washington, D.C., 20016. **The deadline to submit a paper is November 15, 2015.**

The **Center for Alcohol Policy** is accepting submissions for their national essay contest. The topic for this year’s contest is: “As states contemplate the legalization of prohibited products, like marijuana, what are some lessons policymakers and regulators can learn from the movement to end alcohol Prohibition in the 1930s?” Prizes are \$5,000, 2,500, and 1,000. For more information, please visit [www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org](http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org). All entries must be received by **November 17, 2014**.

The International Section of the **New York State Bar Association**, with the support of Cleary, Gottlieb, Stern & Hamilton LLP, is pleased to announce the annual Albert S. Pergam International Law Writing Competition. Students may submit an article regarding any area of public or private international law or practice. The award is \$2,000. For rules please visit [http://www.nysba.org/Sections/International/Section\\_Awards/Pergam\\_Writing\\_Competition\\_brochure.html](http://www.nysba.org/Sections/International/Section_Awards/Pergam_Writing_Competition_brochure.html). The deadline to apply is 4:00 p.m., **Friday, November 21, 2014**.

The **American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers** is pleased to announce awards to be presented for (a) the best book chapter or book, (b) the best publishable article or substantial book review, and (c) the best student case note or comment on a **topic dealing with consumer financial services law**. For more information please visit <http://www.accfsl.org/writing-competition/>. The deadline for entry is **December 1, 2014**.

The **Institute for Energy Law** of The Center for American and International Law announces its 2014 Hartrick Scholar writing competition. The general subject for this year's competition is any topic related to energy development. The winner will receive a \$2,500 cash award. For more information and guidelines, please visit <http://www.cailaw.org/iel/index.html>. The article must be submitted no later than **December 19, 2014**.

The **Reeves Law Group** is now accepting submissions for its 2014 Scholarship Contest. For complete rules, please visit <http://www.robertreeveslaw.com/scholarship/>. The deadline to apply is **December 31, 2014**.

**NEW** – The Consumer and Commercial Law Section of the Texas State Bar announces its first annual Craig Jordan Consumer Protection Writing Competition. The writer of the winning essay will receive a \$4,000 cash award. The runner up will receive a \$1,000 cash award. Both winners will receive financial support to attend the 2014 Advanced Consumer and Commercial Law Seminar where they will be recognized. For competition rules please go to <http://www.texasbar.com/Content/NavigationMenu/ForLawyers/MembershipInfoandServices/LawStudentInfo/CraigJordanWritingCompetition.pdf>. Deadline to apply is **December 31, 2014**.

**NEW** – The **Pearce Law Firm** is pleased to offer the Empowering Women In Law Scholarship. This scholarship is intended to encourage and support outstanding achievement and leadership by example from women in the field of law. This award will be presented to a current female law student for the following academic year in the amount of \$2,000 and will be paid at the beginning of the fall semester 2015. See more at: <http://thepearcelawfirm.com/empowering-scholarship#sthash.NONdEXpv.dpuf>. Deadline to apply is **December 31, 2014**.

Banner & Witcoff is pleased to offer the **Donald W. Banner** Diversity Scholarship for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Please visit <http://bannerwitcoff.com/about/diversity/> for details. Applications are now being accepted through **January 5, 2015**.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law announces the first annual Jameson Crane III Disability and the Law Writing Competition. Papers may be on any topic relating to disability law. The winner will be awarded \$1,500, and two second place winners will each receive a \$1,000 cash prize. For more information, please visit: [www.tjsl.edu/cranewritingcompetition](http://www.tjsl.edu/cranewritingcompetition). The deadline to apply is midnight, PST, **January 15, 2015**.

**Pacific Legal Foundation's** Program for Judicial Awareness announces its law student writing competition. Prizes are \$3,000, 2,000, and 1,000. For rules and information, please visit <http://www.pacificlegal.org/pja/writingcomp>. The deadline to apply is **January 16, 2015**.

**NEW** – The **American Indian Law Review** (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the

University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information please go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **January 30, 2015**.

**NEW** – The **Arthur Lockwood Beneventi** Law Scholarship is a one-time preferred amount \$2,000 scholarship awarded to a student who is either enrolled in or attends an accredited law school and has a minimum GPA of 3.25. The scholarship is not automatically renewable. However, recipients may reapply for consideration each year. Mail completed scholarship application form to: National Vice Chair Arthur Lockwood Beneventi Law Scholarship, 1207 Waggoner Dr., Rushville, IN 46173. Deadline to apply is **February 15, 2015**.

The **Florida State University Center** announces the Mollie and Paul Hill Student Writing Competition in Medical-Legal Interprofessional Collaboration for 2015. The award is \$250. Go to <http://med.fsu.edu/userFiles/file/2015%20Student%20Writing%20Competition.pdf> for details. The deadline to apply is **April 1, 2015**.

**NEW** – **Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C.** offers a \$2,000 scholarship award to a law student who is either a member of an ethnic, racial, or other minority or demonstrates the commitment to issues of diversity within their academic career. Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2015**. Apply at <http://www.buckfirelaw.com/library/2015-buckfire-law-school-diversity-scholarship.cfm>.

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## **MOOT COURT TEAM EXCELS AT CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

An **External Advocacy Program (EAP) Moot Court** team consisting of 2L students **Stephanie De Sola, Alicia Grant** and **Leah Wise** competed last week at the 6th Annual Emory University School of Law Civil Rights and Liberties Moot Court Competition in Atlanta, Georgia. De Sola, Grant and Wise competed against teams from across the country and broke 5th at the competition, reaching the initial elimination round. This was the first external competition for all three of these fine students, and marks the first time a St. Mary's team comprised completely of 2Ls has made the break at their very first national moot court competition. **Please congratulate these outstanding students, and their coach, Mr. Ricky Poole**, for their hard work and dedication.

## **MOCK TRIAL TEAM COMPETES AT NATIONAL TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION**

Last week, an EAP mock trial team consisting of **Jessica Pritchett (3L), Travis Rodriguez (3L), Ally Arriola (2L), Michael Candelas (2L)**, and alternate team member **Thomas Pare (2L)** competed at the 15th annual **National Trial Advocacy Competition**, hosted by Michigan State School of Law. The team, which was coached by **Ms. Nicole Thornbro**, competed against John Marshall, Buffalo New York, and Catholic University. Although the team did not break to the semi-finals, **Jessica Pritchett won** the best Overall Advocate Award. **Please congratulate Ms. Prichett, the team, and their coach for their dedication and hard work at this competition.**

## **2014 LONE STAR CLASSIC®**

On October 16-18, 2014, St. Mary's University School of Law hosted the **2014 Lone Star Classic®**, a **national invitational mock trial competition**. Sixteen law schools from across the nation participated in this year's competition: Alabama, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Campbell, Catholic, Emory, Faulkner, Florida Coastal, Fordham, George Washington, Georgia State, Houston, Maryland, South Texas, Stetson, and Texas.

The **three preliminary rounds** were held at the Bexar County Courthouse and the Bexar County Justice Center. **Four teams advanced** to the semi-finals, which were held in the law classroom building: Texas, Faulkner, Maryland, and Campbell.

In the final round of the competition, which was held in the law school's courtroom, Texas beat Faulkner to take the national title. **Elliot Smith** from Faulkner was named **outstanding advocate** for the final round.

The judges for the final round were the **Honorable Patrick Higginbotham** (presiding), Associate Justice of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; **Mr. Richard L. Durbin, Jr.**, First Assistant United States Attorney, of the United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Texas; and **Ms. Donna Coltharp**, Deputy Federal Public Defender of the Federal Public

Defender's Office of the Western District of Texas.

A video of the final round is posted on the law school's website.

The following awards were announced at the competition dinner following the preliminary rounds:

Most Professional Team	Emory
Best Opening Statement	Lauren Breland (Alabama)
Best Direct Examination	Sylvia Dai (Brooklyn)
Best Cross-Examination	Lacy Mau-Mcowell (Campbell)
Best Closing Argument	Ashley Morse (Catholic)
Best Overall Advocate	Joe Aguirre (Alabama)

This year's Lone Star Classic<sup>®</sup> was organized and run by a **law school committee** consisting of: **Professor Dave Schlueter**, Director of the Classic; **Professor Ramona Lampley**, Associate Director; **Ms. Meagan Enriquez** (3L) and **Ms. Clair Strom** (2L), Assistant Directors; and committee members, **Mr. Landry Redding** (3L) and **Ms. Rebecca Fischer** (2L).

**Many thanks** to the Committee, the Board of Advocates, members of the faculty who served as judges, the numerous law students for their outstanding efforts and support in running this national competition, and Dean Stephen Sheppard for his support and encouragement. Thanks are also extended to the many members of the San Antonio legal community for their continued support not only of the Classic, but also of the law school's advocacy programs.

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**MEXICO ENERGY REFORM**

On **Monday, October 27, 2014 from 3:00 – 3:50 p.m.** in **Raba 202**, Alberto de la Peña, Esq. and partner of Haynes & Boone in Dallas, Texas will be the guest speaker in Prof. Roberto Rosas' class *Doing Business with Mexico*. Mr. de la Peña 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**



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## COURSE ADVISING

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs will once again offer **course advising to all law students** in an effort to help plan Spring and Summer 2015 schedules. To make a course advising appointment, students should contact Patricia Solano by telephone at 210.431.4340 or by email at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

All 1Ls who have been required to complete the **2014 Fall Fundamental Skills Workshop** are also required to schedule and attend a course advising appointment before your registration period begins. Failure to do so will prevent registration for Spring and Summer 2015 courses.

## LAW STUDENT LIBRARY WORKERS WANTED

The **Law Library** is hiring **two student law library workers**. Each person will work 10-15 hours per week. Primary duties include working the circulation desk and digitizing library material. Prior library work experience is helpful but not required. Please see **Brandon Vasquez**, Circulation Supervisor to apply.

## BOO BASH

Students, faculty, staff and their families are invited to **Boo Bash on Thursday, October 30, 2014, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** in the **Law Plaza**. Costumes are welcome. Join us for games, arts and crafts, fun, and lots of candy. This event is sponsored by the Student Bar Association and Law Ministry. For more information, please contact Sister Grace Walle at 210.436.3063 or [gwalle@stamrytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stamrytx.edu).

## GAVELS & GOWNS GALA

The **Gavels & Gown** gala hosted by the Student Bar Association, will be held on **November 8, 2014 from 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.** at the **St. Anthony Hotel**. Please see the SBA to purchase tickets.

## LAW LIBRARY RESEARCH WORKSHOPS

If you would like to attend a particular workshop, please contact Professor Martinez at [mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu) so that refreshments may be planned for you. Food will be provided for workshop attendees.

### **HeinOnline: Your Answer to Life**

**Tuesday, October 21, 2014**

**12:30 - 1:10 p.m., Law Classroom 103**

Would you like to find out how and why people with Japanese ancestry were prohibited from the Pacific coast in 1942? What was the first regulation published in the Federal Register? Would you like a drawing of Lord Chief Justice Cockburn, which was published in the earliest law review

published in America? Where would you go if the answers were not on LexisNexis, Westlaw, or Bloomberg Law? Answers to all the above can be found in a wonderful database called HeinOnline.

### **Google for Lawyers**

**Tuesday, October 28, 2014**

**12:30 - 1:10 p.m., Law Classroom 103**

Fact finding on the Internet is an important lawyering skill. Attorneys have used information they found in a Google search to benefit their cases and judges are admitting information on the Internet into evidence. Everyone uses Google, but how many of us really know how to use Google effectively—not only for research during law school, but also in your future law practice? If you think you know everything about searching on Google, come to this workshop to find out if that's the case. We will cover essential Google search tips, features, and much more.

### **Free and Low Cost Legal Research**

**Tuesday, November 4, 2014**

**12:30 - 1:10 p.m., Law Classroom 103**

Westlaw and LexisNexis come with tuition... while you are a student. This workshop covers free and low cost alternatives, and the balance between saving time and saving money. Come learn about strategies for using and dealing with Lexis and Westlaw and explore print and low cost electronic alternatives.

## **PRO BONO / PUBLIC SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OCTOBER**

The **St. Mary's Pro Bono Team is seeking volunteers** for the following ongoing and upcoming events. Visit the Pro Bono / Public Service TWEN page to register to volunteer. All volunteer hours from CLSJ sponsored events qualify for the State Bar of Texas Law Student Pro Bono College Certificate.

**DACA Project** – The St. Mary's Immigration & Human Rights Clinic DACA Project is seeking volunteers for the Fall semester. The St. Mary's DACA Project assists “Dreamers” — young immigrants brought to the United States as children to apply for Deferred Action status pursuant to the Presidential announcement of June 15, 2012. Volunteers receive hands-on experience, meet with applicants, and complete the client's immigration application. Volunteers may also be asked to assist with community outreach sessions dedicated to finding additional eligible applicants.

Volunteering is easy, and no experience or immigration law knowledge is required. Hours are flexible and easily accommodated to not interfere with class schedules. The DACA Office is located at the St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice, just a few blocks from the university. Speaking Spanish is useful, but not a requirement of volunteering.

If you are interested, please email [StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu](mailto:StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu).

**ID Recovery** – CLSJ needs volunteers to assist with the ID Recovery Project at Haven for Hope, San Antonio's largest homeless shelter. Obtaining identification is particularly important to

the homeless population as some form of photo identification is required to gain employment, housing and other benefits.

Volunteers work with student attorneys and supervising attorneys at the office located in the Haven for Hope Courtyard. After a brief on-site training, volunteers conduct interviews with clients to assist them with acquiring the necessary documents to obtain valid identification. This project continues year-round and volunteers are needed every Friday. You do not need to commit to every Friday; you may volunteer as your schedule allows.

Volunteer registration is available on TWEN or email [IDRecoveryClinic@gmail.com](mailto:IDRecoveryClinic@gmail.com).

**Texas RioGrande Legal Aid Family Law Event** – Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA) will be hosting its monthly family law event October 28, 2014 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.. The event provides legal assistance for uncontested family law matters including divorce and adoption proceedings, and simple landlord-tenant disputes.

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<b>Monday, November 3</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>LFB 207</b>

### **LAWCOUNTABILITY, J.D.**

Have you checked **Lawcountability, J.D.** yet? This week's 10-minute webinar - **Week #7 – Overcoming Social Discomfort** is now available on your Lawcountability, J.D. dashboard. Be sure to click “YES” when asked if you saw the presentation so that your reminders will arrive on schedule.

### **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Please **RSVP to attend any of the below listed programs**: RSVP in the “*Events*” section of Symplicity under “*Workshops*.” You will not be included in the head count for food if you do not

RSVP at least 24 hours before the event. If you do not RSVP you may still attend the event; however, we ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

### **LinkedIn Photo Session**

**Monday, October 20, 2014**

**10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Law Alumni Room**

Make a Professional Statement! Stop by the Law Alumni Room dressed in business attire. Your photo will be taken by your fellow classmate, Bethbiriah Sanchez who has a photography business. Your digital photo will be emailed to you to upload it to your LinkedIn or other professional/social networking account including your Student Portfolio in Symplicity. Students will be taken on a first come first serve basis and will receive a card with tips on creating a professional LinkedIn profile.

### **Ask a Counselor Hour**

**Monday, October 20, 2014**

**8:00 – 9:00 p.m., Online Through Symplicity Chat Feature**

Need to ask a question about career planning but don't have enough time to stop by the Office of Career Services? Director Patrick will be available to answer your questions through the live chat feature in Symplicity. Log into Symplicity and click on the Chat with an Office of Career Services Staff Member.

### **Collegiate Meet the Professionals Series: Texas State Bobcats**

**Wednesday, October 22, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library**

**Lunch will be provided.**

Calling all Bobcats! The Collegiate Meet the Professionals Series is a series of programs that provide students with an opportunity to learn from practitioners in a small setting. The practitioners will talk about their career and experiences and how they got to their current positions as well as answer student questions. The programs are limited to 10 students. Space is limited. This program will be presented by Steven Pena who obtained his Bachelor of Business Administration from Texas State and his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law. He practices in the San Antonio office of Davidson Troilo Ream & Garza. This program is being done in conjunction with the Bobcat Bar Association Student Group.

### **Practice Area Fair**

**Wednesday, October 22, 2014**

**4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room**

Join us to learn about legal practice areas. Door prizes will be awarded each hour. Come and eat our Nacho bar and meet alumni. There will be free giveaways and handouts. This is a great opportunity for students to learn about various areas of legal practice. During the event, each practice area will be stationed at a table where participating attorneys will discuss their work and interact with students in attendance. The event gives students a better understanding of the work involved in various types of law practice. *Students are welcome to come through the fair as their schedule allows. They are not expected to stay the entire time.* No dress code for this event.

**ABA Rainmaker Panel**

**Thursday, October 23, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room**

**Lunch will be provided.**

The ABA Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division (GPSolo) is holding a law student outreach event during the 9th Annual GPSolo National Solo & Small Firm Conference. Join us for beverages and a light lunch to learn from a panel of GPSolo members about their experiences as a solo and small firm lawyer. A moderator and panel of local and national lawyers will provide insights into their professional experiences for approximately 45 minutes and then a Q&A will immediately follow. You will also have an opportunity to approach the panelists for a private one-on-one consultation.

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**Internships? Externships? Everything You Need to Know about the Practice Credit and Work Study Programs**

**Wednesday, October 29, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room**

**Lunch will be provided.**

Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of the Practice Credit Program, Suzanne Patrick, Director of Career Services, and successful past participants in these programs, will discuss the many ways to receive credit or work study for your unpaid jobs. Learn about the different options available for your unpaid work and whether the externship program or work study is the right fit for you.

**Women's Law Association (WLA) and Bexar County Women's Bar Association (BCWBA) Speed Networking Event**

**Wednesday, October 29, 2014**

**4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room**

**Dinner will be provided.**

WLA, BCWBA and the Office of Career Services present Speed-Networking. You've heard of Speed-dating? Join us for a fun evening of networking and building connections with attorneys. Business Attire is a must as you will be meeting attorneys and judges from many different areas of practice. Take advantage of the opportunity to mix and mingle with essential contacts. In order to attend this event you must RSVP in the Events section of Symplicity under Workshops. Space is limited so sign-up now. This event is open to all students. The first hour from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. will be speed networking. The second hour from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. will be a networking reception.

## **Halloween Open House**

**Thursday, October 30, 2014**

**3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library**

Join us for our Halloween Open House! Food, drinks, candy, games, and prizes. Come meet the folks in OCS and take a break from studying for a few minutes.

## **NEW MOBILE APP – DOJ LAW JOBS**

The **U.S. Department of Justice** unveiled a new mobile app, *DOJ Law Jobs*, which will provide attorneys and law students with a quick and easy way to find an attorney position or law student internship with the Department. *DOJ Law Jobs* is available for free **now** on iTunes for Apple iPhone, and additional versions for iPad and Android devices will be available in the next few weeks. The mobile app was developed by the Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management and Office of the Chief Information Officer. **Users of the app will be able to create personalized job searches** based on practice area, geographic preference, and hiring organization. *DOJ Law Jobs* includes the following key features: provides instructions on how to apply to attorney jobs and legal internships; saves search criteria for quick access to future opportunities; allows users to save, share, and email their favorite jobs; and provides access to hundreds of attorney jobs and legal internships at the U.S. Department of Justice. To review the full press release, please go to: <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/doj-law-jobs-be-available-itunes-and-play-store>.

## **FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE**

Get fit with Zumba, Water, Dance, CrossFit, and many other fitness classes offered by the Recreation Department in the Alumni Athletics Convocation Center (AACC). Please go to <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/2014-2014-Fitness-Class-Schedule-Sheet1.pdf> for a complete schedule.

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Professor Addicott holds **Bible Study multiple times a week** in the Center for Terrorism Law conference room in Raba in accordance with the below schedule:

**Sunday – 10:00 a.m.**

**Tuesday – 7:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.**

**Thursday – 7:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.**

Please email [jaddicott@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jaddicott@stmarytx.edu) if you would like to be added to the Bible study email list for reminders and updates to this schedule.

## **LAW MINISTRY**

**Sister Grace Walle**, FMI, is the Campus Minister for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in **Room 105** of the **Ernest Raba (Law Faculty) building**. Sister Grace

is available for pastoral counseling and spiritual guidance. Sister Grace also coordinates service programs that provide outreach to the community. You may reach Sister Grace by telephone at 210.436.3063 or by email at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu). Stop by for a cup of coffee or a PBJ sandwich, available at no cost, just outside of her office.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

If a link is not provided below for detailed information to any of the below writing competitions and scholarships, 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 Richard Linn American Inn of Court is proud to offer the **Mark T. Banner Scholarship** for law students. This scholarship is part of The Richard Linn American Inn of Court’s commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers of high ethics, civility and professionalism, and especially those from diverse backgrounds. Recipient of the Mark T. Banner Scholarship will receive \$5,000 payable during the Fall 2015 semester of law school. Please visit [www.linninn.org](http://www.linninn.org) for more information and an application. Deadline to apply is **November 12, 2014**.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2014 Securities Law Writing Competition. First prize is \$5,000, second prize is \$3,000 and third prize is \$2,000. The topic may be any subject in the field of securities law. Unpublished papers, papers published in any law journal or other publication during calendar year 2014, and papers scheduled for publication in 2014 or 2015 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Mail two copies of your submission to ASECA, P. O. Box 5767, Washington, D.C., 20016. **The deadline to submit a paper is November 15, 2015.**

The **Center for Alcohol Policy** is accepting submissions for their national essay contest. The topic for this year’s contest is: “As states contemplate the legalization of prohibited products, like marijuana, what are some lessons policymakers and regulators can learn from the movement to end alcohol Prohibition in the 1930s?” Prizes are \$5,000, 2,500, and 1,000. For more information, please visit [www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org](http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org). All entries must be received by **November 17, 2014**.

The International Section of the **New York State Bar Association**, with the support of Cleary, Gottlieb, Stern & Hamilton LLP, is pleased to announce the annual Albert S. Pergam International Law Writing Competition. Students may submit an article regarding any area of public or private international law or practice. The award is \$2,000. For rules please visit [http://www.nysba.org/Sections/International/Section\\_Awards/Pergam\\_Writing\\_Competition\\_brochure.html](http://www.nysba.org/Sections/International/Section_Awards/Pergam_Writing_Competition_brochure.html). The deadline to apply is 4:00 p.m., **Friday, November 21, 2014**.

The **American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers** is pleased to announce awards to be presented for (a) the best book chapter or book, (b) the best publishable article or substantial book review, and (c) the best student case note or comment on a **topic dealing with**



**consumer financial services law.** For more information please visit <http://www.accfsl.org/writing-competition/>. The deadline for entry is **December 1, 2014**.

The **Institute for Energy Law** of The Center for American and International Law announces its 2014 Hartrick Scholar writing competition. The general subject for this year's competition is any topic related to energy development. The winner will receive a \$2,500 cash award. For more information and guidelines, please visit <http://www.cailaw.org/iel/index.html>. The article must be submitted no later than **December 19, 2014**.

The **Reeves Law Group** is now accepting submissions for its 2014 Scholarship Contest. For complete rules, please visit <http://www.robertreeveslaw.com/scholarship/>. The deadline to apply is **December 31, 2014**.

The Consumer and Commercial Law Section of the Texas State Bar announces its first annual Craig Jordan Consumer Protection Writing Competition. The writer of the winning essay will receive a \$4,000 cash award. The runner up will receive a \$1,000 cash award. Both winners will receive financial support to attend the 2014 Advanced Consumer and Commercial Law Seminar where they will be recognized. For competition rules please go to <http://www.texasbar.com/Content/NavigationMenu/ForLawyers/MembershipInfoandServices/LawStudentInfo/CraigJordanWritingCompetition.pdf>. Deadline to apply is **December 31, 2014**.

The **Pearce Law Firm** is pleased to offer the Empowering Women In Law Scholarship. This scholarship is intended to encourage and support outstanding achievement and leadership by example from women in the field of law. This award will be presented to a current female law student for the following academic year in the amount of \$2,000 and will be paid at the beginning of the fall semester 2015. See more at: <http://thepearcelawfirm.com/empowering-scholarship#sthash.N0NdEXpv.dpuf>. Deadline to apply is **December 31, 2014**.

Banner & Witcoff is pleased to offer the **Donald W. Banner** Diversity Scholarship for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Please visit <http://bannerwitcoff.com/about/diversity/> for details. Applications are now being accepted through **January 5, 2015**.

**NEW** – The **ABA Section of Business Law** is sponsoring its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest to encourage and reward law student writings on a business law subject of general and current interest. First place: \$2,500, Second Place: \$1,000 and Third Place: \$500. Review the details and access a submission entry form on their [website](#). Submissions are due **Friday, January 9, 2015**.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law announces the first **annual Jameson Crane III Disability and the Law Writing Competition**. Papers may be on any topic relating to disability law. The winner will be awarded \$1,500, and two second place winners will each receive a \$1,000 cash prize.

For more information, please visit: [www.tjssl.edu/cranewritingcompetition](http://www.tjssl.edu/cranewritingcompetition). The deadline to apply is midnight, PST, **January 15, 2015**.

**Pacific Legal Foundation's** Program for Judicial Awareness announces its law student writing competition. Prizes are \$3,000, 2,000, and 1,000. For rules and information, please visit <http://www.pacificlegal.org/pja/writingcomp>. The deadline to apply is **January 16, 2015**.

**The American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information please go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **January 30, 2015**.

The **Arthur Lockwood Beneventi** Law Scholarship is a one-time preferred amount \$2,000 scholarship awarded to a student who is either enrolled in or attends an accredited law school and has a minimum GPA of 3.25. The scholarship is not automatically renewable. However, recipients may reapply for consideration each year. Mail completed scholarship application form to: National Vice Chair Arthur Lockwood Beneventi Law Scholarship, 1207 Waggoner Dr., Rushville, IN 46173. Deadline to apply is **February 15, 2015**.

**NEW – Common Cause** is pleased to announce the inaugural “Gerrymander Standard” writing competition. Common Cause invites legal and social science practitioners, scholars, and students to submit paper proposing a new definition of partisan gerrymandering or further developing an existing standard. Prizes of \$5,000 for first place, \$3,000 for second place and \$2,000 for third place will be awarded. For more information, please visit their website at [www.commoncause.org/gerrymanderstandard](http://www.commoncause.org/gerrymanderstandard). Deadline for submission is **February 27, 2015**.

**NEW** – The Florida Bar, Louis Tertocha Fashion Law Writing Competition essay entries must be received by **March 23, 2015**. For more information about this competition, please go to [http://www.easl.info/uploads/EASL\\_2014-2015\\_Louis\\_Tertocha\\_Fashion\\_Law\\_Writing\\_Competition.pdf](http://www.easl.info/uploads/EASL_2014-2015_Louis_Tertocha_Fashion_Law_Writing_Competition.pdf).

The **Florida State University Center** announces the Mollie and Paul Hill Student Writing Competition in Medical-Legal Interprofessional Collaboration for 2015. The award is \$250. Go to <http://med.fsu.edu/userFiles/file/2015%20Student%20Writing%20Competition.pdf> for details. The deadline to apply is **April 1, 2015**.

**Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C.** offers a \$2,000 scholarship award to a law student who is either a member of an ethnic, racial, or other minority or demonstrates the commitment to issues of diversity within their academic career. Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2015**. Apply at <http://www.buckfirelaw.com/library/2015-buckfire-law-school-diversity-scholarship.cfm>.

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## MOOT COURT TEAM – 2014 CHAMPIONS

This past weekend, the EAP moot court team of Stephen Bachran (3L) and Bianca Frisaura (3L) competed in the **annual Mack Kidd Administrative Law Moot Court Competition in Austin, Texas**. They were coached by Mr. Ricky Poole. The competition is sponsored by the Administrative and Public Law Section of the State Bar of Texas and is open to all ABA accredited law schools within the state. The Championship Round was judged by Chief Justice Jones and Associate Justices Rose and Goodwin of the Third Court of Appeals.

Stephen and Bianca were **the only team at the competition to win all five (5) of their preliminary rounds**, and capped off their impressive performance by beating a very good team from Baylor Law School to claim **the title of 2014 Champions**. Along the way, **Stephen was recognized as the best speaker in the preliminary rounds**, and **Bianca was fifth best speaker among all competitors**. **Stephen was further recognized as the competition's Best Advocate in the Championship Round**. Finally, the team's **brief was recognized as the 2014 Best Brief**.

The team completely dominated every facet of the competition.

**Please join us in congratulating Stephen and Bianca, and their coach Ricky Poole**, for their amazing accomplishments in representing the law school with great distinction.

## BOO BASH

Students, faculty, staff, and their families are invited to **Boo Bash on Thursday, October 30, 2014, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** in the **Law Plaza**. Costumes are welcome. Join us for games, arts and crafts, fun, and lots of candy. This event is sponsored by the Student Bar Association and Law Ministry. For more information, please contact Sister Grace Walle at 210.436.3063 or [gwalle@stamrytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stamrytx.edu).

## ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR INTERSESSION AND SPRING 2015

**3L students will begin online registration at 8:00 a.m. on October 27**; this registration period will continue online through midnight **November 1, 2014**. After online registration closes at midnight on November 1, the next opportunity to change/add to the spring schedule will be the first week of class in the spring semester. Third-year law students must have completed 53 hours or above in order to register during this time period. Please note when registering that the **maximum number of intersession hours that can be taken is three total for fall and spring**.

**2L students will begin online registration at 8:00 am on November 3**; this registration period will continue online through midnight November 8, 2014. After online registration closes at midnight on November 8, the next opportunity to change/add to the spring schedule will be the first week of class in the spring semester. Please note when registering that the **maximum number of intersession hours that can be taken is three total for fall and spring**.

Please do not contact the Registrar's Office to drop classes or ask questions regarding online registration; instead, contact the Law School Registrar, Catherine Mery, by email at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu).

Make sure there are **no holds on your student account**. You may check Gateway to make sure there are no holds. If there is a hold, contact the office that placed it in order to negotiate removal of the hold.

All first semester first-year law students will be registered for the spring semester by the Administration by the end of November. 1L students who have not provided their official degree transcripts to the Law School will not have their registrations entered for the spring semester until the transcripts are received.

If you have questions, please contact Catherine Mery by email at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu).

### **LAW SCHOOL EXAM POLICIES**

**First semester students** need to attend one of three meetings on **Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** to review **law school exam policies** with Dean Mather and Mr. Gomez from IT. Meetings are scheduled for **2:00 p.m. in LC 104, 3:20 p.m. in LC 105 and 5:30 p.m. in LC 101**. Please plan to attend one of the sessions on this day.

### **COURSE ADVISING**

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs will once again offer **course advising to all law students** in an effort to help plan spring and summer 2015 schedules. To make a course advising appointment, students should contact Patricia Solano by telephone at 210.431.4340 or by email at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

All 1Ls who have been required to complete the **2014 Fall Fundamental Skills Workshop** are also required to schedule and attend a course advising appointment before your registration period begins. Failure to do so will prevent registration for spring and summer 2015 courses.

### **INNSBRUCK INFORMATION AND LUNCH**

See why the **Innsbruck program is celebrating 30 years** as a “First-Class Program in a World-Class Location.” An information meeting for the **2015 Innsbruck Program** will be held on **Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> in Law Classroom 104 at Noon**. Enjoy a **free pizza lunch** as you learn about courses, travel opportunities, scholarships, financing your Alpine experience, housing, and much more. This is St. Mary’s flagship program, described by past participants as “the most enlightening experience of my life” and “the highlight of my law school career.” As one student said, “Do whatever it takes, but go.” Information about the program and photos can be found on our website: [bit.ly/stmaryslaw](http://bit.ly/stmaryslaw) or our Facebook page (St. Mary’s Law School Innsbruck Program). Questions? Contact the 2015 co-directors, Prof. Geary Reamey or Prof. Michael Ariens. See you at

the meeting.

## **PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS (PCP)**

**Externships, Internship: More than a resume builder.** Make plans to attend this student panel and presentation on **Wednesday, October 29, 2014, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room.** Lunch will be provided. Contact **Amanda Rivas**, Associate Director via email, [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) or telephone 210.431-5712 to schedule a one-on-one meeting. PCP office hours in Career Service are Mondays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

## **THE TEXAS MEDICAID FRAUD ISSUE FORUM**

St. Mary's University Mu Psi Chapter presents *The Texas Medicaid Fraud Issue Forum* on **Wednesday, November 5, 2014** in the University Center **Conference Room A** from **6:30 – 7:30 p.m.** Join us for an academic conversation regarding all involved with this ongoing issue. For more information please contact [mupsichapter.stmu@gmail.com](mailto:mupsichapter.stmu@gmail.com) or 210.436.3110.

## **LAW STUDENT LIBRARY WORKERS WANTED**

The **Law Library** is hiring **two student law library workers.** Each person will work 10-15 hours per week. Primary duties include working the circulation desk and digitizing library material. Prior library work experience is helpful but not required. Please see **Brandon Vasquez**, Circulation Supervisor, to apply.

## **GAVELS & GOWNS GALA**

The **Gavels & Gown** gala, hosted by the Student Bar Association, will be held on **November 8, 2014 from 8:00 p.m. – midnight** at the **St. Anthony Hotel.** Please see the SBA to purchase tickets.

## **LAW LIBRARY RESEARCH WORKSHOPS**

If you would like to attend a particular workshop, please contact Professor Martinez at [mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu) so that refreshments may be planned for you. Food will be provided for workshop attendees.

### **Google for Lawyers**

**Tuesday, October 28, 2014**

**12:30 - 1:10 p.m., Law Classroom 103**

Fact-finding on the Internet is an important lawyering skill. Attorneys have used information they found in a Google search to benefit their cases, and judges are admitting information on the Internet into evidence. Everyone uses Google, but how many of us really know how to use Google effectively—not only for research during law school, but also in your future law practice? If you

think you know everything about searching on Google, come to this workshop to find out if that's the case. We will cover essential Google search tips, features, and much more.

### **Free and Low-Cost Legal Research**

**Tuesday, November 4, 2014**

**12:30 - 1:10 p.m., Law Classroom 103**

Westlaw and LexisNexis come with tuition... while you are a student. This workshop covers free and low-cost alternatives, and the balance between saving time and saving money. Come learn about strategies for using and dealing with Lexis and Westlaw and explore print and low-cost electronic alternatives.

## **OCTOBER PRO BONO/PUBLIC SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

The **St. Mary's Pro Bono Team is seeking volunteers** for the following ongoing and upcoming events. Visit the Pro Bono / Public Service TWEN page to register to volunteer. All volunteer hours from CLSJ sponsored events qualify for the State Bar of Texas Law Student Pro Bono College Certificate.

**DACA Project** – The St. Mary's Immigration & Human Rights Clinic DACA Project is seeking volunteers for the fall semester. The St. Mary's DACA Project assists “Dreamers” — young immigrants brought to the United States as children to apply for Deferred Action status pursuant to the Presidential announcement on this topic of June 15, 2012. Volunteers receive hands-on experience, meet with applicants, and complete the client's immigration application. Volunteers may also be asked to assist with community outreach sessions dedicated to finding additional eligible applicants.

Volunteering is easy, and no experience or immigration law knowledge is required. Hours are flexible and easily accommodated to not interfere with class schedules. The DACA Office is located at the St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice, just a few blocks from the University. Speaking Spanish is useful, but it is not a requirement of volunteering.

If you are interested, please email [StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu](mailto:StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu).

**ID Recovery** – CLSJ needs volunteers to assist with the ID Recovery Project at Haven for Hope, San Antonio's largest homeless shelter. Obtaining identification is particularly important to the homeless population as some form of photo identification is required to gain employment, housing, and other benefits.

Volunteers work with student attorneys and supervising attorneys at the office located in the Haven for Hope Courtyard. After a brief on-site training, volunteers conduct interviews with clients to assist them with acquiring the necessary documents to obtain valid identification. This project continues year-round, and volunteers are needed every Friday. You do not need to commit to every Friday; you may volunteer as your schedule allows.

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#### **Internships? Externships? Everything You Need to Know about the Practice Credit and Work Study Programs**

**Wednesday, October 29, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room**



**Lunch will be provided.**

Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of the Practice Credit Program, Suzanne Patrick, Director of Career Services, and successful past participants in these programs will discuss the many ways to receive credit or work study for your unpaid jobs. Learn about the different options available for your unpaid work and whether the externship program or work study is the right fit for you.

**Women’s Law Association (WLA) and Bexar County Women’s Bar Association (BCWBA)  
Speed Networking Event**

**Wednesday, October 29, 2014**

**4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room**

**Dinner will be provided.**

WLA, BCWBA and the Office of Career Services present Speed-Networking. You’ve heard of speed-dating? Join us for a fun evening of networking and building connections with attorneys. Business attire is a must, as you will be meeting attorneys and judges from many different areas of practice. Take advantage of the opportunity to mix and mingle with essential contacts. In order to attend this event, you must RSVP in the Events section of Symplicity under Workshops. Space is limited so sign-up now. This event is open to all students. The first hour from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. will be speed networking. The second hour from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. will be a networking reception.

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information and guidelines, please visit <http://www.cailaw.org/iel/index.html>. The article must be submitted no later than **December 19, 2014**.

**NEW** – The State Bar of Texas Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law (REPTL) announces its Student Writing Contest. Two winners, one in Probate and Trust and one in Real Estate, will receive \$5,000.00 cash and a one-year free membership in the Section. For contest rules, please go to <http://www.reptl.org/DrawOnePage.aspx?PageID=134>. Entries must be received by REPTL no later than **December 19, 2014**.

The **Reeves Law Group** is now accepting submissions for its 2014 Scholarship Contest. For complete rules, please visit <http://www.robertreeveslaw.com/scholarship/>. The deadline to apply is **December 31, 2014**.

The Consumer and Commercial Law Section of the Texas State Bar announce its first annual Craig Jordan Consumer Protection Writing Competition. The writer of the winning essay will receive a \$4,000 cash award. The runner-up will receive a \$1,000 cash award. Both winners will receive financial support to attend the 2014 Advanced Consumer and Commercial Law Seminar, where they will be recognized. For competition rules please go to <http://www.texasbar.com/Content/NavigationMenu/ForLawyers/MembershipInfoandServices/LawStudentInfo/CraigJordanWritingCompetition.pdf>. The deadline to apply is **December 31, 2014**.

The **Pearce Law Firm** is pleased to offer the Empowering Women In Law Scholarship. This scholarship is intended to encourage and support outstanding achievement and leadership by example from women in the field of law. This award will be presented to a current female law student for the following academic year in the amount of \$2,000 and will be paid at the beginning of the fall semester 2015. See more at: <http://thepearcelawfirm.com/empowering-scholarship#sthash.N0NdEXpv.dpuf>. The deadline to apply is **December 31, 2014**.

Banner & Witcoff is pleased to offer the **Donald W. Banner** Diversity Scholarship for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Please visit <http://bannerwitcoff.com/about/diversity/> for details. Applications are now being accepted through **January 5, 2015**.

The **ABA Section of Business Law** is sponsoring its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest to encourage and reward law student writings on a business law subject of general and current interest. The first-place prize is \$2,500, the second-place prize is \$1,000, and the third-place prize is \$500. Review the details and access a submission entry form on the Section's [website](#). Submissions are due **Friday, January 9, 2015**.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law announces the first **annual Jameson Crane III Disability and the Law** Writing Competition. Papers may be on any topic relating to disability law. The winner will be awarded \$1,500, and two second-place winners will each receive a \$1,000 cash prize.

For more information, please visit: [www.tjisl.edu/cranewritingcompetition](http://www.tjisl.edu/cranewritingcompetition). The deadline to apply is midnight, PST, **January 15, 2015**.

**Pacific Legal Foundation's** Program for Judicial Awareness announces its law student writing competition. Prizes are \$3,000, 2,000, and 1,000. For rules and information, please visit <http://www.pacificlegal.org/pja/writingcomp>. The deadline to apply is **January 16, 2015**.

**NEW** – **Jackson Lewis LLP and IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law's Institute for Law and the Workplace** will co-sponsor the Louis Jackson National Student Writing Competition in Employment and Labor Law. One top honors award of \$3,000 and two \$1,000 awards will be presented to the top three entries. For more information, please [visit www.kentlaw.edu/academics/plel/LouisJacksonNWC.html](http://www.kentlaw.edu/academics/plel/LouisJacksonNWC.html). The deadline for submission is **January 20, 2015**.

**The American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. The second-place prize is \$500, and the third-place prize is \$250. For more information, please go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. The deadline to apply is **January 30, 2015**.

The **Arthur Lockwood Beneventi** Law Scholarship is a one-time preferred amount \$2,000 scholarship awarded to a student who is either enrolled in or attends an accredited law school and has a minimum GPA of 3.25. The scholarship is not automatically renewable. However, recipients may reapply for consideration each year. Mail completed scholarship application form to: National Vice-Chair Arthur Lockwood Beneventi Law Scholarship, 1207 Waggoner Dr., Rushville, IN 46173. Deadline to apply is **February 15, 2015**.

**Common Cause** is pleased to announce the inaugural "Gerrymander Standard" writing competition. Common Cause invites legal and social science practitioners, scholars, and students to submit paper proposing a new definition of partisan gerrymandering or further developing an existing standard. Prizes of \$5,000 for first place, \$3,000 for second place and \$2,000 for third place will be awarded. For more information, please visit their website at [www.commoncause.org/gerrymanderstandard](http://www.commoncause.org/gerrymanderstandard). The deadline for submission is **February 27, 2015**.

The Florida Bar **Louis Tertocha** Fashion Law Writing Competition is accepting essays addressing a legal issue in the fashion industry. Essay entries must be received by **March 23, 2015**. For more information about this competition, please go to [http://www.easl.info/uploads/EASL\\_2014-2015\\_Louis\\_Tertocha\\_Fashion\\_Law\\_Writing\\_Competition.pdf](http://www.easl.info/uploads/EASL_2014-2015_Louis_Tertocha_Fashion_Law_Writing_Competition.pdf).

The **Florida State University Center** announces the Mollie and Paul Hill Student Writing Competition in Medical-Legal Interprofessional Collaboration for 2015. The award is \$250. Go to <http://med.fsu.edu/userFiles/file/2015%20Student%20Writing%20Competition.pdf> for details. The deadline to apply is **April 1, 2015**.

**NEW** – The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law announces their annual law student writing competition. Entries may address any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the American labor and employment bar. The first-place prize is \$1500, the second-place prize is, \$1000, and the third-place prize is \$500. Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2015**. Competition rules may be found at [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/labor\\_law/awards.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/labor_law/awards.html).

**Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C.** offers a \$2,000 scholarship award to a law student who is either a member of an ethnic, racial, or other minority or demonstrates the commitment to issues of diversity within their academic career. The deadline to apply is **May 31, 2015**. Apply at <http://www.buckfirelaw.com/library/2015-buckfire-law-school-diversity-scholarship.cfm>.

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## LAW SCHOOL EXAM POLICIES

**First semester students** need to attend one of three meetings on **Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** to review **law school exam policies** with Dean Mather and Mr. Gomez from IT. Meetings are scheduled for **2:00 p.m. in LC 104, 3:20 p.m. in LC 105, and 5:30 p.m. in LC 101**. Please plan to attend one of the sessions on this day.

## THANK YOU

The Student Bar Association and Law Ministry **wish to thank everyone** who contributed to Boo Bash last week - from volunteers, donors, and sponsors to all attendees. Congratulations to **Section C** for donating the most candy.

## ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR INTERSESSION AND SPRING 2015

**2L students will begin online registration at 8:00 am on November 3**; this registration period will continue online through midnight November 8, 2014. After online registration closes at midnight on November 8, the next opportunity to change/add to the spring schedule will be the first week of class in the spring semester. Please note when registering that the **maximum number of intersession hours that can be taken is three total for fall and spring**.

Please do not contact the Registrar's Office to drop classes or ask questions regarding online registration; instead, contact the Law School Registrar, Catherine Mery, by email at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu).

Make sure there are **no holds on your student account**. You may check Gateway to make sure there are no holds. If there is a hold, contact the office that placed it in order to negotiate removal of the hold.

All first semester first-year law students will be registered for the spring semester by the Administration by the end of November. 1L students who have not provided their official degree transcripts to the Law School will not have their registrations entered for the spring semester until the transcripts are received.

If you have questions, please contact Catherine Mery by email at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu).

## COURSE ADVISING

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs will once again offer **course advising to all law students** in an effort to help plan spring and summer 2015 schedules. To make a course advising appointment, students should contact Patricia Solano by telephone at 210.431.4340 or by email at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

All 1Ls who have been required to complete the **2014 Fall Fundamental Skills Workshop**

are also required to schedule and attend a course advising appointment before your registration period begins. Failure to do so will prevent registration for spring and summer 2015 courses.

### **SEATS STILL AVAILABLE IN SPRING BAR PREPARATION COURSE**

**Seats are still available** in the **spring Bar Preparation course**, which is geared towards equipping students with the skills they will need when they take the Texas bar exam. Two time choices, Tuesdays (3:00-4:50) and Wednesday (12:00-1:50), are available. To secure a seat in the course, please email [ktullos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ktullos@stmarytx.edu) and include your preference in terms of section and your student ID number.

### **THE TEXAS MEDICAID FRAUD ISSUE FORUM**

St. Mary's University Mu Psi Chapter presents *The Texas Medicaid Fraud Issue Forum* on **Wednesday, November 5, 2014** in the University Center **Conference Room A** from **6:30 – 7:30 p.m.** Join us for an academic conversation regarding all involved with this ongoing issue. For more information, please contact [mupsichapter.stmu@gmail.com](mailto:mupsichapter.stmu@gmail.com) or 210.436.3110.

### **GAVELS & GOWNS GALA**

The **Gavels & Gown** gala, hosted by the Student Bar Association, will be held on **November 8, 2014 from 8:00 p.m. – midnight** at the **St. Anthony Hotel**. Please see the SBA to purchase tickets.

### **SAN ANTONIO BAR FOUNDATION FUN RUN 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual 5K Fun Run For Justice**

The San Antonio Bar Foundation's 23<sup>rd</sup> annual 5K fun run for justice is **Saturday, November 8, 2014**, starting at **8:00 a.m.** SABA is looking for student volunteers to help out with the run. To register or for more information, please go to <http://www.sanantoniobar.org/?page=103>.

### **VETERANS DAY CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE**

The Military Law Association, along with the Evening Student Bar Association and Law Ministry, will hold a **Ceremony of Remembrance** on **Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11, 2014**, at **5:15 p.m. in the Law Plaza**. All students, faculty and staff are invited.

### **LAW STUDENT LIBRARY WORKERS WANTED**

The **Law Library** is hiring **two student law library workers**. Each person will work 10-15 hours per week. Primary duties include working the circulation desk and digitizing library material. Prior library work experience is helpful but not required. Please see **Brandon Vasquez**, Circulation Supervisor, to apply.



## LAW LIBRARY RESEARCH WORKSHOP

If you would like to attend the below listed workshop, please contact Professor Martinez at [mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu) so that refreshments may be planned for you. Food will be provided for all attendees.

### **Free and Low-Cost Legal Research**

**Tuesday, November 4, 2014**

**12:30 - 1:10 p.m., Law Classroom 103**

Westlaw and LexisNexis come with tuition... while you are a student. This workshop covers free and low -cost alternatives, and the balance between saving time and saving money. Come learn about strategies for using and dealing with Lexis and Westlaw and explore print and low-cost electronic alternatives.

## NOVEMBER PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

The St. Mary's Pro Bono Team is seeking volunteers for the following upcoming and ongoing events. **Visit the Pro Bono / Public Service TWEN page for more information and to register to volunteer.** All volunteer hours for CLSJ sponsored events qualify toward admission requirements to the State Bar of Texas Law Student Pro Bono College.

The below are upcoming events:

### **Wills Event — Saturday, November 15, 2014**

The CJP Wills Event focuses on drafting wills and ancillary documents, and other probate matters. Law student volunteers will either assist with the drafting of the documents or shadow the attorney as they prepare them. The law student volunteers will also serve as witnesses for the will's execution. This event is being held at Strasburger & Price, LLP, 2301 Broadway St., San Antonio, TX 78215. This event will begin at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m.

### **Ask-A-Lawyer Event — Saturday, November 15, 2014**

Ask-A-Lawyer is a joint effort between Catholic Charities and St. Mary's University School of Law. It is a way to provide a free legal aid service to community members that are unable to seek the services of a private attorney. Law student volunteers interview individuals from the community about various real world legal issues. Next, the law students consult with licensed attorneys about the facts and legal issues presented. Finally, individuals are offered legal information, and if necessary, are referred to legal aid, or to other attorneys who will work on a sliding scale payment plan or might take a case Pro Bono. Most cases result in information only. This event is being held at: St. Francis of Assisi, 4201 De Zavala Rd., San Antonio, TX 78240. This event will begin at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m.

The following are ongoing events, and volunteers are needed throughout the semester:

### **DACA Project**

The St. Mary's Immigration & Human Rights Clinic DACA Project is seeking volunteers for the Fall semester. The St. Mary's DACA Project assists "Dreamers" — young immigrants brought to the United States as children to apply for Deferred Action status pursuant to the Presidential announcement of June 15, 2012. Volunteers receive hands-on experience, meet with applicants, and complete the client's immigration application. Volunteers may also be asked to assist with community outreach sessions dedicated to finding additional eligible applicants. Volunteering is easy, and no experience or immigration law knowledge is required. Hours are flexible and easily accommodated to not interfere with class schedules. The DACA Office is located at the St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice, just a few blocks from the university. Speaking Spanish is useful, but not a requirement of volunteering. If you are interested, please email [StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu](mailto:StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu).

### **ID Recovery**

CLSJ needs volunteers to assist with the ID Recovery Project at Haven for Hope, San Antonio's largest homeless shelter. Obtaining identification is particularly important to the homeless population as some form of photo identification is required to gain employment, housing and other benefits. Volunteers work with student attorneys and supervising attorneys at the office located in the Haven for Hope's Courtyard. After a brief on-site training, volunteers conduct interviews with clients to assist them with acquiring the necessary documents to obtain valid identification. This project continues year-round and volunteers are needed every Friday. You do not need to commit to every Friday; you may volunteer as your schedule allows. Volunteer registration is available on TWEN or email [IDRecoveryClinic@gmail.com](mailto:IDRecoveryClinic@gmail.com)

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Not sure how to get started on your career plan? Interested in a career in Oil and Gas Law? Sign up for our mini group career counseling session with Professor Laura Burney. Space is limited and only 10 students to a group. The session will discuss job search strategies in this area of law. Please note, these sessions last about 30 minutes to one hour. The sessions are designed to give you ideas of places to intern, CLEs to attend, and bar associations to join to gain experience in this area and help launch your careers. This is not a session to have your resume or cover letter reviewed. All slots are first come first serve. Be sure to RSVP in Symplicity. You may bring a brown bag lunch.

**A Day in the Life of a Lawyer Panel**  
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Learn about the day in the life of various lawyers in different practice areas. This program is co-sponsored by the Hispanic Law Student Association and the Office of Career Services.

**LinkedIn Photo Session**  
**Thursday, November 6, 2014**  
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Make a Professional Statement. Stop by the Law Alumni Room dressed in business attire to have your photo taken by your fellow classmate Bethbiriah Sanchez, who has a photography business. Your digital photo will be emailed to you so that you can upload it to your LinkedIn or other professional/social networking accounts including your Student Portfolio in Symplicity. Students will be taken on a first come first serve basis and will receive a card with tips on creating a professional LinkedIn profile.

**Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) Information Session and Lunch**  
**Wednesday, November 12, 2014**  
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Come learn more about what it means to be an in house counsel at a corporation and network with some attorneys from the Association of Corporate Counsel.

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On the weekend of November 1-3, two EAP negotiations teams from St. Mary's School of Law competed in a field of 24 teams at the **ABA Regional Negotiation Competition** held at Oklahoma University in Norman, Oklahoma. St. Mary's was the only school to have both of its teams break to the final round of four. The student team of **Chris Guymon** and **Gerald Arismendez** placed fourth overall. The student team of **Austin Hagee** and **Hunter Moose** tied for first place and ultimately took second place after a tiebreaker that separated the top two teams by a mere two points. Both teams were coached by **Dr. Allen Craddock**, one our adjunct professors who teaches negotiations.

More than 200 teams from law schools across the United States competed in the ABA Regional competition. Twenty-four of the teams that won first or second place in regional matchups will travel to Houston, Texas, for the national finals in February. **St. Mary's is proud to announce that the team of Austin Hagee and Hunter Moose will represent our school at the ABA National Negotiation Competition.** This is St. Mary's first appearance at the ABA National Negotiation Competition since the creation of the EAP Negotiation Team.

Please **join us in congratulating the teams and their coach, Dr. Craddock**, on this impressive showing at a regional advocacy competition, and wish them the best at nationals.

## **SEATS STILL AVAILABLE IN SPRING BAR PREPARATION COURSE**

**Seats are still available** in the **spring Bar Preparation course**, which is geared towards equipping students with the skills they will need when they take the Texas bar exam. Two time choices, Tuesdays (3:00-4:50) and Wednesday (12:00-1:50), are available. To secure a seat in the course, please email [ktullos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ktullos@stmarytx.edu) and include your preference in terms of section and your student ID number.

## **1L EXAM PREP PRESENTATION Attention All 1Ls!**

**November 11, 2014, 3:30-4:45 p.m., LC 105.** Do not miss this opportunity to learn about **exam preparation and exam taking from a Professor's perspective.** Professor Reamey and Professor Burney will present their advice on how to succeed on your essay and multiple choice law school exams. Each year, this is a highly attended program presented along with the Office of Academic and Student Affairs and we look forward to seeing you there.

## **VETERANS DAY CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE**

The Military Law Association, along with the Evening Student Bar Association and Law Ministry, invite you to join them at a **Ceremony of Remembrance** on **Tuesday, November 11, 2014, at 5:15 p.m. in the Law Plaza.** All students, faculty and staff are invited to honor and

celebrate all veterans. A dinner will be served.

## **WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION SILENT AUCTION**

The Women's Law Association's **Silent Auction** will be held **Thursday, November 20, 2014 in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, Alumni Room, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.** This year's auction proceeds will benefit StandUp For Kids, a not-for-profit charity whose mission is to end the cycle of youth homelessness. For more information, please contact Bianca Frisaura, President, Women's Law Association at [bfrisaura@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:bfrisaura@mail.stmarytx.edu) or 407.937.8142.

## **COMPLETION OF LEGAL STUDIES HOODING CEREMONY**

The **December 2014 Completion of Legal Studies Hooding Ceremony** will be held on **Saturday, December 13, 2014** in the moot courtroom (law classrooms 101-102-103) at **10:00 a.m.** The ceremony will include guest speakers, welcome from the Law Alumni Association and Hooding Ceremony. A reception will follow at Lisa's Mexican Restaurant, 815 Bandera Road, 78228. Students participating in the ceremony are asked to arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

## **NOVEMBER PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES**

The St. Mary's Pro Bono Team is seeking volunteers for the following upcoming and ongoing events. **Visit the Pro Bono / Public Service TWEN page for more information and to register to volunteer.** All volunteer hours for CLSJ sponsored events qualify toward admission requirements to the State Bar of Texas Law Student Pro Bono College.

The below are upcoming events:

### **Wills Event — Saturday, November 15, 2014**

The CJP Wills Event focuses on drafting wills and ancillary documents, and other probate matters. Law student volunteers will either assist with the drafting of the documents or shadow the attorney as they prepare them. The law student volunteers will also serve as witnesses for the will's execution. This event is being held at Strasburger & Price, LLP, 2301 Broadway St., San Antonio, TX 78215. This event will begin at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m.

### **Ask-A-Lawyer Event — Saturday, November 15, 2014**

Ask-A-Lawyer is a joint effort between Catholic Charities and St. Mary's University School of Law. It is a way to provide a free legal aid service to community members that are unable to seek the services of a private attorney. Law student volunteers interview individuals from the community about various real world legal issues. Next, the law students consult with licensed attorneys about the facts and legal issues presented. Finally, individuals are offered legal information, and if necessary, are referred to legal aid, or to other attorneys who will work on a sliding scale payment plan or might take a case Pro Bono. Most cases result in information only. This event is being held at St. Francis of Assisi, 4201 De Zavala Rd., San Antonio, TX 78240. This event will begin at 9:00 a.m. and ends at

1:00 p.m.

The below events are ongoing and volunteers are needed throughout the semester:

### **DACA Project**

The St. Mary's Immigration & Human Rights Clinic DACA Project is seeking volunteers for the Fall semester. The St. Mary's DACA Project assists "Dreamers" — young immigrants brought to the United States as children to apply for Deferred Action status pursuant to the Presidential announcement of June 15, 2012. Volunteers receive hands-on experience, meet with applicants, and complete the client's immigration application. Volunteers may also be asked to assist with community outreach sessions dedicated to finding additional eligible applicants. Volunteering is easy, and no experience or immigration law knowledge is required. Hours are flexible and easily accommodated to not interfere with class schedules. The DACA Office is located at the St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice, just a few blocks from the university. Speaking Spanish is useful, but not a requirement of volunteering. If you are interested, please email [StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu](mailto:StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu).

### **ID Recovery**

CLSJ needs volunteers to assist with the ID Recovery Project at Haven for Hope, San Antonio's largest homeless shelter. Obtaining identification is particularly important to the homeless population as some form of photo identification is required to gain employment, housing and other benefits. Volunteers work with student attorneys and supervising attorneys at the office located in the Haven for Hope's Courtyard. After a brief on-site training, volunteers conduct interviews with clients to assist them with acquiring the necessary documents to obtain valid identification. This project continues year-round and volunteers are needed every Friday. You do not need to commit to every Friday; you may volunteer as your schedule allows. Volunteer registration is available on TWEN or email [IDRecoveryClinic@gmail.com](mailto:IDRecoveryClinic@gmail.com)

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<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
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## **FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE**

Get fit with Zumba, Water, Dance, CrossFit, and many other fitness classes offered by the Recreation Department in the Alumni Athletics Convocation Center (AACC). Please go to <https://www.stmarytx.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/2014-2014-Fitness-Class-Schedule-Sheet1.pdf> for a complete schedule.

## BIBLE STUDY

Professor Addicott holds **Bible Study multiple times a week** in the Center for Terrorism Law conference room in Raba in accordance with the schedule below:

**Sunday – 10:00 a.m.**  
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Please email [jaddicott@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jaddicott@stmarytx.edu) if you would like to be added to the Bible study email list for reminders and updates to this schedule.

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Last weekend, November 8-10, a **St. Mary's Law School EAP mock trial team** competed at the 11th Annual Buffalo Niagara Mock Trial Competition in Buffalo, New York. The team members — **Chandler Bowen, Meagan Enriquez, Cynthia Olson and Johnny De La Zerda** — were coached by Mr. Josh Sandoval. The team competed against teams from Temple, Nova, South Dakota, and Missouri. St. Mary's made the initial break from 36 top 20 teams, but lost to a team from DePaul in the next round. **Please congratulate the students and their coach, Mr. Sandoval,** for representing the law school at this national competition with a high degree of dedication and professionalism. We are proud of you.

## **ST. MARY'S MOOT COURT TEAM IS FINALIST IN NATIONAL COMPETITION**

The St. Mary's EAP Moot Court Team of **Stephen Bachran (3L), Bianca Frisaura (3L)** and **Stephanie De Sola (2L)** traveled to Pepperdine University School of Law in Southern California this past weekend to compete in the National Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition. The team was coached by **Mr. Ricky Poole**. Stephen, Bianca and Stephanie competed against 23 other teams from across the country, (including teams from John Marshall, Marquette, Fordham, Miami, Texas Tech, Baylor and South Texas, among many others), before reaching the finals round at the tournament. The team lost a close round to California Western Law School. This was St. Mary's first time to compete in this national competition. We are extremely proud of these students and Mr. Poole. **Please join us in congratulating** these amazing advocates for their strong finish on behalf of St. Mary's.

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On November 3-7, 2014, St. Mary's University School of Law hosted the **2014 Wayne and Maxine Scott Negotiations Competition**. Twelve teams of two competed in the **preliminary rounds** on Monday and Tuesday.

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Judges for the final round were **L. Wayne Scott**, Professor of Law, **Dr. Allen Craddock**, Adjunct Negotiations Professor, and **Hector Martinez**, Adjunct Professor.

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The **American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers** is pleased to announce awards to be presented for (a) the best book chapter or book, (b) the best publishable article or substantial book review, and (c) the best student case note or comment on a **topic dealing with consumer financial services law**. For more information please visit <http://www.accfsl.org/writing-competition/>. The deadline for entry is **December 1, 2014**.

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The **Pearce Law Firm** is pleased to offer the Empowering Women In Law Scholarship. This scholarship is intended to encourage and support outstanding achievement and leadership by example from women in the field of law. This award will be presented to a current female law student for the following academic year in the amount of \$2,000 and will be paid at the beginning of the fall semester 2015. See more at: <http://thepearcelawfirm.com/empowering-scholarship#sthash.N0NdEXpv.dpuf>. The deadline to apply is **December 31, 2014**.

The **Florida State University Center** announces the Mollie and Paul Hill Student Writing Competition in Medical-Legal Interprofessional Collaboration for 2015. The award is \$250. Go to <http://med.fsu.edu/userFiles/file/2015%20Student%20Writing%20Competition.pdf> for details. The deadline to apply is **January 2, 2015**.

Banner & Witcoff is pleased to offer the **Donald W. Banner** Diversity Scholarship for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Please visit <http://bannerwitcoff.com/about/diversity/> for details. Applications are now being accepted through **January 5, 2015**.

The **ABA Section of Business Law** is sponsoring its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest to encourage and reward law student writings on a business law subject of general and current interest. The first- place prize is \$2,500, the second-place prize is \$1,000, and the third-place prize is \$500. Review the details and access a submission entry form on the Section's [website](#). Submissions are due **Friday, January 9, 2015**.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law announces the first **annual Jameson Crane III Disability and the Law** Writing Competition. Papers may be on any topic relating to disability law. The winner will be awarded \$1,500, and two second- place winners will each receive a \$1,000 cash prize. For more information, please visit: [www.tjssl.edu/cranewritingcompetition](http://www.tjssl.edu/cranewritingcompetition). The deadline to apply is midnight, PST, **January 15, 2015**.

**Pacific Legal Foundation's** Program for Judicial Awareness announces its law student writing competition. Prizes are \$3,000, 2,000, and 1,000. For rules and information, please visit <http://www.pacificlegal.org/pja/writingcomp>. The deadline to apply is **January 16, 2015**.

**Jackson Lewis LLP and IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law's Institute for Law and the Workplace** will co-sponsor the Louis Jackson National Student Writing Competition in Employment and Labor Law. One top honors award of \$3,000 and two \$1,000 awards will be presented to the top three entries. For more information, please [visit](#)

[www.kentlaw.edu/academics/plel/LouisJacksonNWC.html](http://www.kentlaw.edu/academics/plel/LouisJacksonNWC.html). The deadline for submission is **January 20, 2015**.

**The American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. The second-place prize is \$500, and the third-place prize is \$250. For more information, please go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. The deadline to apply is **January 30, 2015**.

The **Arthur Lockwood Beneventi Law Scholarship** is a one-time preferred amount \$2,000 scholarship awarded to a student who is either enrolled in or attends an accredited law school and has a minimum GPA of 3.25. The scholarship is not automatically renewable. However, recipients may reapply for consideration each year. Mail completed scholarship application form to: National Vice-Chair Arthur Lockwood Beneventi Law Scholarship, 1207 Waggoner Dr., Rushville, IN 46173. The deadline to apply is **February 15, 2015**.

**Common Cause** is pleased to announce the inaugural “Gerrymander Standard” writing competition. Common Cause invites legal and social science practitioners, scholars, and students to submit paper proposing a new definition of partisan gerrymandering or further developing an existing standard. Prizes of \$5,000 for first place, \$3,000 for second place and \$2,000 for third place will be awarded. For more information, please visit their website at [www.commoncause.org/gerrymanderstandard](http://www.commoncause.org/gerrymanderstandard). The deadline for submission is **February 27, 2015**.

The Annual Stewart J. Guss Student writing competition is now accepting essays on the topic “What Law Would You Change and Why?” For more information please go to <http://attorneyguss.com/annual-stewart-j-guss-college-student-scholarship/>. The deadline to apply is **March 1, 2015**.

The Florida Bar **Louis Tertocha Fashion Law Writing Competition** is accepting essays addressing a legal issue in the fashion industry. Essay entries must be received by **March 23, 2015**. For more information about this competition, please go to [http://www.easl.info/uploads/EASL\\_2014-2015\\_Louis\\_Tertocha\\_Fashion\\_Law\\_Writing\\_Competition.pdf](http://www.easl.info/uploads/EASL_2014-2015_Louis_Tertocha_Fashion_Law_Writing_Competition.pdf).

**The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law** announces their annual law student writing competition. Entries may address any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the American labor and employment bar. The first-place prize is \$1500, the second-place prize is, \$1000, and the third-place prize is \$500. Competition rules may be found at [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/labor\\_law/awards.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/labor_law/awards.html). Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2015**.

**Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C.** offers a \$2,000 scholarship award to a law student who is either a member of an ethnic, racial, or other minority or demonstrates the commitment to issues of diversity

within their academic career. The deadline to apply is **May 31, 2015**. Apply at <http://www.buckfirelaw.com/library/2015-buckfire-law-school-diversity-scholarship.cfm>.

James Bellefeuille is now accepting essays on the topic “What is your great law firm marketing idea? For more information, visit <http://www.jamesbellefeuille.com/law-firm-marketing-ideas/>. The deadline to apply is **July 31, 2015**.



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The competition will consist of two-person teams. Each team will argue once as petitioner and once as respondent on the night of its preliminary round.

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The Board of Advocates will host the **Federal Bar Association San Antonio Chapter Moot Court Competition**. Interested teams may sign up for the competition in the law classroom building beginning in the Spring semester. Each team member is required to sign a consent form in order to be registered for the competition.

The competition will consist of two-person teams. Each team will argue once as petitioner and once as respondent on the night of its preliminary round.

**Preliminary Rounds:** January 26<sup>th</sup> and January 27<sup>th</sup>

**Quarterfinal:** January 28<sup>th</sup>

**Semi-Final Rounds:** January 29<sup>th</sup>

**Final Round:** January 30<sup>th</sup>

1Ls cannot compete but are welcome to volunteer. This is a great opportunity to observe the formatting of a moot court competition.

## VITA PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Learn how to prepare taxes and **help provide tax preparation assistance** to our surrounding community. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers **free tax preparation on Saturdays during the tax season**. Last year, St. Mary's VITA volunteers prepared over 1,200 returns and secured over \$2 million in refunds for local individuals and families. Help us complete our goal of 1,300 tax returns while gaining valuable skills, volunteer hours, and goodwill.

The St. Mary's site will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every Saturday from January 24th through April 11th to prepare tax returns at the Center for Legal and Social Justice.

**Earn Pro Bono hours for the Pro Bono College and the St. Mary's Pro Bono Certificate. To register for one of the many training dates, please go to [www.stmarytx.vita.org](http://www.stmarytx.vita.org).**

### **INSTALLING AND USING EXAMSOFT**

The below listed [ExamSoft link](#) will take you directly to an informational video on how to install and use ExamSoft (SofTest). The video also provides other helpful information you should know about ExamSoft. Please note that NOT all functions shown in the video will be available for use during the exam period. If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact the Law Computer Administration team at [lawtech@stmarytx.edu](mailto:lawtech@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.6721.

<http://learn.examssoft.com/demos-for-exam-takers>

### **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

The Center for Legal and Social Justice will host its annual celebration, **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, in recognition of St. Mary's Law School's commitment to justice. Join us on **Friday, December 5, 2014** for Mass at **12:00 p.m.** A fiesta lunch will follow. Everyone is invited to attend.

### **MIRACLE ON 36<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

St. Mary's Law School will once again team up with our Police Department for the "**Miracle on 36<sup>th</sup> Street**" to deliver **toys to children in need**. Donations for this program are now being accepted. There is a Christmas tree in the foyer of the Raba building and also at the Center for Legal and Social Justice. Please participate by taking an ornament indicating the age and gender of the child receiving the toy. Return the unwrapped gift with the ornament. **Gifts will be accepted until December 10.**

Baby gifts are also being accepted to benefit **Healy Murphy** alternative high school for parenting teens. Justice Luz Elena Chapa and retired Chief Justice Alma Lopez serve on the board of this organization.

### **COMPLETION OF LEGAL STUDIES HOODING CEREMONY**

The **December 2014 Completion of Legal Studies Hooding Ceremony** will be held on **Saturday, December 13, 2014** in the moot courtroom (law classrooms 101-102-103) at **10:00 a.m.** The ceremony will include guest speakers, welcome from the Law Alumni Association and Hooding Ceremony. A reception will follow at Lisa's Mexican Restaurant, 815 Bandera Road, 78228. Students participating in the ceremony are asked to arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited

to attend.

## **ORDERING TAMS, GOWNS & HOODS**

If you plan to participate in the Hooding Ceremony on Saturday, December 13, please email Ms. Yvonne Olfers, [yolfers@stmarytx.edu](mailto:yolfers@stmarytx.edu) your name, height, weight, and hat size if known. If you do not know your hat size, indicate whether your tam should be small, medium, or large. The deadline to order is no later than **12 noon on Tuesday, December 2**. Academic regalia will be delivered directly to the Law School on **Saturday, December 13**, in the student robing area, which is the Law Administration Atrium. Please return your regalia to the Atrium after the ceremony.

## **BACCALAUREATE MASS**

Baccalaureate Mass will be held **on Friday, December 12, 2014**, 5:30 p.m. in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center in the Bill Greehey Arena.

Tickets for the Baccalaureate Mass are not required. Non-Catholics are welcome and will feel comfortable at this traditional ceremony. Graduates and their families are invited to **attend a reception** following Baccalaureate Mass hosted by Thomas M. Mengler, J.D., President, and André Hampton, J.D., Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs.

## **SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

The **San Antonio Bar Auxiliary Foundation** will present a second-year student at St. Mary's with the Olive Trueheart Scholarship. The student must have at least a B average (3.0 or above) and demonstrate financial need. The Law School will select the recipient, and the check for \$2,500 will be presented on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at Club Giraud. Students should send a letter indicating their interest and qualifications for the scholarship as well as a current resume to Associate Dean Victoria Mather, [vmather@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vmather@stmarytx.edu), or you may bring the letter to her office in Room 103 of the Law Administration building. The deadline to apply is **Friday, January 30, 2015**.

## **PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAM (PCP) UPDATE**

**Earn credit while working** with an approved attorney supervisor, learning practical legal skills, and starting your professional network in a real law office or agency.

3Ls – It is not too late to get more experience on your resume!

2Ls – Find the right spring internship before finals creeps up on you OR start thinking about summer internship options!

1Ls – It is NOT too early to talk to me about the right summer internship for you!

There are still positions that are **not yet filled** for Spring!

PCP office hours in Career Services are Mondays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or Thursdays, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Check out Symplicity or contact Amanda Rivas for the latest details at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.5712.

## DECEMBER PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

The St. Mary’s Pro Bono Team is seeking volunteers for the below listed events. **Visit the Pro Bono / Public Service TWEN page for more information and to register to volunteer.** All volunteer hours for CLSJ sponsored events qualify toward admission requirements to the State Bar of Texas Law Student Pro Bono College.

### DACA Project

The St. Mary’s Immigration & Human Rights Clinic DACA Project is seeking volunteers for the Fall semester. The St. Mary’s DACA Project assists “Dreamers” — young immigrants brought to the United States as children to apply for Deferred Action status pursuant to the Presidential announcement of June 15, 2012. Volunteers receive hands-on experience, meet with applicants, and complete the client’s immigration application. Volunteers may also be asked to assist with community outreach sessions dedicated to finding additional eligible applicants. Volunteering is easy, and no experience or immigration law knowledge is required. Hours are flexible and easily accommodated to not interfere with class schedules. The DACA Office is located at the St. Mary’s Center for Legal and Social Justice, just a few blocks from the university. Speaking Spanish is useful, but not a requirement of volunteering. If you are interested, please email [StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu](mailto:StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu).

### ID Recovery

CLSJ needs volunteers to assist with the ID Recovery Project at Haven for Hope, San Antonio’s largest homeless shelter. Obtaining identification is particularly important to the homeless population as some form of photo identification is required to gain employment, housing and other benefits. Volunteers work with student attorneys and supervising attorneys at the office located in the Haven for Hope’s Courtyard. After a brief on-site training, volunteers conduct interviews with clients to assist them with acquiring the necessary documents to obtain valid identification. This project continues year-round and volunteers are needed every Friday. You do not need to commit to every Friday; you may volunteer as your schedule allows. Volunteer registration is available on TWEN or email [IDRecoveryClinic@gmail.com](mailto:IDRecoveryClinic@gmail.com)

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February	June 30	August 30	October 30
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## BIBLE STUDY

Professor Addicott holds **Bible Study multiple times a week** in the Center for Terrorism Law conference room in Raba in accordance with the schedule below:

**Sunday – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Tuesday – 7:00 a.m. and noon**  
**Thursday – 7:00 a.m. and noon**

Please email [jaddicott@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jaddicott@stmarytx.edu) if you would like to be added to the Bible study email list for reminders and updates to this schedule.

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### DACA Project

The St. Mary’s Immigration & Human Rights Clinic DACA Project is seeking volunteers for the Fall semester. The St. Mary’s DACA Project assists “Dreamers” — young immigrants brought to the United States as children to apply for Deferred Action status pursuant to the Presidential announcement of June 15, 2012. Volunteers receive hands-on experience, meet with applicants, and complete the client’s immigration application. Volunteers may also be asked to assist with community outreach sessions dedicated to finding additional eligible applicants. Volunteering is easy, and no experience or immigration law knowledge is required. Hours are flexible and easily accommodated to not interfere with class schedules. The DACA Office is located at the St. Mary’s Center for Legal and Social Justice, just a few blocks from the university. Speaking Spanish is useful, but not a requirement of volunteering. If you are interested, please email [StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu](mailto:StMarysDream@stmarytx.edu).

### ID Recovery

CLSJ needs volunteers to assist with the ID Recovery Project at Haven for Hope, San Antonio’s largest homeless shelter. Obtaining identification is particularly important to the homeless population as some form of photo identification is required to gain employment, housing and other benefits. Volunteers work with student attorneys and supervising attorneys at the office located in the Haven for Hope’s Courtyard. After a brief on-site training, volunteers conduct interviews with clients to assist them with acquiring the necessary documents to obtain valid identification. This project continues year-round and volunteers are needed every Friday. You do not need to commit to every Friday; you may volunteer as your schedule allows. Volunteer registration is available on TWEN or email [IDRecoveryClinic@gmail.com](mailto:IDRecoveryClinic@gmail.com)

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The State Bar of Texas Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law (REPTL) announces its Student Writing Contest. Two winners, one in Probate and Trust and one in Real Estate, will receive \$5,000.00 cash and a one-year free membership in the Section. For contest rules, please go to <http://www.reptl.org/DrawOnePage.aspx?PageID=134>. Entries must be received by REPTL no later than **December 19, 2014**.

The **Reeves Law Group** is now accepting submissions for its 2014 Scholarship Contest. For complete rules, please visit <http://www.robertreeveslaw.com/scholarship/>. The deadline to apply is **December 31, 2014**.

The Consumer and Commercial Law Section of the Texas State Bar announce its first annual **Craig Jordan Consumer Protection Writing Competition**. The writer of the winning essay will receive a \$4,000 cash award. The runner-up will receive a \$1,000 cash award. Both winners will



receive financial support to attend the 2014 Advanced Consumer and Commercial Law Seminar, where they will be recognized. For competition rules, please go to their website at <http://www.texasbar.com/Content/NavigationMenu/ForLawyers/MembershipInfoandServices/LawStudentInfo/CraigJordanWritingCompetition.pdf>. The deadline to apply is **December 31, 2014**.

The **Pearce Law Firm** is pleased to offer the Empowering Women In Law Scholarship. This scholarship is intended to encourage and support outstanding achievement and leadership by example from women in the field of law. This award will be presented to a current female law student for the following academic year in the amount of \$2,000 and will be paid at the beginning of the Fall 2015 semester. See more at: <http://thepearcelawfirm.com/empowering-scholarship#sthash.N0NdEXpv.dpuf>. The deadline to apply is **December 31, 2014**.

The **Florida State University Center** announces the Mollie and Paul Hill Student Writing Competition in Medical-Legal Interprofessional Collaboration for 2015. The award is \$250. Go to <http://med.fsu.edu/userFiles/file/2015%20Student%20Writing%20Competition.pdf> for details. The deadline to apply is **January 2, 2015**.

Banner & Witcoff is pleased to offer the **Donald W. Banner** Diversity Scholarship for law students. This scholarship is part of Banner & Witcoff's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers from diverse backgrounds. Please visit <http://bannerwitcoff.com/about/diversity/> for details. Applications are now being accepted through **January 5, 2015**.

The **ABA Section of Business Law** is sponsoring its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest to encourage and reward law student writings on a business law subject of general and current interest. The first-place prize is \$2,500, the second-place prize is \$1,000, and the third-place prize is \$500. Review the details and access a submission entry form on the Section's [website](#). Submissions are due **Friday, January 9, 2015**.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law announces the first **annual Jameson Crane III Disability and the Law Writing Competition**. Papers may be on any topic relating to disability law. The winner will be awarded \$1,500, and two second-place winners will each receive a \$1,000 cash prize. For more information, please visit: [www.tjsl.edu/cranewritingcompetition](http://www.tjsl.edu/cranewritingcompetition). The deadline to apply is midnight, PST, **January 15, 2015**.

**Pacific Legal Foundation's** Program for Judicial Awareness announces its law student writing competition. Prizes are \$3,000, 2,000, and 1,000. For rules and information, please visit <http://www.pacificlegal.org/pja/writingcomp>. The deadline to apply is **January 16, 2015**.

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**Epstein Becker & Green, P.C.**, a national firm engaged in the practice of health care and life sciences law, is pleased to announce its Seventeenth Annual Health Law Writing Competition. Prizes for the top three submissions are \$4,000, \$2,000 and \$500. Additional information and an official entry form can be found at <http://www.ebglaw.com/health-law-writing-competition/>. Competition entries are due **January 23, 2015**.

**The American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. The second-place prize is \$500, and the third-place prize is \$250. For more information, please go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. The deadline to apply is **January 30, 2015**.

The **Arthur Lockwood Beneventi Law Scholarship** is a one-time preferred amount \$2,000 scholarship awarded to a student who is either enrolled in or attends an accredited law school and has a minimum GPA of 3.25. The scholarship is not automatically renewable. However, recipients may reapply for consideration each year. Mail completed scholarship application form to: National Vice-Chair Arthur Lockwood Beneventi Law Scholarship, 1207 Waggoner Dr., Rushville, IN 46173. The deadline to apply is **February 15, 2015**.

The **American Veterinary Medical Association, American Kennel Club, Cat Fancier's Association** and **Animal Health Institute** offer law students an opportunity to engage in a scholarly discussion and debate of legal issues related to animals and animal law. Grand prize is \$2,500 cash prize. Please see the official contest page at [www.avma.org/lawschoolcontest](http://www.avma.org/lawschoolcontest). The deadline to apply is **February 15, 2015**.

The **Michigan State University College of Law, Journal of Business & Securities Law** is now accepting submissions for the Elliot A. Spoon Business Law writing competition. Articles should be on any current topic concerning business or securities law. Prize is \$500 and your article will be published in the MSU College of Law Journal of Business & Securities Law. All inquiries and questions should be directed to Ashley Byers at [jbsl@law.msu.edu](mailto:jbsl@law.msu.edu). The deadline to enter is **February 20, 2015**.

**Common Cause** is pleased to announce the inaugural "Gerrymander Standard" writing competition. Common Cause invites legal and social science practitioners, scholars, and students to submit paper proposing a new definition of partisan gerrymandering or further developing an existing standard. Prizes of \$5,000 for first place, \$3,000 for second place and \$2,000 for third place will be awarded. For more information, please visit their website at [www.commoncause.org/gerrymanderstandard](http://www.commoncause.org/gerrymanderstandard). The deadline for submission is **February 27, 2015**.

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**Interleges** Award 2015 announces its writing competition in honor of Stephen Rayner. Topic is Transnational Adjudication of Human Rights Violations: National Tribunals as an Alternative to International Courts. For details, please visit [www.interleges.com](http://www.interleges.com) or go to <http://www.andersonkill.com/webpdfext/InterlegesAward2015Maindoc.pdf>. The prize money is €4,000. The deadline to apply is **March 20, 2015**.

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The following organizations have agreed to participate in our 2015 Pro Bono Spring Break and host students:

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## **BLACK LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION MOOT COURT TEAM TAKES FIRST PLACE**

A St. Mary's Black Law Student Association (BLSA) moot court team comprised of **Marisa Aragon** (3L) and **Alicia Grant** (2L) competed in the Rocky Mountain Region of the NBLSA **Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition** this past weekend. The Rocky Mountain Region includes BLSA chapters in Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Wyoming. Marisa and Alicia competed in three (3) preliminary rounds, breaking second overall. The team proceeded to defeat teams from the University of Texas in both the semi-final and final rounds to **capture the title of 2015 RMBLSA Regional Champion**. As a result of their strong finish, Marisa and Alicia qualify for the NBLSA National Finals in Portland, Oregon. **Adjunct Professor Ricky Poole**, who coached the team said: "I am extremely proud of these amazing advocates and honored to have been able to work with them." **Please join us in congratulating Marisa, Alicia, and Professor Poole**, on this great accomplishment and wishing them the best of luck as they prepare to represent St. Mary's at Nationals.

## **CONSTRUCTION LAW SECTION OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION LAW CONFERENCE**

The Construction Law Section of the State Bar of Texas will hold its 28<sup>th</sup> Annual **Construction Law Conference** on **March 5-6, 2015** at the **San Antonio Marriot Rivercenter**. Students who want to attend will be given a discounted tuition rate of \$100.00. This includes tuition and lunch for both days. Additionally, the San Antonio Construction Law Section **will offer two full scholarships**. The student will have to pay first and then be reimbursed. In the past, all students who participated were invited to introduce themselves to the over 600 lawyers in attendance. Students will also be invited to the happy hour (cash bar) on Thursday night. Previous students have received clerkships, internships, and full-time job offers as a result of their networking. Students who are interested in attending the conference **should contact Adjunct Professor Mark Brewster** at [mark@markbrewsterlaw.net](mailto:mark@markbrewsterlaw.net) as soon as possible. For more information about the conference or to download and print a registration form, please visit their webpage at <http://www.constructionlawsection.org/AvailableCLE/AnnualConstructionLawConference.aspx>.

## **CLINICAL PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSIONS**

All students are invited to attend the **Clinical Program** Information Sessions. Come and learn how you can **gain hands-on experience as a student attorney** in the Clinical Program courses for credit. Two information sessions will be held as follows:

Wednesday, February 4  
2:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Sarita Kenedy East Law Library  
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Thursday, February 5  
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## 2015 FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The Board of Advocates will host the **Federal Bar Association San Antonio Chapter Moot Court Competition**. Interested teams may sign up for the competition in the Law Classroom Building. Each team member is required to sign a consent form in order to be registered for the competition.

The competition will consist of two-person teams. Each team will argue once as petitioner and once as respondent on the night of its preliminary round.

**Preliminary Rounds:** January 26<sup>th</sup> and January 27<sup>th</sup>

**Quarterfinal:** January 28<sup>th</sup>

**Semi-Final Rounds:** January 29<sup>th</sup>

**Final Round:** January 30<sup>th</sup>

1Ls cannot compete but are welcome to volunteer. This is a great opportunity to observe the format of a moot court competition.

### TEXAS ACCESS TO JUSTICE Pro Bono Spring Break 2015

The Texas Access to Justice Commission is **seeking applicants** for its **Pro Bono Spring Break 2015**. Pro bono hours earned during this week will count towards both the St. Mary's certificate and the Pro Bono College.

Pro Bono Spring Break is a **great opportunity for law students to practice and apply legal skills learned in the classroom, including advocacy, client interviewing, and supervised legal decision-making**. It also exposes future lawyers to the dire legal and financial circumstances faced by low-income people in Texas and raises awareness about access to justice issues. At the same time, legal service providers receive a team of skilled and well-supervised volunteers who can leverage the providers' time and relieve some of their workload.

The following organizations have agreed to participate in our 2015 Pro Bono Spring Break and host students:

- Aid to Victims of Domestic Violence, Houston
- American Gateways, Austin
- Dallas Volunteers Attorney Program, Dallas
- Human Rights Initiative of North Texas, Dallas
- Lone Star Legal Aid, Beaumont

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[bono-spring-break](#). Applications are due no later than **January 30, 2015** to Kristen Levins at [kristen.levins@texasbar.com](mailto:kristen.levins@texasbar.com).

## **CHINA PROGRAM MEETING**

Are you **interested in studying in China** next summer? Attend the informational meeting with Professors Bob Hu and Vincent Johnson on **Tuesday, January 27, 2015 from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. in Law Classroom 106**. You will learn all about the program, travels, housing, and internship opportunities in China. Past participants of this program will share their experiences and insights. Food will be provided.

If you are not able to attend the meeting but wish to receive information about the program, please contact Professor Bob Hu at [rhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhu@stmarytx.edu).

## **VITA PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Learn how to prepare taxes and **help provide tax preparation assistance** to our surrounding community. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers **free tax preparation on Saturdays during the tax season**. Last year, St. Mary's VITA volunteers prepared over 1,200 returns and secured over \$2 million in refunds for local individuals and families. Help us complete our goal of 1,300 tax returns while gaining valuable skills, volunteer hours, and goodwill.

The St. Mary's site will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every Saturday from January 24th through April 11th to prepare tax returns at the Center for Legal and Social Justice.

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## **OLIVE TRUEHEART SCHOLARSHIP**

The **San Antonio Bar Auxiliary Foundation** will present a second-year student at St. Mary's with the Olive Trueheart Scholarship. The student must have at least a B average (3.0 or above) and demonstrate financial need. The Law School will select the recipient, and the check for \$2,500 will be presented on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at Club Giraud. Students should send a letter indicating their interest and qualifications for the scholarship as well as a current resume to Associate Dean Victoria Mather, [vmather@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vmather@stmarytx.edu), or you may bring the letter to her office in Room 103 of the Law Administration building. The deadline to apply is **Friday, January 30, 2015**.

## **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES Programs & Events**

For all Office of Career Services Programming be sure to check its Weekly Update each Monday or log into Symplicity and go to the Events Tab. Symplicity Log In: <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>

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<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
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### BIBLE STUDY

Professor Addicott holds **Bible Study multiple times a week** in the Center for Terrorism Law conference room in Raba in accordance with the schedule below:

**Sunday – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Tuesday – 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday – 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**

Please email [jaddicott@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jaddicott@stmarytx.edu) if you would like to be added to the Bible study email list for reminders and updates to this schedule.

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## **MOCK TRIAL TEAM IS FINALIST AT NATIONAL TRIAL COMPETITION**

This past weekend, two St. Mary's mock trial teams competed in New Orleans at the **2015 National Trial Regional Competition**. The competition is sponsored and directed by the Texas Young Lawyers Association. The team of **Jessica Pritchett (3L) & Thomas Pare (2L)** broke to the semifinals as the third seed in the competition and **finished as finalists**, losing to a team from Baylor, which will now advance to the National Finals. The teams were coached by Adjunct Professor Nicole Thornbro. **Please join us in congratulating** the team and their coach for this outstanding performance.

## **ST. MARY'S HOSTS REGIONAL TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION**

This past weekend, St. Mary's University School of Law hosted a regional competition for the **Texas High School Mock Trial Competition**. The competition was directed by Mr. Scott Seelhoff, a local attorney. **Local attorneys, law students and a law faculty member served as judges for the mock trials**. Each year thousands of high school students participate in this national competition, which begins with regional competitions held throughout Texas. This year, teams from four high schools from Region 20 (Fox Tech Law Magnet, Boerne Champions, Kerrville Tivy, and LaVernia) and two high schools from Region 13 (Round Rock and Austin Regents) competed against each other in three mock trials held on the campus. **The team from Austin Regents won the Region 13 competition and Kerrville Tivy won the Region 20 competition**. Both high schools are now eligible to participate at the state competition in Dallas, Texas during the first weekend in March. The winner of that competition advances to the National High School Mock Trial Competition held in May. The competition is open to all high school students, whether in public, private or home schools. Each team consists of 7 to 10 students who are coached by an advisor who can be a teacher, attorney, or even another student. **Please join us in congratulating** the teams from Kerrville Tivy and Austin Regents for their success this past weekend. Also, join us in giving thanks to Dean Sheppard, the law school faculty, students, and staff for their support of this competition.

## **WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed to our **Silent Auction** that benefitted **Standup For Kids** last semester. Women's Law Association (WLA) is proud to announce that because of your generosity, we were able to raise over \$12,000. Your charitable contribution is an **investment in the future** of Standup For Kids and **supports the important work** of WLA. Thank you again for your contributions and support of the WLA.

On **Tuesday, January 27, 2015** Bexar County Women's Bar Association will host its monthly luncheon on campus at **12:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. WLA is honored to have **Chief Justice Sandee Bryan Marion**, Texas Fourth District Court of Appeals, as our guest speaker for the event. This event is free for all WLA members, but please be sure to sign up on TWEN. The deadline to sign up is the end of today.

## CHINA PROGRAM MEETING

Are you **interested in studying in China** next summer? Attend the informational meeting with Professors Bob Hu and Vincent Johnson on **Tuesday, January 27, 2015 from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.** in **Law Classroom 106**. You will learn all about the program, travels, housing, and internship opportunities in China. Past participants of this program will share their experiences and insights. Food will be provided.

If you are not able to attend the meeting but wish to receive information about the program, please contact Professor Bob Hu at [rhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhu@stmarytx.edu).

## INTERESTED IN SERVICE OR EXTERNSHIPS?

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An information session and free lunch will be held on **Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.** in the **Law Alumni Room**, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Make plans to attend.

## CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY

Please join the **Christian Legal Society** for its first meeting of the semester on **Wednesday, January 28, 2015, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**, in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. The guest speaker will be Michael McReynolds, founding partner of McReynolds and Tye P.C. of San Antonio. The aim of the Christian Legal Society is to connect lawyers who share faith with one another. Part of this is accomplished through mentoring and networking, and part is furthered by events such as this one. Food and beverages will be provided. Please R.S.V.P to [msanchez71@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:msanchez71@mail.stmarytx.edu) to help us estimate the food order.

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## 2015 FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER MOOT COURT COMPETITION

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The competition will consist of two-person teams. Each team will argue once as petitioner and once as respondent on the night of its preliminary round.

**Preliminary Rounds:** January 26<sup>th</sup> through January 28<sup>th</sup>

**Quarterfinal & Semi-Final Rounds:** January 29<sup>th</sup>

**Final Round:** January 30<sup>th</sup>

1Ls cannot compete but are welcome to volunteer. This is a great opportunity to observe the format of a moot court competition.

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The Texas Access to Justice Commission is **seeking applicants** for its **Pro Bono Spring Break 2015**. Pro bono hours earned during this week will count towards both the St. Mary's certificate and the Pro Bono College.

Pro Bono Spring Break is a **great opportunity for law students to practice and apply legal skills learned in the classroom, including advocacy, client interviewing, and supervised legal decision-making**. It also exposes future lawyers to the dire legal and financial circumstances faced by low-income people in Texas and raises awareness about access to justice issues. At the same time, legal service providers receive a team of skilled and well-supervised volunteers who can leverage the providers' time and relieve some of their workload.



The following organizations have agreed to participate in our 2015 Pro Bono Spring Break and host students:

- Aid to Victims of Domestic Violence, Houston
- American Gateways, Austin
- Dallas Volunteers Attorney Program, Dallas
- Human Rights Initiative of North Texas, Dallas
- Lone Star Legal Aid, Beaumont

For more information and for an application, please visit <http://www.texasatj.org/pro-bono-spring-break>. Applications are due no later than **January 30, 2015** to Kristen Levins at [kristen.levins@texasbar.com](mailto:kristen.levins@texasbar.com).

### **VITA PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Learn how to prepare taxes and **help provide tax preparation assistance** to our surrounding community. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers **free tax preparation on Saturdays during the tax season**. Last year, St. Mary's VITA volunteers prepared over 1,200 returns and secured over \$2 million in refunds for local individuals and families. Help us complete our goal of 1,300 tax returns while you gain valuable skills, volunteer hours, and goodwill.

The St. Mary's site will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. every Saturday from January 24th through April 11th to prepare tax returns at the Center for Legal and Social Justice.

**Earn Pro Bono hours for the Pro Bono College and the St. Mary's Pro Bono Certificate.** To register for one of the many training dates, please go to [www.stmarytx.vita.org](http://www.stmarytx.vita.org).

### **OLIVE TRUEHEART SCHOLARSHIP**

The **San Antonio Bar Auxiliary Foundation** will present a second-year student at St. Mary's with the Olive Trueheart Scholarship. The student must have at least a B average (3.0 or above) and demonstrate financial need. The Law School will select the recipient, and the check for \$2,500 will be presented on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at Club Giraud. Students should send a letter indicating their interest and qualifications for the scholarship as well as a current resume to Associate Dean Victoria Mather, [vmather@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vmather@stmarytx.edu), or you may bring the letter to her office in Room 103 of the Law Administration building. The deadline to apply is **Friday, January 30, 2015**.

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### WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

If a link is not provided below for detailed information to any of the writing competitions and 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 American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR, an official periodical of the University of Oklahoma College of Law. The second-place prize is \$500, and the third-place prize is \$250. For more information, please go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. The deadline to apply is **January 30, 2015**.

**FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY** – The **Baldy Center** will be offering **Fellowships in Interdisciplinary Legal Studies** for the 2015-16 academic year. In addition, the Center will co-sponsor one post-doctoral fellowship in Transnational Business Governance Interactions with York University. For more information or to apply please visit their website at <http://us6.campaign-archive1.com/?u=9c469ba21bc97eb026344d1d7&id=f85e48c6ca&e=50fd74bbaa>. Completed applications are due **February 2, 2015**.

**American University Washington College of Law** seeks submissions of papers on the topic of Transitional Justice, International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. For competition rules, please visit <http://www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/hreward.cfm>. Deadline for submission is **February 15, 2015**.

The **Arthur Lockwood Beneventi** Law Scholarship is a one-time, \$2,000 scholarship awarded to a student who has a minimum GPA of 3.25. The scholarship is not automatically renewable. However, recipients may reapply for consideration each year. Mail completed scholarship application form to: National Vice- Chair Arthur Lockwood Beneventi Law Scholarship, 1207 Waggoner Dr., Rushville, IN 46173. The deadline to apply is **February 15, 2015**.

The **American Veterinary Medical Association, American Kennel Club, Cat Fancier's Association** and **Animal Health Institute** offer law students an opportunity to engage in a scholarly discussion and debate of legal issues related to animals and animal law. Grand prize is \$2,500 cash prize. Please see the official contest page at [www.avma.org/lawschoolcontest](http://www.avma.org/lawschoolcontest). The deadline to apply is **February 15, 2015**.

The **Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability** of the American Bar Association present the **2015 Ed Mendrzycki Essay Contest**. Cash prize is \$5,000. This year's contest hypothetical involves liability issues arising from the breach of a law firm's computer network and the subsequent leaking of a client's confidential information. For more information and contest rules, please go to <http://ambar.org/LPLEssayContest>. The deadline to enter is **February 20, 2015**.

The **Michigan State University College of Law, Journal of Business & Securities Law** is now accepting submissions for the Elliot A. Spoon Business Law writing competition. Articles should be on any current topic concerning business or securities law. Prize is \$500 and your article will be published in the MSU College of Law Journal of Business & Securities Law. All inquiries and questions should be directed to Ashley Byers at [jbsl@law.msu.edu](mailto:jbsl@law.msu.edu). The deadline to enter is **February 20, 2015**.

**Common Cause** is pleased to announce the inaugural "Gerrymander Standard" writing competition. Common Cause invites legal and social science practitioners, scholars, and students to submit paper proposing a new definition of partisan gerrymandering or further developing an existing standard. Prizes of \$5,000 for first place, \$3,000 for second place and \$2,000 for third place will be awarded. For more competition information, please visit their website at [www.commoncause.org/gerrymanderstandard](http://www.commoncause.org/gerrymanderstandard). The deadline for submission is **February 27, 2015**.

The **Bell Law Group** is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for a current law school student that is confined to a wheelchair. They are hoping to bring awareness to the difficulties faced by those with mobility issues as well as the importance of accommodations. For more information please visit <http://www.belllg.com/wheelchair-disability-scholarship/>. Deadline to apply is **February 28, 2015**.

The Annual **Stewart J. Guss** student writing competition is now accepting essays on the topic "What Law Would You Change and Why? For more information please go to <http://attorneyguss.com/annual-stewart-j-guss-college-student-scholarship/>. The deadline to apply is **March 1, 2015**.

The **American Bar Association** Legal Opportunity 2015 Scholarship is offering \$5,000 financial assistance annually to an entering first-year student. For an application please visit <http://www.ambar.org/DiversityScholarship>. Applications must be received before **March 2, 2015**.

The **Cameron County Bar Association** is proud to announce its 2015-16 Scholarship Fund. The CCBA will award \$2,500 in financial assistance annually to one scholarship recipient. The student's financial need, personal, family, educational background, personal statement, and participation in community service will be considered in selecting the recipient. The application deadline is **March 15, 2015**.

**Interleges** Award 2015 announces its writing competition in honor of Stephen Rayner. The topic is Transnational Adjudication of Human Rights Violations: National Tribunals as an Alternative to International Courts. For details, please visit [www.interleges.com](http://www.interleges.com) or go to <http://www.andersonkill.com/webpdfext/InterlegesAward2015Maindoc.pdf>. The prize money is €4,000. The deadline to apply is **March 20, 2015**.

The Florida Bar **Louis Tertocha** Fashion Law Writing Competition is accepting essays addressing a legal issue in the fashion industry. Essay entries must be received by **March 23, 2015**. For more information about this competition, please go to [http://www.easl.info/uploads/EASL\\_2014-2015\\_Louis\\_Tertocha\\_Fashion\\_Law\\_Writing\\_Competition.pdf](http://www.easl.info/uploads/EASL_2014-2015_Louis_Tertocha_Fashion_Law_Writing_Competition.pdf).

**NEW** – The **Texas Energy Council** and the Brookhaven Geotechnology Institute are offering one-year scholarships up to \$2,500 in various disciplines including Energy Law. For more information, please go to [www.txenergycouncil.org](http://www.txenergycouncil.org). The deadline to enter is **March 23, 2015**.

**NEW** – The **Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas** annually awards up to three \$2,000 scholarships to students demonstrating academic excellence and commitment to the study and practice of **tax law**. Any student who intends to practice tax law in Texas is eligible to apply. Selection criteria of the scholarships include merit, scholarship performance, financial need, and demonstrated experience and interest in the field of tax law. Applications must be postmarked or time-stamped no later than **April 3, 2015**.

The **Animal Legal Defense Fund** is now accepting applications for the [2015 Animal Legal Defense Fund Advancement of Animal Law Scholarships](#). They are open to members of active SALDF chapters who have shown an outstanding commitment to animal law and who intend to work in the field after graduation. The application deadline is **April 17, 2015**.

**Moses & Rooth Attorneys at Law** is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for the Fall 2015 academic semester. Submit a short essay in 300-600 words on the topic: How You See Social Media Affecting the Practice of Law. For entry rules and eligibility requirements, please visit <https://www.mosesandrooth.com/2015-legal-scholarship/>. Deadline is **May 1, 2015**.

**The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law** announces their annual law student writing competition. Entries may address any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the

American labor and employment bar. The first-place prize is \$1,500, the second-place prize is, \$1,000, and the third-place prize is \$500. Competition rules may be found at [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/labor\\_law/awards.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/labor_law/awards.html). Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2015**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2015 Legal Writing Contest. The first prize is \$2,000, the second prize is \$1,000, and the third prize is \$500. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications-news/publications/Legal-Writing-Contest/>. The deadline to apply is **May 15, 2015**.

**Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C.** offers a \$2,000 scholarship award to a law student who is either a member of an ethnic, racial, or other minority or demonstrates the commitment to issues of diversity within their academic career. The deadline to apply is **May 31, 2015**. Apply at <http://www.buckfirelaw.com/library/2015-buckfire-law-school-diversity-scholarship.cfm>.

The **American College of Employee Benefits Counsel** is pleased to announce its Eleventh Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. The subject may be any topic in the field of employee benefits law. For competition rules, please go to <http://www.acebc.com/employee-benefits-writing-competition>. The deadline is **June 2, 2015**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2015 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to <http://www.tannenwald.org/Competition-Announcement>. The entry deadline is **July 1, 2015**.

The National Institute for Military Justice (NIMJ) announces the **John S. Jenkins Writing Competition** for 2015. NIMJ seeks to bring together academic interest and practical experience in military justice. The prize award is \$250 and a certificate. Students may nominate their own work, including work that has been published in a law journal; faculty may also nominate deserving student papers. The deadline to enter is **July 15, 2015**.

**James Bellefeuille** is now accepting essays on the topic “What is your great law firm marketing idea?” For more information, visit <http://www.jamesbellefeuille.com/law-firm-marketing-ideas/>. The deadline to apply is **July 31, 2015**.

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## **2015 FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION MOOT COURT COMPETITION WINNERS**

**Congratulations** to the 2015 Federal Bar Association Moot Court Competition winners **Clair Strom** (2L) and **Tifini Cigarroa** (2L) with best speaker awarded to **Clair Strom**. Finalists were **Robert Rodery** (3L) and **Christina Ivy** (3L).

The **Board of Advocates** would like to **acknowledge and thank their sponsor and judges** for their support and time; the San Antonio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and Professors Albert Kauffman and Ramona Lampley and Javier Espinoza, Esq.

## **MEETING OF THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY**

The St. Mary's Chapter of The American Constitution Society is meeting in **the Atrium** on **Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.** ACS is a progressive legal organization. The group's stated mission is to "promote the vitality of the U.S. Constitution and the fundamental values it expresses: individual rights and liberties, genuine equality, access to justice, democracy and the rule of law." Because the campus chapter is in a rebuilding year, this is a great time for 1Ls to get involved. Food will be provided.

## **FIRST MEETING OF THE OIL, GAS AND ENERGY RESOURCES LAW SOCIETY**

Please join the Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Society on **Tuesday, February 10, 2015**, for the first event of the semester with **guest speaker** M.C. Cottingham "Cottie" Miles. Mr. Miles is a Partner with the San Antonio law firm Martin & Drought, P.C. and is currently the Chairman for the **State Bar of Texas Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section**. Dress is casual and membership is not required to attend. The event is from **12:00 — 1:00 p.m.** in the **Atrium**. Lunch will be provided. For any questions, please contact Olivia Mallary at 504.495.4196 or Courtney Potter at 210. 379.8711.

## **SUMMER STUDY ABROAD IN THE ALPS**

Come to learn all about the **Institute on World Legal Problems**, St. Mary's study abroad program in **Innsbruck, Austria**. An information session will be held on **Wednesday, February 11**, from **12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** in **LC 102**. Lunch will be served.

## **SPRING 2015 FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS WORKSHOP**

All Day 1L students are invited to attend the Spring 2015 Fundamental Skills Workshop. This Workshop will provide helpful advice and methods to improve law school performance. The Workshop will take place from 4:00 – 4:50 p.m. in LC 105 on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>, and March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**While all 1Ls are invited to attend the Workshop, attendance will be mandatory for some students.** If you are required to complete the Workshop, you will receive a letter in your student mailbox in the Law Classroom Building and in your St. Mary's e-mail account. If you are required to complete this Workshop and you fail to do so, you will **not be able to register** for your Summer and Fall 2015 courses.

Please contact the Office of Academic and Student Affairs with any questions at (210) 431-4340 or by email at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

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**One St. Mary's University School of Law student will be selected each semester** to receive a \$2,500 award based on the eligibility criteria outlined in the application.

More information and the application can be found on the Pro Bono Program/Public Service Page on TWEN under Applications, Scholarships, and Awards. The application, essay, and letter of recommendation must be submitted electronically to the CJP Director, Amanda Reimherr Buckert, at [amandab@sabar.org](mailto:amandab@sabar.org) by **5:00 p.m., Friday, February 20, 2015**. Good luck!

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Law students who are **planning on applying for financial aid** for the 2015-16 academic year, or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2015 need to **renew their FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Students are encouraged to complete the 2015-2016 FAFSA by February 15th 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/>; 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.

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The **Animal Legal Defense Fund** is now accepting applications for the [2015 Animal Legal Defense Fund Advancement of Animal Law Scholarships](#). They are open to members of active SALDF chapters who have shown an outstanding commitment to animal law and who intend to work in the field after graduation. The application deadline is **April 17, 2015**.

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**The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law** announces their annual law student writing competition. Entries may address any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the American labor and employment bar. The first-place prize is \$1,500, the second-place prize is \$1,000, and the third-place prize is \$500. Competition rules may be found at [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/labor\\_law/awards.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/labor_law/awards.html). Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2015**.

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The **American College of Employee Benefits Counsel** is pleased to announce its Eleventh Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. The subject may be any topic in the field of employee benefits law. For competition rules, please go to <http://www.acebc.com/employee-benefits-writing-competition>. The deadline is **June 2, 2015**.

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The National Institute for Military Justice (NIMJ) announces the **John S. Jenkins Writing Competition** for 2015. NIMJ seeks to bring together academic interest and practical experience in military justice. The prize award is \$250 and a certificate. Students may nominate their own work, including work that has been published in a law journal; faculty may also nominate deserving student papers. The deadline to enter is **July 15, 2015**.

**James Bellefeuille** is now accepting essays on the topic “What is your great law firm marketing idea?” For more information, visit <http://www.jamesbellefeuille.com/law-firm-marketing-ideas/>. The deadline to apply is **July 31, 2015**.

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Over the past weekend, a **St. Mary's EAP** moot court team comprised of 2L law students **Stephanie De Sola and Olivero Flores** participated in the 2015 National Religious Freedom Moot Court Competition at the George Washington University Law School in Washington, DC. The team was coached by **Professor Ricky Poole**. Out of the 28 teams competing from law schools across the country, Ms. De Sola and Mr. Flores reached the quarter-final round, finishing as one of the top eight teams at this prestigious competition. The team was further **recognized as having the best brief at the tournament**, beating out teams from Notre Dame, Emory, Boston College, Regent, Florida State, New York Law School and many others for this singular honor. As a result of their accomplishment, **the team's brief will be published in the Rutgers Journal of Law & Public Policy.**

Please join us in **congratulating these gifted advocates, and their coach Professor Ricky Poole**, for their outstanding achievements on behalf of St. Mary's EAP Moot Court.

### **NO SMOKING POLICY**

The School of Law Administration has received **numerous complaints** that students are **smoking inside law school buildings**. Please be clear that smoking of any form (from “old school” cigars and cigarettes to new technology smoking) **is prohibited** inside all law school buildings. The university’s policy is set forth below:

#### ***St. Mary's University Smoking Policy***

*St. Mary's University has a “No Smoking Policy” inside all University buildings and within 50 feet of outside of all building entrances. The University seeks compliance, consideration, and cooperation of both smokers and non-smokers and asks that all be respectful of one another in this regard.*

### **EMBRY MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION**

Competitors Needed

**Sign up** to compete in this semester’s last Mock Trial Competition. **Competitors are eligible to win up to \$1,500.** The Competition preliminary rounds are February 17 – 19<sup>th</sup>. Look for a Board of Advocates (BOA) member tabling in the law class room building to sign up or stop by the BOA office. In the wise words of Barney, “It's going to be legend— ... wait for it... and I hope you're not lactose intolerant because the second half of that word is DAIRY!”

## **OIL, GAS AND ENERGY RESOURCES LAW SOCIETY**

Please join the Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Society on **Tuesday, February 10, 2015**, for the first event of the semester with **guest speaker** M.C. Cottingham “Cottie” Miles. Mr. Miles is a Partner with the San Antonio law firm Martin & Drought, P.C. and is currently the Chairman for the **State Bar of Texas Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section**. Dress is casual and membership is not required to attend. The event is from **12:00 — 1:00 p.m.** in the **Atrium**. Lunch will be provided. For any questions, please contact Olivia Mallary at 504.495.4196 or Courtney Potter at 210. 379.8711.

## **SUMMER STUDY ABROAD THE ALPS**

Come to learn all about the **Institute on World Legal Problems**, St. Mary’s study abroad program in **Innsbruck, Austria**. An information session will be held on **Wednesday, February 11**, from **12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** in **LC 102**. Lunch will be served.

## **REGISTER FOR SPRING BREAK SERVICE TRIPS**

Registration will be held this week for the upcoming **Spring Break Service Trips**. All sessions will be held in Raba and students must attend a registration session to secure lodging, arrange transportation and complete required forms. Registration is as follows:

Monday, February 9 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.	Tuesday, February 10 12:00 p.m. and 3:45 p.m.	Wednesday, February 11 12:00 p.m.
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## **CLINICAL PROGRAM COURSE REGISTRATION**

Be the **Attorney of Record**. Enroll in a clinic course. If you are looking for hands-on, live client experience as a student attorney—you have found it! St. Mary’s University School of Law proudly **offers three outstanding clinic courses** for credit: these are the **Civil Justice Clinic**, the **Criminal Justice Clinic** and the **Immigration and Human Rights Clinic**.

If you are interested in enrolling in either of these clinical courses during the 2015-16 academic year:

- submit the required Application Form and your résumé via <http://bit.ly/ClinicalCoursesApplication> and
- attend a required pre-registration session (to be scheduled later this semester).

## SPRING 2015 FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

All Day 1L students are invited to attend the Spring 2015 Fundamental Skills Workshop. This Workshop will provide helpful advice and methods to improve law school performance. The Workshop will take place from 4:00 – 4:50 p.m. in LC 105 on **February 11<sup>th</sup>**, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>, and March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**While all 1Ls are invited to attend the Workshop, attendance will be mandatory for some students.** If you are required to complete the Workshop, you will receive a letter in your student mailbox in the Law Classroom Building and in your St. Mary's e-mail account. If you are required to complete this Workshop and you fail to do so, you will **not be able to register** for your Summer and Fall 2015 courses.

Please contact the Office of Academic and Student Affairs with any questions at (210) 431-4340 or by email at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

## 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LAW ALUMNI OPEN Four Person Scramble

The **St. Mary's Student Bar Association** invites you to participate in their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Alumni Open, Four Person Scramble. The **Law Alumni Open** will benefit the School of Law Dean's Excellence Fund. Come on out and show your support on **Saturday, February 21, 2015**, at the **Quarry Golf Club**. Registration, lunch, and warm-up will begin at **12:00 p.m. with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.** Please contact Caitlin Bennett at [c.bennett4@yahoo.com](mailto:c.bennett4@yahoo.com) for more information.

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You are cordially invited to attend the Center for Women in Law's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual [Women in Law Institute](#), on **Friday, February 27, 2015**. The Women in Law Institute is an extraordinary opportunity for female students to work in small groups (3:1 ratio) with judges, general counsel, partners, and senior government and non-profit attorneys to fine-tune skills critical to their success as lawyers. Students will also have the opportunity to meet and network with prominent women lawyers, representing more than 50 organizations. Read more [here](#). Students can register [online](#) or by calling Sara Block at 512. 232.1911.

## 2015-16 FINANCIAL AID FAFSA

Law students who are **planning on applying for financial aid** for the 2015-16 academic year, or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2015 need to **renew their FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Students are encouraged to complete the 2015-2016 FAFSA by February 15th in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the **March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline**. You may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>; 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.

## **CONSTRUCTION LAW SECTION OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION LAW CONFERENCE**

The Construction Law Section of the State Bar of Texas will hold its 28<sup>th</sup> Annual **Construction Law Conference** on **March 5-6, 2015** at the **San Antonio Marriot Rivercenter**. Students who want to attend will be given a discounted tuition rate of \$100.00. This includes tuition and lunch for both days. Additionally, the San Antonio Construction Law Section **will offer two full scholarships**. The students receiving the scholarships will have to pay first and then be reimbursed. In the past, all students who participated were invited to introduce themselves to the over 600 lawyers in attendance. Students will also be invited to the happy hour (cash bar) on Thursday night. Previous students have received clerkships, internships, and full-time job offers as a result of their networking. Students who are interested in attending the conference **should contact Adjunct Professor Mark Brewster** at [mark@markbrewsterlaw.net](mailto:mark@markbrewsterlaw.net) as soon as possible. For more information about the conference or to download and print a registration form, please go to <http://www.constructionlawsection.org/AvailableCLE/AnnualConstructionLawConference.aspx>.

### **LAW LIBRARY WORKSHOPS**

Every semester, the library faculty host **workshops for students interested in developing career-minded research techniques and learning more about legal resources**. Each professor conducting these workshops will prepare students by focusing on skills needed for the future. Please make plans to join us for these helpful presentations. Snacks will be provided for workshop attendees. Mark your calendar.

February 10, 2015

LL217

2:00 – 2:50 p.m.

#### **Researching People, Experts, and Legal Professionals – Prof. Wang**

Fact finding, especially people searching on the Internet, is an important lawyering skill. This workshop covers online sources for locating factual information on people, expert witness, lawyers, and judges.

February 24, 2015

LL217

2:00 – 2:50 p.m.

#### **Cost Effective Legal Research – Prof. Finger**

March 3, 2015

LL217

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#### **Apps by Lawyers – Prof. Randtke**

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**One St. Mary's University School of Law student will be selected each semester** to receive a \$2,500 award based on the eligibility criteria outlined in the application.

More information and the application can be found on the Pro Bono Program/Public Service Page on TWEN under Applications, Scholarships, and Awards. The application, essay, and letter of recommendation must be submitted electronically to the CJP Director, Amanda Reimherr Buckert, at [amandab@sabar.org](mailto:amandab@sabar.org) by **5:00 p.m., Friday, February 20, 2015**. Good luck!

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**Ash Wednesday Mass** for all law students, faculty and staff will be held on **Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.**, in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. A Lenten lunch will follow liturgy. Mass will be completed before 1:00 p.m. classes. A second Mass will be held at **5:00 p.m.** in the **Law Plaza** weather permitting. Should it rain, the Mass will be moved to the **Law Classroom Foyer**. University Ministry will offer additional services at 7:30 a.m. in Guadalupe Chapel and 11:20 a.m. in Bill Greehey Arena. Every one of all faiths is invited to attend.

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February	June 30	August 30	October 30
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Professor Addicott holds **Bible Study multiple times a week** in the Center for Terrorism Law conference room in Raba in accordance with the schedule below:

**Sunday – 10:00 a.m.**  
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The **Cameron County Bar Association** is proud to announce its 2015-16 Scholarship Fund. The CCBA will award \$2,500 in financial assistance annually to one scholarship recipient. The student's financial need, personal, family, educational background, personal statement, and participation in community service will be considered in selecting the recipient. The application deadline is **March 15, 2015**.

**Interleges** Award 2015 announces its writing competition in honor of Stephen Rayner. The topic is Transnational Adjudication of Human Rights Violations: National Tribunals as an Alternative to International Courts. For details, please visit [www.interleges.com](http://www.interleges.com) or go to <http://www.andersonkill.com/webpdfext/InterlegesAward2015Maindoc.pdf>. The prize money is €4,000. The deadline to apply is **March 20, 2015**.

The Florida Bar **Louis Tertocha** Fashion Law Writing Competition is accepting essays addressing a legal issue in the fashion industry. Essay entries must be received by **March 23, 2015**. For more information about this competition, please go to [http://www.easl.info/uploads/EASL\\_2014-2015\\_Louis\\_Tertocha\\_Fashion\\_Law\\_Writing\\_Competition.pdf](http://www.easl.info/uploads/EASL_2014-2015_Louis_Tertocha_Fashion_Law_Writing_Competition.pdf).

The **Texas Energy Council** and the Brookhaven Geotechnology Institute are offering one-year scholarships up to \$2,500 in various disciplines including Energy Law. For more information, please go to [www.txenergycouncil.org](http://www.txenergycouncil.org). The deadline to enter is **March 23, 2015**.

The **Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas** annually awards up to three \$2,000 scholarships to students demonstrating academic excellence and commitment to the study and practice of **tax law**. Any student who intends to practice tax law in Texas is eligible to apply. Selection criteria of the scholarships include merit, scholarship performance, financial need, and demonstrated experience and interest in the field of



tax law. Applications must be postmarked or time-stamped no later than **April 3, 2015**.

The **Animal Legal Defense Fund** is now accepting applications for the [2015 Animal Legal Defense Fund Advancement of Animal Law Scholarships](#). They are open to members of active SALDF chapters who have shown an outstanding commitment to animal law and who intend to work in the field after graduation. The application deadline is **April 17, 2015**.

**Moses & Rooth Attorneys at Law** is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for the Fall 2015 academic semester. Submit a short essay in 300-600 words on the topic: How You See Social Media Affecting the Practice of Law. For entry rules and eligibility requirements, please visit <https://www.mosesandrooth.com/2015-legal-scholarship/>. Deadline is **May 1, 2015**.

**The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law** announces their annual law student writing competition. Entries may address any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the American labor and employment bar. The first-place prize is \$1,500, the second-place prize is, \$1,000, and the third-place prize is \$500. Competition rules may be found at [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/labor\\_law/awards.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/labor_law/awards.html). Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2015**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2015 Legal Writing Contest. The first prize is \$2,000, the second prize is \$1,000, and the third prize is \$500. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications-news/publications/Legal-Writing-Contest/>. The deadline to apply is **May 15, 2015**.

**Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C.** offers a \$2,000 scholarship award to a law student who is either a member of an ethnic, racial, or other minority or demonstrates the commitment to issues of diversity within their academic career. The deadline to apply is **May 31, 2015**. Apply at <http://www.buckfirelaw.com/library/2015-buckfire-law-school-diversity-scholarship.cfm>.

**NEW** – Kush Arora, Attorney at Law is offering the **Kush Arora Criminal Federal Justice Reform Scholarship**. This scholarship will award \$500 to a deserving student who has demonstrated a thoughtful, well-reasoned view of whether certain laws and criminal justice policies are just or unjust. Details about the scholarship can be [found here](#) and by clicking the "Scholarship" tab. The deadline to apply is **June 1, 2015**.

The **American College of Employee Benefits Counsel** is pleased to announce its Eleventh Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. The subject may be any topic in the field of employee benefits law. For competition rules, please go to <http://www.acebc.com/employee-benefits-writing-competition>. The deadline is **June 2, 2015**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2015 Tannenwald Writing

Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to <http://www.tannenwald.org/Competition-Announcement>. The entry deadline is **July 1, 2015**.

The National Institute for Military Justice (NIMJ) announces the **John S. Jenkins Writing Competition** for 2015. NIMJ seeks to bring together academic interest and practical experience in military justice. The prize award is \$250 and a certificate. Students may nominate their own work, including work that has been published in a law journal; faculty may also nominate deserving student papers. The deadline to enter is **July 15, 2015**.

**James Bellefeuille** is now accepting essays on the topic “What is your great law firm marketing idea?” For more information, visit <http://www.jamesbellefeuille.com/law-firm-marketing-ideas/>. The deadline to apply is **July 31, 2015**.

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**FEDERAL COURT JUDICIAL INTERNSHIPS IN SAN ANTONIO**

**Semesters: Summer 2015, Fall 2015, and Spring 2016**

**Deadline: Noon Monday, February 23, 2015**

Applications are now being accepted for **sixteen pre-graduation judicial internships with five federal judges** who have chambers in San Antonio. This is the only time that applications will be solicited for internships with these courts during the next three semesters. A detailed pamphlet, entitled “*Pre-Graduation Judicial Internships*,” can be found on the judicial internship page of the law school website.

**The United States Court of Appeals**

The Honorable Edward C. Prado, a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, will offer an internship position to one student during each semester. Interns are required to work 120 hours in chambers, and may earn two pass/fail credits toward graduation. *High academic standing is essential.*

**The United States District Court**

At the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, one internship will be available each semester with the Honorable David Ezra and the Honorable Xavier Rodriguez. Interns will assist the judges with a variety of tasks, which may include rulings on motions, preparation of jury charges, and other forms of research and writing related to trial court litigation. Interns may earn two pass/fail credits for 120 hours of work. *Successful candidates typically have a strong academic record.*

## **The United States Magistrate Court**

At the United States Magistrate Court, one internship will be available each semester with the Honorable Pamela Mathy and with the Honorable Henry Bemporad. Interns may earn two pass/fail credits for 120 hours of work. *Successful candidates typically have a strong academic record.*

### **Pass/Fail Credit Limitations**

Students may not count toward graduation more than eight ungraded (pass/fail) elective credit hours earned at St. Mary's.

### **Applications**

Interested students should submit an application to Professor Vincent R. Johnson. Please give your application materials to Ms. Alice Contreras on the second floor of the Raba Law Faculty Building. Questions can be directed to Professor Johnson at [vjohnson@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vjohnson@stmarytx.edu).

An application should include:

(1) One federal court internship form, available from the Receptionist desk or on the law school website. (The form asks a student to indicate the judges to which the student is applying and the semesters the student is available to serve as an intern.)

(2) For each judge by whom a candidate would like to be considered:

- One resume, including cumulative GPA and current class rank;
- One cover letter in business-letter format (return address, date, judge's address, proper salutation (*e.g.*, Dear Judge Prado), and signature. In terms of tone, the letter should be restrained, professional, factual, interesting, and confident;
- Please staple the cover letter to the front of the resume. Please do not use special folders or bindings; they will be removed before the applications are sent to the judges.

Writing samples should not be included.

***Eligibility of Full-Time and Part-Time Students:*** Students may apply for any internship that will commence in a semester after the student has completed 30 hours of course work. Thus, a first-year full-time student may apply for an internship that will take place in the summer between first and second year, or during any subsequent semester. A first-year part-time student may apply for a judicial internship that commences in the spring of the student's second-year or later.

## 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 2015. 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 pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program, which 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 Friday, March 20, 2015**. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

### **SPRING BREAK SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES REMAIN OPEN McAllen/Harlingen, Dallas, and Austin**

**McAllen/Harlingen:** Are you interested in criminal law? Are you passionate about immigration reform? Do you want to assist clients obtain wills? Placements have been reserved for St. Mary's students in these areas, and more, in the greater McAllen region. Lodging and transportation stipends are available for participants, too.

Participants will take part in a wills program on Tuesday evening in Edcouch. Additionally, Judge Ramon, a St. Mary's alumnus, hosts a reception for participating law students and area alumni. This promises to be a great week—sign up for the Tuesday wills program, a placement, or both.

Interested? Got questions? Contact Greg Zlotnick at [gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gzlotnick@stmarytx.edu) and Aaron Fonseca at [aaronfonseca52@gmail.com](mailto:aaronfonseca52@gmail.com).

**Dallas:** Work with nationally recognized immigration attorneys and our alumni at Catholic Charities. Placements have been reserved for St. Mary's students to gain valuable experience while working in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

St. Mary's Law alumni will host evening events for participants, and Dean Valencia will also host a gathering for law students participating on this trip.

**Austin:** Placements have been reserved for St. Mary's students at an exciting variety of non-profit organizations. From immigration to legal services to policy advocacy, there is an option for you in Austin.



Do you want to sign up? Contact Sr. Grace Walle, FMI, at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu), and Kateland Payne at [katelandpayne@yahoo.com](mailto:katelandpayne@yahoo.com).

## **SPRING 2015 FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS WORKSHOP**

All Day 1L students are invited to attend the Spring 2015 Fundamental Skills Workshop. This Workshop will provide helpful advice and methods to improve law school performance. The Workshop will take place from 4:00 – 4:50 p.m. in LC 105 on **February 18<sup>th</sup>**, 25<sup>th</sup>, and March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**While all 1Ls are invited to attend the Workshop, attendance will be mandatory for some students.** If you are required to complete the Workshop, you will receive a letter in your student mailbox in the Law Classroom Building and in your St. Mary's e-mail account. If you are required to complete this Workshop and you fail to do so, you will **not be able to register** for your Summer and Fall 2015 courses.

Please contact the Office of Academic and Student Affairs with any questions at (210) 431-4340 or by email at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

## **APPLY FOR THE AT&T EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE AWARD**

The **AT&T Excellence in Pro Bono Legal Service Award** is designed to encourage law students to develop a strong commitment to pro bono legal service while in law school, with a goal of fostering in students a lasting commitment to pro bono service in their future professional practice. The award recipient will provide legal and administrative support to the San Antonio Bar Association's Community Justice Program ("CJP") by serving as a student intern.

**One St. Mary's University School of Law student will be selected each semester** to receive a \$2,500 award based on the eligibility criteria outlined in the application.

More information and the application can be found on the Pro Bono Program/Public Service Page on TWEN under Applications, Scholarships, and Awards. The application, essay, and letter of recommendation must be submitted electronically to the CJP Director, Amanda Reimherr Buckert, at [amandab@sabar.org](mailto:amandab@sabar.org) by **5:00 p.m., Friday, February 20, 2015**. Good luck!

## **9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LAW ALUMNI OPEN Four Person Scramble**

The **St. Mary's Student Bar Association** invites you to participate in their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Alumni Open, Four Person Scramble. The **Law Alumni Open** will benefit the School of Law Dean's Excellence Fund. Come on out and show your support on **Saturday, February 21, 2015**, at the **Quarry Golf Club**. Registration, lunch, and warm-up will begin at **12:00 p.m. with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.** Please contact Caitlin Bennett at [c.bennett4@yahoo.com](mailto:c.bennett4@yahoo.com) for more information.

## AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY LUNCHEON

Please join us for lunch. The **St. Mary's Chapter of the American Constitution Society** is sponsoring Professor Vincent Johnson's presentation of *The Ancient Magna Carta and the Modern Rule of Law: 1215–2015* on **Monday, February 23, 2015 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** in **LC 106**. The American Constitution Society is a progressive legal organization. Its stated mission is to "promote the vitality of the U.S. Constitution and the fundamental values it expresses: individual rights and liberties, genuine equality, access to justice, democracy and the rule of law."

## 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN IN LAW INSTITUTE WORKSHOP

You are cordially invited to attend the Center for Women in Law's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual [Women in Law Institute](#), on **Friday, February 27, 2015**. The Women in Law Institute is an extraordinary opportunity for female students to work in small groups (3:1 ratio) with judges, general counsel, partners, and senior government and non-profit attorneys to fine-tune skills critical to their success as lawyers. Students will also have the opportunity to meet and network with prominent women lawyers, representing more than 50 organizations. Read more [here](#). Students can register [online](#) or by calling Sara Block at 512.232.1911.

## 2015-2016 STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS

Attention 1Ls & 2Ls. **Are you interested in becoming a member** of the 2015-2016 Student Bar Association Executive Board? E-mail SBA's Special Prosecutor, Veronica Trevino, at [vtrevin@mac.com](mailto:vtrevin@mac.com) **no later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2015**. Elections will take place March 2-5, 2015. Positions available are **President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Special Prosecutor**. Results will be announced on Friday, March 6, 2015 at the Texas Independence Celebration Happy Hour.

## 2015-16 FINANCIAL AID FAFSA

Law students who are **planning on applying for financial aid** for the 2015-16 academic year or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2015 need to **renew their FAFSAs** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Students are encouraged to complete the 2015-2016 FAFSA by February 15th in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the **March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline**. You may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>; 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.

## CONSTRUCTION LAW SECTION OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION LAW CONFERENCE

The Construction Law Section of the State Bar of Texas will hold its 28<sup>th</sup> Annual **Construction Law Conference** on **March 5-6, 2015** at the **San Antonio Marriot Rivercenter**.

Students who want to attend will be given a discounted tuition rate of \$100.00. This includes tuition and lunch for both days. Additionally, the San Antonio Construction Law Section **will offer two full scholarships**. The students receiving the scholarships will have to pay first and then be reimbursed. In the past, all students who participated were invited to introduce themselves to the over 600 lawyers in attendance. Students will also be invited to the happy hour (cash bar) on Thursday night. Previous students have received clerkships, internships, and full-time job offers as a result of their networking. Students who are interested in attending the conference **should contact Adjunct Professor Mark Brewster** at [mark@markbrewsterlaw.net](mailto:mark@markbrewsterlaw.net) as soon as possible. For more information about the conference or to download and print a registration form, please go to <http://www.constructionlawsection.org/AvailableCLE/AnnualConstructionLawConference.aspx>.

## **JOIN THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION - ST. MARY'S LAW STUDENT DIVISION**

The **St. Mary's School of Law Federal Bar Association** (FBA) is now an official student division of the national FBA, as well as an official attachment to the FBA-San Antonio Chapter. As a member, you will now have access to a host of articles, tips, and guidelines on entering the job market, what areas of federal practice are currently in need of recent law graduates, and how to develop your research and writing for federal practice. You are also invited to submit articles in the National Student Division's newsletter, *The Law Student Lounge*, which has over 50,000 recipients.

In addition, you will be invited to various social engagements, including the San Antonio Chapter's luncheons, which feature a different speaker each month on a range of topics from "Filing in Federal Court" to "Ethical Problems Facing Modern Federal Practitioners." During these social events, you have the opportunity to meet and engage with some of the most successful federal attorneys and judges in the nation. The San Antonio Chapter is one of the largest and most active FBA chapters in the United States.

It is not too late to **join the Federal Bar Association**. Add the FBA on TWEN and visit its **Facebook page** for information on membership and updates on all upcoming events. Be on the lookout for information on the next guest speaker who will present on the topic of oral advocacy and effective public speaking.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenna Castleman, FBA Student Division President: [jcastleman@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:jcastleman@mail.stmarytx.edu).

## **LAW LIBRARY WORKSHOPS**

Every semester, the library faculty host **workshops for students interested in developing career-minded research techniques and learning more about legal resources**. Each professor conducting these workshops will prepare students by focusing on skills needed for the future. Please make plans to join us for these helpful presentations. Snacks will be provided for workshop attendees. Mark your calendar.

February 24, 2015

LL217

2:00 – 2:50 p.m.

**Cost Effective Legal Research – Prof. Finger**

March 3, 2015

LL217

2:00 – 2:50 p.m.

**Apps by Lawyers – Prof. Randtke**

### **CLINICAL PROGRAM COURSE REGISTRATION**

Be the **Attorney of Record**. Enroll in a clinic course. If you are looking for hands-on, live client experience as a student attorney—you have found it! St. Mary's University School of Law proudly **offers three outstanding clinic courses** for credit: these are the **Civil Justice Clinic**, the **Criminal Justice Clinic** and the **Immigration and Human Rights Clinic**.

If you are interested in enrolling in either of these clinical courses during the 2015-16 academic year:

- submit the required Application Form and your résumé via <http://bit.ly/ClinicalCoursesApplication> and
- attend a required pre-registration session (to be scheduled later this semester).

### **12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL TRADITION LECTURE SERIES**

**Amy J. Uelmen, J.D.**

Mark your calendars to attend the **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Intellectual Tradition Lecture Series**. This year's guest speaker is **Amy J. Uelmen, J.D., Lecturer and Research Fellow at Georgetown University Law Center**. The topic for this year's series will be "Teaching and Learning in Love: Lessons From 'The Joy of the Gospel'". Many students and professionals who tap into the Catholic intellectual tradition as a resource for their service to the common good wrestle with what they experience to be a tension: If I hold on to a sense of right and wrong, at what point does that put me in the position of passing negative judgment on other people's choices? Enriched by Pope Francis' *The Joy of the Gospel*, **this lecture will draw on Amy Uelmen's experience as a lawyer and teacher** to reconcile this tension and to help individuals discover this sense of integrity. She will also address how to communicate the depth and beauty of the Catholic intellectual tradition when working or studying in environments that may seem unreceptive to its message. The event will be held on **Tuesday, March 31, 2015, 7:00 PM (CT) in the Moot Courtroom**. This event is free and open to the public. For more information please visit <http://www.stmarytx.edu/catholic-intellectual-tradition> or contact Cindy Stooksberry, [cstooksberry@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cstooksberry@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.8094.

## NO SMOKING POLICY

The School of Law Administration has received **numerous complaints** that students are **smoking inside law school buildings**. Please be clear that smoking of any form (from “old school” cigars and cigarettes to new technology smoking) **is prohibited** inside all law school buildings. Please also note the policy prohibits smoking within 50 feet of outside of all building entrances. The university’s policy is set forth below:

### *St. Mary’s University Smoking Policy*

*St. Mary’s University has a “No Smoking Policy” inside all University buildings and within 50 feet of outside of all building entrances. The University seeks compliance, consideration, and cooperation of both smokers and non-smokers and asks that all be respectful of one another in this regard.*

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES Programs & Events

For all Office of Career Services programming, be sure to check the Office’s “Weekly Update” each Monday or log into Symplicity and go to the Events Tab. Symplicity Log In: <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

## LAWCOUNABILITY, J.D.

As more law students compete for fewer jobs, good grades and great personalities are not enough to get hired. Future lawyers need to **find more dynamic ways to stand out** and distinguish themselves. But simultaneously attending classes, networking, following up on career leads, strategically managing social media, and generally raising one’s profile can be overwhelming. To help **balance these efforts**, the law school has subscribed to Lawcountability, J.D., **a powerful new technology platform that will help you do it all more efficiently**. This unique game-like point system will help foster the execution of your job-hunting goals. And, the best part of the system is that in just a few minutes a week, it seamlessly keeps you on track in your pursuit of a thriving legal career. The Lawcountability, J.D. **app is now available on iTunes**.

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

**Ash Wednesday Mass** for all law students, faculty and staff will be held on **Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. A Lenten lunch will follow liturgy. Mass will be completed before 1:00 p.m. classes. A second Mass will be held at **5:00 p.m.** in the **Law Plaza** weather permitting. Should it rain, the Mass will be moved to the **Law Classroom Foyer**. University Ministry will offer additional services at 7:30 a.m. in Guadalupe Chapel in Treadaway Hall and 11:20 a.m. in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, Bill Greehey Arena. A Taizé Prayer Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. in Guadalupe Chapel. Persons of all faiths are invited to attend.

## TEXAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS – FILING DEADLINES

<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
July	November 30	January 30	March 30

### BIBLE STUDY

Professor Addicott holds **Bible Study multiple times a week** in the Center for Terrorism Law conference room in Raba in accordance with the schedule below:

**Sunday – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Tuesday – 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday – 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**

Please email [jaddicott@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jaddicott@stmarytx.edu) if you would like to be added to the Bible study email list for reminders and updates to this schedule.

### WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

If a link is not provided below for detailed information to any of the writing competitions and 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 Standing Committee on Lawyers’ Professional Liability** of the American Bar Association present the **2015 Ed Mendrzycki Essay Contest**. Cash prize is \$5,000. This year’s contest hypothetical involves liability issues arising from the breach of a law firm’s computer network and the subsequent leaking of a client’s confidential information. For more information and contest rules, please go to <http://ambar.org/LPLEssayContest>. The deadline to enter is **February 20, 2015**.

The **Michigan State University College of Law**, Journal of Business & Securities Law is now accepting submissions for the Elliot A. Spoon Business Law writing competition. Articles should be on any current topic concerning business or securities law. Prize is \$500 and your article will be published in the MSU College of Law Journal of Business & Securities Law. All inquiries and questions should be directed to Ashley Byers at [jbsl@law.msu.edu](mailto:jbsl@law.msu.edu). The deadline to enter is **February 20, 2015**.

**Common Cause** is pleased to announce the inaugural “Gerrymander Standard” writing competition. Common Cause invites legal and social science practitioners, scholars, and students to submit paper proposing a new definition of partisan gerrymandering or further developing an existing standard. Prizes of \$5,000 for first place, \$3,000 for second place and \$2,000 for third place

will be awarded. For more competition information, please visit their website at [www.commoncause.org/gerrymanderstandard](http://www.commoncause.org/gerrymanderstandard). The deadline for submission is **February 27, 2015**.

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The **College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law** announces their annual law student writing competition. Entries may address any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the American labor and employment bar. The first-place prize is \$1,500, the second-place prize is, \$1,000, and the third-place prize is \$500. Competition rules may be found at



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The **American College of Employee Benefits Counsel** is pleased to announce its Eleventh Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. The subject may be any topic in the field of employee benefits law. For competition rules, please go to <http://www.acebc.com/employee-benefits-writing-competition>. The deadline is **June 2, 2015**.

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The National Institute for Military Justice (NIMJ) announces the **John S. Jenkins Writing Competition** for 2015. NIMJ seeks to bring together academic interest and practical experience in military justice. The prize award is \$250 and a certificate. Students may nominate their own work, including work that has been published in a law journal; faculty may also nominate deserving student papers. The deadline to enter is **July 15, 2015**.

**James Bellefeuille** is now accepting essays on the topic "What is your great law firm marketing idea?" For more information, visit <http://www.jamesbellefeuille.com/law-firm-marketing-ideas/>. The deadline to apply is **July 31, 2015**.

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The Editorial Board of *The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race & Social Justice* would like to offer congratulations to the following student Comments, which have been selected for publication in the Vol. 17 Immigration Symposium edition:

- *Immigrants for Sale: Corporate America Puts a Price Tag on Sexual Abuse*  
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## SPRING 2015 FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

All Day 1L students are invited to attend the Spring 2015 Fundamental Skills Workshop. This Workshop will provide helpful advice and methods to improve law school performance. The Workshop will take place from 4:00 – 4:50 p.m. in LC 105 on **February 25th**, and March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**While all 1Ls are invited to attend the Workshop, attendance will be mandatory for some students.** If you are required to complete the Workshop, you will receive a letter in your student mailbox in the Law Classroom Building and in your St. Mary's e-mail account. If you are required to complete this Workshop and you fail to do so, you will **not be able to register** for your Summer and Fall 2015 courses.

Please contact the Office of Academic and Student Affairs with any questions at (210) 431-4340 or by email at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

## DEAN SHEPPARD'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

You are invited to join Dean Stephen M. Sheppard on **Wednesday, February 25** as he presents the **Vision for the School of Law** at **4:00 p.m.** in the Law Classroom Building, **Courtroom**. Dean Sheppard will give his inaugural address as the first recipient of the Charles E. Cantú Distinguished Professorship of Law. **A reception will follow** in the **Law Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library.

## 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN IN LAW INSTITUTE WORKSHOP

You are cordially invited to attend the Center for Women in Law's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual [Women in Law Institute](#), on **Friday, February 27, 2015**. The Women in Law Institute is an extraordinary opportunity for female students to work in small groups (3:1 ratio) with judges, general counsel, partners, and senior government and non-profit attorneys to fine-tune skills critical to their success as lawyers. Students will also have the opportunity to meet and network with prominent women lawyers, representing more than 50 organizations. Read more [here](#). Students can register [online](#) or by calling Sara Block at 512. 232.1911.

## SBA EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS

Attention 1Ls & 2Ls. **Are you interested in becoming a member** of the 2015-2016 Student Bar Association (SBA) Executive Board? E-mail SBA's Special Prosecutor, Veronica Trevino, at [vctrevin@mac.com](mailto:vctrevin@mac.com) **no later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2015**. Elections will take place March 2-5, 2015. Positions available are **President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Special Prosecutor**. Results will be announced on Friday, March 6, 2015 at the Texas Independence Celebration Happy Hour.

## CONSTRUCTION LAW SECTION OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION LAW CONFERENCE

The Construction Law Section of the State Bar of Texas will hold its 28<sup>th</sup> Annual **Construction Law Conference** on **March 5-6, 2015** at the **San Antonio Marriot Rivercenter**. Students who want to attend will be given a discounted tuition rate of \$100.00. This includes tuition and lunch for both days. Additionally, the San Antonio Construction Law Section **will offer two full scholarships**. The students receiving the scholarships will have to pay first and then be reimbursed. In the past, all students who participated were invited to introduce themselves to the over 600 lawyers in attendance. Students will also be invited to the happy hour (cash bar) on Thursday night. Previous students have received clerkships, internships, and full-time job offers as a result of their networking. Students who are interested in attending the conference **should contact Adjunct Professor Mark Brewster** at [mark@markbrewsterlaw.net](mailto:mark@markbrewsterlaw.net) as soon as possible. For more information about the conference or to download and print a registration form, please go to <http://www.constructionlawsection.org/AvailableCLE/AnnualConstructionLawConference.aspx>.

## SPRING BREAK SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Service opportunities during Spring Break remain open in South Texas; McAllen and Harlingen, and also in Dallas and Austin. For more information or if you are interested in signing up, please contact Sr. Grace Walle, FMI, at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu), or Kateland Payne at [katelandpayne@yahoo.com](mailto:katelandpayne@yahoo.com).

## **THE SCHOLAR – 2015 SYMPOSIUM**

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race & Social Justice* invites you to the 2015 Symposium on Trends in Immigration Law: Looking to the Future of Immigration. The symposium will be held on **Friday, March 6, 2015, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Plaza Club**, Frost Bank Tower, 100 W. Houston Street, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor, San Antonio, Texas 78205. You may register online at <http://thescholarimmigrationsymposium.eventbrite.com>. For more information please contact [odnduka@yahoo.com](mailto:odnduka@yahoo.com).

## **ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATIONS**

The **Order of Barristers** is a national honorary organization which was established to encourage 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 form from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the faculty Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. **The applications will be posted on his office door, beginning February 23, 2015.** The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the **Barristers' Ball** on Friday, April 17, 2015. 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 17, 2015.**

## **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 2015. 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 pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program, which 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 Friday, March 20, 2015.** Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

## 2015-16 FINANCIAL AID FAFSA

Law students who are **planning on applying for financial aid** for the 2015-16 academic year or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2015 need to **renew their FAFSAs** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Students are encouraged to complete the 2015-2016 FAFSA by February 15th in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the **March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline**. You may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>; 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.

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**Amy J. Uelmen, J.D.**

Mark your calendars to attend the **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Intellectual Tradition Lecture Series**. This year's guest speaker is **Amy J. Uelmen, J.D., Lecturer and Research Fellow at Georgetown University Law Center**. The topic for this year's series will be "Teaching and Learning in Love: Lessons From 'The Joy of the Gospel.'" Many students and professionals who tap into the Catholic intellectual tradition as a resource for their service to the common good wrestle with what they experience to be a tension: If I hold on to a sense of right and wrong, at what point does that put me in the position of passing negative judgment on other people's choices? Enriched by Pope Francis' *The Joy of the Gospel*, **this lecture will draw on Amy Uelmen's experience as a lawyer and teacher** to reconcile this tension and to help individuals discover this sense of integrity. She will also address how to communicate the depth and beauty of the Catholic intellectual tradition when working or studying in environments that may seem unreceptive to its message. The event will be held on **Tuesday, March 31, 2015, 7:00 p.m. (CT)** in the **Moot Courtroom**. This event is free and open to the public. For more information please visit <http://www.stmarytx.edu/catholic-intellectual-tradition> or contact Cindy Stooksberry, [cstooksberry@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cstooksberry@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.8094.

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In addition, you will be invited to various social engagements, including the San Antonio Chapter's luncheons, which feature a different speaker each month on a range of topics from "Filing in Federal Court" to "Ethical Problems Facing Modern Federal Practitioners." During these social events, you have the opportunity to meet and engage with some of the most successful federal attorneys and judges in the nation. The San Antonio Chapter is one of the largest and most active FBA chapters in the United States.

It is not too late **to join the Federal Bar Association**. Add the FBA on TWEN and visit its **Facebook page** for information on membership and updates on all upcoming events. Be on the lookout for information on the next guest speaker who will present on the topic of oral advocacy and effective public speaking.

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## LAW LIBRARY WORKSHOPS

Every semester, the library faculty host **workshops for students interested in developing career-minded research techniques and learning more about legal resources**. Each professor conducting these workshops will prepare students by focusing on skills needed for the future. Please make plans to join us for these helpful presentations. Snacks will be provided for workshop attendees. Mark your calendar.

February 24, 2015

LL217

2:00 – 2:50 p.m.

**Cost Effective Legal Research – Prof. Finger**

March 3, 2015

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Be the **Attorney of Record**. Enroll in a clinic course. If you are looking for hands-on, live client experience as a student attorney—you have found it! St. Mary's University School of Law proudly **offers three outstanding clinic courses** for credit: these are the **Civil Justice Clinic**, the **Criminal Justice Clinic** and the **Immigration and Human Rights Clinic**.

If you are interested in enrolling in either of these clinical courses during the 2015-16 academic year:

- submit the required Application Form and your résumé via <http://bit.ly/ClinicalCoursesApplication> and
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The School of Law Administration has received **numerous complaints** that students are **smoking inside law school buildings**. Please be clear that smoking of any form (from “old school” cigars and cigarettes to new technology smoking) **is prohibited** inside all law school buildings. Please also note the policy prohibits smoking within 50 feet of outside of all building entrances. The university’s policy is set forth below:

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## LAWCOUNABILITY, J.D.

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<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
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## BIBLE STUDY

Professor Addicott holds **Bible Study multiple times a week** in the Center for Terrorism Law conference room in Raba in accordance with the schedule below:

**Sunday – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Tuesday – 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**  
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Please email [jaddicott@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jaddicott@stmarytx.edu) if you would like to be added to the Bible study email list for reminders and updates to this schedule.

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**Section B will meet Wednesday, March 18 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in LC 106. Sections A and C will meet Thursday, March 19 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in LC 105.** Lunch will be provided. Legal Writing classes will have concluded after Spring Break, so this time is open for students to attend this meeting. **The meetings are mandatory.** Attendance will be taken. For those students who are not present, a hold will be placed on your law school account, preventing your registration in late March/early April. Please check your St. Mary’s email account for more information to come.

## SPRING 2015 FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS WORKSHOP

All Day 1L students are invited to attend the Spring 2015 Fundamental Skills Workshop. This Workshop will provide helpful advice and methods to improve law school performance. The Workshop will take place from 4:00 – 4:50 p.m. in LC 105 on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

**While all 1Ls are invited to attend the Workshop, attendance will be mandatory for some students.** If you are required to complete the Workshop, you will receive a letter in your student mailbox in the Law Classroom Building and in your St. Mary’s e-mail account. If you are required to complete this Workshop and you fail to do so, you will **not be able to register** for your Summer and Fall 2015 courses.

Please contact the Office of Academic and Student Affairs with any questions at (210) 431-4340 or by email at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Please join Professor Bob Summers in an open forum to discuss “Opportunities for International Legal and Related Studies at St. Mary’s.” The forum will be held on **Wednesday, March 4, 2015, 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Refreshments will be served.

## THE SCHOLAR – 2015 SYMPOSIUM

*The Scholar: St. Mary’s Law Review on Race & Social Justice* invites you to the 2015 Symposium on Trends in Immigration Law: Looking to the Future of Immigration. The symposium will be held on **Friday, March 6, 2015, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Plaza Club**, Frost Bank Tower, 100 W. Houston Street, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor, San Antonio, Texas 78205. You may register online at



<http://thescholarimmigrationsymposium.eventbrite.com>. For more information please contact [odnduka@yahoo.com](mailto:odnduka@yahoo.com).

## UPPER-LEVEL EVENING STUDENT REGISTRATION

Upper-level evening students may register for Summer and Fall evening courses from now until Monday, March 16. Any upper-level evening student who did not receive email information regarding early registration should contact Ms. Aurelia Vincent at [avincent@stmarytx.edu](mailto:avincent@stmarytx.edu). First-year evening students do not need to submit registration forms.

## SPRING BREAK SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Service opportunities during Spring Break remain open in South Texas (McAllen and Harlingen), Dallas, and Austin. For more information or if you are interested in signing up, please contact Sr. Grace Walle, FMI, at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu), or Kateland Payne at [katelandpayne@yahoo.com](mailto:katelandpayne@yahoo.com).

## PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAM (PCP) UPDATE

*Still looking for your summer internship? Want to start planning for fall now?*

- Symplicity, the Office of Career Services and Amanda Rivas are your answers!

*Already have an UNPAID internship, but want to earn credit?*

- Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a one-on-one meeting. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) ; Office phone: (210) 431-5712, or in person during office hours.

### SPRING OFFICE HOURS for PCP (Career Services Office)

Mondays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

*Interested in working with a corporate in-house counsel?*

- Contact Amanda Rivas immediately because there are LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE.

Externship Summer Class: Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> (9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)  
Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> (11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Externship Fall Class: August TBD

## ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER AND FALL 2015 COURSES

**Online registration** will open for Summer 2015 and Fall 2015 on the days indicated below. Use the hours **earned at the end** of the **Fall 2014** semester to determine when you may register.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on March 23 through March 28, 2015 students with **45 hours or more** may register online.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on March 30 through April 4, 2015 student with **44 hours or less** may register online.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on April 6 through April 11, 2015 online registration open for all student groups eligible to register.

Once online **registration closes at midnight** on April 11, 2015, the next opportunity for making changes will be the first day of the summer sessions and fall semesters.

If you have **any questions, direct them to Catherine Mery** at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu). Please note the Registrar's Office does not handle online registration and cannot answer questions.

Make sure there are no holds on your account. You may check *Gateway* to confirm any holds that might have been added. If there is a hold, the office that placed the hold is the only authorized office to remove the hold.

### Mini courses Summer 1 and Summer 2:

Maximum number of courses that can be taken is three for both sessions of summer mini courses.

## ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATIONS

The **Order of Barristers** is a national honorary organization which was established to encourage 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 form from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the faculty Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. **The applications are 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 17, 2015. 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 17, 2015.**

## 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 2015. 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 pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program, which 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 Friday, March 20, 2015**. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

## “WOMEN IN LAW” AND “ROCK OF JUSTICE” NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now being accepted for the **Alma L. Lopez “Women in Law” Student Leadership Award** and the **Catherine M. Stone “Rock of Justice” Award**. If you know an **outstanding woman in law** whom you would like to nominate please email your nomination by **Friday, March 6, 2015** to Sr. Grace Walle, FMI at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu). Students, faculty, staff, and student organizations may submit nominations. No self-nominations will be accepted. The award recipient and all nominees will be recognized at a reception for the Fourth Court of Appeals, following oral arguments on Thursday, March 26, 2015, in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Alumni Room.

## 2015-16 FINANCIAL AID FAFSA

Law students who are **planning on applying for financial aid** for the 2015-16 academic year or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2015 need to **renew their FAFSAs** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Students are encouraged to complete the 2015-2016 FAFSA by February 15th in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the **March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline**. You may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>; 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.

## 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL TRADITION LECTURE SERIES

**Amy J. Uelmen, J.D.**

Mark your calendars to attend the **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Intellectual Tradition Lecture Series**. This year’s guest speaker is **Amy J. Uelmen, J.D., Lecturer and Research Fellow at**

**Georgetown University Law Center.** The topic for this year's series will be "Teaching and Learning in Love: Lessons From 'The Joy of the Gospel.'" Many students and professionals who tap into the Catholic intellectual tradition as a resource for their service to the common good wrestle with what they experience to be a tension: If I hold on to a sense of right and wrong, at what point does that put me in the position of passing negative judgment on other people's choices? Enriched by Pope Francis' *The Joy of the Gospel*, **this lecture will draw on Amy Uelmen's experience as a lawyer and teacher** to reconcile this tension and to help individuals discover this sense of integrity. She will also address how to communicate the depth and beauty of the Catholic intellectual tradition when working or studying in environments that may seem unreceptive to its message. The event will be held on **Tuesday, March 31, 2015, 7:00 p.m. (CT)** in the **Moot Courtroom**. This event is free and open to the public. For more information please visit <http://www.stmarytx.edu/catholic-intellectual-tradition> or contact Cindy Stooksberry, [cstooksberry@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cstooksberry@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.8094.

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The **St. Mary's School of Law Federal Bar Association (FBA)** is now an official student division of the national FBA, as well as an official attachment to the FBA-San Antonio Chapter. As a member, you will now have access to a host of articles, tips, and guidelines on entering the job market, what areas of federal practice are currently in need of recent law graduates, and how to develop your research and writing for federal practice. You are also invited to submit articles in the National Student Division's newsletter, *The Law Student Lounge*, which has over 50,000 recipients. In addition, you will be invited to various social engagements, including the San Antonio Chapter's luncheons, which feature a different speaker each month on a range of topics from "Filing in Federal Court" to "Ethical Problems Facing Modern Federal Practitioners." During these social events, you have the opportunity to meet and engage with some of the most successful federal attorneys and judges in the nation. The San Antonio Chapter is one of the largest and most active FBA chapters in the United States.

It is not too late **to join the Federal Bar Association**. Add the FBA on TWEN and visit its **Facebook page** for information on membership and updates on all upcoming events. Be on the lookout for information on the next guest speaker who will present on the topic of oral advocacy and effective public speaking.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenna Castleman, FBA Student Division President, at [jcastleman@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:jcastleman@mail.stmarytx.edu).

## **LAW LIBRARY WORKSHOPS**

Every semester, the library faculty host **workshops for students interested in developing career-minded research techniques and learning more about legal resources**. Each professor conducting these workshops will prepare students by focusing on skills needed for the future. Please make plans to join us for these helpful presentations. Snacks will be provided for workshop attendees. Mark your calendar.

March 3, 2015

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2:00 – 2:50 p.m.

**Apps by Lawyers – Prof. Randtke**

## **CLINICAL PROGRAM COURSE REGISTRATION**

Be the **Attorney of Record**. Enroll in a clinic course. If you are looking for hands-on, live client experience as a student attorney—you have found it! St. Mary’s University School of Law proudly **offers three outstanding clinic courses** for credit: these are the **Civil Justice Clinic**, the **Criminal Justice Clinic** and the **Immigration and Human Rights Clinic**.

If you are interested in enrolling in either of these clinical courses during the 2015-16 academic year:

- submit the required Application Form and your résumé via <http://bit.ly/ClinicalCoursesApplication> and
- attend a required pre-registration session (to be scheduled later this semester).

## **NO SMOKING POLICY**

The School of Law Administration has received **numerous complaints** that students are **smoking inside law school buildings**. Please be clear that smoking of any form (from “old school” cigars and cigarettes to new technology smoking) **is prohibited** inside all law school buildings. Please also note the policy prohibits smoking within 50 feet of outside of all building entrances. The university’s policy is set forth below:

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## **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES**

### **Programs & Events**

For all Office of Career Services programming, be sure to check the Office’s “Weekly Update” each Monday or log into Symplicity and go to the Events Tab. Symplicity Log In: <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

## LAWCOUNABILITY, J.D.

As more law students compete for fewer jobs, good grades and great personalities are not enough to get hired. Future lawyers need to **find more dynamic ways to stand out** and distinguish themselves. But simultaneously attending classes, networking, following up on career leads, strategically managing social media, and generally raising one's profile can be overwhelming. To help **balance these efforts**, the law school has subscribed to Lawcountability, J.D., **a powerful new technology platform that will help you do it all more efficiently**. This unique game-like point system will help foster the execution of your job-hunting goals. And, the best part of the system is that in just a few minutes a week, it seamlessly keeps you on track in your pursuit of a thriving legal career. The Lawcountability, J.D. **app is now available on iTunes**.

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<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
July	November 30	January 30	<b>March 30</b>

## BIBLE STUDY

Professor Addicott holds **Bible Study multiple times a week** in the Center for Terrorism Law conference room in Raba in accordance with the schedule below:

**Sunday – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Tuesday – 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday – 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**

Please email [jaddicott@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jaddicott@stmarytx.edu) if you would like to be added to the Bible study email list for reminders and updates to this schedule.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

If a link is not provided below for detailed information to any of the writing competitions and 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 **National Association of Bond Lawyers (NABL)** is pleased to announce that it is offering up to five scholarships to law school students, through the **Frederic L. Ballard, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Program** to attend its 2015 Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar. The seminar will be held April 22-24, 2015 at the **Hyatt Grand Cypress in Orlando, Florida**. The 2015 seminar brochure is available on the [NABL website](#). Each scholarship will include (a) waiver of the enrollment fee to the seminar, (b) complimentary hotel lodging at the Hyatt, (c) reimbursement

of roundtrip airfare and (d) reimbursement of ground transportation to and from the scholarship recipient's departing airport and to and from the Orlando airport. Click here to [review the application and seminar information](#). **Completed applications are due no later than March 6, 2015.**

**FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY** – The **Initiative for Public Interest** Law Fellowship at Yale invites 3Ls and recent law school graduates to apply for its 2015-2016 fellowship. The Initiative is a non-profit organization that provides start-up money for projects that protect the legal rights of inadequately represented groups. We generally fund projects on which the applicant will work full-time after graduation from law school. Please note that the Initiative seeks to fund individuals who are launching new projects and not to provide funding for ongoing work at existing organizations. Any questions may be directed to [initiativeforpublicinterest@gmail.com](mailto:initiativeforpublicinterest@gmail.com). For more information, selection criteria, guidelines, or for an application, please go to [http://www.law.yale.edu/stuorgs/ipil\\_guidelines.htm](http://www.law.yale.edu/stuorgs/ipil_guidelines.htm). The deadline to submit applications for one-year grants of up to \$35,000 is **March 8, 2015.**

The **Cameron County Bar Association** is proud to announce its 2015-16 Scholarship Fund. The CCBA will award \$2,500 in financial assistance annually to one scholarship recipient. The student's financial need, personal, family, educational background, personal statement, and participation in community service will be considered in selecting the recipient. The application deadline is **March 15, 2015.**

**Interleges** Award 2015 announces its writing competition in honor of Stephen Rayner. The topic is Transnational Adjudication of Human Rights Violations: National Tribunals as an Alternative to International Courts. For details, please visit [www.interleges.com](http://www.interleges.com) or go to <http://www.andersonkill.com/webpdfext/InterlegesAward2015Maindoc.pdf>. The prize money is €4,000. The deadline to apply is **March 20, 2015.**

The **International Trademark Association** (INTA) is offering five scholarships to their 137<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in San Diego, California – this is the **trademark** industry's premier event of the year. The meeting will be held May 2-6, 2015 in San Diego, California. For an application or more information please visit <http://www.inta.org/2015AM/Pages/Home.aspx>. Deadline to apply is **March 23, 2015.**

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**Section B will meet Wednesday, March 18 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in LC 106. Sections A and C will meet Thursday, March 19 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in LC 105.** Lunch will be provided. Legal Writing classes will have concluded after Spring Break, so this time is open for students to attend this meeting. **The meetings are mandatory.** Attendance will be taken. For those students who are not present, a hold will be placed on your law school account, preventing your registration in late March/early April. Please check your St. Mary’s email account for more information to come.

## UPPER-LEVEL EVENING STUDENT REGISTRATION

Upper-level evening students may register for Summer and Fall evening courses from now until Monday, March 16. Any upper-level evening student who did not receive email information regarding early registration should contact Ms. Aurelia Vincent at [avincent@stmarytx.edu](mailto:avincent@stmarytx.edu). First-year evening students do not need to submit registration forms.

## ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER AND FALL 2015 COURSES

**Online registration** will open for Summer 2015 and Fall 2015 on the days indicated below. Use the hours **earned at the end** of the **Fall 2014** semester to determine when you may register.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on March 23 through March 28, 2015 students with **45 hours or more** may register online.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on March 30 through April 4, 2015 student with **44 hours or less** may register online.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on April 6 through April 11, 2015 online registration open for all student groups eligible to register.

Once online **registration closes at midnight** on April 11, 2015, the next opportunity for making changes will be the first day of the summer sessions and fall semesters.

If you have **any questions, direct them to Catherine Mery** at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu). Please note the Registrar's Office does not handle online registration and cannot answer questions.

Make sure there are no holds on your account. You may check *Gateway* to confirm any holds

that might have been added. If there is a hold, the office that placed the hold is the only authorized office to remove the hold.

Mini courses Summer 1 and Summer 2:

Maximum number of courses that can be taken is three for both sessions of summer mini courses.

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The Office of Academic and Student Affairs will once again offer Academic Course Advising meetings to all law students. These meetings are a helpful way to make sure that:

1. The courses your are taking are not an unreasonably heavy load, and
2. That you are taking the courses needed to succeed on the bar exam.

While these meetings are routinely attended on a voluntary basis by many law students they are **mandatory for all students who were required to participate in the Spring 2015 1L Fundamental Skills Workshop. If the meeting is mandatory for you, failure to schedule and attend the meeting will prevent you from registering for your Summer and Fall 2015 courses.**

To schedule your meeting, please contact Patricia Solano at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

## **ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND THE END OF SLAVERY**

You are invited to attend a **public lecture** by Paul Finkelman, Ph.D. Professor Finkelman will discuss **Abraham Lincoln's** path to becoming the nation's 16<sup>th</sup> president, who subsequently issued the Emancipation Proclamation. The lecture will be held on **Wednesday, March 18, 12:00 p.m., Law Classroom 102**. Finkelman is the President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law and Public Policy and Senior Fellow in the Government Law Center at the Albany Law School. For more information, contact Professor Michael Ariens at [mariens@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mariens@stmarytx.edu).

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

Please join Professor Bob Summers in an **open forum** to discuss "Opportunities for International Legal and Related Studies at St. Mary's." The forum will be held on **Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Refreshments will be served.

## **ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATIONS**

The **Order of Barristers** is a national honorary organization which was established to encourage 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 form from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the faculty Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. **The applications are 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 17, 2015. 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 17, 2015.**

### **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 2015. 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 pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program, which 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 Friday, March 20, 2015.** Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION - A LENT OPPORTUNITY**

You are invited to a Sacrament of Confession with Rev. Jim Tobin, SM, **Friday, March 20, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in Sister Grace's office, LF 105.** A Sacrament of Confession with time for adoration will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. in Guadalupe Chapel.

### **PHI DELTA PHI INITIATION**

The **Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honor Society will hold its initiation in March.** If you have a cumulative GPA class rank in the top 20% of your class or have made the Dean's List, you should be receiving an invitation by mid-March. However, for your planning purposes, we would like to give you advance information that the initiation is scheduled for late afternoon on March 25. **National organization dues** are \$100, and **local dues** will be around \$10. For more information on the honor society, see <http://www.phideltaphi.org> . Watch for updates on the Phi Delta Phi bulletin board in the law classroom building.

## 2015-16 FINANCIAL AID FAFSA

Law students who are **planning on applying for financial aid** for the 2015-16 academic year or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2015 need to **renew their FAFSAs** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Students are encouraged to complete the 2015-2016 FAFSA by February 15th in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the **March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline**. You may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>; 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.

## 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL TRADITION LECTURE SERIES

**Amy J. Uelmen, J.D.**

Mark your calendars to attend the **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Intellectual Tradition Lecture Series**. This year's guest speaker is **Amy J. Uelmen, J.D., Lecturer and Research Fellow at Georgetown University Law Center**. The topic for this year's series will be "Teaching and Learning in Love: Lessons From 'The Joy of the Gospel.'" Many students and professionals who tap into the Catholic intellectual tradition as a resource for their service to the common good wrestle with what they experience to be a tension: If I hold on to a sense of right and wrong, at what point does that put me in the position of passing negative judgment on other people's choices? Enriched by Pope Francis' *The Joy of the Gospel*, **this lecture will draw on Amy Uelmen's experience as a lawyer and teacher** to reconcile this tension and to help individuals discover this sense of integrity. She will also address how to communicate the depth and beauty of the Catholic intellectual tradition when working or studying in environments that may seem unreceptive to its message. The event will be held on **Tuesday, March 31, 2015, 7:00 p.m. (CT)** in the **Moot Courtroom**. This event is free and open to the public. For more information please visit <http://www.stmarytx.edu/catholic-intellectual-tradition> or contact Cindy Stooksberry, [cstooksberry@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cstooksberry@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.8094.

## PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAM (PCP) UPDATE

*Still looking for your summer internship? Want to start planning for fall now?*

- Symplicity, the Office of Career Services and Amanda Rivas are your answers!

*Already have an UNPAID internship, but want to earn credit?*

- Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a one-on-one meeting. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: (210) 431-5712, or in person during office hours.

SPRING OFFICE HOURS for PCP

(Career Services Office)

Mondays 10:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m. and Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

*Interested in working with a corporate in-house counsel?*

- Contact Amanda Rivas immediately because there are LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE.

Externship Summer Class: Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> (9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)  
Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> (11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Externship Fall Class: August TBD

### **FIESTA FAREWELL – GRADUATION PICTURE Honoring the Class of 2015**

**Mark your calendar** to join us as we bid **farewell** to the Class of 2015 and welcome them as “Almost Alumni” on **Monday, April 6, 2015, 12:00 p.m.**, at the **Law School Plaza**. Come and celebrate the almost-end of law school and the Fiesta celebration immediately following the class photo. Everyone is invited.

### **COMMENCEMENT 2015 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

The **Class of 2015** (August 2014, December 2014, and May 2015 JD and LL.M. Graduates) are invited to view and make note of the important information for all commencement events and activities at <http://law.stmarytx.edu/student-life/commencement/>.

### **JOIN THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION - ST. MARY’S LAW STUDENT DIVISION**

The **St. Mary’s School of Law Federal Bar Association** (FBA) is now an official student division of the national FBA, as well as an official attachment to the FBA-San Antonio Chapter. As a member, you will now have access to a host of articles, tips, and guidelines on entering the job market, what areas of federal practice are currently in need of recent law graduates, and how to develop your research and writing for federal practice. You are also invited to submit articles in the National Student Division’s newsletter, *The Law Student Lounge*, which has over 50,000 recipients. In addition, you will be invited to various social engagements, including the San Antonio Chapter’s luncheons, which feature a different speaker each month on a range of topics from “Filing in Federal Court” to “Ethical Problems Facing Modern Federal Practitioners.” During these social events, you have the opportunity to meet and engage with some of the most successful federal attorneys and judges in the nation. The San Antonio Chapter is one of the largest and most active FBA chapters in the United States.

It is not too late to **join the Federal Bar Association**. Add the FBA on TWEN and visit its **Facebook page** for information on membership and updates on all upcoming events. Be on the lookout for information on the next guest speaker who will present on the topic of oral advocacy and effective public speaking.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenna Castleman, FBA Student Division President,



at [jcastleman@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:jcastleman@mail.stmarytx.edu).

## CLINICAL PROGRAM COURSE REGISTRATION

Be the **Attorney of Record**. Enroll in a clinic course. If you are looking for hands-on, live client experience as a student attorney—you have found it! St. Mary's University School of Law proudly **offers three outstanding clinic courses** for credit: these are the **Civil Justice Clinic**, the **Criminal Justice Clinic** and the **Immigration and Human Rights Clinic**.

If you are interested in enrolling in either of these clinical courses during the 2015-16 academic year:

- submit the required Application Form and your résumé via <http://bit.ly/ClinicalCoursesApplication> and
- attend a required pre-registration session (to be scheduled later this semester).

## NO SMOKING POLICY

The School of Law Administration has received **numerous complaints** that students are **smoking inside law school buildings**. Please be clear that smoking of any form (from “old school” cigars and cigarettes to new technology smoking) **is prohibited** inside all law school buildings. Please also note the policy prohibits smoking within 50 feet of outside of all building entrances. The university's policy is set forth below:

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## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES Programs & Events

For all Office of Career Services programming, be sure to check the Office's “Weekly Update” each Monday or log into Symplicity and go to the Events Tab. Symplicity Log In: <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

## LAWCOURTABILITY, J.D.

As more law students compete for fewer jobs, good grades and great personalities are not enough to get hired. Future lawyers need to **find more dynamic ways to stand out** and distinguish

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### TEXAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS – FILING DEADLINES

<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
July	November 30	January 30	March 30

### BIBLE STUDY

Professor Addicott holds **Bible Study multiple times a week** in the Center for Terrorism Law conference room in Raba in accordance with the schedule below:

**Sunday – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Tuesday – 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday – 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**

Please email [jaddicott@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jaddicott@stmarytx.edu) if you would like to be added to the Bible study email list for reminders and updates to this schedule.

### WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

If a link is not provided below for detailed information to any of the writing competitions and 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 **Cameron County Bar Association** is proud to announce its 2015-16 Scholarship Fund. The CCBA will award \$2,500 in financial assistance annually to one scholarship recipient. The student’s financial need, personal, family, educational background, personal statement, and participation in community service will be considered in selecting the recipient. The application deadline **is March 15, 2015**.

**Interleges** Award 2015 announces its writing competition in honor of Stephen Rayner. The topic is Transnational Adjudication of Human Rights Violations: National Tribunals as an Alternative to International Courts. For details, please visit [www.interleges.com](http://www.interleges.com) or go to <http://www.andersonkill.com/webpdfext/InterlegesAward2015Maindoc.pdf>. The prize money is

€4,000. The deadline to apply is **March 20, 2015**.

The **International Trademark Association** (INTA) is offering five scholarships to their 137<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in San Diego, California – this is the **trademark** industry’s premier event of the year. The meeting will be held May 2-6, 2015 in San Diego, California. For an application or more information please visit <http://www.inta.org/2015AM/Pages/Home.aspx>. Deadline to apply is **March 23, 2015**.

The Florida Bar **Louis Tertocha** Fashion Law Writing Competition is accepting essays addressing a legal issue in the fashion industry. Essay entries must be received by **March 23, 2015**. For more information about this competition, please go to [http://www.easl.info/uploads/EASL\\_2014-2015\\_Louis\\_Tertocha\\_Fashion\\_Law\\_Writing\\_Competition.pdf](http://www.easl.info/uploads/EASL_2014-2015_Louis_Tertocha_Fashion_Law_Writing_Competition.pdf).

The **Texas Energy Council** and the Brookhaven Geotechnology Institute are offering one-year scholarships up to \$2,500 in various disciplines including Energy Law. For more information, please go to [www.txenergycouncil.org](http://www.txenergycouncil.org). The deadline to enter is **March 23, 2015**.

The **Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas** annually awards up to three \$2,000 scholarships to students demonstrating academic excellence and commitment to the study and practice of **tax law**. Any student who intends to practice tax law in Texas is eligible to apply. Selection criteria of the scholarships include merit, scholarship performance, financial need, and demonstrated experience and interest in the field of tax law. Applications must be postmarked or time-stamped no later than **April 3, 2015**.

**DISH Network LLC**, in conjunction with Redgrave, LLP, announces its “Best in Class” eDiscovery legal research and writing competition. There is a \$3,500 top cash award. Complete rules and additional information can be found at <http://www.dishediscovery.com/main.html>. The deadline to apply is **April 13, 2015**.

The **Animal Legal Defense Fund** is now accepting applications for the [2015 Animal Legal Defense Fund Advancement of Animal Law Scholarships](#). They are open to members of active SALDF chapters who have shown an outstanding commitment to animal law and who intend to work in the field after graduation. The application deadline is **April 17, 2015**.

**Moses & Rooth Attorneys at Law** is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for the Fall 2015 academic semester. Submit a short essay in 300-600 words on the topic: How You See Social Media Affecting the Practice of Law. For entry rules and eligibility requirements, please visit <https://www.mosesandrooth.com/2015-legal-scholarship/>. Deadline is **May 1, 2015**.

The **Animal Law Section** of the **State Bar of Texas** announces its third annual student writing competition. The purpose of the Animal Law Section is to promote the study and understanding of laws, regulations and court decisions relating to legal issues involving animals. The top three papers will receive awards of \$1500, \$1000, and \$500, respectively, and an offer to publish in the *Texas Animal Law Journal*. Entries may be on any topic that is related to Animal Law. The submission deadline is **May 15, 2015**. Rules and writing guidelines are available at

<http://www.animallawsection.org/student-writing-competition/>.

**The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law** announces their annual law student writing competition. Entries may address any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the American labor and employment bar. The first-place prize is \$1,500, the second-place prize is \$1,000, and the third-place prize is \$500. Competition rules may be found at [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/labor\\_law/awards.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/labor_law/awards.html). Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2015**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2015 Legal Writing Contest. The first prize is \$2,000, the second prize is \$1,000, and the third prize is \$500. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications-news/publications/Legal-Writing-Contest/>. The deadline to apply is **May 15, 2015**.

**NEW** – 2015 American Bar Association SEER Law Student Writing Competitions. The Section is pleased to announce four law student writing competitions.

**Alternative Dispute Resolution**: Theme: Discuss any aspect of dispute resolution practice, theory or research related to environmental, energy, or natural resource conflicts or should critique or analyze the dispute resolution process used in a particular case. Submissions may advocate a position, educate the reader, or analyze one or more cases. **Submission Deadline: April 13, 2015, ADR Topic- Writing Competition Rules**

**Endangered Species**: Theme: Paper should demonstrate original thought on a question of legal and/or policy significance on any issue related to species conservation law, including endangered and threatened species, biodiversity, habitat conservation, and similar themes. Essays should conform to the theme of the competition. Submissions may advocate a position, educate the reader, or analyze one or more cases. **Submission Deadline: April 13, 2015, Endangered Species Topic- Writing Competition Rules**

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**Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C.** offers a \$2,000 scholarship award to a law student who is either a

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## 2015 RENNA AND JEFF EMBRY MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

The winners of the 2015 Renna and Jeff Embry Mock Trial Competition are **Orlando Garcia** (2L) and **Clair Strom** (2L). The other finalists are **Brandon Grable** (2L) and **Vincent Petrucci** (2L). Best speaker was **Brandon Grable**. **Federal Magistrate Judge Henry Bemporad** presided over the final round on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, with **Fourth Court of Appeals Justice Rebeca Martinez** and **Professor Richard Flint** on the panel. The **Board of Advocates** would like to thank the Embry family and all the competitors and judges for their support and time.

## ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATIONS

The **Order of Barristers** is a national honorary organization which was established to encourage 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 form from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the faculty Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. **The applications are 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 17, 2015. 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 17, 2015.**

## ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND THE END OF SLAVERY

You are invited to attend a **public lecture** by Paul Finkelman, Ph.D. Professor Finkelman will discuss **Abraham Lincoln's** path to becoming the nation's 16<sup>th</sup> president, who subsequently issued the Emancipation Proclamation. The lecture will be held on **Wednesday, March 18, 12:00 p.m., Law Classroom 102**. Finkelman is the President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law and Public Policy and Senior Fellow in the Government Law Center at the Albany Law School. For more information, contact Professor Michael Ariens at [mariens@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mariens@stmarytx.edu).

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Please join Professor Bob Summers in an **open forum** to discuss "Opportunities for International Legal and Related Studies at St. Mary's." The forum will be held on **Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Refreshments will be served.



## **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 2015. 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 pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program, which 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 Friday, March 20, 2015**. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

## **2015-2016 STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION BOARD ELECTIONS**

Attention 1Ls & 2Ls. Are you interested in being a member of the 2015-2016 Student Bar Association? E-mail SBA's Special Prosecutor, Veronica Trevino, at [vtrevin@mac.com](mailto:vtrevin@mac.com) **NO LATER THAN NOON ON Friday, March 20, 2015**. Elections will take place March 23-26, 2015.

Positions Available:

- 8 - 2L Senator Positions
- 1- 2L Honor Court Justice
- 8 - 3L Senator Positions
- 1 - 3L Honor Court Justice
- 1 - SBOT Representative
- 1 - ABA Representative

## **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION - A LENT OPPORTUNITY**

You are invited to a Sacrament of Confession with Rev. Jim Tobin, SM, on **Friday, March 20, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in Sister Grace's office, LF 105**. A Sacrament of Confession with time for adoration will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. in Guadalupe Chapel.

## **FAITH, THE ARTISTIC IMPULSE, AND THE *SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE***

You are invited to join Robert O'Connor, Associate Professor of Theology on **Monday, March 23, 2015 at 12:00 p.m., Law Classrooms Building, Room 102** for a presentation on **"Faith, the Artistic Impulse, and *The Saint John's Bible*."** O'Connor will demonstrate how the artistic impulse has explored faith in many examples, including *The Saint John's Bible*. For more

information on the speaker, visit [bit.ly/RobertOConnor](http://bit.ly/RobertOConnor) . For more information on *The Saint John's Bible*, visit [stmu.it/1ew77Jm](http://stmu.it/1ew77Jm)

## PHI DELTA PHI INITIATION

The **Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honor Society** will hold its initiation in March. If you have a cumulative GPA class rank in the top 20% of your class or have made the Dean's List, you should be receiving an invitation by mid-March. However, for your planning purposes, we would like to give you advance information that the initiation is scheduled for late afternoon on **March 25**. **National organization dues** are \$100, and **local dues** will be around \$10. For more information on the honor society, see <http://www.phideltaphi.org> . Watch for updates on the Phi Delta Phi bulletin board in the law classroom building.

## FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS ORAL ARGUMENTS

The School of Law will host the **Fourth Court of Appeals** on Thursday, **March 26, 2015, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.** in the Law Classroom Building **Courtroom**. Justices will hear oral arguments presented by law students in two sessions; 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Following oral arguments, the full court will reconvene to judge the final round of the **1L Moot Court Competition**. The **Women in Law Leadership Awards Luncheon** will follow. [Click here for more information](#). This event is held in conjunction with **Women's History Month** events that will take place throughout the month of March. [Click here](#) to view the complete schedule of events for Women's History Month at St. Mary's. For more information, please contact Sr. Grace Walle at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu) or (210) 436-3530.

## RE-ORIENTATION MEETINGS FOR SECTION A, B, AND C STUDENTS

First-year students will soon be registering for second-year courses, and the Law School administration has helpful and important information for you. To assist students in the registration process, law administration has arranged “**re-orientation**” meetings for day students. The discussion will include practice skills opportunities, summer program options, bar exam, registration basics, and professionalism.

**Section B will meet Wednesday, March 18 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in LC 106. Sections A and C will meet Thursday, March 19 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in LC 105.** Lunch will be provided. Legal Writing classes will have concluded after Spring Break, so this time is open for students to attend this meeting. **The meetings are mandatory.** Attendance will be taken. For those students who are not present, a hold will be placed on your law school account, preventing your registration in late March/early April. Please check your St. Mary's email account for more information to come.

## UPPER-LEVEL EVENING STUDENT REGISTRATION

Upper-level evening students may register for Summer and Fall evening courses from now

until Monday, March 16. Any upper-level evening student who did not receive email information regarding early registration should contact Ms. Aurelia Vincent at [avincent@stmarytx.edu](mailto:avincent@stmarytx.edu). First-year evening students do not need to submit registration forms.

## **ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER AND FALL 2015 COURSES**

**Online registration** will open for Summer 2015 and Fall 2015 on the days indicated below. Use the hours **earned at the end** of the **Fall 2014** semester to determine when you may register.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on March 23 through March 28, 2015 students with **45 hours or more** may register online.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on March 30 through April 4, 2015 student with **44 hours or less** may register online.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on April 6 through April 11, 2015 online registration open for all student groups eligible to register.

Once online **registration closes at midnight** on April 11, 2015, the next opportunity for making changes will be the first day of the summer sessions and fall semesters.

If you have **any questions, direct them to Catherine Mery** at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu). Please note the Registrar's Office does not handle online registration and cannot answer questions.

Make sure there are no holds on your account. You may check *Gateway* to confirm any holds that might have been added. If there is a hold, the office that placed the hold is the only authorized office to remove the hold.

### Mini courses Summer 1 and Summer 2:

Maximum number of courses that can be taken is three for both sessions of summer mini courses.

## **ARE YOU DECIDING WHAT COURSES TO TAKE IN THE SUMMER AND FALL?**

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs will once again offer Academic Course Advising meetings to all law students. These meetings are a helpful way to make sure that:

1. The courses your are taking are not an unreasonably heavy load, and
2. That you are taking the courses needed to succeed on the bar exam.

While these meetings are routinely attended on a voluntary basis by many law students they are **mandatory for all students who were required to participate in the Spring 2015 1L Fundamental Skills Workshop. If the meeting is mandatory for you, failure to schedule and attend the meeting will prevent you from registering for your Summer and Fall 2015 courses.**

To schedule your meeting, please contact Patricia Solano at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

## 2015-16 FINANCIAL AID FAFSA

Law students who are **planning on applying for financial aid** for the 2015-16 academic year or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2015 need to **renew their FAFSAs** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Students are encouraged to complete the 2015-2016 FAFSA by February 15th in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the **March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline**. You may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>; 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.

## 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL TRADITION LECTURE SERIES

**Amy J. Uelmen, J.D.**

Mark your calendars to attend the **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Intellectual Tradition Lecture Series**. This year's guest speaker is **Amy J. Uelmen, J.D., Lecturer and Research Fellow at Georgetown University Law Center**. The topic for this year's series will be "Teaching and Learning in Love: Lessons From 'The Joy of the Gospel.'" Many students and professionals who tap into the Catholic intellectual tradition as a resource for their service to the common good wrestle with what they experience to be a tension: If I hold on to a sense of right and wrong, at what point does that put me in the position of passing negative judgment on other people's choices? Enriched by Pope Francis' *The Joy of the Gospel*, **this lecture will draw on Amy Uelmen's experience as a lawyer and teacher** to reconcile this tension and to help individuals discover this sense of integrity. She will also address how to communicate the depth and beauty of the Catholic intellectual tradition when working or studying in environments that may seem unreceptive to its message. The event will be held on **Tuesday, March 31, 2015, 7:00 p.m. (CT)** in the **Moot Courtroom**. This event is free and open to the public. For more information please visit <http://www.stmarytx.edu/catholic-intellectual-tradition> or contact Cindy Stooksberry, [cstooksberry@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cstooksberry@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.8094.

## PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAM (PCP) UPDATE

*Still looking for your summer internship? Want to start planning for fall now?*

- Symplicity, the Office of Career Services and Amanda Rivas are your answers!

*Already have an UNPAID internship, but want to earn credit?*

- Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a one-on-one meeting. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) ; Office phone: (210) 431-5712, or in person during office hours.

SPRING OFFICE HOURS for PCP  
(Career Services Office)  
Mondays 10:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m. and Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

*Interested in working with a corporate in-house counsel?*

- Contact Amanda Rivas immediately because there are LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE.

Externship Summer Class: Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> (9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)  
Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> (11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Externship Fall Class: August TBD

### **FIESTA FAREWELL – GRADUATION PICTURE Honoring the Class of 2015**

**Mark your calendar** to join us as we bid **farewell** to the Class of 2015 and welcome them as “Almost Alumni” on **Monday, April 6, 2015, 12:00 p.m.**, at the **Law School Plaza**. Come and celebrate the almost-end of law school and the Fiesta celebration immediately following the class photo. Everyone is invited.

### **COMMENCEMENT 2015 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

The **Class of 2015** (August 2014, December 2014, and May 2015 JD and LL.M. Graduates) are invited to view and make note of the important information for all commencement events and activities at <http://law.stmarytx.edu/student-life/commencement/>.

### **JOIN THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION - ST. MARY’S LAW STUDENT DIVISION**

The **St. Mary’s School of Law Federal Bar Association** (FBA) is now an official student division of the national FBA, as well as an official attachment to the FBA-San Antonio Chapter. As a member, you will now have access to a host of articles, tips, and guidelines on entering the job market, what areas of federal practice are currently in need of recent law graduates, and how to develop your research and writing for federal practice. You are also invited to submit articles in the National Student Division’s newsletter, *The Law Student Lounge*, which has over 50,000 recipients. In addition, you will be invited to various social engagements, including the San Antonio Chapter’s luncheons, which feature a different speaker each month on a range of topics from “Filing in Federal Court” to “Ethical Problems Facing Modern Federal Practitioners.” During these social events, you have the opportunity to meet and engage with some of the most successful federal attorneys and judges in the nation. The San Antonio Chapter is one of the largest and most active FBA chapters in the United States.

It is not too late **to join the Federal Bar Association**. Add the FBA on TWEN and visit its **Facebook page** for information on membership and updates on all upcoming events. Be on the

lookout for information on the next guest speaker who will present on the topic of oral advocacy and effective public speaking.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenna Castleman, FBA Student Division President, at [jcastleman@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:jcastleman@mail.stmarytx.edu).

## CLINICAL PROGRAM COURSE REGISTRATION

Be the **Attorney of Record**. Enroll in a clinic course. If you are looking for hands-on, live client experience as a student attorney—you have found it! St. Mary's University School of Law proudly **offers three outstanding clinic courses** for credit: these are the **Civil Justice Clinic**, the **Criminal Justice Clinic** and the **Immigration and Human Rights Clinic**.

If you are interested in enrolling in either of these clinical courses during the 2015-16 academic year:

- submit the required Application Form and your résumé via <http://bit.ly/ClinicalCoursesApplication> and
- attend a required pre-registration session (to be scheduled later this semester).

## NO SMOKING POLICY

The School of Law Administration has received **numerous complaints** that students are **smoking inside law school buildings**. Please be clear that smoking of any form (from “old school” cigars and cigarettes to new technology smoking) **is prohibited** inside all law school buildings. Please also note the policy prohibits smoking within 50 feet of outside of all building entrances. The university's policy is set forth below:

### *St. Mary's University Smoking Policy*

*St. Mary's University has a “No Smoking Policy” inside all University buildings and within 50 feet of outside of all building entrances. The University seeks compliance, consideration, and cooperation of both smokers and non-smokers and asks that all be respectful of one another in this regard.*

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES Programs & Events

For all Office of Career Services programming, be sure to check the Office's “Weekly Update” each Monday or log into Symplicity and go to the Events Tab. Symplicity Log In: <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

## LAWCOUNABILITY, J.D.

As more law students compete for fewer jobs, good grades and great personalities are not enough to get hired. Future lawyers need to **find more dynamic ways to stand out** and distinguish themselves. But simultaneously attending classes, networking, following up on career leads, strategically managing social media, and generally raising one's profile can be overwhelming. To help **balance these efforts**, the law school has subscribed to Lawcountability, J.D., **a powerful new technology platform that will help you do it all more efficiently**. This unique game-like point system will help foster the execution of your job-hunting goals. And, the best part of the system is that in just a few minutes a week, it seamlessly keeps you on track in your pursuit of a thriving legal career. The Lawcountability, J.D. **app is now available on iTunes**.

## TEXAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS – FILING DEADLINES

<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
July	November 30	January 30	<b>March 30</b>

## BIBLE STUDY

Professor Addicott holds **Bible Study multiple times a week** in the Center for Terrorism Law conference room in Raba in accordance with the schedule below:

**Sunday – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Tuesday – 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday – 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**

Please email [jaddicott@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jaddicott@stmarytx.edu) if you would like to be added to the Bible study email list for reminders and updates to this schedule.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

If a link is not provided below for detailed information to any of the writing competitions and 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.

**Interleges** Award 2015 announces its writing competition in honor of Stephen Rayner. The topic is Transnational Adjudication of Human Rights Violations: National Tribunals as an Alternative to International Courts. For details, please visit [www.interleges.com](http://www.interleges.com) or go to <http://www.andersonkill.com/webpdfext/InterlegesAward2015Maindoc.pdf>. The prize money is €4,000. The deadline to apply is **March 20, 2015**.

The **International Trademark Association** (INTA) is offering five scholarships to their 137<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in San Diego, California – this is the **trademark** industry’s premier event of the year. The meeting will be held May 2-6, 2015 in San Diego, California. For an application or more information please visit <http://www.inta.org/2015AM/Pages/Home.aspx>. Deadline to apply is **March 23, 2015**.

The Florida Bar **Louis Tertocha** Fashion Law Writing Competition is accepting essays addressing a legal issue in the fashion industry. Essay entries must be received by **March 23, 2015**. For more information about this competition, please go to [http://www.easl.info/uploads/EASL\\_2014-2015\\_Louis\\_Tertocha\\_Fashion\\_Law\\_Writing\\_Competition.pdf](http://www.easl.info/uploads/EASL_2014-2015_Louis_Tertocha_Fashion_Law_Writing_Competition.pdf).

The **Texas Energy Council** and the Brookhaven Geotechnology Institute are offering one-year scholarships up to \$2,500 in various disciplines including Energy Law. For more information, please go to [www.txenergycouncil.org](http://www.txenergycouncil.org). The deadline to enter is **March 23, 2015**.

The **Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas** annually awards up to three \$2,000 scholarships to students demonstrating academic excellence and commitment to the study and practice of **tax law**. Any student who intends to practice tax law in Texas is eligible to apply. Selection criteria of the scholarships include merit, scholarship performance, financial need, and demonstrated experience and interest in the field of tax law. Applications must be postmarked or time-stamped no later than **April 3, 2015**.

**DISH Network LLC**, in conjunction with Redgrave, LLP, announces its “Best in Class” eDiscovery legal research and writing competition. There is a \$3,500 top cash award. Complete rules and additional information can be found at <http://www.dishediscovery.com/main.html>. The deadline to apply is **April 13, 2015**.

The **Animal Legal Defense Fund** is now accepting applications for the [2015 Animal Legal Defense Fund Advancement of Animal Law Scholarships](#). They are open to members of active SALDF chapters who have shown an outstanding commitment to animal law and who intend to work in the field after graduation. The application deadline is **April 17, 2015**.

**Moses & Rooth Attorneys at Law** is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for the Fall 2015 academic semester. Submit a short essay in 300-600 words on the topic: How You See Social Media Affecting the Practice of Law. For entry rules and eligibility requirements, please visit <https://www.mosesandrooth.com/2015-legal-scholarship/>. Deadline is **May 1, 2015**.

The **Animal Law Section** of the **State Bar of Texas** announces its third annual student writing competition. The purpose of the Animal Law Section is to promote the study and understanding of laws, regulations and court decisions relating to legal issues involving animals. The top three papers will receive awards of \$1500, \$1000, and \$500, respectively, and an offer to publish in the *Texas Animal Law Journal*. Entries may be on any topic that is related to Animal Law. The submission deadline is **May 15, 2015**. Rules and writing guidelines are available at <http://www.animallawsection.org/student-writing-competition/>.



**The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law** announces their annual law student writing competition. Entries may address any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the American labor and employment bar. The first-place prize is \$1,500, the second-place prize is, \$1,000, and the third-place prize is \$500. Competition rules may be found at [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/labor\\_law/awards.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/labor_law/awards.html). Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2015**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2015 Legal Writing Contest. The first prize is \$2,000, the second prize is \$1,000, and the third prize is \$500. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications-news/publications/Legal-Writing-Contest/>. The deadline to apply is **May 15, 2015**.

2015 American Bar Association SEER Law Student Writing Competitions. The Section is pleased to announce four law student writing competitions.

**Alternative Dispute Resolution**: Theme: Discuss any aspect of dispute resolution practice, theory or research related to environmental, energy, or natural resource conflicts or should critique or analyze the dispute resolution process used in a particular case. Submissions may advocate a position, educate the reader, or analyze one or more cases. **Submission Deadline: April 13, 2015, ADR Topic- Writing Competition Rules**

**Endangered Species**: Theme: Paper should demonstrate original thought on a question of legal and/or policy significance on any issue related to species conservation law, including endangered and threatened species, biodiversity, habitat conservation, and similar themes. Essays should conform to the theme of the competition. Submissions may advocate a position, educate the reader, or analyze one or more cases. **Submission Deadline: April 13, 2015, Endangered Species Topic- Writing Competition Rules**

**Energy Law**: Theme: Discuss any aspect of energy law. Submissions may advocate a position, educate the reader, or analyze one or more cases. **Submission Deadline: May 18, 2015, Energy Law Topic- Writing Competition Rules**

**Public Land and Resources**: Theme: Papers should demonstrate original thought on a question of legal and/or policy significance relating to the topic of the role of public lands and policy. The topic is not confined to any particular type of public lands or issue. Essays should conform to the theme of the competition. Submissions may advocate a position, educate the reader, or analyze one or more cases. **Submission Deadline: April 1, 2015, Public Land and Resources Topic- Writing Competition Rules**

**Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C.** offers a \$2,000 scholarship award to a law student who is either a member of an ethnic, racial, or other minority or demonstrates the commitment to issues of diversity within their academic career. The deadline to apply is **May 31, 2015**. Apply at

<http://www.buckfirelaw.com/library/2015-buckfire-law-school-diversity-scholarship.cfm>.

**NEW** – **Cohen, Placitella & Roth, P.C.** is offering a \$2,500 law scholarship to help a student who is seeking a career in law. This is a one-time scholarship. While applications for this scholarship are judged primarily on need basis, achievement also will be considered. A student aid report showing income status is required, as is an official transcript. The deadline to apply is **May 31, 2015**. For an application please go to <http://cprlaw.com/scholarship/>.

Kush Arora, Attorney at Law is offering the **Kush Arora Criminal Federal Justice Reform Scholarship**. This scholarship will award \$500 to a deserving student who has demonstrated a thoughtful, well-reasoned view of whether certain laws and criminal justice policies are just or unjust. Details about the scholarship can be [found here](#) and by clicking the "Scholarship" tab. The deadline to apply is **June 1, 2015**.

The **American College of Employee Benefits Counsel** is pleased to announce its Eleventh Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. The subject may be any topic in the field of employee benefits law. For competition rules, please go to <http://www.acebc.com/employee-benefits-writing-competition>. The deadline is **June 2, 2015**.

Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, P.A. is committed to the advancement of diverse law students. Fostering diversity in the legal profession contributes to the quality of the profession and strengthens our ability to serve clients and communities. As part of Cole Schotz's continuing commitment to inclusion in the legal community, the **Cole Schotz Diversity Scholarship** was created and is open to a diverse, second-year, full time law student in good standing. The recipient will receive a one-time \$5,000 scholarship. For eligibility requirements and an application, please email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu). Deadline to apply is **July 1, 2015**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2015 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to <http://www.tannenwald.org/Competition-Announcement>. The entry deadline is **July 1, 2015**.

The National Institute for Military Justice (NIMJ) announces the **John S. Jenkins Writing Competition** for 2015. NIMJ seeks to bring together academic interest and practical experience in military justice. The prize award is \$250 and a certificate. Students may nominate their own work, including work that has been published in a law journal; faculty may also nominate deserving student papers. The deadline to enter is **July 15, 2015**.

**NEW** – The **Luvera Law Firm** is pleased to announce its Second Annual Luvera Law Firm Scholarship. \$2,000 will be awarded to a student to be used for tuition or related expenses. For more information, eligibility and requirements, and an application, please visit the firm's website at [http://www.luveralawfirm.com/about/scholarship/?utm\\_source=scholarship&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2015](http://www.luveralawfirm.com/about/scholarship/?utm_source=scholarship&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2015). The deadline to apply is **July 31, 2015**.

**James Bellefeuille** is now accepting essays on the topic “What is your great law firm marketing idea?” For more information, visit <http://www.jamesbellefeuille.com/law-firm-marketing-ideas/>. The deadline to apply is **July 31, 2015**.

The **LBG Law Firm** in Austin, Texas is offering two new \$1,500 scholarships for Texas college students. The topic, eligibility, and application details can be found on the LBG Law Firm website at <http://www.lbglaw.com/Our-Firm/Scholarship.shtml>. The deadline to apply is **July 31, 2015**.

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By VMM

Submit articles to be published to Ms. Bebe Gonzalez ([bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu)) in electronic format by noon Thursday

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## LINDA AND DAVE SCHLUETER FIRST-YEAR MOOT COURT COMPETITORS

The Board of Advocates (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 for everyone's hard work and for making the preliminary rounds of the competition a success.

Also, BOA would like to extend a **special thank you to the student judges** who took time from their busy schedules to serve as judges for the preliminary rounds. Thank you once again for your time.

The BOA invites everyone to join us for the final round of the competition to watch **Damon Goff (A)** and **Mathews Metyko (A)**, representing the Petitioner, versus, **William Calve (A)** and **Moraya Baker (A)** representing the Respondent. The finals will be held **Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.** in the **St. Mary's Courtroom (Law Classroom 102)**. The Fourth Court of Appeals, sitting en banc, will hear the arguments at the conclusion of its Thursday visit. We look forward to seeing you there.

BOA would also like to acknowledge the hard work of the following 32 teams that competed on Saturday, March 21.

### **Semi-Finalists**

- 43 - William MacDaniel (B) / Tim Poll (B)
- 90 - Mark McPherson (D) / Gary Hillier (D)

### **Quarter Finalists**

- 67 - Tabatha Fuentes (C) / Tyler Ryska (C)
- 82 - Patrick Luthen (D) / Andrew Knop (D)
- 26 - Kimberly Graves (B) / Kimberly Hidrogo (B)
- 98 - Daniel Mery (D) / Joseph Garza (D)

### **Octa Finalists**

- 38 - Martin Garza (B) / Daniel Haley (B)
- 95 - Carla Dixon (D) / Shaun Eaves (D)
- 76 - Courtney Dibrell (C) / Nicole Keesee (C)
- 97 - Dorian Alfaro (D) / Alyssa Cantu (D)
- 31 - Karly Houchin (B) / Mary Larakers (B)
- 34 - Matthew Muñoz (B) / Michael Pomeroy (B)
- 68 - Autumn Puckett (C) / Molly Hunt (C)
- 101 - Cathryn Pelkey (D) / Cedric Robinson (D)

### **Double-Octa Finalists**

- 21 - Landon Keating (A) / Eric Meza (A)
- 42 - Garrett Greene (B) / Mitchell Gonzales (B)
- 70 - Laura Copp (C) / Staci Krause (C)
- 50 - Joseph Berry (B) / Ryne Bazan (B)
- 46 - Itzel Martinez (B) / Nathan Janis (B)
- 14 - Marcelo Garcia (A) / Robert Gutierrez (A)
- 11 - Joseph Webster (A) / Scott Simpkins (A)
- 86 - Ivan Yates (D) / Tre Vela (D)
- 53 - Aracely Rodman (C) / Leslie Cortez (C)
- 41 - Aali Fidai (B) / Zacil Andrade (C)
- 24 - Jared Perkins (A) / Luis Perez (A)
- 20 - Iza Ramirez (A) / Michael Sean Ponce (A)
- 37 - Chanda Clepper (B) / Brittany Perrigue (B)
- 83 - Christian Cole Ruiz (D) / Eric Ramos (D)
- 92 - Shawn Burkhardt (D) / Jason Briggs (D)
- 85 - Larry Davis (D) / Heidi Foreman (D)

### **THE SCHOLAR: VOLUME 18 STAFF WRITER APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Applications for *The Scholar*: Volume 18 will be available beginning Monday, March 23, 2015. Applications are available on TWEN, add: Application for Volume 18: *The Scholar*: *St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* 2015-2016. Application **deadline** is **Friday, April 3, 2015** at 12:00 p.m. Please submit applications through TWEN. A meet and greet will be held in *The Scholar* Office, second floor of the law library on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 and Tuesday, March 31, 2015. This is a great opportunity to meet the Board and learn more about *The Scholar*. Lunch will be provided from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. You are welcome to come and go.

### **FAITH, THE ARTISTIC IMPULSE, AND THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE**

You are invited to join Robert O'Connor, Associate Professor of Theology on **Monday, March 23, 2015 at 12:00 p.m., Law Classrooms Building, Room 102** for a presentation on **"Faith, the Artistic Impulse, and *The Saint John's Bible*."** O'Connor will demonstrate how the artistic impulse has explored faith in many examples, including *The Saint John's Bible*. For more information on the speaker, visit [bit.ly/RobertOConnor](http://bit.ly/RobertOConnor). For more information on *The Saint John's Bible*, visit [stmu.it/1ew77Jm](http://stmu.it/1ew77Jm)

### **PHI DELTA PHI INITIATION**

The **Phi Delta Phi International Legal Honor Society** has sent invitations to the school email accounts to students eligible to be initiated. If you have a cumulative GPA class rank in the

top 20% of your class or have made the Dean's List and did not receive an invitation, please retrieve an official certification of your class rank or a copy of the Dean's List and email it to [LandryRedding@yahoo.com](mailto:LandryRedding@yahoo.com) so this mistake may be corrected.

For those invited, the Initiation Ceremony will occur on **Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.** (ending at ~5:30 p.m.) in Judge Ronald King's courtroom in the **Hipolito Garcia Federal Building** downtown. A reception will follow at Cox Smith. If you cannot attend this initiation, an alternate initiation will be held on Friday, March 27th at noon in the Law Alumni room. Please **R.S.V.P. by March 23** to [dburket@stmarytx.edu](mailto:dburket@stmarytx.edu) if you plan to attend either Initiation Ceremony.

National organization dues are \$100, and local dues will be around \$10. **Initiates must register online** at <http://www.phideltaphi.org> in order to participate. National organization dues may be paid online when you register. Watch for updates on the Phi Delta Phi bulletin board in the law classroom building.

### **FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS ORAL ARGUMENTS**

The School of Law will host the **Fourth Court of Appeals** on Thursday, **March 26, 2015, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.** in the Law Classroom Building **Courtroom**. Justices will hear oral arguments presented by law students in two sessions; 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Following oral arguments, the full court will reconvene to judge the final round of the **1L Moot Court Competition**. The **Women in Law Leadership Awards Luncheon** will follow. [Click here for more information](#). This event is held in conjunction with **Women's History Month** events that will take place throughout the month of March. [Click here](#) to view the complete schedule of events for Women's History Month at St. Mary's. For more information, please contact Sr. Grace Walle at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu) or (210) 436-3530.

### **ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER AND FALL 2015 COURSES**

**Online registration** will open for Summer 2015 and Fall 2015 on the days indicated below. Use the hours **earned at the end** of the **Fall 2014** semester to determine when you may register.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on March 23 through March 28, 2015 students with **45 hours or more** may register online.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on March 30 through April 4, 2015 students with **44 hours or less** may register online.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on April 6 through April 11, 2015 online registration is open for all student groups eligible to register.

Once online **registration closes at midnight** on April 11, 2015, the next opportunity for making changes will be the first day of the summer sessions and fall semesters.



If you have **any questions, direct them to Catherine Mery** at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu). Please note the Registrar's Office does not handle online registration and cannot answer questions.

Make sure there are no holds on your account. You may check *Gateway* to confirm any holds that might have been added. If there is a hold, the office that placed the hold is the only authorized office to remove the hold.

Mini courses Summer 1 and Summer 2:

Maximum number of courses that can be taken is three for both sessions of summer mini courses.

## **ARE YOU DECIDING WHAT COURSES TO TAKE IN THE SUMMER AND FALL?**

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs will once again offer Academic Course Advising meetings to all law students. These meetings are a helpful way to make sure that:

1. The courses you are taking are not an unreasonably heavy load, and
2. That you are taking the courses needed to succeed on the bar exam.

While these meetings are routinely attended on a voluntary basis by many law students they are **mandatory for all students who were required to participate in the Spring 2015 1L Fundamental Skills Workshop. If the meeting is mandatory for you, failure to schedule and attend the meeting will prevent you from registering for your Summer and Fall 2015 courses.** To schedule your meeting, please contact Patricia Solano at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

## **2015-16 FINANCIAL AID FAFSA**

Law students who are **planning on applying for financial aid** for the 2015-16 academic year or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2015 need to **renew their FAFSAs** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Students are encouraged to complete the 2015-2016 FAFSA by February 15th in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the **March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline**. You may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>; 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.

## **12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL TRADITION LECTURE SERIES**

**Amy J. Uelmen, J.D.**

Mark your calendars to attend the **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Intellectual Tradition Lecture Series**. This year's guest speaker is **Amy J. Uelmen, J.D., Lecturer and Research Fellow at Georgetown University Law Center**. The topic for this year's series will be "Teaching and Learning in Love: Lessons From 'The Joy of the Gospel.'" Many students and professionals who tap into the Catholic intellectual tradition as a resource for their service to the common good wrestle with what they experience to be a tension: If I hold on to a sense of right and wrong, at what point

does that put me in the position of passing negative judgment on other people's choices? Enriched by Pope Francis' *The Joy of the Gospel*, **this lecture will draw on Amy Uelmen's experience as a lawyer and teacher** to reconcile this tension and to help individuals discover this sense of integrity. She will also address how to communicate the depth and beauty of the Catholic intellectual tradition when working or studying in environments that may seem unreceptive to its message. The event will be held on **Tuesday, March 31, 2015, 7:00 p.m.** (CT) in the **Moot Courtroom**. This event is free and open to the public. For more information please visit <http://www.stmarytx.edu/catholic-intellectual-tradition> or contact Cindy Stooksberry, [cstooksberry@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cstooksberry@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.8094.

## **PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAM (PCP) UPDATE**

*Still looking for your summer internship? Want to start planning for fall now?*

- Symplicity, the Office of Career Services and Amanda Rivas are your answers!

*Already have an UNPAID internship, but want to earn credit?*

- Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a one-on-one meeting. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) ; Office phone: (210) 431-5712, or in person during office hours.

### **SPRING OFFICE HOURS for PCP**

(Career Services Office)

Mondays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

*Interested in working with a corporate in-house counsel?*

- Contact Amanda Rivas immediately because there are LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE.

Externship Summer Class: Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> (9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)  
Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> (11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Externship Fall Class: August TBD

## **FIESTA FAREWELL – GRADUATION PICTURE Honoring the Class of 2015**

**Mark your calendar** to join us as we bid **farewell** to the Class of 2015 and welcome them as “Almost Alumni” on **Monday, April 6, 2015, 12:00 p.m.**, at the **Law School Plaza**. Come and celebrate the almost-end of law school and the Fiesta celebration immediately following the class photo. Everyone is invited.

## COMMENCEMENT 2015 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The **Class of 2015** (August 2014, December 2014, and May 2015 JD and LL.M. Graduates) are invited to view and make note of the important information for all commencement events and activities at <http://law.stmarytx.edu/student-life/commencement/>.

### JOIN THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION - ST. MARY'S LAW STUDENT DIVISION

The **St. Mary's School of Law Federal Bar Association** (FBA) is now an official student division of the national FBA, as well as an official attachment to the FBA-San Antonio Chapter. As a member, you will now have access to a host of articles, tips, and guidelines on entering the job market, what areas of federal practice are currently in need of recent law graduates, and how to develop your research and writing for federal practice. You are also invited to submit articles in the National Student Division's newsletter, *The Law Student Lounge*, which has over 50,000 recipients. In addition, you will be invited to various social engagements, including the San Antonio Chapter's luncheons, which feature a different speaker each month on a range of topics from "Filing in Federal Court" to "Ethical Problems Facing Modern Federal Practitioners." During these social events, you have the opportunity to meet and engage with some of the most successful federal attorneys and judges in the nation. The San Antonio Chapter is one of the largest and most active FBA chapters in the United States.

It is not too late to **join the Federal Bar Association**. Add the FBA on TWEN and visit its **Facebook page** for information on membership and updates on all upcoming events. Be on the lookout for information on the next guest speaker who will present on the topic of oral advocacy and effective public speaking.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenna Castleman, FBA Student Division President, at [jcastleman@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:jcastleman@mail.stmarytx.edu).

### CLINICAL PROGRAM COURSE REGISTRATION

Be the **Attorney of Record**. Enroll in a clinic course. If you are looking for hands-on, live client experience as a student attorney—you have found it! St. Mary's University School of Law proudly **offers three outstanding clinic courses** for credit: these are the **Civil Justice Clinic**, the **Criminal Justice Clinic** and the **Immigration and Human Rights Clinic**.

If you are interested in enrolling in either of these clinical courses during the 2015-16 academic year:

- submit the required Application Form and your résumé via <http://bit.ly/ClinicalCoursesApplication> and
- attend a required pre-registration session (to be scheduled later this semester).

**OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES**  
**Programs & Events**

For all Office of Career Services programming, be sure to check the Office’s “Weekly Update” each Monday or log into Symplicity and go to the Events Tab. Symplicity Log In: <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

**NO SMOKING POLICY**

The School of Law Administration has received **numerous complaints** that students are **smoking inside law school buildings**. Please be clear that smoking of any form (from “old school” cigars and cigarettes to new technology smoking) **is prohibited** inside all law school buildings. Please also note the policy prohibits smoking within 50 feet of outside of all building entrances. The university’s policy is set forth as follows:

***St. Mary’s University Smoking Policy***

*St. Mary’s University has a “No Smoking Policy” inside all University buildings and within 50 feet of outside of all building entrances. The University seeks compliance, consideration, and cooperation of both smokers and non-smokers and asks that all be respectful of one another in this regard.*

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<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
July	November 30	January 30	<b>March 30</b>

**BIBLE STUDY**

Professor Addicott holds **Bible Study multiple times a week** in the Center for Terrorism Law conference room in Raba in accordance with the schedule below:

**Sunday – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Tuesday – 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday – 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**

Please email [jaddicott@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jaddicott@stmarytx.edu) if you would like to be added to the Bible study email list for reminders and updates to this schedule.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

If a link is not provided below for detailed information to any of the writing competitions and 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 **Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas** annually awards up to three \$2,000 scholarships to students demonstrating academic excellence and commitment to the study and practice of **tax law**. Any student who intends to practice tax law in Texas is eligible to apply. Selection criteria of the scholarships include merit, scholarship performance, financial need, and demonstrated experience and interest in the field of tax law. Applications must be postmarked or time-stamped no later than **April 3, 2015**.

**DISH Network LLC**, in conjunction with Redgrave, LLP, announces its “Best in Class” eDiscovery legal research and writing competition. There is a \$3,500 top cash award. Complete rules and additional information can be found at <http://www.dishediscovery.com/main.html>. The deadline to apply is **April 13, 2015**.

The **Animal Legal Defense Fund** is now accepting applications for the [2015 Animal Legal Defense Fund Advancement of Animal Law Scholarships](#). They are open to members of active SALDF chapters who have shown an outstanding commitment to animal law and who intend to work in the field after graduation. The application deadline is **April 17, 2015**.

**Moses & Rooth Attorneys at Law** is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for the Fall 2015 academic semester. Submit a short essay in 300-600 words on the topic: How You See Social Media Affecting the Practice of Law. For entry rules and eligibility requirements, please visit <https://www.mosesandrooth.com/2015-legal-scholarship/>. Deadline is **May 1, 2015**.

**NEW** – The **National Association of Women Lawyers** (NAWL) is seeking entries for its 2015 Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women’s rights or the status of women in the law. Cash prize of \$500 will be awarded for first-place essay. Entries must be received by **May 1, 2015**. Guidelines are available at <http://www.nawl.org/p/bl/et/blogid=10&blogaid=180>.

The **Animal Law Section** of the **State Bar of Texas** announces its third annual student writing competition. The purpose of the Animal Law Section is to promote the study and understanding of laws, regulations and court decisions relating to legal issues involving animals. The top three papers will receive awards of \$1500, \$1000, and \$500, respectively, and an offer to publish in the *Texas Animal Law Journal*. Entries may be on any topic that is related to Animal Law. The submission deadline is **May 15, 2015**. Rules and writing guidelines are available at <http://www.animallawsection.org/student-writing-competition/>.

**The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law** announces their annual law student writing competition. Entries may address any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the

American labor and employment bar. The first-place prize is \$1,500, the second-place prize is, \$1,000, and the third-place prize is \$500. Competition rules may be found at [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/labor\\_law/awards.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/labor_law/awards.html). Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2015**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2015 Legal Writing Contest. The first prize is \$2,000, the second prize is \$1,000, and the third prize is \$500. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications-news/publications/Legal-Writing-Contest/>. The deadline to apply is **May 15, 2015**.

The 2015 **American Bar Association SEER** is pleased to announce four law student writing competitions.

**Alternative Dispute Resolution:** Theme: Discuss any aspect of dispute resolution practice, theory or research related to environmental, energy, or natural resource conflicts or should critique or analyze the dispute resolution process used in a particular case. Submissions may advocate a position, educate the reader, or analyze one or more cases. **Submission Deadline: April 13, 2015**, [ADR Topic- Writing Competition Rules](#)

**Endangered Species:** Theme: Paper should demonstrate original thought on a question of legal and/or policy significance on any issue related to species conservation law, including endangered and threatened species, biodiversity, habitat conservation, and similar themes. Essays should conform to the theme of the competition. Submissions may advocate a position, educate the reader, or analyze one or more cases. **Submission Deadline: April 13, 2015**, [Endangered Species Topic- Writing Competition Rules](#)

**Energy Law:** Theme: Discuss any aspect of energy law. Submissions may advocate a position, educate the reader, or analyze one or more cases. **Submission Deadline: May 18, 2015**, [Energy Law Topic- Writing Competition Rules](#)

**Public Land and Resources:** Theme: Papers should demonstrate original thought on a question of legal and/or policy significance relating to the topic of the role of public lands and policy. The topic is not confined to any particular type of public lands or issue. Essays should conform to the theme of the competition. Submissions may advocate a position, educate the reader, or analyze one or more cases. **Submission Deadline: April 1, 2015**, [Public Land and Resources Topic- Writing Competition Rules](#)

**NEW** – The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice** (AAJ) announces the 2015 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The \$5,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a rising 3L (or rising 4L in a night program) female student who has demonstrated a commitment to a career as a plaintiffs' lawyer or criminal defense lawyer, along with a dedication to upholding and defending the principles of the Constitution, and to the concept of a fair trial, the adversary system, and a just result for the injured, the accused, and those whose rights are jeopardized. For more

information on this scholarship, go to <https://www.justice.org/what-we-do/enhance-practice-law/professional-recognition-awards-scholarship/scholarships/mike-eidson>. The application deadline is **May 1, 2015**.

**Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C.** offers a \$2,000 scholarship award to a law student who is either a member of an ethnic, racial, or other minority or demonstrates the commitment to issues of diversity within their academic career. The deadline to apply is **May 31, 2015**. Apply at <http://www.buckfirelaw.com/library/2015-buckfire-law-school-diversity-scholarship.cfm>.

**Cohen, Placitella & Roth, P.C.** is offering a \$2,500 law scholarship to help a student who is seeking a career in law. This is a one-time scholarship. While applications for this scholarship are judged primarily on need basis, achievement also will be considered. A student aid report showing income status is required, as is an official transcript. The deadline to apply is **May 31, 2015**. For an application please go to <http://cprlaw.com/scholarship/>.

Kush Arora, Attorney at Law is offering the **Kush Arora Criminal Federal Justice Reform Scholarship**. This scholarship will award \$500 to a deserving student who has demonstrated a thoughtful, well-reasoned view of whether certain laws and criminal justice policies are just or unjust. Details about the scholarship can be [found here](#) and by clicking the "Scholarship" tab. The deadline to apply is **June 1, 2015**.

**NEW** – The **Plaxen and Adler** Scholarship awards \$2,500 annually to a law student who has demonstrated an interest in trial advocacy and a career as a trial lawyer, as well as the concept of a fair Civil Justice system, a just result for the injured, a desire to represent the injured and those whose rights are jeopardized. The scholarship is available to all law school students including those who are outstanding and promising scholars have an interest in trial advocacy and possess a commitment to diversity and inclusion. Applications must include 1) a resume, 2) an essay or letter of no more than 1000 words on how you meet the criteria and 3) up to three recommendations. Submit applications to [bpaxen@plaxenadler.com](mailto:bpaxen@plaxenadler.com). Please use the subject line "Plaxen and Adler Scholarship Application – [Your Name Here]". All applications must be submitted by **June 1, 2015**.

The **American College of Employee Benefits Counsel** is pleased to announce its Eleventh Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. The subject may be any topic in the field of employee benefits law. For competition rules, please go to <http://www.acebc.com/employee-benefits-writing-competition>. The deadline is **June 2, 2015**.

Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, P.A. is committed to the advancement of diverse law students. Fostering diversity in the legal profession contributes to the quality of the profession and strengthens our ability to serve clients and communities. As part of Cole Schotz's continuing commitment to inclusion in the legal community, the **Cole Schotz Diversity Scholarship** was created and is open to a diverse, second-year, full time law student in good standing. The recipient will receive a one-time \$5,000 scholarship. For eligibility requirements and an application, please email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu). Deadline to apply is **July 1, 2015**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2015 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to <http://www.tannenwald.org/Competition-Announcement>. The entry deadline is **July 1, 2015**.

The National Institute for Military Justice (NIMJ) announces the **John S. Jenkins Writing Competition** for 2015. NIMJ seeks to bring together academic interest and practical experience in military justice. The prize award is \$250 and a certificate. Students may nominate their own work, including work that has been published in a law journal; faculty may also nominate deserving student papers. The deadline to enter is **July 15, 2015**.

The **Luvera Law Firm** is pleased to announce its Second Annual Luvera Law Firm Scholarship. \$2,000 will be awarded to a student to be used for tuition or related expenses. For more information, eligibility and requirements, and an application, please visit the firm's website at [http://www.luveralawfirm.com/about/scholarship/?utm\\_source=scholarship&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2015](http://www.luveralawfirm.com/about/scholarship/?utm_source=scholarship&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2015). The deadline to apply is **July 31, 2015**.

**James Bellefeuille** is now accepting essays on the topic "What is your great law firm marketing idea?" For more information, visit <http://www.jamesbellefeuille.com/law-firm-marketing-ideas/>. The deadline to apply is **July 31, 2015**.

The **LBG Law Firm** in Austin, Texas is offering two new \$1,500 scholarships for Texas college students. The topic, eligibility, and application details can be found on the LBG Law Firm website at <http://www.lbglaw.com/Our-Firm/Scholarship.shtml>. The deadline to apply is **July 31, 2015**.



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**Congratulations** to the 2015 Linda and Dave Schlueter First-Year Moot Court Competition winners **Damon Goff (A)** and **Mathews Metyko (A)** with best speaker awarded to **William Calve (A)**. Finalists were **William Calve (A)** and **Moraya Baker (A)**.

The Board of Advocates (BOA) would like to **congratulate everyone** who participated and extends a heartfelt thank you for everyone's hard work for making the competition a success.

Also, 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.

### EAP MOOT COURT TEAM IS NATIONAL CHAMPION AT FBA COMPETITION

This weekend, members of the St. Mary's EAP Moot Court Team traveled to Washington, DC for the Federal Bar Association's Eighteenth Annual Thurgood A. Marshall Moot Court Competition, recognized as one of the **premiere moot court competitions in the nation**. The competition attracts teams from law schools across the country, and deals primarily with trending constitutional questions. St. Mary's fielded **3 of the 38 teams** competing at this prestigious tournament: **(1)** Stephen Bachran (3L) and Bianca Frisaura (3L); **(2)** Stephanie De Sola (2L) and Leah Wise (2L); and **(3)** Dylan Percy (2L) and Olivero Flores (2L). **All three St. Mary's teams advanced to the Quarter-Finals — an incredible feat and believed to be the first time in the competition's eighteen year history that a competing law school was able to place 3 of the top 8 teams at the tournament.** But St. Mary's mooters did not stop there. **In fact, no other law school was able to beat St. Mary's -** Bachran / Frisaura defeated De Sola / Wise in the Quarter-Final round and Bachran / Frisaura defeated Percy / Flores in an **all St. Mary's Championship Round**, which took place at the historic United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. Along the way, St. Mary's students racked up oral and brief awards as well: Stephen Bachran was recognized as the third-best advocate (out of 76 competitors) in the preliminary rounds of the competition, the team of Stephanie De Sola and Leah Wise won second-best brief, and Dylan Percy took home best advocate in the Finals. **This is the second year in a row that Stephen Bachran has represented St. Mary's in the Championship round, with his team bringing the FBA Champion's Cup home to St. Mary's both times.** St. Mary's has now won this national competition **three out of the last four years.**

Please join us in **congratulating the teams and their coach**, Adjunct Professor Ricky Poole, for their hard work, dedication to advocacy, and their or their unprecedented individual and team accomplishments on behalf of the law school.

## **THE SCHOLAR: STUDENT PIECES SELECTED FOR PUBLICATION**

The Scholar Board would like to offer **congratulations** to the following staff writers whose **pieces have been selected for publication**:

- Taylor Adams - *Lack of Regulations in Texas Youth Football Leagues: The Repercussions of Concussions*
- Aimee Corbin - *Decreasing Disproportionality Through Kinship Care*
- Aglae Eufrazio - *As Long as Our Rights Come Second, We Will be Protected: Potential Effects of the Hobby Lobby Decision on the LGBT Community*
- Michael McCann - *Juror Exclusion of Limited English Proficient Speakers*

The Board would also like to **recognize** those **staff writers** who will receive credit with honors:

- Brittany Baker - *Stolen Childhoods in the Shipbreaking Yards*
- Olivero Flores - *Texas Senate Bill 849 Social Purpose Business Statute*
- Steven Gilmore - *Understanding Crime Under Capitalism: A Critique of American Criminal Justice and Introduction to Marxist Jurisprudence*
- Robert Harrison - *What's the Point?: An Analysis of the Clean Water Act's Approach Toward Nonpoint Source Water Pollution and the Story of One City's Struggle to Navigate this Inept Policy in an Effort to Protect Its Surface Water Resources*
- Scott Walther - *Trouble Behind the Great Wall? A Critical Look at Workers' Rights in China*

The Board is very proud of all the hard work the Volume 17 staff writers put in this year.

## **12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CATHOLIC INTELLECTUAL TRADITION LECTURE SERIES**

**Amy J. Uelmen, J.D.**

You are invited to attend the **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Intellectual Tradition Lecture Series** this week. This year's guest speaker is **Amy J. Uelmen, J.D., Lecturer and Research Fellow at Georgetown University Law Center**. The topic for this year's series will be "Teaching and Learning in Love: Lessons From 'The Joy of the Gospel.'" Many students and professionals who tap into the Catholic intellectual tradition as a resource for their service to the common good wrestle with what they experience to be a tension: If I hold on to a sense of right and wrong, at what point does that put me in the position of passing negative judgment on other people's choices? Enriched by Pope Francis' *The Joy of the Gospel*, **this lecture will draw on Amy Uelmen's experience as a lawyer and teacher** to reconcile this tension and to help individuals discover this sense of integrity. She will also address how to communicate the depth and beauty of the Catholic intellectual tradition

when working or studying in environments that may seem unreceptive to its message. The event will be held on **Tuesday, March 31, 2015, 7:00 p.m. (CT)** in the **Moot Courtroom**. This event is free and open to the public. For more information please visit <http://www.stmarytx.edu/catholic-intellectual-tradition> or contact Cindy Stooksberry, [cstooksberry@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cstooksberry@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.8094.

### **FIESTA FAREWELL – GRADUATION PICTURE Honoring the Class of 2015**

**Mark your calendar** to join us as we bid **farewell** to the Class of 2015 and welcome them as “Almost Alumni” on **Monday, April 6, 2015, 12:00 p.m.**, at the **Law School Plaza**. Come and celebrate the almost-end of law school and the Fiesta celebration immediately following the class photo. Everyone is invited.

### **THE SCHOLAR: VOLUME 18 STAFF WRITER APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Applications for *The Scholar*: Volume 18 are now available on TWEN. Application **deadline** is **Friday, April 3, 2015** at 12:00 p.m. Please submit applications through TWEN. A **meet and greet** will be held in *The Scholar* Office, second floor of the law library on **Tuesday, March 31, 2015**. This is a great opportunity to meet the Board and learn more about *The Scholar*. Lunch will be provided from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. You are welcome to come and go.

### **ATTENTION 1L & 2LE STUDENTS: JOURNAL INFORMATION SESSIONS & HAPPY HOUR**

*The St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 47 Editorial Board is seeking qualified applicants to serve as Staff Writers for the 2015-2016 academic year. There are two ways to become a *Journal* Staff Writer: (1) the grade-on selection process, and (2) the write-on application process.

Students who received an invitation to join the *Journal* by making the Fall 2014 Dean's List should return their acceptance to the *Journal* office by **April 1**. In addition to the grade-on selection process, students may be selected to become a Staff Writer by submitting a write-on application. The write-on packets will be distributed on the last day of 1L finals—Friday, May 8.

For more information about the *Journal* and the write-on application process, please join us for a **free lunch and information session on Monday, April 6 at noon in the Alumni Room**, or stop by our tables in the classroom building and courtyard during the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Green at [sgreen5@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:sgreen5@mail.stmarytx.edu).

### **MOCK TRIAL TEAM TRYOUTS**

Learn to be a fully competent trial lawyer! The **St. Mary's mock trial team** is conducting its annual tryouts starting this week. Come join one of the most competitive mock trial programs in the country. **Learn to master** opening statements, direct examinations, cross examinations, closing

arguments, motions in limine, evidentiary arguments, questioning witnesses, speaking to juries, handling opposing counsel, and responding to judges. Advocates travel around the nation trying cases against other top advocacy schools in the presence of practicing trial lawyers.

In order to try out for the team, students will need to **pick up an application** from Professor Schlueter's office (LFB 270) and **sign up for an interview time**. The sign-up sheets will be posted outside Professor Schlueter's office. Students should bring two copies of the completed application, along with two copies of their most recent resume with them to their interview with the coaches. Students will be expected to prepare a 10-minute oral presentation of their choice. The presentation may consist of a moot court argument, personal story, opening statement for a case of the student's choice, or anything that adequately demonstrates his or her speaking style and skills. Tryouts will be held on weekday evenings between April 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup>, with a possible overflow date on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Students ultimately selected for the St. Mary's mock trial team will be announced at Barrister's Ball on April 17<sup>th</sup>. **All returning 3Ls** will need to be present for a **mandatory meeting** in the tryout room at 6:00 p.m. on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Any questions can be directed to either Adjunct Professor Nicole Thornbro at [nthornbro@bexar.org](mailto:nthornbro@bexar.org) or Adjunct Professor Joshua Sandoval at [Joshua.sandoval@bexar.org](mailto:Joshua.sandoval@bexar.org).

### **EXTERNAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM MOOT COURT TRY-OUTS BEGIN MONDAY, April 6, 2015**

**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 Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> to select upcoming 2L students for the 2015-2106 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 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. The try-outs will take place between **April 6-10, 2015**. 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).

### **ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER AND FALL 2015 COURSES CONTINUES**

**Online registration** will open for Summer 2015 and Fall 2015 on the days indicated below. Use the hours **earned at the end** of the **Fall 2014** semester to determine when you may register.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on March 30 through April 4, 2015 students with **44 hours or less** may register online.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on April 6 through April 11, 2015 online registration is open for all student groups eligible to register.

Once online **registration closes at midnight** on April 11, 2015, the next opportunity for making changes will be the first day of the summer sessions and fall semesters.

If you have **any questions, direct them to Catherine Mery** at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu). Please note the Registrar's Office does not handle online registration and cannot answer questions.

Make sure there are no holds on your account. You may check *Gateway* to confirm any holds that might have been added. If there is a hold, the office that placed the hold is the only authorized office to remove the hold.

Mini courses Summer 1 and Summer 2:

Maximum number of courses that can be taken is three for both sessions of summer mini courses.

## **ARE YOU DECIDING WHAT COURSES TO TAKE IN THE SUMMER AND FALL?**

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs will once again offer Academic Course Advising meetings to all law students. These meetings are a helpful way to make sure that:

1. The courses your are taking are not an unreasonably heavy load, and
2. That you are taking the courses needed to succeed on the bar exam.

While these meetings are routinely attended on a voluntary basis by many law students they are **mandatory for all students who were required to participate in the Spring 2015 1L Fundamental Skills Workshop. If the meeting is mandatory for you, failure to schedule and attend the meeting will prevent you from registering for your Summer and Fall 2015 courses.** To schedule your meeting, please contact Patricia Solano at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

## **DEADLINE THIS WEEK FOR 2015-16 FINANCIAL AID FAFSA**

Law students who are **planning on applying for financial aid** for the 2015-16 academic year or students planning on applying for financial aid for summer 2015 need to **renew their FAFSAs** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Students are encouraged to complete the 2015-2016 FAFSA by February 15th in order to ensure that the required information is received by the Office of Financial Assistance by the **March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline**. You may complete the FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>; 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.

## **PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAM (PCP) UPDATE**

*Still looking for your summer internship? Want to start planning for fall now?*

- Symplicity, the Office of Career Services and Amanda Rivas are your answers!

*Already have an UNPAID internship, but want to earn credit?*

- Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a one-on-one meeting. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) ; Office phone: (210) 431-5712, or in person during office hours.

SPRING OFFICE HOURS for PCP  
(Career Services Office)

Mondays 10:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m. and Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

*Interested in working with a corporate in-house counsel?*

- Contact Amanda Rivas immediately because there are LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE.

Externship Summer Class: Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> (9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)  
Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> (11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Externship Fall Class: August TBD

## COMMENCEMENT 2015 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The **Class of 2015** (August 2014, December 2014, and May 2015 JD and LL.M. Graduates) are invited to view and make note of the important information for all commencement events and activities at <http://law.stmarytx.edu/student-life/commencement/>.

## JOIN THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION - ST. MARY'S LAW STUDENT DIVISION

The **St. Mary's School of Law Federal Bar Association** (FBA) is now an official student division of the national FBA, as well as an official attachment to the FBA-San Antonio Chapter. As a member, you will now have access to a host of articles, tips, and guidelines on entering the job market, what areas of federal practice are currently in need of recent law graduates, and how to develop your research and writing for federal practice. You are also invited to submit articles in the National Student Division's newsletter, *The Law Student Lounge*, which has over 50,000 recipients. In addition, you will be invited to various social engagements, including the San Antonio Chapter's luncheons, which feature a different speaker each month on a range of topics from "Filing in Federal Court" to "Ethical Problems Facing Modern Federal Practitioners." During these social events, you have the opportunity to meet and engage with some of the most successful federal attorneys and judges in the nation. The San Antonio Chapter is one of the largest and most active FBA chapters in the United States.

It is not too late to **join the Federal Bar Association**. Add the FBA on TWEN and visit its **Facebook page** for information on membership and updates on all upcoming events. Be on the lookout for information on the next guest speaker who will present on the topic of oral advocacy and effective public speaking.



If you have any questions, please contact Jenna Castleman, FBA Student Division President, at [jcastleman@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:jcastleman@mail.stmarytx.edu).

## CLINICAL PROGRAM COURSE REGISTRATION

Be the **Attorney of Record**. Enroll in a clinic course. If you are looking for hands-on, live client experience as a student attorney—you have found it! St. Mary's University School of Law proudly **offers three outstanding clinic courses** for credit: these are the **Civil Justice Clinic**, the **Criminal Justice Clinic** and the **Immigration and Human Rights Clinic**.

If you are interested in enrolling in either of these clinical courses during the 2015-16 academic year:

- submit the required Application Form and your résumé via <http://bit.ly/ClinicalCoursesApplication> and
- attend a required pre-registration session (to be scheduled later this semester).

## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

All faculty, staff, and students are invited to join University Ministry for Holy Week services. **All services will take place in Guadalupe Chapel.** For more information please contact University Ministry at (210) 436-3213 or [univmin@stmarytx.edu](mailto:univmin@stmarytx.edu).

Thursday, April 2 – Holy Thursday, Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday Liturgy, 3:00 p.m., Evening Reflection, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 4 – Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday Mass, 11:00 a.m.

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

### Programs & Events

For all Office of Career Services programming, be sure to check the Office's "Weekly Update" each Monday or log into Symplicity and go to the Events Tab. Symplicity Log In: <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

## NO SMOKING POLICY

The School of Law Administration has received **numerous complaints** that students are **smoking inside law school buildings**. Please be clear that smoking of any form (from "old school" cigars and cigarettes to new technology smoking) **is prohibited** inside all law school buildings. Please also note the policy prohibits smoking within 50 feet of outside of all building entrances. The university's policy is set forth as follows:

### ***St. Mary's University Smoking Policy***

*St. Mary's University has a “No Smoking Policy” inside all University buildings and within 50 feet of outside of all building entrances. The University seeks compliance, consideration, and cooperation of both smokers and non-smokers and asks that all be respectful of one another in this regard.*

### **TEXAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS – FILING DEADLINES**

<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
July	November 30	January 30	March 30

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Professor Addicott holds **Bible Study multiple times a week** in the Center for Terrorism Law conference room in Raba in accordance with the schedule below:

**Sunday – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Tuesday – 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday – 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**

Please email [jaddicott@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jaddicott@stmarytx.edu) if you would like to be added to the Bible study email list for reminders and updates to this schedule.

### **WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

If a link is not provided below for detailed information to any of the writing competitions and 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 **Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas** annually awards up to three \$2,000 scholarships to students demonstrating academic excellence and commitment to the study and practice of **tax law**. Any student who intends to practice tax law in Texas is eligible to apply. Selection criteria of the scholarships include merit, scholarship performance, financial need, and demonstrated experience and interest in the field of tax law. Applications must be postmarked or time-stamped no later than **April 3, 2015**.

**DISH Network LLC**, in conjunction with Redgrave, LLP, announces its “Best in Class” eDiscovery legal research and writing competition. There is a \$3,500 top cash award. Complete rules and additional information can be found at <http://www.dishediscovery.com/main.html>. The deadline to apply is **April 13, 2015**.

The **Animal Legal Defense Fund** is now accepting applications for the [2015 Animal Legal Defense Fund Advancement of Animal Law Scholarships](#). They are open to members of active SALDF chapters who have shown an outstanding commitment to animal law and who intend to work in the field after graduation. The application deadline is **April 17, 2015**.

**Moses & Rooth Attorneys at Law** is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for the Fall 2015 academic semester. Submit a short essay in 300-600 words on the topic: How You See Social Media Affecting the Practice of Law. For entry rules and eligibility requirements, please visit <https://www.mosesandrooth.com/2015-legal-scholarship/>. Deadline is **May 1, 2015**.

The **National Association of Women Lawyers** (NAWL) is seeking entries for its 2015 Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law. Cash prize of \$500 will be awarded for first-place essay. Entries must be received by **May 1, 2015**. Guidelines are available at <http://www.nawl.org/p/bl/et/blogid=10&blogaid=180>.

The **Animal Law Section** of the **State Bar of Texas** announces its third annual student writing competition. The purpose of the Animal Law Section is to promote the study and understanding of laws, regulations and court decisions relating to legal issues involving animals. The top three papers will receive awards of \$1500, \$1000, and \$500, respectively, and an offer to publish in the *Texas Animal Law Journal*. Entries may be on any topic that is related to Animal Law. The submission deadline is **May 15, 2015**. Rules and writing guidelines are available at <http://www.animallawsection.org/student-writing-competition/>.

**The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law** announces their annual law student writing competition. Entries may address any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the American labor and employment bar. The first-place prize is \$1,500, the second-place prize is \$1,000, and the third-place prize is \$500. Competition rules may be found at [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/labor\\_law/awards.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/labor_law/awards.html). Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2015**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2015 Legal Writing Contest. The first prize is \$2,000, the second prize is \$1,000, and the third prize is \$500. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications-news/publications/Legal-Writing-Contest/>. The deadline to apply is **May 15, 2015**.

The 2015 **American Bar Association SEER** is pleased to announce four law student writing competitions.

**Alternative Dispute Resolution:** Theme: Discuss any aspect of dispute resolution practice, theory or research related to environmental, energy, or natural resource conflicts or should critique or analyze the dispute resolution process used in a particular case. Submissions may advocate a

position, educate the reader, or analyze one or more cases. **Submission Deadline: April 13, 2015,** [ADR Topic- Writing Competition Rules](#)

**Endangered Species:** Theme: Paper should demonstrate original thought on a question of legal and/or policy significance on any issue related to species conservation law, including endangered and threatened species, biodiversity, habitat conservation, and similar themes. Essays should conform to the theme of the competition. Submissions may advocate a position, educate the reader, or analyze one or more cases. **Submission Deadline: April 13, 2015,** [Endangered Species Topic- Writing Competition Rules](#)

**Energy Law:** Theme: Discuss any aspect of energy law. Submissions may advocate a position, educate the reader, or analyze one or more cases. **Submission Deadline: May 18, 2015,** [Energy Law Topic- Writing Competition Rules](#)

**Public Land and Resources:** Theme: Papers should demonstrate original thought on a question of legal and/or policy significance relating to the topic of the role of public lands and policy. The topic is not confined to any particular type of public lands or issue. Essays should conform to the theme of the competition. Submissions may advocate a position, educate the reader, or analyze one or more cases. **Submission Deadline: April 1, 2015,** [Public Land and Resources Topic- Writing Competition Rules](#)

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** announces the 2015 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The \$5,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a rising 3L (or rising 4L in a night program) female student who has demonstrated a commitment to a career as a plaintiffs' lawyer or criminal defense lawyer, along with a dedication to upholding and defending the principles of the Constitution, and to the concept of a fair trial, the adversary system, and a just result for the injured, the accused, and those whose rights are jeopardized. For more information on this scholarship, go to <https://www.justice.org/what-we-do/enhance-practice-law/professional-recognition-awards-scholarship/scholarships/mike-eidson>. The application deadline is **May 1, 2015**.

**Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C.** offers a \$2,000 scholarship award to a law student who is either a member of an ethnic, racial, or other minority or demonstrates the commitment to issues of diversity within their academic career. The deadline to apply is **May 31, 2015**. Apply at <http://www.buckfirelaw.com/library/2015-buckfire-law-school-diversity-scholarship.cfm>.

**Cohen, Placitella & Roth, P.C.** is offering a \$2,500 law scholarship to help a student who is seeking a career in law. This is a one-time scholarship. While applications for this scholarship are judged primarily on need basis, achievement also will be considered. A student aid report showing income status is required, as is an official transcript. The deadline to apply is **May 31, 2015**. For an application please go to <http://cprlaw.com/scholarship/>.

Kush Arora, Attorney at Law is offering the **Kush Arora Criminal Federal Justice Reform Scholarship**. This scholarship will award \$500 to a deserving student who has demonstrated a

thoughtful, well-reasoned view of whether certain laws and criminal justice policies are just or unjust. Details about the scholarship can be [found here](#) and by clicking the "Scholarship" tab. The deadline to apply is **June 1, 2015**.

The **Plaxen and Adler** Scholarship awards \$2,500 annually to a law student who has demonstrated an interest in trial advocacy and a career as a trial lawyer, as well as the concept of a fair Civil Justice system, a just result for the injured, a desire to represent the injured and those whose rights are jeopardized. The scholarship is available to all law school students including those who are outstanding and promising scholars have an interest in trial advocacy and possess a commitment to diversity and inclusion. Applications must include 1) a resume, 2) an essay or letter of no more than 1000 words on how you meet the criteria and 3) up to three recommendations. Submit applications to [bpplaxen@plaxenadler.com](mailto:bpplaxen@plaxenadler.com). Please use the subject line "Plaxen and Adler Scholarship Application – [Your Name Here]". All applications must be submitted by **June 1, 2015**.

The **American College of Employee Benefits Counsel** is pleased to announce its Eleventh Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. The subject may be any topic in the field of employee benefits law. For competition rules, please go to <http://www.acebc.com/employee-benefits-writing-competition>. The deadline is **June 2, 2015**.

Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, P.A. is committed to the advancement of diverse law students. Fostering diversity in the legal profession contributes to the quality of the profession and strengthens our ability to serve clients and communities. As part of Cole Schotz's continuing commitment to inclusion in the legal community, the **Cole Schotz Diversity Scholarship** was created and is open to a diverse, second-year, full time law student in good standing. The recipient will receive a one-time \$5,000 scholarship. For eligibility requirements and an application, please email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu). Deadline to apply is **July 1, 2015**.

The **Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2015 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to <http://www.tannenwald.org/Competition-Announcement>. The entry deadline is **July 1, 2015**.

The National Institute for Military Justice (NIMJ) announces the **John S. Jenkins Writing Competition** for 2015. NIMJ seeks to bring together academic interest and practical experience in military justice. The prize award is \$250 and a certificate. Students may nominate their own work, including work that has been published in a law journal; faculty may also nominate deserving student papers. The deadline to enter is **July 15, 2015**.

The **Luvera Law Firm** is pleased to announce its Second Annual Luvera Law Firm Scholarship. \$2,000 will be awarded to a student to be used for tuition or related expenses. For more information, eligibility and requirements, and an application, please visit the firm's website at [http://www.luveralawfirm.com/about/scholarship/?utm\\_source=scholarship&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2015](http://www.luveralawfirm.com/about/scholarship/?utm_source=scholarship&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2015). The deadline to apply is **July 31, 2015**.

**James Bellefeuille** is now accepting essays on the topic “What is your great law firm marketing idea?” For more information, visit <http://www.jamesbellefeuille.com/law-firm-marketing-ideas/>. The deadline to apply is **July 31, 2015**.

The **LBG Law Firm** in Austin, Texas is offering two new \$1,500 scholarships for Texas college students. The topic, eligibility, and application details can be found on the LBG Law Firm website at <http://www.lbglaw.com/Our-Firm/Scholarship.shtml>. The deadline to apply is **July 31, 2015**.

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**FIESTA FAREWELL – GRADUATION PICTURE**  
**Honoring the Class of 2015**

Everyone is invited to join the Class of 2015 as we bid them **farewell** and welcome them as “Almost Alumni” on **Monday, April 6, 2015, 12:00 p.m.**, at the **Law School Plaza**. Come and celebrate the almost-end of law school and the Fiesta celebration immediately following the class group photo.

**ATTENTION 1L & 2LE STUDENTS**  
**JOURNAL INFORMATION SESSIONS & HAPPY HOUR**

*The St. Mary’s Law Journal* Volume 47 Editorial Board is seeking qualified applicants to serve as Staff Writers for the 2015-2016 academic year. Students may be selected to become a Staff Writer by submitting a write-on application. The write-on packets will be distributed on the last day of 1L finals—Friday, May 8.

For more information about the *Journal* and the write-on application process, please join the *Journal* for a **free lunch and information session on Monday, April 6, at noon in the Alumni Room**, or stop by our tables in the classroom building and courtyard during the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Green at [sgreen5@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:sgreen5@mail.stmarytx.edu).

**TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL PRACTICE**

Opportunities for Young American Lawyers Doing Business Abroad

On **Monday, April 6**, from **4:30 to 5:50 p.m. in Raba 202**, José M. González-Elizondo, Esq., a partner of Baker & McKenzie Abogados, S.C. in Monterrey, L.L., Mexico will be Prof. Roberto Rosas’ **guest speaker** in his class *Doing Business with Mexico*. Mr. José M. González-Elizondo will present a PowerPoint in English and give an oral explanation in Spanish on the meaning and benefits of **Transnational Legal Practice** and the new opportunities for young American lawyers, mainly future St. Mary’s law graduates, in the international arena.

**VOLUNTEER BAILIFFS NEEDED - 2015 JIMI DERRICK**  
**CONSTITUTIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

The St. Mary’s **Board of Advocates** will host the **2015 Jimi Derrick Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition** on **Saturday, April 11, 2015**. The Competition is open to **1L, 2L, and 3L day and evening students** who have completed 1L Moot Court. It is a solo competition, with no teams or partners. **Prize money will be awarded** to the Finalists as well as the Best 1L Advocate or 2L/3L Advocate. Although all 26 competitor spots have been filled, **there is still a need for bailiffs**. The Board of Advocates will be tabling this week in the law classroom building. Please stop by to sign up as a volunteer bailiff or to purchase Barrister’s Ball tickets.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL PHI DELTA PHI CHILI COOK OFF & TASTING

**Wednesday, April 8, 2014  
Law Library Alumni Room  
12:00 -- 4:00 pm**

All students are invited to enter the competition or to come and taste the chili. The entry fee for competitors is \$30. Raffle tickets will also be available for \$5 each for additional prizes. All proceeds will go towards supporting local wounded veterans through Operation Comfort.

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## EXTERNAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM 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 Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> to select upcoming 2L students for the 2015-2106 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 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. The try-outs will take place between **April 6 and 10, 2015**. 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).

## MOCK TRIAL TEAM TRYOUTS ONGOING

Learn to be a fully competent trial lawyer! Come join one of the most competitive mock trial programs in the country. **Learn to master** opening statements, direct examinations, cross examinations, closing arguments, motions in limine, evidentiary arguments, questioning witnesses, speaking to juries, handling opposing counsel, and responding to judges. Advocates travel around the nation trying cases against other top advocacy schools in the presence of practicing trial lawyers.

In order to try out for the team, students will need to **pick up an application** from Professor Schlueter's office (LFB 270) and **sign up for an interview time**. The sign-up sheets will be posted outside Professor Schlueter's office. Students should bring two copies of the completed application, along with two copies of their most recent resume with them to their interview with the coaches. Students will be expected to prepare a 10-minute oral presentation of their choice. The presentation may consist of a moot court argument, personal story, opening statement for a case of the student's choice, or anything that adequately demonstrates his or her speaking style and skills. Tryouts will be ongoing through April 10<sup>th</sup>, with a possible overflow date on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Students ultimately selected for the St. Mary's mock trial team will be announced at Barrister's Ball on April 17<sup>th</sup>. **All returning 3Ls** will need to be present for a **mandatory meeting** in the tryout room at 6:00 p.m. on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Any questions can be directed to either Adjunct Professor Nicole Thornbro at [nthornbro@bexar.org](mailto:nthornbro@bexar.org) or Adjunct Professor Joshua Sandoval at [Joshua.sandoval@bexar.org](mailto:Joshua.sandoval@bexar.org).

## LAST WEEK FOR SUMMER AND FALL 2015 ONLINE REGISTRATION

**Online registration** will open for Summer 2015 and Fall 2015 on the days indicated below. Use the hours **earned at the end** of the **Fall 2014** semester to determine when you may register.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on April 6 through April 11, 2015 online registration is open for all student groups eligible to register.

Once online **registration closes at midnight** on April 11, 2015, the next opportunity for making changes will be the first day of the summer sessions and fall semesters.

If you have **any questions, direct them to Catherine Mery** at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu). Please note the Registrar's Office does not handle online registration and cannot answer questions.

Make sure there are no holds on your account. You may check *Gateway* to confirm any holds that might have been added. If there is a hold, the office that placed the hold is the only authorized office to remove the hold.

## **ARE YOU DECIDING WHAT COURSES TO TAKE IN THE SUMMER AND FALL?**

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs will once again offer Academic Course Advising meetings to all law students. These meetings are a helpful way to make sure that:

1. The courses your are taking are not an unreasonably heavy load, and
2. That you are taking the courses needed to succeed on the bar exam.

While these meetings are routinely attended on a voluntary basis by many law students they are **mandatory for all students who were required to participate in the Spring 2015 1L Fundamental Skills Workshop. If the meeting is mandatory for you, failure to schedule and attend the meeting will prevent you from registering for your Summer and Fall 2015 courses.** To schedule your meeting, please contact Patricia Solano at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

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It is not too late **to join the Federal Bar Association**. Add the FBA on TWEN and visit its **Facebook page** for information on membership and updates on all upcoming events. Be on the lookout for information on the next guest speaker who will present on the topic of oral advocacy and effective public speaking.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenna Castleman, FBA Student Division President, at [jcastleman@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:jcastleman@mail.stmarytx.edu).

## CLINICAL PROGRAM COURSE REGISTRATION

Be the **Attorney of Record**. Enroll in a clinic course. If you are looking for hands-on, live client experience as a student attorney—you have found it! St. Mary's University School of Law proudly **offers three outstanding clinic courses** for credit: these are the **Civil Justice Clinic**, the **Criminal Justice Clinic** and the **Immigration and Human Rights Clinic**.

If you are interested in enrolling in either of these clinical courses during the 2015-16 academic year:

- submit the required Application Form and your résumé via <http://bit.ly/ClinicalCoursesApplication> and
- attend a required pre-registration session (to be scheduled later this semester).

## NO SMOKING POLICY

The School of Law Administration has received **numerous complaints** that students are **smoking inside law school buildings**. Please be clear that smoking of any form (from “old school” cigars and cigarettes to new technology smoking) **is prohibited** inside all law school buildings. Please also note the policy prohibits smoking within 50 feet of outside of all building entrances. The university's policy is set forth as follows:

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## TEXAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS – FILING DEADLINES

<u>Examination Dates</u>	<u>File No Earlier Than</u>	<u>Timely Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Absolute Postmark Deadline</u>
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
July	November 30	January 30	March 30

### BIBLE STUDY

Professor Addicott holds **Bible Study multiple times a week** in the Center for Terrorism Law conference room in Raba in accordance with the schedule below:

**Sunday – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Tuesday – 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**  
**Thursday – 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**

Please email [jaddicott@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jaddicott@stmarytx.edu) if you would like to be added to the Bible study email list for reminders and updates to this schedule.

### WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

If a link is not provided below for detailed information to any of the writing competitions and 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.

**DISH Network LLC**, in conjunction with Redgrave, LLP, announces its “Best in Class” eDiscovery legal research and writing competition. There is a \$3,500 top cash award. Complete rules and additional information can be found at <http://www.dishediscovery.com/main.html>. The deadline to apply is **April 13, 2015**.

The **Animal Legal Defense Fund** is now accepting applications for the [2015 Animal Legal Defense Fund Advancement of Animal Law Scholarships](#). They are open to members of active SALDF chapters who have shown an outstanding commitment to animal law and who intend to work in the field after graduation. The application deadline is **April 17, 2015**.

**Moses & Rooth Attorneys at Law** is offering a \$1,000 scholarship for the Fall 2015 academic semester. Submit a short essay in 300-600 words on the topic: How You See Social Media Affecting the Practice of Law. For entry rules and eligibility requirements, please visit <https://www.mosesandrooth.com/2015-legal-scholarship/>. Deadline is **May 1, 2015**.

The **National Association of Women Lawyers** (NAWL) is seeking entries for its 2015 Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women’s rights or the status of women in the law. Cash prize of \$500 will be awarded

for first-place essay. Entries must be received by **May 1, 2015**. Guidelines are available at <http://www.nawl.org/p/bl/et/blogid=10&blogaid=180>.

The **Animal Law Section** of the **State Bar of Texas** announces its third annual student writing competition. The purpose of the Animal Law Section is to promote the study and understanding of laws, regulations and court decisions relating to legal issues involving animals. The top three papers will receive awards of \$1500, \$1000, and \$500, respectively, and an offer to publish in the *Texas Animal Law Journal*. Entries may be on any topic that is related to Animal Law. The submission deadline is **May 15, 2015**. Rules and writing guidelines are available at <http://www.animallawsection.org/student-writing-competition/>.

The **College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law** announces their annual law student writing competition. Entries may address any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the American labor and employment bar. The first-place prize is \$1,500, the second-place prize is, \$1,000, and the third-place prize is \$500. Competition rules may be found at [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/labor\\_law/awards.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/labor_law/awards.html). Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2015**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2015 Legal Writing Contest. The first prize is \$2,000, the second prize is \$1,000, and the third prize is \$500. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications-news/publications/Legal-Writing-Contest/>. The deadline to apply is **May 15, 2015**.

The 2015 **American Bar Association SEER** is pleased to announce four law student writing competitions.

**[Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)**: Theme: Discuss any aspect of dispute resolution practice, theory or research related to environmental, energy, or natural resource conflicts or should critique or analyze the dispute resolution process used in a particular case. Submissions may advocate a position, educate the reader, or analyze one or more cases. **Submission Deadline: April 13, 2015, [ADR Topic- Writing Competition Rules](#)**

**[Endangered Species](#)**: Theme: Paper should demonstrate original thought on a question of legal and/or policy significance on any issue related to species conservation law, including endangered and threatened species, biodiversity, habitat conservation, and similar themes. Essays should conform to the theme of the competition. Submissions may advocate a position, educate the reader, or analyze one or more cases. **Submission Deadline: April 13, 2015, [Endangered Species Topic- Writing Competition Rules](#)**

**[Energy Law](#)**: Theme: Discuss any aspect of energy law. Submissions may advocate a position, educate the reader, or analyze one or more cases. **Submission Deadline: May 18, 2015, [Energy Law Topic- Writing Competition Rules](#)**

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice** (AAJ) announces the 2015 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The \$5,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a rising 3L (or rising 4L in a night program) female student who has demonstrated a commitment to a career as a plaintiffs' lawyer or criminal defense lawyer, along with a dedication to upholding and defending the principles of the Constitution, and to the concept of a fair trial, the adversary system, and a just result for the injured, the accused, and those whose rights are jeopardized. For more information on this scholarship, go to <https://www.justice.org/what-we-do/enhance-practice-law/professional-recognition-awards-scholarship/scholarships/mike-eidson>. The application deadline is **May 1, 2015**.

**Buckfire & Buckfire, P.C.** offers a \$2,000 scholarship award to a law student who is either a member of an ethnic, racial, or other minority or demonstrates the commitment to issues of diversity within their academic career. The deadline to apply is **May 31, 2015**. Apply at <http://www.buckfirelaw.com/library/2015-buckfire-law-school-diversity-scholarship.cfm>.

**Cohen, Placitella & Roth, P.C.** is offering a \$2,500 law scholarship to help a student who is seeking a career in law. This is a one-time scholarship. While applications for this scholarship are judged primarily on need basis, achievement also will be considered. A student aid report showing income status is required, as is an official transcript. The deadline to apply is **May 31, 2015**. For an application please go to <http://cprlaw.com/scholarship/>.

Kush Arora, Attorney at Law is offering the **Kush Arora Criminal Federal Justice Reform Scholarship**. This scholarship will award \$500 to a deserving student who has demonstrated a thoughtful, well-reasoned view of whether certain laws and criminal justice policies are just or unjust. Details about the scholarship can be [found here](#) and by clicking the "Scholarship" tab. The deadline to apply is **June 1, 2015**.

The **Plaxen and Adler** Scholarship awards \$2,500 annually to a law student who has demonstrated an interest in trial advocacy and a career as a trial lawyer, as well as the concept of a fair Civil Justice system, a just result for the injured, a desire to represent the injured and those whose rights are jeopardized. The scholarship is available to all law school students including those who are outstanding and promising scholars have an interest in trial advocacy and possess a commitment to diversity and inclusion. Applications must include 1) a resume, 2) an essay or letter of no more than 1000 words on how you meet the criteria and 3) up to three recommendations. Submit applications to [bplaxen@plaxenadler.com](mailto:bplaxen@plaxenadler.com). Please use the subject line "Plaxen and Adler Scholarship Application – [Your Name Here]". All applications must be submitted by **June 1, 2015**.

The **American College of Employee Benefits Counsel** is pleased to announce its Eleventh Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. The subject may be any topic in the field of employee benefits law. For competition rules, please go to <http://www.acebc.com/employee-benefits-writing-competition>. The deadline is **June 2, 2015**.

Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, P.A. is committed to the advancement of diverse law students. Fostering diversity in the legal profession contributes to the quality of the profession



and strengthens our ability to serve clients and communities. As part of Cole Schotz's continuing commitment to inclusion in the legal community, the **Cole Schotz Diversity Scholarship** was created and is open to a diverse, second-year, full time law student in good standing. The recipient will receive a one-time \$5,000 scholarship. For eligibility requirements and an application, please email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu). Deadline to apply is **July 1, 2015**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2015 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to <http://www.tannenwald.org/Competition-Announcement>. The entry deadline is **July 1, 2015**.

The National Institute for Military Justice (NIMJ) announces the **John S. Jenkins Writing Competition** for 2015. NIMJ seeks to bring together academic interest and practical experience in military justice. The prize award is \$250 and a certificate. Students may nominate their own work, including work that has been published in a law journal; faculty may also nominate deserving student papers. The deadline to enter is **July 15, 2015**.

The **Luvera Law Firm** is pleased to announce its Second Annual Luvera Law Firm Scholarship. \$2,000 will be awarded to a student to be used for tuition or related expenses. For more information, eligibility and requirements, and an application, please visit the firm's website at [http://www.luveralawfirm.com/about/scholarship/?utm\\_source=scholarship&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2015](http://www.luveralawfirm.com/about/scholarship/?utm_source=scholarship&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2015). The deadline to apply is **July 31, 2015**.

**James Bellefeuille** is now accepting essays on the topic "What is your great law firm marketing idea?" For more information, visit <http://www.jamesbellefeuille.com/law-firm-marketing-ideas/>. The deadline to apply is **July 31, 2015**.

The **LBG Law Firm** in Austin, Texas is offering two new \$1,500 scholarships for Texas college students. The topic, eligibility, and application details can be found on the LBG Law Firm website at <http://www.lbglaw.com/Our-Firm/Scholarship.shtml>. The deadline to apply is **July 31, 2015**.

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By VMM

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**Law Ministries and the Board of Advocates** would like to thank the following donors for their support and judges for their time:

### Sponsors

Mr. James Derrick II & Ms. Carrin Patman  
Mrs. Becky Millikin & Mr. Lee Millikin

### Judges

Justice Rebeca Martinez  
Judge Craig Gargotta  
Ms. Donna Coltharp

The Board of Advocates would also like to thank all the attorneys who volunteered their time during Preliminary and Break Rounds, making this year's competition a huge success.

## StMU STUDENT INFORMATION RESOURCES AND SERVICE SURVEY

In an effort to **assess the impact of current technologies and information resources available to students** and to help plan for future enhancements, all St. Mary's students are asked to **complete the survey** below. Your perspectives and experiences are important and will help shape the technology and information resources priorities.

### [Spring 2015 Student Information Resources and Services Survey](#)

This survey is sponsored by the Offices of the Chief Information Officer (Academic Technology Services, Information Technology Services, and Library Services). Your responses are completely anonymous. The survey should take between 10 and 15 minutes to complete. **Drawings** will be held for Starbucks gift cards throughout the survey.

## INNSBRUCK PROGRAM

The **Institute on World Legal Problems**, scheduled this summer in Innsbruck, Austria from **July 6 – August 7**, is taking applications from those interested in learning law and traveling in Europe. This is the 30<sup>th</sup> annual program, which has hosted eight Supreme Court Justices, as well as justices in the International Criminal Court and other international courts. **You can apply online**, or by contacting the program assistant, Ms. Guadalupe Valdez, or its administrators, Professors Gerald S. Reamey and Michael S. Ariens.

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

The Law Library is celebrating **National Library Week, April 12-18, 2015**. You are invited to participate in the following activities:

- **Rare Book Room Tours.** This tour is brief and lasts 15-20 minutes. Attendees will see the rare book room and learn basic information about the rare books collection. Please sign up at the Circulation Desk or email Fang Wang, [fwang@stmarytx.edu](mailto:fwang@stmarytx.edu) to schedule a tour during business hours this week.
- **Movie Trivia Questions.** These questions are about lawyers and libraries in movies. All movies mentioned in the quiz are available for check out at the Law Library. You may pick up the quiz at the Circulation Desk and return it in by the end of the day Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Participants at each of the events will be **entered into a drawing**. Prizes include a pair of movie tickets and thumb drives. Winners will be notified via email on Monday, April 20th.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF DEAN STEPHEN SHEPPARD**

Welcome back! I hope you had an excellent summer break. As you may know, I became dean during the summer. I have been busy meeting many of St. Mary's friends, and ... now that you are back ... I hope to meet you. Later this semester, Dean Mather will issue an invitation designating a time and place where you can join us and discuss whatever is on your mind. In the meantime, if there is anything urgent, please contact Ms. Becky Adams ([badams@stmarytx.edu](mailto:badams@stmarytx.edu), 210. 431.5017) for some time with me, or catch me in my office in the Raba Building, LF 272. Enjoy your semester!

**LAWYER WHO FREED WRONGFULLY CONVICTED MAN ON DEATH ROW TO  
SPEAK AT TRINITY UNIVERSITY**

Diana Holt, whose efforts were chronicled in the best seller *Anatomy of Injustice*, will talk about the case as part of Trinity University's Reading TUgether keynote lecture. Diana is an attorney who took up the cause of a wrongfully convicted man sitting on death row. Her presentation will take place at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 27, 2014** in **Laurie Auditorium, Trinity University, One Trinity Place, San Antonio, Texas, 78212**. In attendance will be Edward Lee Elmore, the man whose conviction she fought to overturn. The event is free and open to the public.

**MANDATORY MEETING WITH THE  
TEXAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS  
FOR FIRST-YEAR DAY AND EVENING STUDENTS**

All first-year students, both day and evening, are required to attend the information meeting with the **Board of Law Examiners (BLE)**, scheduled for **Wednesday, September 3, 2014**, at **4:00 p.m. in Law Classrooms 101-102-103**. Ms. Lori S. Adelman, Director, Character and Fitness, will conduct the meeting and will impart crucial information for filing the Declaration of Intention to Study Law, as well as answer student questions about the process.

**DOCKET CALL**

**Calling all law student organizations, programs and services!**

**Docket Call** will be held on **Thursday, September 11, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., in the Law Plaza**. This is a great way to register members and inform everyone about what your organization does. Students, come learn about the various opportunities at your school and don't forget to bring your checkbooks so you may join the different organizations that will help shape your future. Food and drinks will be provided. For more information, or if you are interested in a table, please contact Jessica Shawver ([jessica.shawver@aol.com](mailto:jessica.shawver@aol.com)) or Kate Dewan ([kate.dewan@gmail.com](mailto:kate.dewan@gmail.com)).

**ATTENTION CLASS OF 2015 – J.D. AND LL.M. GRADUATE CANDIDATES  
CHECK YOUR STUDENT MAILBOX IN THE LAW CLASSROOM BUILDING  
APPLICATION FOR DEGREE CARDS**

The 3L student mailboxes have been stuffed with an *Application for Degree* card, which lets the Administration know (1) if you will receive your J.D. or LL.M. degree [must check one]; (2) whether you intend to **complete your degree requirements** in **December 2014, May 2015, or August 2015** [August graduates are considered with the next years' class, Class of 2016, for graduation purposes]; (3) if you will also **receive a joint degree** in conjunction with the Graduate School [indicate the Masters degree you will earn]; and (4) how you would like **your name to appear on your diploma** [next to (*Print Name*) line]. **The completed card must be returned** to Ms. Yvonne Olfers, Director of Student Records, Law Administration Building, Room 121, **by Friday, September 19, 2014**. If you intend to graduate but did not receive a card in your student box, you can pick one up from her 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.

**1L FINGERPRINTING - RESERVE THE DATE**

**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 the below listed dates.

<b>Wednesday, October 22</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, October 24</b>	<b>8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, October 27</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 29</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, November 3</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.</b>

Please reserve the dates. Instructions for the registration process, which is completed after the Declaration has been filed, as well as the location will be announced at a later date. Please check your **St. Mary's Student Email account** for more details on the 1L Fingerprinting process.

**TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES**

Application deadlines for the Texas Bar Examination are noted below:

<u><i>Examination Dates</i></u>	<u><i>File No Earlier Than</i></u>	<u><i>Timely Postmark Deadline</i></u>	<u><i>Absolute Postmark Deadline</i></u> Late Fee Required
February	June 30	August 30	October 30
July	November 30	January 30	March 30

Deadlines are STRICTLY enforced. Please refer to the Texas Board of Law Examiners website [http://www.ble.state.tx.us/exam\\_info/deadlines\\_tbe.htm](http://www.ble.state.tx.us/exam_info/deadlines_tbe.htm) for more information.

## **PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS (PCP)**

It is not too late for **FALL** externships! Start planning ahead for the **SPRING OR** if you have an internship and want to earn credit. **Contact AMANDA RIVAS as soon as possible!** Email or call to schedule a one-on-one meeting, [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu), office telephone 210.431.5712. PCP office hours in Career Services are Monday's, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and Thursday's, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The below positions are available NOW:

- Veterans Administration, Audie Murphy- MedMal/Torts- (San Antonio)
- Equal Justice Center- Employment Law- (San Antonio)
- Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (San Antonio-tax, property, others)
- Catholic Charities- Immigration (San Antonio)
- Disability Rights Texas- Education/Civil Rights/ADA (San Antonio)
- UTSA Commercialization- IP/Trademarks (San Antonio)
- Office of Attorney General- Child Support (San Antonio)
- Texas Civil Rights Project (Austin)
- Office of the Governor (Austin)

Read about the two program options (**PCP Externship** or **PCP Independent Study**) on our website: <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/centers/practice-credit-program/>.

**PLAN ahead: PCP Externship program (including In House Counsel) MANDATORY orientation class.** The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class. Contact Amanda Rivas with any questions about the program or class at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu).

***DISCLAIMER:*** *You may attend the class even if you are not formally registered and you are still trying to solidify a placement. If you get a qualified job later and have not attended the class, you will be precluded from registering for the Externship course and gaining the maximum amount of credits.*

## **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Please **RSVP to attend any of the below listed programs:** RSVP in the “Events” section of Symplicity under “Workshops”. You will not be included in the head count for food if you do not RSVP at least 24-hours before the event. You may still attend the event; however we ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

**Ask a Counselor Hour**

**Monday, August 25, 2014**

**8:00 – 9:00 p.m., Online Through Symplicity Chat Feature**

Need to ask a question about career planning but don't have enough time to stop by the Office of Career Services? Director Patrick will be available to answer your questions through the live chat feature in Symplicity. Log into Symplicity and click on the Chat with an Office of Career Services Staff Member.

**OCS Back to School Kick Off, Popcorn in the Courtyard**

**Wednesday, August 27, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Courtyard**

Come by to get a bag of popcorn and learn about all of the exciting programming OCS has to offer this semester.

**Department of Justice Honors Program Information Session**

**Wednesday, August 27, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Atrium, Law Administration Building**

Lunch will be provided.

Tracey Greer, United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division attorney will come and speak about opportunities for paid and unpaid summer and paid post graduate positions through the honors program with the United States Department of Justice.

**Meet the Professionals Series: Federal Government, ARMY JAG**

**Tuesday, September 2, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library**

You may bring a brown bag lunch.

**LIMITED TO 10 STUDENTS, FIRST COME FIRST SERVE, SIGN UP IN SYMPPLICITY**

The Meet the Professionals Series is a series of programs that provide students with an opportunity to learn from practitioners in a small setting. The practitioners will talk about their career and experiences and how they got to their current positions as well as answer student questions. This program will be presented by Major Jason Wells an ARMY JAG officer and will discuss opportunities to become an ARMY JAG intern or ARMY JAG after law school. He will also be conducting JAG informational interviews if you are interested in applying for JAG for after graduation that day. If you are interested, you may apply to the 2014 Army JAG session in the “On Campus Interviews Tab” in Symplicity.

**Lunch and Learn: Southwest Research Institute**

**Wednesday, September 3, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library**

Come learn about Southwest Research Institute from attorneys in their legal department. You will learn about what their practice is like and the type of work Southwest Research engages in on a regular basis. This employer hires students for paid internships so it is a great networking opportunity! Lunch will be provided by Southwest Research from Jason's Deli. This event is cosponsored by the Business Law Association and the Office of Career Services.

**Meet the Professionals Series: Federal Government, NAVY JAG**

**Wednesday, September 10, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library**

You may bring a brown bag lunch.

LIMITED TO 10 STUDENTS, FIRST COME FIRST SERVE, SIGN UP IN SYMPPLICITY

Come hear from current JAG officer and STMU Law alum about the NAVY program and the hiring process. The NAVY does not conduct interviews on campus so if you are interested in learning about the NAVY, do not miss this opportunity. Lt. Albright, J.D. '06 will be speaking at this session.

**LL.M. Informational Meeting and Luncheon**

**Wednesday, September 10, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:15 p.m., Law Alumni Room**

Lunch will be served.

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs and the Office of Career Services will be holding a lunch meeting with LL.M. students to discuss questions related to academic skills, career resources, gaining experience through the Pro Bono program and the changing New York Bar Exam requirements.

**Charting Your Course over your Last Year in Law School (Class of 2015)**

**Wednesday, September 17, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room**

Lunch will be provided.

This program will refresh your game plan as you start your last year of law school. Topics will include:

- Refreshing your Resume
- Using Symplicity
- Gaining additional job skills in your last year
- Preparing for solo practice
- Learning about exit interviews and much more.

**SABA/3L Mentor-Mentee Program Reception**

**Thursday, September 18, 2014**

**5:30 – 7:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room**

Food and drinks will be provided.

The Office of Career Services and the San Antonio Bar Association (SABA) invite you to the SABA-3L Mentor-Mentee Program Reception. Please join us to learn about the program and tell us what area of the law you are interested in so we can find the right mentor for you. Dress code is business casual.

**Ask a Counselor Hour**

**Monday, September 22, 2014**

**8:00 – 9:00 p.m., Online Through Symplicity Chat Feature**

Need to ask a question about career planning but don't have enough time to stop by the Office of Career Services? Director Patrick will be available to answer your questions through the live chat feature in Symplicity. Log into Symplicity and click on the Chat with an Office of Career Services

Staff Member.

**Year Two, Now What to Do? (Class of 2016)**

**Wednesday, September 24, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room**

Lunch will be provided.

This program is designed to help you stay on task with your career planning. Did you work your first summer? Are you worried about gaining experience? It is not too late! There are tons of opportunities for second year students and this program will highlight them for you. We will also discuss how to update your resume, maximize your use of Symplicity including the various resume books and take advantage of networking opportunities.

**Meet the Professionals Series: Insurance Defense Law**

**Tuesday, September 30, 2014**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library**

The Meet the Professionals Series is a series of programs that provide students with an opportunity to learn from practitioners in a small setting. The practitioners will talk about their career and experiences and how they got to their current positions as well as answer student questions. The programs are limited to 10 students. Space is limited. Sarah Minter, a local insurance defense attorney at the law firm of Goldman and Associates will present this program. You may bring a brown bag lunch.

## **HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT**

St. Mary's University **requires all students living on campus and all F1 international students** to show proof of health insurance. All students who live on campus and all F1 international students are **automatically billed** for the Student Health Insurance program. If you already carry private insurance and wish to have the charge for the Student Health Insurance removed from your bill, then you may complete the **waiver process** by going to the following link: <https://www.academichealthplans.com/stmarytx/>

**Deadline to waive** the Student Health Insurance is **September 19, 2014**. There are no extensions to this deadline. F1 international students are **NOT** allowed to waive the Student Health Insurance for any reason.

**Commuter students** who are interested in enrolling on the Student Health Insurance program can do so online by visiting: <https://www.academichealthplans.com/stmarytx/index.php>. Students have until **September 19, 2014** to request that the insurance premium be added to your business account at STMU. The insurance brochure and FAQ's are available online as well at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/healthcenter>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the St. Mary's Student Health Center 210.436.3506.

## EVENT SET-UP FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** should be submitted 10-days in advance to Ofilia Rodarte, Dean's Office, [orodarte@stmarytx.edu](mailto:orodarte@stmarytx.edu).

Please note this is a St. Mary's University Housekeeping Division policy. This advance notice allows the Housekeeping Division to appropriately schedule staff, set-up and breakdown of your event.

Work Orders **received after this deadline** will be accommodated when possible, however **not guaranteed**.

## TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Smoking is **prohibited** in all law school buildings. **Please refrain** from the use of all **tobacco products** in the library and in the classrooms. Chewing tobacco, in particular, can stain furniture and carpets and the waste disposal process is distracting to others.

## LAW MINISTRY

**Sister Grace Walle**, FMI is the Campus Minister for the St. Mary's University School of Law. Her office is located in **Room 105** of the **Ernest Raba (Law Faculty) building**. Sister Grace is available for pastoral counseling and spiritual guidance. Sister Grace also coordinates service programs that provide outreach to the community. You may reach Sister Grace by telephone at 210.436.3063 or by email at [gwall@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwall@stmarytx.edu). Stop by for a cup of coffee or a PBJ sandwich, available at no cost, just outside of her office.

## JOIN AUSTIN YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

Do you live in Austin or are you planning on practicing in Austin? Join Austin Young Lawyers Association (AYLA). A one year student membership is \$25 or \$50 for a three year membership (good even after graduation). Other reasons to join AYLA:

- Networking/social opportunities
- Free monthly "Docket Call" Happy Hours and the Annual Holiday Party
- Pro Bono and Community Service Volunteer Opportunities
- Austin Bar Association/AYLA Joint Luncheons
- Annual Bench-Bar Conference
- Opportunities to mix, mingle, and make new friends
- Opportunity for participation in various athletic events and tournaments
- All members receive the *Austin Lawyer*, a monthly newsletter

This is a great opportunity to meet and work with young Austin attorneys - any one of which



could be your connection to a job! To join, please go to the AYLA website at [www.ayla.org](http://www.ayla.org).

## POSTING NOTICES

A student organization may publicize an event or deadline through announcements:

- ❖ In the *Witan* (provide a copy to Ms. Bebe Gonzalez ([bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu)) by noon Thursday.
- ❖ On its organization bulletin board
- ❖ On the posting walls in the east and west foyers of the law classroom building and in the west foyer of the law faculty building, provided the notice is:
  - (1) not greater than 11" x 17" (legal size) and
  - (2) not posted more than ten days before an event;

Except as provided above, do not tape, staple, pin, or otherwise display any notice on walls or furniture of any building at the Law Center (including classroom entry doors). Announcements posted in violation of this rule will be removed.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

If a link is not provided below for detailed information to any of the below writing competitions and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzalez at [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu).

The **Dallas Asian-American Bar Association** (DAABA) will award a scholarship of up to \$5,000 to a law student enrolled at the time of the application and scholarship. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage Asian-American law students to enter the practice of law in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and to become active members of DAABA and the Asian-American community. The [Law Student Scholarship Application](#) must be postmarked by **September 19, 2014**.

The Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association (PIABA) is pleased to announce the **James E. Beckley** writing competition. This is a writing competition for students who are interested in Securities Arbitration and Securities law. First prize is \$1000, Second prize is \$750 and third prize is \$500. For more information please visit [www.piabafoundation.org](http://www.piabafoundation.org). Submission deadline is 5:00 p.m., **September 19, 2014**.

**Latham & Watkins** is pleased to announce the Latham Diversity Scholars Program which will award a \$10,000 non-renewable scholarship to six law students for use during their second year of law school. Details and application forms may be found [here](#). Deadline to apply is **September 26, 2014**.

**1-800-LAW-FIRM, PLLC** is now accepting essay entries through **October 5, 2014** on the topic “What would you do to improve the legal system.” \$10,000 grand prize. Please go to <http://www.1800lawfirm.com/scholarship> for more information.

The **Center for Alcohol Policy** is accepting submissions for their national essay contest. The topic for this year’s contest is: “As states contemplate the legalization of prohibited products, like marijuana, what are some lessons policymakers and regulators can learn from the movement to end alcohol Prohibition in the 1930s?” Prizes are \$5,000, 2,500 and 1,000. For more information, please visit [www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org](http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org). All entries must be received by **November 17, 2014**.

As more writing competitions, fellowships and scholarships are available, they will be published here. Please check back again. Thank you.