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**WELCOME  
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Greetings to all of our returning students. Welcome home! I hope you had an enjoyable summer break wherever you may have gone and are now rested and prepared to resume your studies. During the year, Dean Mather and I look forward to meeting with all of you on a regular basis. Later this semester she will issue an invitation designating a time and place where you can join the two of us and discuss whatever issues come to mind.

A special welcome to all of our entering first year students. Last Thursday at your orientation, you received some very encouraging advice from Provost André Hampton, the Vice President of Academic Affairs at St. Mary's, and from Marty Truss, President of our Law Alumni Association. I hope you took it to heart. All of you should also plan on taking advantage of all of the resources available to you at St. Mary's. This would certainly include, but not be limited to, joining Dean Mather and myself as mentioned above, as well as visiting the offices of our Campus Ministry, which is led by our very own Sr. Grace Walle. You will find that she will always have a solution for whatever ails you. We wish you good luck as you pursue your new chosen profession and hope you are successful, not only in your studies, but in making new life-long friends. We are glad you have come to St. Mary's. Welcome!

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### **INTRO TO LAW SCHOOL – MOVING BEYOND SUMMER ACADEMY**

Attention All 1Ls! Be sure to attend Intro to Law School – Moving Beyond Summer Academy. During this presentation there will be discussion on helpful skills beyond what was covered during Summer Skills Academy including creating a study schedule.

Date: August 27, 2013  
 Sections A & C: LC 102, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
 Section B & C: LC 104, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
 Section D: May attend either session.

### **ACADEMIC SCHOLAR PROGRAM**

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#### **WHO IS YOUR ACADEMIC SCHOLAR AND WHEN WILL THEY MEET?**

**Beginning on the first day of class**, please check the colorful spreadsheet posted on the bulletin board just inside the doors of the Law Classroom Building. You can find your name associated with you assigned Academic Scholar as well as the time and location of your Academic Scholar Sessions. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

### **FIRST YEAR SECTION LUNCHESES**

First year students – come on out to the Raba Faculty building and meet Sister Grace Walle, Law School Campus Minister. Enjoy a free lunch and learn all about service opportunities.

Section B will meet Wednesday, September 4, 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.  
 Section C will meet Wednesday, September 4, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.  
 Section D will meet Wednesday, September 4, 5:15 – 6:00 p.m.

Section A will meet Thursday, 9/5, 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

## 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.

### **SABA Mentoring Event: Relief from Wrongful Convictions (Representing the Innocent)**

Open to all Class of 2014 Students

Monday, August 26, 2013

5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Dinner will be served.

Cynthia Orr will be presenting, Relief from Wrongful Convictions (Representing the Innocent). The event is co-sponsored by the San Antonio Bar Association, San Antonio Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and St. Mary’s University School of Law’s Criminal Law Clinic, Office of Career Services and Office of Alumni Relations and Development. MCLE Credit 1.0 hour for all practitioners and students may keep credit if it falls within their eligibility year based on their date of birth.

### **Meet the Professionals Series: Post Graduate Public Interest Law Fellowships**

Thursday, August 29, 2013

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 alum, Meghan Kempf of Family Violence Center who is a current Equal Justice Works Fellow.

### **Year Two Now What to Do?**

Tuesday, September 3, 2013

12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Class of 2015 you are invited to attend this program to learn about steps to take to stay on task with your career planning.

### **Meet the Professionals Series: Oil and Gas Law**

Wednesday, September 4, 2013

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

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### **Meet the Professionals Series: Estate and Probate Law**

Tuesday, September 10, 2013

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

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

Wednesday, September 11, 2013

12:00 - 1:30 p.m., Atrium

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.

## **RESEARCH ASSISTANTS NEEDED**

Professor Grenardo is seeking **two research assistants** who are highly motivated with proficiency in **Bluebook citing**. The topics of the articles that will require research including (1) getting a job as a law student and (2) pro bono. Strong grades and writing ability are also required. Work on a law journal is preferable.

Please email your resume and a previous writing sample to Professor Grenardo, directly at [dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu](mailto:dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu).

Below is a bio of Professor Grenardo.

Upon graduation from Rice University and Duke University School of Law, Professor Grenardo practiced law in California and Texas for three major law firms (Jones Day, DLA Piper, and King & Spalding) for nearly a decade before joining the legal academy with Ave Maria School of Law in Naples, Florida. During his practice, he represented clients, ranging from Fortune 100 companies to small businesses and individuals, in a wide variety of complex commercial litigation matters, including contract, tort, product liability, insurance law, franchise and copyright cases. He has extensive pretrial and trial experience, which includes discovery, depositions, motion practice and negotiating settlements. He has argued before state and federal

trial courts, bankruptcy court and the court of appeals. He has tried cases before a jury, arbitrators and an administrative law judge. Professor Grenardo dedicated a significant part of his practice to pro bono work, which included protecting the rights of, among others, domestic violence victims, the developmentally disabled and First Amendment litigants. He has received numerous awards for his pro bono efforts, including the Frank J. Scurlock Award, which is one of the highest individual pro bono honors awarded by the State Bar of Texas, the Harriet Buhai Center for Family Law Pro Bono Panel Volunteer of the Year, the Wiley W. Manuel Award bestowed by the State Bar of California, the San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program Distinguished Service Award, and Texas Civil Rights Project Pro Bono Champion.

This fall he joined the faculty of St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio as an Assistant Professor of Law. He teaches Professional Responsibility, Business Associations, Contracts, and Civil Procedure.

He has presented on ethics several times on a national level for the American Bar Association ("ABA"), and he has also presented locally on ethics. For example, this past summer he led a panel at the ABA's 39<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Professional Responsibility. His previous articles have been published in Cardozo's Public Law, Policy & Ethics Journal, the University of North Carolina Law School's First Amendment Law Review, and he has had several articles published by the ABA.

Professor Grenardo grew up in Colorado and played football at Rice University. He and his wife, Dr. Jennifer Grenardo, Ed.D., have two boys, Solomon (4) and Moses (2).

### **NEED A LOCKER?**

The Student Bar Association has a **limited number of lockers for rent**. They will have a **sign-up table** in the Law Classroom building **August 27-30**. Rental period is for the 2013-14 academic year and **lockers rent for \$50.00 each**. Students must clean out lockers by the last day of final exams May 9, 2014. Hurry in and get your locker!

### **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/index.php>.

**Deadline to waive** the Student Health Insurance is **September 5, 2013**. 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 5, 2013** 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.

## **CONSTRUCTION ON CAMPUS**

Heads up in the parking areas! Because of construction on campus, we can anticipate substantially increased pedestrian traffic in the parking areas. Also, be aware that new stop signs were installed over the summer, so even if you are used to driving in the St. Mary's lots, please learn new traffic patterns and slow down.

## **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. Her telephone number is **(210) 436-3063** and her email address is [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu). Stop by for a cup of coffee or a PBJ sandwich, available at no cost, just outside her office.

## **YOUR LAW FRIEND**

Interested in joining a **free online community** for law students? YourLawFriend seeks to encourage, collaborate and stimulate learning with all students who join their network. They even have a free online competition this month. Check it out at [www.yourlawfriend.com](http://www.yourlawfriend.com).

## **FLINT FEST**

Come one, come all to the annual **Flint Fest** on **Friday, September 27, 2013, 6:30 p.m.** at **Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church Hall**, 223 E. Summit Avenue, San Antonio, Texas, 78212. For a \$10 donation you can enjoy food, drinks and door prizes. Contributions will benefit the Flint/Innsbruck Fund. Learn more about the Institute on World Legal Problems in Innsbruck. This event is sponsored by Law Ministry Office. For more information please contact Sister Grace Walle at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).

## **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).

### STUDENT ABA MEMBERSHIP

The **American Bar Association** can help you meet the challenges of law school and prepare for your career. Join the **American Bar Association Law Student Division** today to start building your professional network.

Join now for the special law student rate of just \$25 a year at [www.ambar.org/JoinFor1](http://www.ambar.org/JoinFor1) or \$60 for three years at [www.ambar.org/JoinFor3](http://www.ambar.org/JoinFor3) to:

- Watch your resume rise to the top of the stack through internships, fellowships, clerkships, public service volunteer opportunities and competitions.
- Discover your passion through free and affordable special interest groups with webinars and networking events.
- Get help through school and beyond with the *Student Lawyer* magazine, the *ABA Journal*, discounts on study aides and bar review courses and valuable health insurance.

Enroll today by visiting [www.ambar.org/JoinFor1](http://www.ambar.org/JoinFor1) or [www.ambar.org/JoinFor3](http://www.ambar.org/JoinFor3) or call 800-285-2221 and mention code RMM12ELSA. Start preparing for your future today.

### 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.

### **ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS EVENT SET-UPS**

**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.

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

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

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 **September 10, 2013**.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2013 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 2013, and papers scheduled for publication in 2013 or 2014 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Mail two copies of submission to ASECA, P. O. Box 5767, Washington, D.C., 20016. Deadline to submit a paper is **November 15, 2013**.

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The Florida State University Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law will present awards for the outstanding original papers submitted by a law student. Prize is \$250. Deadline to submit a paper is **January 2 2014**. For more information please go to <http://med.fsu.edu/?fuseaction=news.viewArticle&usemenu=innovativeCollaboration&newsID=493>

UCLA School of Law, The **Dukeminier Awards** Best Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law Review Articles 2013 Student Writing Competition. Submission deadline is **January 17, 2014**. Prize is \$1,000. <http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/dukeminierstudent-writing-competition/>.



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The **Student Bar Association (SBA)** will be holding **elections for the 2013-2014 school year on September 10-11, 2013**. The following positions are available:

- Vice President (2L or 3L)
- 2L Senator
- 1L Senators (2 per Section)
- 1L Honor Court Justice
- American Bar Association Representative (2L)
- San Antonio Young Lawyers Association Representative (2L)

In order to run for a position, **IT IS MANDATORY** that candidates attend only one (1) of the following meetings:

**Tuesday, September 3:** 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30

**Thursday, September 5:** 1:00, 3:30, 5:30

All meetings will be held in the SBA Office on the first floor of the Raba Building, room 106D. Election results will be announced at **Docket Call on September 12, 2013**. If you cannot attend a meeting or have any questions, please contact Stephanie May, SBA Special Prosecutor, at [StephMay17@gmail.com](mailto:StephMay17@gmail.com).

## 2013 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 5, 2013** in the Law Classroom building or by e-mail to [laurenvallykleinschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:laurenvallykleinschmidt@gmail.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 evenings, once as prosecution and once as defendant.

**Preliminary Rounds:** September 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

**Quarterfinal:** September 16<sup>th</sup>

**Semi-Final Rounds:** September 18<sup>th</sup>

**Final Round:** September 20<sup>th</sup>

1L's are not eligible to compete. However they 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 CONSTITUTION DAY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013**

The **San Antonio Bar Association** and **San Antonio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association** are offering an exciting volunteer opportunity to lawyers (and law students!) seeking to participate in the **Constitution Day** celebrations on **Tuesday, September 17, 2013**. High schools throughout San Antonio are in need of volunteers to present programs on the United States Constitution. Those desiring to participate, will be placed with a volunteer team of 3-4 members at a local high school. Easy-to-follow materials will be provided. Classroom or assembly presentation times are flexible and will range from 45 minutes to one hour and a half.

This is a **great opportunity to network** with participating lawyers and judges while promoting the legal profession and educating a new generation on the Constitution.

If you would like to volunteer or seek additional information regarding the volunteer opportunity, please contact **Soña Ramirez**, Ogletree Deakins at (210) 277-3626 or email [sona.ramirez@ogletreedeakins.com](mailto:sona.ramirez@ogletreedeakins.com) or **Teo Seger**, Strasburger & Price, LLP at (210) 250-6000 or email [teo.seger@strasburger.com](mailto:teo.seger@strasburger.com) and provide your name and contact information (office name and address, telephone number, and email address). You may also contact **Naomi Howard**, St. Mary's student liaison to the San Antonio chapter of the Federal Bar Association, for more information about this volunteer opportunity or joining the student division of the FBA (512.699.5988 or [naomihoward13@gmail.com](mailto:naomihoward13@gmail.com)).

### **LAW FOOD CART**

Come get your **tacos, soups, salads, sandwiches, snacks and drinks** at the **Law Food Cart** located in the Law Classroom building, Student Lounge. The Food Cart is open Monday through Thursday. Breakfast is served 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You pick up lunch from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Rattler Card, credit cards and cash accepted. No checks please.

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### **FIRST YEAR SECTION LUNCHES**

First year students – come on out to the Raba Faculty building and meet Sister Grace Walle, Law School Campus Minister. Enjoy a free lunch and learn all about service opportunities.

- Section B will meet Wednesday, September 4, 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, September 3, 2013

12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Class of 2015 you are invited to attend this program to learn about steps to take to stay on task with your career planning.

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link: <https://www.academichealthplans.com/stmarytx/index.php>.

**Deadline to waive** the Student Health Insurance is **September 5, 2013**. There are no extensions to this deadline. F1 international students are **NOT** allowed to waive the Student Health Insurance for any reason.

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## **CONSTRUCTION ON CAMPUS**

Heads up in the parking areas! Because of construction on campus, we can anticipate substantially increased pedestrian traffic in the parking areas. Also, be aware that new stop signs were installed over the summer, so even if you are used to driving in the St. Mary's lots, please learn new traffic patterns and slow down.

## **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. Her telephone number is **(210) 436-3063** and her email address is [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu). Stop by for a cup of coffee or a PBJ sandwich, available at no cost, just outside her office.

## **YOUR LAW FRIEND**

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## 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).

## STUDENT ABA MEMBERSHIP

The **American Bar Association** can help you meet the challenges of law school and prepare for your career. Join the **American Bar Association Law Student Division** today to start building your professional network.

Join now for the special law student rate of just \$25 a year at [www.ambar.org/JoinFor1](http://www.ambar.org/JoinFor1) or \$60 for three years at [www.ambar.org/JoinFor3](http://www.ambar.org/JoinFor3) to:

- Watch your resume rise to the top of the stack through internships, fellowships, clerkships, public service volunteer opportunities and competitions.
- Discover your passion through free and affordable special interest groups with webinars and networking events.
- Get help through school and beyond with the *Student Lawyer* magazine, the *ABA Journal*, discounts on study aides and bar review courses and valuable health insurance.

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## 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.

### **ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS EVENT SET-UPS**

**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.

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

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

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 **September 10, 2013**.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2013 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 2013, and papers scheduled for publication in 2013 or 2014 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Mail two copies of submission to ASECA, P. O. Box 5767, Washington, D.C., 20016. Deadline to submit a paper is **November 15, 2013**.

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The Florida State University Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law will present awards for the outstanding original papers submitted by a law student. Prize is \$250. Deadline to submit a paper is **January 2 2014**. For more information please go to <http://med.fsu.edu/?fuseaction=news.viewArticle&usemenu=innovativeCollaboration&newsID=493>

UCLA School of Law, The **Dukeminier Awards** Best Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law Review Articles 2013 Student Writing Competition. Submission deadline is **January 17, 2014**. Prize is \$1,000. <http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/dukeminierstudent-writing-competition/>.

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All first-year students, both day and evening, are required to attend the information meeting with the **Board of Law Examiners** that is scheduled **Tuesday, September 10, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. in Law Classrooms 101-102-103**. Ms. Lori S. Adelman, Director, Character and Fitness, will conduct the meeting and 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 this week **Thursday, September 12, 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 the Student Bar Association on their TWEN site.

### 2013 LARRY G. HYDEN MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

The 2013 Larry G. Hyden Mock Trial 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 evenings, once as prosecution and once as defendant.

**Preliminary Rounds:** September 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

**Quarterfinal:** September 16<sup>th</sup>

**Semi-Final Rounds:** September 18<sup>th</sup>

**Final Round:** September 20<sup>th</sup>

First place will win \$750 and second place will win \$250.

1L's are not eligible to compete. However all 1L's may **volunteer as a bailiff or witness**. This is an excellent opportunity to observe the format of a mock trial competition. Those interested in signing up to volunteer may email [laurenvallykleinschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:laurenvallykleinschmidt@gmail.com).

### WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION

**Women's Law Association (WLA)** is excited to begin a new semester full of great service and networking opportunities. We would love to have you as a member. Please make a note in your calendar that the WLA will be at Docket Call September 12, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Come on out to Docket Call to find out more about WLA and how you can become a member. Men are also encouraged to consider joining WLA. If you are unable to attend Docket Call we will be tabling in the Law Classroom building on **Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> through Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and again on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**.

The first general meeting of WLA will be held **Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Law Library. Lunch will be served. Lastly, don't forget to sign up on TWEN to get the latest information and updates from the WLA board throughout the year. We look forward to seeing everyone and hope that you will consider joining the WLA.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CONSTITUTION DAY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013**

The **San Antonio Bar Association** and **San Antonio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association** are offering an exciting volunteer opportunity to lawyers (and law students!) seeking to participate in the **Constitution Day** celebrations on **Tuesday, September 17, 2013**. High schools throughout San Antonio are in need of volunteers to present programs on the United States Constitution. Those desiring to participate will be placed with a volunteer team of 3-4 members at a local high school. Easy-to-follow materials will be provided. Classroom or assembly presentation times are flexible and will range from 45 minutes to one hour and a half.

This is a **great opportunity to network** with participating lawyers and judges while promoting the legal profession and educating a new generation on the Constitution.

If you would like to volunteer or seek additional information regarding the volunteer opportunity, please contact **Soña Ramirez**, Ogletree Deakins at (210) 277-3626 or email [sona.ramirez@ogletreedeakins.com](mailto:sona.ramirez@ogletreedeakins.com) or **Teo Seger**, Strasburger & Price, LLP at (210) 250-6000 or email [teo.seger@strasburger.com](mailto:teo.seger@strasburger.com) and provide your name and contact information (office name and address, telephone number, and email address). You may also contact **Naomi Howard**, St. Mary's student liaison to the San Antonio chapter of the Federal Bar Association, for more information about this volunteer opportunity or joining the student division of the FBA (512.699.5988 or [naomihoward13@gmail.com](mailto:naomihoward13@gmail.com)).

### **TEXAS HEALTH LAW CONFERENCE**

The **Health Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** and the **Texas Hospital Association** are jointly sponsoring the annual Texas Health Law Conference on October 13-15, 2013 at the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center in Austin, Texas. The Health Law Council is pleased to offer **scholarship assistance** for three (3) law students from each Texas law school. The assistance offered to the law students includes complimentary conference registration, a stipend of \$300.00 to be used to defray travel, lodging and meal expenses. The stipend will be reimbursed upon the presentation of receipts for expenses incurred. This will be a networking opportunity for students to **meet and interact with some of the health care leaders** across Texas. **Applicants should send a letter of interest to Professor Laura Burney, Director of Academic & Student Affairs and Faculty in Residence, Law Faculty Building, room 264 no later than Thursday, September 19, 2013, 5:00 p.m.** Details about the conference can be found at [www.tha.org/lawconf](http://www.tha.org/lawconf).

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The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is October 30, 2013.

<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	<b>October 30</b>
July	November 30	January 30	March 30

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*11th Annual Catholic Intellectual Tradition Lecture Series*

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### ST. MARY'S LAW SCHOOL PRO BONO PROGRAM

This year the St. Mary's Law School Pro Bono Program has many great opportunities for **Pro Bono and Public Service activities**. We are proud to announce the roll out of a new opportunity for all students: **The State Bar of Texas Law Student Pro Bono College!** This is in addition to the St. Mary's Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate and a great addition to your resume.

#### **St. Mary's School of Law Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate Requirements**

1. 50 hours of combined pro bono and/or community service hours completed over the 3-5 years of study, while enrolled as a law student (full time or part time).
2. Recorded on a tracking form that is approved or provided by The Pro Bono Program. And signed by a supervisor or authorized signer for the event(s).

### **Requirements for Admission into the Pro Bono College:**

1. Be a student enrolled in a Texas law school and be in good academic standing;
2. Complete at least 50 hours of pro bono work per year (September 1 – August 31); and
3. Complete an application documenting all hours performed.

### **Pro Bono College Work Defined**

1. The services must be law-related and be provided free of any charge to:
  - a. A person who qualifies as indigent under the federal poverty income guidelines;
  - b. Charitable, public interest organizations with respect to matters or projects designed predominantly to address the needs of poor persons; or
  - c. The State Bar or any other body or organization in furtherance of the rights of indigent persons.
2. With the exception of travel time, any time spent working on the pro bono projects counts, including training sessions and research for the project.
3. Pro bono work does not qualify if it:
  - a. Resulted in monetary compensation to the student above and beyond reimbursement for expenses incurred in the delivery of pro bono services;
  - b. Was performed as part of a course or other activity for which the student received any academic credit; or
  - c. Was performed in connection with fundraising activities.

### **Benefits of Pro Bono College Membership**

#### Bronze Membership: (1<sup>st</sup> year of Membership)

1. Certificate signed by the State Bar President and Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court;
2. Recognition in the program for the New Lawyer Induction Ceremony; and
3. Pro Bono College pin.

#### Silver Membership: (2<sup>nd</sup> year of Membership)

1. The Bronze perks plus 1 year of access to TexasBarCLE Online Library after graduation.

#### Gold Membership: (3<sup>rd</sup> year of Membership)

1. Silver perks plus a reduced registration fee to the Guide to Basics of Law Practice up to 50 students with the most pro bono hours accrued; or
2. Silver perks plus one-time free tuition to the Poverty Law Conference.

Don't forget to **sign up on the TWEN Pro Bono Program/Public Service Page**. Check out Library Carrel 101 or ask any of the Pro Bono Program Student Coordinators for more information. If you have any questions please feel free to email [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

## **PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS**

### **LOOKING TO GAIN LEGAL EXPERIENCE AND GET ACADEMIC CREDIT?**

#### **Spring or Summer 2014**

#### **INTERNSHIPS/EXTERNSHIPS**

#### **Practice Credit Programs**

START NOW by: Check out Symplicity or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. For eligibility questions, please contact **Amanda Rivas**, [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu)

Best Advice NOW: Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a meeting to save you time and energy. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: (210) 431-5712.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS at Career Services Office: Monday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Come to the Internship/Work Study Information Session on October 1<sup>st</sup> in the Atrium at 12:00 p.m.** 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: The PCP Externship program requires a MANDATORY class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class.

**Spring Class: Friday, January 10, 2014**  
**Summer Class: Saturday, May 10, 2014**  
**Early June Date TBD**

***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.*

NEW

In-House Counsel Externship this Spring!!

Work in a general counsel office for a large business here in San Antonio!

Contact Amanda Rivas immediately for information and **an application**.

Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: (210) 431-5712

\* For U.S. Attorney & Federal Public Defender Internships, contact Professor Schmolesky. \* Federal Criminal Procedure is a companion class component for those internships.

## **LAW FOOD CART**

Come get your **tacos, soups, salads, sandwiches, snacks and drinks** at the **Law Food Cart** located in the Law Classroom building, Student Lounge. The Food Cart is open Monday through Thursday. Breakfast is served 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You may pick up lunch from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Rattler Card, credit cards and cash accepted. No checks please.

## NEED A LOCKER?

Contact the Student Bar Association (SBA) for a **locker to rent**. Rental period is for the 2013-14 academic year and **lockers rent for \$50.00 each**. Students must empty lockers by the last day of final exams on May 9, 2014. The SBA office is located in Raba, room 106D.

## CONSTRUCTION ON CAMPUS

Heads up in the parking areas! Because of construction on campus, we can anticipate substantially increased pedestrian traffic in the parking areas. Also, be aware that new stop signs were installed over the summer, so even if you are used to driving in the St. Mary's lots, please learn new traffic patterns and slow down.

## 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. Her telephone number is **(210) 436-3063** and her email address is [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu). Stop by for a cup of coffee or a PBJ sandwich, available at no cost, just outside her office.

## YOUR LAW FRIEND

Interested in joining a **free online community** for law students? YourLawFriend seeks to encourage, collaborate and stimulate learning with all students who join their network. They even have a free online competition this month. Check it out at [www.yourlawfriend.com](http://www.yourlawfriend.com).

## 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).

## STUDENT ABA MEMBERSHIP

The **American Bar Association** can help you meet the challenges of law school and prepare for your career. Join the **American Bar Association Law Student Division** today to start building your professional network.

Join now for the special law student rate of just \$25 a year at [www.ambar.org/JoinFor1](http://www.ambar.org/JoinFor1) or \$60 for three years at [www.ambar.org/JoinFor3](http://www.ambar.org/JoinFor3) to:

- Watch your resume rise to the top of the stack through internships, fellowships, clerkships, public service volunteer opportunities and competitions.
- Discover your passion through free and affordable special interest groups with webinars and networking events.
- Get help through school and beyond with the *Student Lawyer* magazine, the *ABA Journal*, discounts on study aides and bar review courses and valuable health insurance.

Enroll today by visiting [www.ambar.org/JoinFor1](http://www.ambar.org/JoinFor1) or [www.ambar.org/JoinFor3](http://www.ambar.org/JoinFor3) or call 800-285-2221 and mention code RMM12ELSA. Start preparing for your future today.

## 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.

## **ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS EVENT SET-UPS**

**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.

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

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

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 **September 10, 2013**.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2013 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 2013, and papers scheduled for publication in 2013 or 2014 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Mail two copies of submission to ASECA, P. O. Box 5767, Washington, D.C., 20016. Deadline to submit a paper is **November 15, 2013**.

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The Florida State University Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law will present awards for the outstanding original papers submitted by a law student. Prize is \$250. Deadline to submit a paper is **January 2 2014**. For more information please go to <http://med.fsu.edu/?fuseaction=news.viewArticle&usemenu=innovativeCollaboration&newsID=493>

UCLA School of Law, The **Dukeminier Awards** Best Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law Review Articles 2013 Student Writing Competition. Submission deadline is **January 17, 2014**. Prize is \$1,000. <http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/dukeminierstudent-writing-competition/>.

**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 go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2014**.



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## **TEAMS ADVANCE IN 2013 LARRY G. HYDEN MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION**

The Board of Advocates would like to **congratulate** the following teams for **advancing into the quarterfinal round** of the 2013 Larry G. Hyden Mock Trial Competition:

- Matt Powell & Davis Morrow
- Stephen Hebert & Zach Zurek
- Johnny De La Zerda & Omar Gomez
- Durime Fahim & Kay Cee Cole
- Landry Redding & Cynthia Olson
- Courtney Miller & Jaclyn Moczygemba
- Charles Peters & Mauricio Martinez
- Adam Wheeler & Cash Connelly

The competition continues with rounds on the following evenings:

**Quarterfinal Round:** September 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Semi-Final Round:** September 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Final Round:** September 20<sup>th</sup>

First Place wins \$750, Second Place wins \$250.

The Board of Advocates would like to **welcome all students to the Final Round**, which begins at **6:00 p.m.** in the **Courtroom** (law classrooms 101-102-103) and is open to the public. This is an excellent opportunity to observe the format of a mock trial competition.

### **CAREER COUNSELOR IN THE CLASSROOM BUILDING**

Do you have a **quick question** but don't have time to stop by the Office of Career Services? Beginning this week on Tuesday and **every Tuesday** thereafter, Director Patrick will be present in the Law Classroom building to answer any questions you may have. She will be in the building between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. So take advantage of this opportunity and stop by to have your questions answered.

### **ATTENTION 2Ls AND 3LEs YEAR TWO NOW WHAT TO DO?**

The Office of Career Services now has a 30-minute video "**Year Two Now What to Do?**" available for all 2Ls and 3LEs. This is a beneficial video to help ensure you are on the right track with academics, your job search, the Bar and more. You may view the video at <http://bcove.me/f1k6dvmc>. The link is also housed in the Document Library in Symplicity. The video may be accessed from any device, including laptop, phone or tablet. For questions or more information, please stop by the Office of Career Services.

## **ON CAMPUS INTERVIEWS (OCI) ROUND 3 DEADLINE EXTENDED**

The OCI deadline has been extended to **Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 11:59 p.m.**

Department of the Navy, Office of the General Counsel (Washington, DC)  
Interviewing on September 26, 2013  
Class Years: 2L, 3LE  
Documents Required: Resume and Cover Letter  
Interviewing for JAG positions after graduation

Harris County District Attorney's Office (Houston, Texas)  
Interviewing on October 8, 2013  
Class Years: 2L, 2LE, 3LE  
Documents Required: Resume, Cover Letter and Unofficial Transcript  
Interviewing for Summer Internship Positions

Log into Symplicity at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> to apply.

### **EXAMSOFT FOR 1Ls**

If you are a **1L student**, please note you **will not have access** to download Examsoft at this time. Students will receive an official e-mail notification from the Law Tech department near the Thanksgiving break informing you when the program will be available for download. Instructions will include information on accessing, installing, and utilizing the ExamSoft application. **Please check your St. Mary's email account** for this notice.

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

**Women's Law Association (WLA)** is excited to begin a new semester full of great service and networking opportunities. We would love to have you join us as a member. The WLA will be tabling in the Law Classroom building on **Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**. Stop by to learn more about the WLA. Men are also encouraged to consider joining WLA.

The first general meeting of WLA will be held **Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Law Library. **Justice Sandee Marion** of the Fourth Court of Appeals will be our guest speaker. The meeting is open to current members and anyone interested in joining WLA. **Lunch will be served.** Lastly, don't forget to sign up on TWEN to get the latest information and updates from the WLA board throughout the year. We look forward to seeing everyone and hope that you will consider joining the WLA.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CONSTITUTION DAY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

The **San Antonio Bar Association** and **San Antonio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association** are offering an exciting volunteer opportunity to lawyers (and law students!) seeking to participate in the **Constitution Day** celebrations on **Tuesday, September 17, 2013**. High schools throughout San Antonio are in need of volunteers to present programs on the United States Constitution. Those desiring to participate will be placed with a volunteer team of 3-4 members at a local high school. Easy-to-follow materials will be provided. Classroom or assembly presentation times are flexible and will range from 45 minutes to one hour and a half.

This is a **great opportunity to network** with participating lawyers and judges while promoting the legal profession and educating a new generation on the Constitution.

If you would like to volunteer or seek additional information regarding the volunteer opportunity, please contact **Soña Ramirez**, Ogletree Deakins at (210) 277-3626 or email [sona.ramirez@ogletreedeakins.com](mailto:sona.ramirez@ogletreedeakins.com) or **Teo Seger**, Strasburger & Price, LLP at (210) 250-6000 or email [teo.seger@strasburger.com](mailto:teo.seger@strasburger.com) and provide your name and contact information (office name and address, telephone number, and email address). You may also contact **Naomi Howard**, St. Mary's student liaison to the San Antonio chapter of the Federal Bar Association, for more information about this volunteer opportunity or joining the student division of the FBA (512.699.5988 or [naomihoward13@gmail.com](mailto:naomihoward13@gmail.com)).

## TEXAS HEALTH LAW CONFERENCE

The **Health Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** and the **Texas Hospital Association** are jointly sponsoring the annual Texas Health Law Conference on October 13-15, 2013 at the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center in Austin, Texas. The Health Law Council is pleased to offer **scholarship assistance** for three (3) law students from each Texas law school. The assistance offered to the law students includes complimentary conference registration, a stipend of \$300.00 to be used to defray travel, lodging and meal expenses. The stipend will be reimbursed upon the presentation of receipts for expenses incurred. This will be a networking opportunity for students to **meet and interact with some of the health care leaders** across Texas. **Applicants should send a letter of interest to Professor Laura Burney, Director of Academic & Student Affairs and Faculty in Residence, Law Faculty Building, Room 264 no later than Thursday, September 19, 2013, 5:00 p.m.** Details about the conference can be found at [www.tha.org/lawconf](http://www.tha.org/lawconf).

## DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATES

Orders for **TAMS AND GOWNS** and **GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS** for the December 14, 2013 Hooding Ceremony (details to follow at a later date) will be taken in the Atrium, Law Administration Building, on **TUESDAY, October 8, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** and **WEDNESDAY, October 9, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** Orders for the May 2014 Graduates will be taken in February 2014.

## FLINT FEST

Come one, come all to the annual **Flint Fest** on **Friday, September 27, 2013, 6:30 p.m.** at **Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church Hall**, 223 E. Summit Avenue, San Antonio, Texas, 78212. For a \$10 donation you can enjoy food, drinks and door prizes. Contributions will benefit the Flint/Innsbruck Fund. Learn more about the Institute on World Legal Problems in Innsbruck. This event is sponsored by Law Ministry Office. For more information please contact Sister Grace Walle at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).

## HISPANIC LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The **Hispanic Law Student Association** (HLSA) of St. Mary's will hold their first general meeting, on **Wednesday, October 2, 2013, 12:00 p.m., in the Atrium**. Justice Rebecca Martinez, of the Fourth Court of Appeals, will speak briefly about her career, her experience with St. Mary's Alumni in the community, and give some general advice for 1Ls, 2Ls, and 3Ls.

**Hispanic Fest is set for October 25, 2013** at the home of Dean Valencia. More information to follow on this event

## FALL 2013 FITNESS SCHEDULE

For a complete list of Campus Recreation Fall Fitness classes this semester, please go to: <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/custom/resources/departentaloffices/CampusRecreationAACC/pdf/Fall%20Fit%20Class%20Schedule%202013.pdf>. Stay fit and stay healthy!

## 1L FINGERPRINTING - RESERVE THE DATE

**L1 Identity Solutions** will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners on **Wednesday and Thursday, November 6-7, 2013, in LF207 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. both days**. Please reserve the date. Instructions for the registration process, which is completed after the Declaration has been filed will be announced at a later date. Please check your **St. Mary's Student Email** account for more details on the 1L Fingerprinting process.

## 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 spreadsheet 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.

### **TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES**

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is October 30, 2013.

<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	<b>October 30</b>
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.

### **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.

#### **Charting Your Course over Your Last Year in School**

Tuesday, September 17, 2013  
12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room  
Lunch will be served.

This program will refresh your game plan as you start your last year. 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.

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

Wednesday, September 18, 2013  
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 a Capt. Michael Murray, an ARMY JAG officer and will discuss opportunities to become an ARMY JAG intern or ARMY JAG after law school.

**Meet the Professionals Series: Intellectual Property Law**

Thursday, September 19, 2013

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 alum Allan Braxdale of The Toler Law Group in Austin, Texas.

**Meet the Professionals Series: Federal Government, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

Tuesday, September 24, 2013

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 Brian Surratt, who works as an attorney at the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) San Antonio Field Office and will be here to discuss the application process for the entry level hiring program due September 30, 2013 as well as opportunities for internships with them in the Spring and Summer.

**United States Department of State Information Session**

Tuesday, September 24, 2013

4:00 p.m., Alkek Business School Building, Room 107

Have you considered working for the United States Department of State as a Foreign Service Officer? The mission of a U.S. diplomat in the Foreign Service is to promote peace, support prosperity, and protect American citizens while advancing the interests of the U.S. abroad. Join Ambassador Julie G. Connor for an information session. Explore career and internship opportunities. All students are welcome.

**Meet the Professionals Series: Federal Government, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development**

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

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. Brian Surratt, who works as an attorney at the United States Department of Housing



and Urban Development's (HUD) San Antonio Field Office will be here to discuss the application process for the entry level hiring program due September 30, 2013 as well as opportunities for internships with HUD in the Spring and Summer.

### **RESEARCH ASSISTANTS NEEDED**

**Professor David Grenardo** is seeking **two research assistants** who are highly motivated with proficiency in **Bluebook citing**. The topics of the articles that will require research include: (1) getting a job as a law student and (2) pro bono. Strong grades and writing ability are also required. Work on a law journal is preferable. Please email your resume and a previous writing sample to Professor Grenardo, directly at [dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu](mailto:dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu).

**Professor Wayne Scott** also seeks **two research assistants**, who are motivated and proficient in **Bluebook citing**. Research will be conducted in Texas Civil Procedure and Mediation topics. Strong grades required as well as writing ability and work on a law journal is preferable. Please email your resume to Professor Scott at [wscott@stmarytx.edu](mailto:wscott@stmarytx.edu).

### **INTERNATIONAL PRAYER FOR PEACE – THE COURAGE OF HOPE**

*11th Annual Catholic Intellectual Tradition Lecture Series*

People of all faiths are invited to join in this historical gathering, which will include dialogue, speakers and music, with the common goal of promoting worldwide peace and interfaith dialogue. Join us on **Tuesday October 1, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Alumni Athletics and Convocation Center Bill Greehey Arena.

### **ST. MARY'S LAW SCHOOL PRO BONO PROGRAM**

This year the St. Mary's Law School Pro Bono Program has many great opportunities for **Pro Bono and Public Service activities**. We are proud to announce the roll out of a new opportunity for all students: **The State Bar of Texas Law Student Pro Bono College!** This is in addition to the St. Mary's Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate and a great addition to your resume.

#### **St. Mary's School of Law Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate Requirements**

1. 50 hours of combined pro bono and/or community service hours completed over the 3-5 years of study, while enrolled as a law student (full time or part time).
2. Recorded on a tracking form that is approved or provided by The Pro Bono Program. And signed by a supervisor or authorized signer for the event(s).

#### **Requirements for Admission into the Pro Bono College:**

1. Be a student enrolled in a Texas law school and be in good academic standing;
2. Complete at least 50 hours of pro bono work per year (September 1 – August 31); and
3. Complete an application documenting all hours performed.

### **Pro Bono College Work Defined**

1. The services must be law-related and be provided free of any charge to:
  - a. A person who qualifies as indigent under the federal poverty income guidelines;
  - b. Charitable, public interest organizations with respect to matters or projects designed predominantly to address the needs of poor persons; or
  - c. The State Bar or any other body or organization in furtherance of the rights of indigent persons.
2. With the exception of travel time, any time spent working on the pro bono projects counts, including training sessions and research for the project.
3. Pro bono work does not qualify if it:
  - a. Resulted in monetary compensation to the student above and beyond reimbursement for expenses incurred in the delivery of pro bono services;
  - b. Was performed as part of a course or other activity for which the student received any academic credit; or
  - c. Was performed in connection with fundraising activities.

### **Benefits of Pro Bono College Membership**

#### **Bronze Membership:** (1<sup>st</sup> year of Membership)

1. Certificate signed by the State Bar President and Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court;
2. Recognition in the program for the New Lawyer Induction Ceremony; and
3. Pro Bono College pin.

#### **Silver Membership:** (2<sup>nd</sup> year of Membership)

1. The Bronze perks plus 1 year of access to TexasBarCLE Online Library after graduation.

#### **Gold Membership:** (3<sup>rd</sup> year of Membership)

1. Silver perks plus a reduced registration fee to the Guide to Basics of Law Practice up to 50 students with the most pro bono hours accrued; or
2. Silver perks plus one-time free tuition to the Poverty Law Conference.

Don't forget to **sign up on the TWEN Pro Bono Program/Public Service Page**. Check out Library Carrel 101 or ask any of the Pro Bono Program Student Coordinators for more information. If you have any questions please feel free to email [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

## **PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS LOOKING TO GAIN LEGAL EXPERIENCE AND GET ACADEMIC CREDIT? Spring or Summer 2014 INTERNSHIPS/EXTERNSHIPS**

START NOW by: Check out Symplicity or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. For eligibility questions, please contact **Amanda Rivas**, [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu)

Best Advice NOW: Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a meeting to save you time and energy. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: (210) 431-5712.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS at Career Services Office: Monday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Come to the Internship/Work Study Information Session on October 1<sup>st</sup> in the Atrium at 12:00 p.m.** 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: The PCP Externship program requires a MANDATORY class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class.

**Spring Class: Friday, January 10, 2014**  
**Summer Class: Saturday, May 10, 2014**  
**Early June Date TBD**

***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.*

NEW

**In-House Counsel Externship this Spring!!**

Work in a general counsel office for a large business here in San Antonio!

Contact Amanda Rivas immediately for information and **an application**.

Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: (210) 431-5712

\* For U.S. Attorney & Federal Public Defender Internships, contact Professor Schmolesky. \* Federal Criminal Procedure is a companion class component for those internships.

### **VET LAW FORUM 2013**

Vet Law Forum 2013 invites you to their first VA event for **law students** and lawyers **servicing (or who are interested in servicing) veterans on a pro-bono basis**. Please save the date for this **no-cost event** hosted by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday **October 30, 2013**. Space is limited. Register for the event no later than September 30, 2013. To register for this event or for more information, please visit Vet Law Forum website at <http://www.va.gov/OGC/vetlaw2013.asp>.

### **BIBLE STUDY** **ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY**

Please join us at **weekly bible study** hosted by the **St. Thomas More Society** every **Wednesday from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Raba, LF 202A**. We will have a brief lesson and discussion every week over the gospel. The discussion will be focused on how we can apply what we have learned to our future careers. Also, we will end our study with a short meeting to keep members informed about upcoming events. Snacks will be provided so come hungry. For

more information please contact Seth Sullivan at [sully078@aol.com](mailto:sully078@aol.com) or Kerriann Britt at [keabritt@gmail.com](mailto:keabritt@gmail.com).

## **EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS**

Anyone interested in expository teaching of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba building. Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook. For more information please contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or (361) 920-3504.

## **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. Her telephone number is **(210) 436-3063** and her email address is [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu). Stop by for a cup of coffee or a PBJ sandwich, available at no cost, just outside her office.

## **LAW FOOD CART**

Come get your **tacos, soups, salads, sandwiches, snacks and drinks** at the **Law Food Cart** located in the Law Classroom building, Student Lounge. The Food Cart is open Monday through Thursday. Breakfast is served 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You may pick up lunch from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Rattler Card, credit cards and cash accepted. No checks please.

## **ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS EVENT SET-UPS**

**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.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2013 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 2013, and papers scheduled for publication in 2013 or 2014 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Mail two copies of submission to ASECA, P. O. Box 5767, Washington, D.C., 20016. Deadline to submit a paper is **November 15, 2013**.

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The Florida State University Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law will present awards for the outstanding original papers submitted by a law student. Prize is \$250. Deadline to submit a paper is **January 2 2014**. For more information please go to <http://med.fsu.edu/?fuseaction=news.viewArticle&usemenu=innovativeCollaboration&newsID=493>

UCLA School of Law, The **Dukeminier Awards** Best Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law Review Articles 2013 Student Writing Competition. Submission deadline is **January 17, 2014**. Prize is \$1,000. <http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/dukeminierstudent-writing-competition/>.

**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 go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2014**.

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## 2013 LARRY G. HYDEN MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION WINNERS

The **Board of Advocates** concluded the 2013 Larry G. Hyden Mock Trial Competition last week. **Congratulations** to the following winners:

### Finalists

1st Place and winner of \$750 - Courtney Miller & Jaclyn Moczygemba  
2nd Place and winner of \$250 - Durime Fahim & Kay Cee Cole

### Best Speaker

Courtney Miller

### Semi-Finalists

Mauricio Martinez & Charles Peters  
Adam Wheeler & Cash Connelly

The **Board of Advocates** would like to thank the family of Larry G. Hyden, who dedicated his career to advocacy and criminal justice. The Board of Advocates would also like to thank **Jordan, Hyden, Womble, Culbreth and Holzer, P.C.** for sponsoring this competition.

## ARE YOU GRADUATING THIS ACADEMIC YEAR?

The 3L student mail boxes have been stuffed with an *Application for Degree* card, which lets the Administration know (1) if you will receive your JD or LLM degree [must check one]; (2) whether you intend to **complete your degree requirements in December 2013, May 2014, or August 2014** [August graduates are considered with next years' class, Class of 2013, 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, LAB 121, **by Friday, October 11, 2013**. 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.

## DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATES

Orders for **TAMS AND GOWNS** and **GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS** for the December 14, 2013 Hooding Ceremony (details to follow at a later date) will be taken in the Atrium, Law Administration Building, on **TUESDAY, October 8, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** and **WEDNESDAY, October 9, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** Orders for the May 2014 Graduates will be taken in February 2014.



## **CHARTING YOUR COURSE OVER YOUR LAST YEAR IN SCHOOL A Program for All 3L and 4LEs**

The Office of Career Services has a video available to all 3L and 4LEs on the program “Charting Your Course Over Your Last Year In School.” This program will refresh your game plan as you start your last year of law school. Topics include: Refreshing your resume, using Symplicity, gaining additional job skills in your last year, preparing for solo practice, careers, learning about exit interviews, the bar exam and much more. Please go to <http://bcove.me/q7r14nwc> for the video. The PowerPoint and the link for this video are posted in Symplicity.

### **DOES THE PRACTICE OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE STILL EXIST IN TEXAS?**

The St. Mary's Student Chapter, **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** is hosting an event featuring two eminent medical malpractice plaintiff's lawyers, **Jay Harvey** and **Glenn W. Cunningham**, who will speak about the current state of medical malpractice in Texas. The event will be held on **Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** located in the **Law Library**. Lunch will be provided and a **\$50 prepaid debit card door prize** will be awarded.

The organization works closely with the **Texas Trial Lawyers Association** to promote the interests of injured people and consumers who have been wronged by others. **AAJ** will provide speakers on important issues and opportunities for networking with practicing plaintiffs' attorneys. **AAJ** is a new student organization and **Professor Vincent R. Johnson** is the Advisor.

### **UNIVERSITY FLU DRIVE**

St. Mary's University is having their annual **Flu Drive** for any **interested students, faculty and staff**. The Flu drive will be held on **Wednesday, September 25, 2013 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.** in the **University Center, Conference Room A**. Cost of the flu shot will be \$20. Faculty and staff may pay cash or with a check. For students, their student account or student health insurance plan will be billed. A picture ID is required. Please also note that there will be a 20 minute wait after the injection has been given to check for an allergic reaction. For additional information, please contact the Student Health Center at (210) 436-3506.

### **FLINT FEST IS THIS WEEK**

Come one, come all to the annual **Flint Fest** on **Friday, September 27, 2013, 6:30 p.m.** at **Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church Hall**, 223 E. Summit Avenue, San Antonio, Texas, 78212. For a \$10 donation you can enjoy food, drinks and door prizes. Contributions will benefit the Flint/Innsbruck Fund. Learn more about the Institute on World Legal Problems in Innsbruck. This event is sponsored by Law Ministry Office. For more information please contact Sister Grace Walle at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).

## **CENTER FOR TERRORISM LAW RESEARCH DESIGN AND EXECUTION SEMINAR**

The Center for Terrorism Law will be offering a **research design and execution seminar** for Fellows and the law school community from **1:30 - 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2013**, in the Center for Terrorism Law conference room in the Raba building. This seminar will discuss a **four-phase start-to-finish approach** to designing and executing a research project, and is recommended for students who have questions about how and where to start with their writing projects. The Center for Terrorism Law will follow up this seminar in the near future with a separate seminar on the Bluebook method of citation.

## **HISPANIC LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

The **Hispanic Law Student Association (HLSA)** of St. Mary's will hold their first general meeting, on **Wednesday, October 2, 2013, 12:00 p.m., in the Atrium**. Justice Rebecca Martinez, of the Fourth Court of Appeals, will speak briefly about her career, her experience with St. Mary's Alumni in the community, and give some general advice for 1Ls, 2Ls, and 3Ls.

**Hispanic Fest is set for October 25, 2013** at the home of Dean Valencia. More information to follow on this event

## **INFORMATION MEETING THE INSTITUTE ON CHINESE LAW & BUSINESS**

Wednesday, October 9, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.  
Atrium, Law Administration Building  
Lunch provided  
Contact: Professors Bob Hu or Vincent Johnson

The law school's **study abroad program in China** will be offered **May 26 to June 28, 2014**. All students are invited to attend an information meeting with the program directors, Professors Bob Hu and Vincent Johnson. Next year's program will offer three courses (5 credits), conduct field trips to visit Chinese law and government institutions, and arrange for internships with Chinese law firms and American/Chinese companies. The courses will include the following:

**International Business Transactions and China** (2 credit hours, Professor Vincent R. Johnson) explores the Convention on the International Sale of Goods and other laws relevant to business relationships between American and Chinese entities. Topics include import-export transactions, sales in China through distributors and franchisees, and direct foreign investment in China (joint ventures and wholly foreign owned enterprises).

**International Intellectual Property Law** (2 credit hours, Professors Robert Hu and Sun Xinqiang) discusses the licensing and protection of intellectual property against the larger backdrop of international trade and commerce, with particular reference to intellectual property rules applicable in the United States and China.

**Introduction to Chinese Law** (1 credit hour, Professor Chenglin Liu) introduces students to the history and institutions of the Chinese legal system, including the governmental structure, legislative process, court system, sources of law and enforcement mechanisms. It also explores the important substantive areas of the law, such as the rules governing property ownership.

## **LONE STAR CLASSIC – CALL FOR BAILIFFS & MARSHALS**

The law school will be conducting the **2013 Lone Star Classic®** on **October 17–19, 2013** in San Antonio. The competition is open to all law schools that have been accredited by the American Bar Association. We anticipate having 16 teams compete.

This year the problem will be a criminal case in the State of Lone Star, a hypothetical venue, and it 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 Mr. Brandon Cook for an entry form. Notably, students serving in one of these capacities will receive 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 17th and 18th, in the Bexar County Courthouse, Probate Court 2. The teams will break to **semi-final rounds** on the morning of Saturday, October 19th. The **final round** will take place on that same day, the afternoon of the 19th. Both the semi-final and final rounds will be held on campus, at St. Mary's University School of Law. Additionally, the final round will take place in St. Mary's state-of-the-art courtroom.

For those of you 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. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Any questions, comments, or concerns may be directed to: Mr. Brandon Cook, [btc0006@gmail.com](mailto:btc0006@gmail.com).

## **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 spreadsheet 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.

### **UPDATE TO 1L FINGERPRINTING**

**Safran Morpho Trust** will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners on **Wednesday and Thursday, November 6-7, 2013, in LF207 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. both days.** Students must register on-line, in advance, for an appointment. Please check your **St. Mary's Student Email** for specific instructions on the 1L fingerprinting process.

### **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.

#### **Meet the Professionals Series: Federal Government, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development**

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

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. Brian Surratt, who works as an attorney at the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) San Antonio Field Office will be here to discuss the application process for the entry level hiring program due September 30, 2013 as well as opportunities for internships with HUD in the Spring and Summer.

#### **Network the Law**

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Refreshments will be provided.

Attorney R.C. Rondero de Mosier shares with you the techniques and skills to create valuable connections with colleagues and prospects to build your own network and opportunities. This event is sponsored by Phi Alpha Delta and Office of Career Services.

#### **Meet the Professionals Series: Post Graduate Judicial Clerkships**

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

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

You may bring a brown bag lunch.

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### **Meet the Professionals Series: Marine JAG Opportunities**

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

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

You may bring a brown bag lunch.

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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 a Marine JAG officer and will discuss opportunities to become a Marine JAG after law school.

## **WORKSHOPS IN THE LAW LIBRARY**

The Sarita Kenedy East Law Library will offer various workshops on topics of interest to students throughout the Fall 2013 semester. Below is a list of topics to be offered. If you would like to attend a particular workshop, please contact Professor Mike Martinez at [mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu) so that lunch and refreshments are ordered.

### **Topic Selection for Seminar Papers**

Wednesday, October 2, 2013, 12:00 p.m., Law Library, Room 217

You have 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. Workshop attendees will be provided with a free lunch.

### **Researching Immigration Law**

Wednesday, October 9, 2013, 12:00 p.m., Law Library, Room 217

Immigration laws can be daunting and difficult to navigate. This session will cover a brief overview of the laws and government agencies which regulate immigration in the United States. The Law Library Faculty will demystify key resources for researching immigration law. Workshop attendees will be provided with a free lunch.

### **HeinOnline, Your Answer to Life**

Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 12:00 p.m., Law Library, Room 217

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 of the above can be found in a wonderful database called HeinOnline. Workshop attendees will be provided with a free lunch.

### **Free Legal Resources**

Wednesday, November 6, 2013, 12:00 p.m., Law Library, Room 217

As you may know, once you graduate you will have to start paying for access to Lexis and Westlaw, and subscriptions to all of the resources you currently enjoy may be prohibitively expensive. Accordingly, the Law Library is offering this workshop to introduce you to some of the best free resources on the internet along with a number of other tips to save you money once you start practicing. Workshop attendees will be provided with a free lunch—see, you are saving money already!

### **RESEARCH ASSISTANTS NEEDED**

**Professor David Grenardo** is seeking **two research assistants** who are highly motivated with proficiency in **Bluebook citing**. The topics of the articles that will require research include: (1) getting a job as a law student and (2) pro bono. Strong grades and writing ability are also required. Work on a law journal is preferable. Please email your resume and a previous writing sample to Professor Grenardo, directly at [dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu](mailto:dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu).

**Professor Wayne Scott** also seeks **two research assistants**, who are motivated and proficient in **Bluebook citing**. Research will be conducted in Texas Civil Procedure and Mediation topics. Strong grades required as well as writing ability and work on a law journal is preferable. Please email your resume to Professor Scott at [wscott@stmarytx.edu](mailto:wscott@stmarytx.edu).

### **INTERNATIONAL PRAYER FOR PEACE – THE COURAGE OF HOPE**

*11th Annual Catholic Intellectual Tradition Lecture Series*

People of all faiths are invited to join in this historical gathering, which will include dialogue, speakers and music, with the common goal of promoting worldwide peace and interfaith dialogue. Join us on **Tuesday October 1, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Alumni Athletics and Convocation Center Bill Greehey Arena.

### **ST. MARY'S LAW SCHOOL PRO BONO PROGRAM**

This year the St. Mary's Law School Pro Bono Program has many great opportunities for **Pro Bono and Public Service activities**. We are proud to announce the roll out of a new opportunity for all students: **The State Bar of Texas Law Student Pro Bono College!** This is in addition to the St. Mary's Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate and a great addition to your resume.

### **St. Mary's School of Law Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate Requirements**

1. 50 hours of combined pro bono and/or community service hours completed over the 3-5 years of study, while enrolled as a law student (full time or part time).
2. Recorded on a tracking form that is approved or provided by The Pro Bono Program. And signed by a supervisor or authorized signer for the event(s).

### **Requirements for Admission into the Pro Bono College:**

1. Be a student enrolled in a Texas law school and be in good academic standing;
2. Complete at least 50 hours of pro bono work per year (September 1 – August 31); and
3. Complete an application documenting all hours performed.

### **Pro Bono College Work Defined**

1. The services must be law-related and be provided free of any charge to:
  - a. A person who qualifies as indigent under the federal poverty income guidelines;
  - b. Charitable, public interest organizations with respect to matters or projects designed predominantly to address the needs of poor persons; or
  - c. The State Bar or any other body or organization in furtherance of the rights of indigent persons.
2. With the exception of travel time, any time spent working on the pro bono projects counts, including training sessions and research for the project.
3. Pro bono work does not qualify if it:
  - a. Resulted in monetary compensation to the student above and beyond reimbursement for expenses incurred in the delivery of pro bono services;
  - b. Was performed as part of a course or other activity for which the student received any academic credit; or
  - c. Was performed in connection with fundraising activities.

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#### Gold Membership: (3<sup>rd</sup> year of Membership)

1. Silver perks plus a reduced registration fee to the Guide to Basics of Law Practice up to 50 students with the most pro bono hours accrued; or
2. Silver perks plus one-time free tuition to the Poverty Law Conference.

Don't forget to **sign up on the TWEN Pro Bono Program/Public Service Page**. Check out Library Carrel 101 or ask any of the Pro Bono Program Student Coordinators for more information. If you have any questions please feel free to email [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

**PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS**  
**LOOKING TO GAIN LEGAL EXPERIENCE AND GET ACADEMIC CREDIT?**  
**Spring or Summer 2014**  
**INTERNSHIPS/EXTERNSHIPS**

START NOW: Check out Symplicity or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. For eligibility questions, please contact **Amanda Rivas**, [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu)

Best Advice NOW: Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a meeting to save you time and energy. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: (210) 431-5712.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS at Career Services Office: Monday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Come to the Internship/Work Study Information Session on October 1<sup>st</sup> in the Atrium at 12:00 p.m.** 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: The PCP Externship program requires a MANDATORY class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class.

<b><u>Spring Class:</u></b>	<b>Friday, January 10, 2014</b>
<b><u>Summer Class:</u></b>	<b>Saturday, May 10, 2014</b>
	<b>Early June Date TBD</b>

***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.*

NEW

In-House Counsel Externship this Spring!!

Work in a general counsel office for a large business here in San Antonio!

Contact Amanda Rivas immediately for information and **an application**.

Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: (210) 431-5712

\* For U.S. Attorney & Federal Public Defender Internships, contact Professor Schmolesky. \* Federal Criminal Procedure is a companion class component for those internships.

**VET LAW FORUM 2013**

Vet Law Forum 2013 invites you to their first VA event for **law students** and lawyers **servicing (or who are interested in servicing) veterans on a pro-bono basis**. Please save the date for this **no-cost event** hosted by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday **October 30, 2013**. Space is limited. Register for the event no later than



September 30, 2013. To register for this event or for more information, please visit Vet Law Forum website at <http://www.va.gov/OGC/vetlaw2013.asp>.

### EXAMSOFT FOR 1Ls

If you are a **1L student**, please note you **will not have access** to download Examssoft at this time. Students will receive an official e-mail notification from the Law Tech department near the Thanksgiving break informing you when the program will be available for download. Instructions will include information on accessing, installing, and utilizing the ExamSoft application. **Please check your St. Mary’s email account** for this notice.

### ATTENTION 2Ls AND 3LEs YEAR TWO NOW WHAT TO DO?

The Office of Career Services now has a 30-minute video “**Year Two Now What to Do?**” available for all 2Ls and 3LEs. This is a beneficial video to help ensure you are on the right track with academics, your job search, the Bar and more. You may view the video at <http://bcove.me/f1k6dvmc>. The link is also housed in the Document Library in Symplicity. The video may be accessed from any device, including laptop, phone or tablet. For questions or more information, please stop by the Office of Career Services.

### CAREER COUNSELOR IN THE CLASSROOM BUILDING

Do you have a **quick question** but don’t have time to stop by the Office of Career Services? Beginning this week on Tuesday and **every Tuesday** thereafter, Director Patrick will be present in the Law Classroom building to answer any questions you may have. She will be in the building between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. So take advantage of this opportunity and stop by to have your questions answered.

### TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is October 30, 2013.

<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	<b>October 30</b>
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.

## FALL 2013 FITNESS SCHEDULE

For a complete list of Campus Recreation Fall Fitness classes this semester, please go to: <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/custom/resources/departmentaloffices/CampusRecreationAACC/pdf/Fall%20Fit%20Class%20Schedule%202013.pdf>. Stay fit and stay healthy!

### 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. Her telephone number is **(210) 436-3063** and her email address is [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu). Stop by for a cup of coffee or a PBJ sandwich, available at no cost, just outside her office.

### BIBLE STUDY ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY

Please join us at **weekly bible study** hosted by the **St. Thomas More Society** every **Wednesday from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Raba, LF 202A**. We will have a brief lesson and discussion every week over the gospel. The discussion will be focused on how we can apply what we have learned to our future careers. Also, we will end our study with a short meeting to keep members informed about upcoming events. Snacks will be provided so come hungry. For more information please contact Seth Sullivan at [sully078@aol.com](mailto:sully078@aol.com) or Kerriann Britt at [keabritt@gmail.com](mailto:keabritt@gmail.com).

### EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS

Anyone interested in expository teaching of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the Center for Terrorism Law in the Raba building, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, isagogical, and exegetical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook. For more information please contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or (361) 920-3504.

### INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK

September 23-27

#### Our Call to Care for the Earth

Next week is **St. Mary's 2nd Annual Interfaith Harmony Week**. St. Mary's University has made a commitment to **Faith in Formation** by adopting this Marianist characteristic. All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend any or all of the events listed below. For more information please contact Irene Quesnot, 210.436.3065 or email [iquesnot@stmarytx.edu](mailto:iquesnot@stmarytx.edu).

Mon., 9/23	Visit Interfaith Garden	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Catholic Charities
Tue., 9/24	Interfaith Prayer Service	9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Guadalupe Chapel
Wed., 9/25	Pathway Project	All Day Event	Sidewalk between UC & UMin
Thu., 9/26	Preaching Green Panel	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Quad Amphitheater
Fri., 9/27	Interfaith Resource Fair	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	StMU Quadrangle
Fri., 9/27	Quad Prayer	10:30 a.m.	StMU Quadrangle

## LAW FOOD CART

Come get your **tacos, soups, salads, sandwiches, snacks and drinks** at the **Law Food Cart** located in the Law Classroom building, Student Lounge. The Food Cart is open Monday through Thursday. Breakfast is served 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You may pick up lunch from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Rattler Card, credit cards and cash accepted. No checks please.

## ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS EVENT SET-UPS

**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.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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

**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 scholarship awards are distributed before the Spring semester. The application deadline is **October 25, 2013**. More information is available on the TYLA website at <http://www.tyla.org/tyla/index.cfm/resources/law-students1/scholarships/>. Applications are also available in the Financial Aid office.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc. (ASECA)** is pleased to announce their 2013 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 2013, and papers scheduled for publication in 2013 or 2014 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Mail two copies of submission to ASECA, P. O. Box 5767, Washington, D.C., 20016. Deadline to submit a paper is **November 15, 2013**.

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The Florida State University Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law will present awards for the outstanding original papers submitted by a law student. Prize is \$250. Deadline to submit a paper is **January 2 2014**. For more information please go to <http://med.fsu.edu/?fuseaction=news.viewArticle&usemenu=innovativeCollaboration&newsID=493>

UCLA School of Law, The **Dukeminier Awards** Best Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law Review Articles 2013 Student Writing Competition. Submission deadline is **January 17, 2014**. Prize is \$1,000. <http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/dukeminierstudent-writing-competition/>.

**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 go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2014**.

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## HISPANC LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Hispanic Law Student Association** (HLSA) of St. Mary's will be tabling next **Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**, and **Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**, in the Law Classroom Building. They will be welcoming new members, collecting dues, taking shirt orders, and providing information about the fast-approaching **Hispanic Fest** and this semester's calendar of events.

Please join HLSA as they welcome **Justice Rebecca Martinez**, of the Fourth Court of Appeals, at their first meeting on **Wednesday, October 2, 2013, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., in the Atrium**. Lunch will be provided.

### ESSENTIAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE FOR \$\$ OR CREDIT

Learn about Internships/Externships and Work Study

**1Ls** start planning for your summer experience NOW!

**2Ls & 3Ls** get it on your resume BEFORE TIME RUNS OUT!!

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Noon in the Atrium

Law Administration Building

Lunch will be provided!!

### WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Law Association (WLA) has two great opportunities coming up in the next couple of weeks. The first event is the annual Autumn Affair of the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation (BCWB). The second is their joint Speed Networking program with the Office of Career Services and BCWB.

Autumn Affair will be held **Thursday, October 10, 2013**. BCWB is looking for **WLA members** to volunteer for various shifts at either **4:00 - 7:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. (or whenever clean up is over)**. This is a great networking opportunity and it will count towards your public service hours. Please go to our TWEN page and sign the signup sheet to volunteer. Please be aware that spaces are limited so if you cannot make it after you sign up, let a WLA board member know and then remove yourself from the signup sheet to allow for another member to volunteer. The Speed Networking event will be held **Tuesday, October 29, 2013** from **5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** Various attorneys from the BCWB will join us and they will discuss their areas of practice and their jobs. This event is **open to member and non-members**. To RSVP please visit Symplicity and sign up, as space is limited. WLA looks forward to seeing you at both events.

### EVENING PROGRAM REGISTRATION FOR SPRING SEMESTER

**Evening students** should check their email for a message **about early registration** for spring semester evening courses. The **deadline for early registration is October 7**. If you did

not receive the email, contact Professor Cochran at [mcochran@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mcochran@stmarytx.edu).

## **ATTENTION 2L AND 3L STUDENTS SPRING COURSE REGISTRATION COMING SOON**

The **Winter Intersession** and **Spring Course Schedule** are out and course registration is around the corner. Please remember that the Office of Academic and Student Affairs is available to advise on course selection. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact Patricia Solano at 210.431.4340 or email [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu). We look forward to meeting with you.

### **SPRING 2013 REGISTRATION**

Below please find **Spring 2013 registration information**. The tentative summer schedule will be out prior to actual registration and will be distributed. **Please check your student email account**. First year, first semester students will be registered automatically for Spring classes and are not yet eligible to register for intersession courses.

Students may register on the below listed dates. Use the **hours earned** at the end of the spring/summer 2013 semesters to determine when you may register.

October 14 through October 19 - students with **51 hours or more**

October 21 through October 26 - students with **31 hours - 50 hours**

October 28 through November 2 - **all year groups**

All 3rd semester 1L evening students and higher can access online registration.

Please check **Gateway for information regarding any holds** that may be placed on your online registration screen. If there is a hold, the office that placed the hold is the only authorized office to remove the hold.

If you have a question or concern regarding registration, please contact Ms. Catherine Mery at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu).

### **CENTER FOR TERRORISM LAW RESEARCH DESIGN AND EXECUTION SEMINAR**

The Center for Terrorism Law will be offering a **research design and execution seminar** for Fellows and the law school community from **1:30 - 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2013**, in the Center for Terrorism Law conference room in the Raba building. This seminar will discuss a **four-phase start-to-finish approach** to designing and executing a research project, and is recommended for students who have questions about how and where to start with their writing projects. The Center for Terrorism Law will follow up this seminar in the



near future with a separate seminar on the Bluebook method of citation.

### **ARE YOU GRADUATING THIS ACADEMIC YEAR?**

The 3L student mail boxes have been stuffed with an *Application for Degree* card, which lets the Administration know (1) if you will receive your JD or LLM degree [must check one]; (2) whether you intend to **complete your degree requirements in December 2013, May 2014, or August 2014** [August graduates are considered with next years' class, Class of 2013, 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, LAB 121, **by Friday, October 11, 2013**. 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.

### **DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATES**

Orders for **TAMS AND GOWNS** and **GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS** for the December 14, 2013 Hooding Ceremony (details to follow at a later date) will be taken in the Atrium, Law Administration Building, on **TUESDAY, October 8, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** and **WEDNESDAY, October 9, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** Orders for the May 2014 Graduates will be taken in February 2014.

### **INFORMATION MEETING THE INSTITUTE ON CHINESE LAW & BUSINESS**

Wednesday, October 9, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Atrium, Law Administration Building

Lunch provided

Contact: Professors Bob Hu or Vincent Johnson

The law school's **study abroad program in China** will be offered **May 26 to June 28, 2014**. All students are invited to attend an information meeting with the program directors, Professors Bob Hu and Vincent Johnson. Next year's program will offer three courses (5 credits), conduct field trips to visit Chinese law and government institutions, and arrange for internships with Chinese law firms and American/Chinese companies. The courses will include the following:

**International Business Transactions and China** (2 credit hours, Professor Vincent R. Johnson) explores the Convention on the International Sale of Goods and other laws relevant to business relationships between American and Chinese entities. Topics include import-export transactions, sales in China through distributors and franchisees, and direct foreign investment

in China (joint ventures and wholly foreign owned enterprises).

**International Intellectual Property Law** (2 credit hours, Professors Robert Hu and Sun Xinqiang) discusses the licensing and protection of intellectual property against the larger backdrop of international trade and commerce, with particular reference to intellectual property rules applicable in the United States and China.

**Introduction to Chinese Law** (1 credit hour, Professor Chenglin Liu) introduces students to the history and institutions of the Chinese legal system, including the governmental structure, legislative process, court system, sources of law and enforcement mechanisms. It also explores the important substantive areas of the law, such as the rules governing property ownership.

### **LONE STAR CLASSIC – CALL FOR BAILIFFS & MARSHALS**

The law school will be conducting the **2013 Lone Star Classic®** on **October 17–19, 2013** in San Antonio. The competition is open to all law schools that have been accredited by the American Bar Association. We anticipate having 16 teams compete.

This year the problem will be a criminal case in the State of Lone Star, a hypothetical venue, and it 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 Mr. Brandon Cook for an entry form. Notably, students serving in one of these capacities will receive 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 17th and 18th, in the Bexar County Courthouse, Probate Court 2. The teams will break to **semi-final rounds** on the morning of Saturday, October 19th. The **final round** will take place on that same day, the afternoon of the 19th. Both the semi-final and final rounds will be held on campus, at St. Mary's University School of Law. Additionally, the final round will take place in St. Mary's state-of-the-art courtroom.

For those of you 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. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Any questions, comments, or concerns may be directed to: Mr. Brandon Cook, [btc0006@gmail.com](mailto:btc0006@gmail.com).

## **CHARTING YOUR COURSE OVER YOUR LAST YEAR IN SCHOOL A Program for All 3L and 4LEs**

The Office of Career Services has a video available to all 3L and 4LEs on the program “Charting Your Course Over Your Last Year In School.” This program will refresh your game plan as you start your last year of law school. Topics include: Refreshing your resume, using Symplicity, gaining additional job skills in your last year, preparing for solo practice, careers, learning about exit interviews, the bar exam and much more. Please go to <http://bcove.me/q7r14nwc> for the video. The PowerPoint and the link for this video are posted in Symplicity.

### **UPDATE TO 1L FINGERPRINTING**

**Safran Morpho Trust** will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners on **Wednesday and Thursday, November 6-7, 2013, in LF207 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. both days.** Students must register on-line, in advance, for an appointment. Please check your **St. Mary’s Student Email** for specific instructions on the 1L fingerprinting process.

### **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.

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

Tuesday, October 1, 2013  
12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Atrium  
Lunch will be served.

Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of the Practice Credit Program and Suzanne Patrick, Director of Career Services and students who have successfully completed the 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 or work study programs are the right fit for you.

#### **Network the Law**

Wednesday, October 9, 2013  
4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room  
Refreshments will be provided.

Attorney R.C. Rondero de Mosier shares with you the techniques and skills to create valuable connections with colleagues and prospects to build your own network and opportunities. This event is sponsored by Phi Alpha Delta and Office of Career Services.

**Meet the Professionals Series: Post Graduate Judicial Clerkships**

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

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 alum, Emmanuel Garcia, Judicial Law Clerk for The Honorable Orlando Garcia, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas and former Briefing Attorney for The Honorable Marialyn Barnard, Texas Fourth Court of Appeals.

**Construction Law Luncheon**

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served. Business attire should be worn for this event.

The Construction Law Section of the San Antonio Bar Association will present information about the practice area and how to find jobs in this area. This event often results in jobs, so please join us for some terrific information and networking!

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

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

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 alum Bill Clanton of Law Office of Bill Clanton, P.C.

**OCS Halloween Open House**

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

2:00 - 6:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library

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

**Meet the Professionals Series: Marine JAG Opportunities**

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

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 a Marine JAG officer and will discuss opportunities to become a Marine JAG after law school.

### **Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) Information Session**

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Come learn more about what it means to be an in house counsel at a corporation and network with some attorneys.

### **Getting a Job in one of Texas' Rising Legal Markets**

Thursday, November 7, 2013

12:00 - 12:50 p.m., Raba 202

Lunch will be served.

Students will hear from attorneys from legal markets around the state that are outside the major metropolitan areas. Our speakers will discuss the climate of these legal markets, hot practice areas and tips and ideas for relocating to these areas. Come learn about how you can expand your job search outside of San Antonio and other major markets.

### **Practice Area Fair**

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room. Dress code is office casual.

Learn about legal practice areas. Nacho bar. Door prizes awarded each hour. Come and meet alumni. This will be 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 the 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.

## **WORKSHOPS IN THE LAW LIBRARY**

The Sarita Kenedy East Law Library will offer various workshops on topics of interest to students throughout the Fall 2013 semester. Below is a list of topics to be offered. If you would like to attend a particular workshop, please contact Professor Mike Martinez at [mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu) so that lunch and refreshments are ordered.

### **Topic Selection for Seminar Papers**

**Wednesday, October 2, 2013, 12:00 p.m., Law Library, Room 217**

You have 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. Workshop attendees will be provided with a free lunch.

### **Researching Immigration Law**

Wednesday, October 9, 2013, 12:00 p.m., Law Library, Room 217

Immigration laws can be daunting and difficult to navigate. This session will cover a brief overview of the laws and government agencies which regulate immigration in the United States. The Law Library Faculty will demystify key resources for researching immigration law. Workshop attendees will be provided with a free lunch.

### **HeinOnline, Your Answer to Life**

Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 12:00 p.m., Law Library, Room 217

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 of the above can be found in a wonderful database called HeinOnline. Workshop attendees will be provided with a free lunch.

### **Free Legal Resources**

Wednesday, November 6, 2013, 12:00 p.m., Law Library, Room 217

As you may know, once you graduate you will have to start paying for access to Lexis and Westlaw, and subscriptions to all of the resources you currently enjoy may be prohibitively expensive. Accordingly, the Law Library is offering this workshop to introduce you to some of the best free resources on the internet along with a number of other tips to save you money once you start practicing. All workshop attendees will be provided with a free lunch—see, you are saving money already!

## **RESEARCH ASSISTANTS NEEDED**

**Professor David Grenardo** is seeking **two research assistants** who are highly motivated with proficiency in **Bluebook citing**. The topics of the articles that will require research include: (1) getting a job as a law student and (2) pro bono. Strong grades and writing ability are also required. Work on a law journal is preferable. Please email your resume and a previous writing sample to Professor Grenardo, directly at [dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu](mailto:dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu).

**Professor Wayne Scott** also seeks **two research assistants**, who are motivated and proficient in **Bluebook citing**. Research will be conducted in Texas Civil Procedure and Mediation topics. Strong grades required as well as writing ability and work on a law journal is preferable. Please email your resume to Professor Scott at [wscott@stmarytx.edu](mailto:wscott@stmarytx.edu).

## **INTERNATIONAL PRAYER FOR PEACE – THE COURAGE OF HOPE**

*11th Annual Catholic Intellectual Tradition Lecture Series*

People of all faiths are invited to join in this historical gathering, which will include dialogue, speakers and music, with the common goal of promoting worldwide peace and interfaith dialogue. Join us on **Tuesday October 1, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Alumni Athletics

and Convocation Center Bill Greehey Arena.

## **ST. MARY'S LAW SCHOOL PRO BONO PROGRAM**

This year the St. Mary's Law School Pro Bono Program has many great opportunities for **Pro Bono and Public Service activities**. We are proud to announce the roll out of a new opportunity for all students: **The State Bar of Texas Law Student Pro Bono College!** This is in addition to the St. Mary's Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate and a great addition to your resume.

### **St. Mary's School of Law Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate Requirements**

1. 50 hours of combined pro bono and/or community service hours completed over the 3-5 years of study, while enrolled as a law student (full time or part time).
2. Recorded on a tracking form that is approved or provided by The Pro Bono Program. And signed by a supervisor or authorized signer for the event(s).

### **Requirements for Admission into the Pro Bono College:**

1. Be a student enrolled in a Texas law school and be in good academic standing;
2. Complete at least 50 hours of pro bono work per year (September 1 – August 31); and
3. Complete an application documenting all hours performed.

### **Pro Bono College Work Defined**

1. The services must be law-related and be provided free of any charge to:
  - a. A person who qualifies as indigent under the federal poverty income guidelines;
  - b. Charitable, public interest organizations with respect to matters or projects designed predominantly to address the needs of poor persons; or
  - c. The State Bar or any other body or organization in furtherance of the rights of indigent persons.
2. With the exception of travel time, any time spent working on the pro bono projects counts, including training sessions and research for the project.
3. Pro bono work does not qualify if it:
  - a. Resulted in monetary compensation to the student above and beyond reimbursement for expenses incurred in the delivery of pro bono services;
  - b. Was performed as part of a course or other activity for which the student received any academic credit; or
  - c. Was performed in connection with fundraising activities.

### **Benefits of Pro Bono College Membership**

#### **Bronze Membership:** (1<sup>st</sup> year of Membership)

1. Certificate signed by the State Bar President and Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court;
2. Recognition in the program for the New Lawyer Induction Ceremony; and
3. Pro Bono College pin.

#### **Silver Membership:** (2<sup>nd</sup> year of Membership)

1. The Bronze perks plus 1 year of access to TexasBarCLE Online Library after graduation.

Gold Membership: (3<sup>rd</sup> year of Membership)

1. Silver perks plus a reduced registration fee to the Guide to Basics of Law Practice up to 50 students with the most pro bono hours accrued; or
2. Silver perks plus one-time free tuition to the Poverty Law Conference.

Don't forget to **sign up on the TWEN Pro Bono Program/Public Service Page**. Check out Library Carrel 101 or ask any of the Pro Bono Program Student Coordinators for more information. If you have any questions please feel free to email [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

**PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS**  
**LOOKING TO GAIN LEGAL EXPERIENCE AND GET ACADEMIC CREDIT?**  
**Spring or Summer 2014**  
**INTERNSHIPS/EXTERNSHIPS**

START NOW: Check out Symplicity or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. For eligibility questions, please contact **Amanda Rivas**, [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu)

Best Advice NOW: Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a meeting to save you time and energy. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: (210) 431-5712.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS at Career Services Office: Monday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Come to the Internship/Work Study Information Session on October 1<sup>st</sup> in the Atrium at 12:00 p.m.** 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: The PCP Externship program requires a MANDATORY class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class.

**Spring Class:           Friday, January 10, 2014**  
**Summer Class:       Saturday, May 10, 2014**  
**Early June Date TBD**

***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.*

NEW  
In-House Counsel Externship this Spring!!  
Work in a general counsel office for a large business here in San Antonio!  
Contact Amanda Rivas immediately for information and **an application**.  
Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: (210) 431-5712



\* For U.S. Attorney & Federal Public Defender Internships, contact Professor Schmolesky. \*  
Federal Criminal Procedure is a companion class component for those internships.

### VET LAW FORUM 2013

Vet Law Forum 2013 invites you to their first VA event for **law students** and lawyers **servicing (or who are interested in servicing) veterans on a pro-bono basis**. Please save the date for this **no-cost event** hosted by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday **October 30, 2013**. Space is limited. Register for the event no later than September 30, 2013. To register for this event or for more information, please visit Vet Law Forum website at <http://www.va.gov/OGC/vetlaw2013.asp>.

### EXAMSOFT FOR 1Ls

If you are a **1L student**, please note you **will not have access** to download Examsoft at this time. Students will receive an official e-mail notification from the Law Tech department near the Thanksgiving break informing you when the program will be available for download. Instructions will include information on accessing, installing, and utilizing the ExamSoft application. **Please check your St. Mary's email account** for this notice.

### ATTENTION 2Ls AND 3LEs YEAR TWO NOW WHAT TO DO?

The Office of Career Services now has a 30-minute video “**Year Two Now What to Do?**” available for all 2Ls and 3LEs. This is a beneficial video to help ensure you are on the right track with academics, your job search, the Bar and more. You may view the video at <http://bcove.me/f1k6dvmc>. The link is also housed in the Document Library in Symplicity. The video may be accessed from any device, including laptop, phone or tablet. For questions or more information, please stop by the Office of Career Services.

### TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is October 30, 2013.

<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	<b>October 30</b>
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.

## CAREER COUNSELOR IN THE CLASSROOM BUILDING

Do you have a **quick question** but don't have time to stop by the Office of Career Services? **Every Tuesday**, Director Patrick will be present in the Law Classroom building to answer any questions you may have. She will be in the building between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. So take advantage of this opportunity and stop by to have your questions answered.

## FALL 2013 FITNESS SCHEDULE

For a complete list of Campus Recreation Fall Fitness classes this semester, please go to: <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/custom/resources/departmentaloffices/CampusRecreationAACC/pdf/Fall%20Fit%20Class%20Schedule%202013.pdf>. Stay fit and stay healthy!

## 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. Her telephone number is **(210) 436-3063** and her email address is [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu). Stop by for a cup of coffee or a PBJ sandwich, available at no cost, just outside her office.

## BIBLE STUDY ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY

Please join us at **weekly bible study** hosted by the **St. Thomas More Society** every **Wednesday from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Raba, LF 202A**. We will have a brief lesson and discussion every week over the gospel. The discussion will be focused on how we can apply what we have learned to our future careers. Also, we will end our study with a short meeting to keep members informed about upcoming events. Snacks will be provided so come hungry. For more information please contact Seth Sullivan at [sully078@aol.com](mailto:sully078@aol.com) or Kerriann Britt at [keabritt@gmail.com](mailto:keabritt@gmail.com).

## EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS

Those interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "**Bible Class**". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the **small conference room** at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the **Raba building**. Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook! For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or [\(361\) 920-3504](tel:(361)920-3504).

## LAW FOOD CART

Come get your **tacos, soups, salads, sandwiches, snacks and drinks** at the **Law Food Cart** located in the Law Classroom building, Student Lounge. The Food Cart is open Monday through Thursday. Breakfast is served 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You may pick up lunch from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Rattler Card, credit cards and cash accepted. No checks please.

## ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS EVENT SET-UPS

**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.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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

**NEW** – The **National Law Review** (NLR) is pleased to announce they are accepting submissions for the NLR Fall 2013 Law Student Writing Competition. Suggested topic is Immigration Law Reform. Submission deadline is October 14, 2013. For more information and submission guidelines, please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

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 scholarship awards are distributed before the Spring semester. The application deadline is **October 25, 2013**. More information is available on the TYLA website at <http://www.tyla.org/tyla/index.cfm/resources/law-students1/scholarships/>. Applications are also

available in the Financial Aid office.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2013 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 2013, and papers scheduled for publication in 2013 or 2014 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Mail two copies of submission to ASECA, P. O. Box 5767, Washington, D.C., 20016. Deadline to submit a paper is **November 15, 2013**.

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**NEW** - The State Bar of Texas Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law (REPTL) announces their 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 23, 2013**.

The Florida State University Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law will present awards for the outstanding original papers submitted by a law student. Prize is \$250. Deadline to submit a paper is **January 2 2014**. For more information please go to <http://med.fsu.edu/?fuseaction=news.viewArticle&usemenu=innovativeCollaboration&newsID=493>

UCLA School of Law, The **Dukeminier Awards** Best Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law Review Articles 2013 Student Writing Competition. Submission deadline is **January 17, 2014**. Prize is \$1,000. <http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/dukeminierstudent-writing-competition/>.

**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 go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2014**.

**NEW** - The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its seventh annual **Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition** on Regulatory and Administrative Law. This competition is open to practicing lawyers, policy makers, academics, and law

students. The author of the winning paper in each category will receive a cash prize of \$1,500. For competition details and more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition?mgs1=b0005ASpIx&mgs1=6824d8VBxx>. Deadline for submissions is **February 7, 2014**.

**NEW** - Entries for The Symposium XXVII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [www.thesovereigntysymposium.com](http://www.thesovereigntysymposium.com) . Entries must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**.

**NEW** - Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. The symposium is the premier conference on Indian Law. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

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## MILITARY LAW ASSOCIATION

The **Military Law Association (MLA)** will host their first general meeting of the year on **Wednesday, October 9, 2013** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library from **12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** Lunch will be served. Anyone interested in joining the MLA are encouraged to attend the meeting.

## WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Law Association (WLA) has two great opportunities coming up in the next couple of weeks. The first event is the annual Autumn Affair of the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation (BCWB). The second is their joint Speed Networking program with the Office of Career Services and BCWB.

Autumn Affair will be held **Thursday, October 10, 2013**. BCWB is looking for **WLA members** to volunteer for various shifts at either **4:00 - 7:00 p.m. or 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. (or whenever clean up is over)**. This is a great networking opportunity and it will count towards your public service hours. Please go to our TWEN page and sign the signup sheet to volunteer. Please be aware that spaces are limited so if you cannot make it after you sign up, let a WLA board member know and then remove yourself from the signup sheet to allow for another member to volunteer. The Speed Networking event will be held **Tuesday, October 29, 2013** from **5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** Various attorneys from the BCWB will join us and they will discuss their areas of practice and their jobs. This event is **open to member and non-members**. To RSVP please visit Symplicity and sign up, as space is limited. WLA looks forward to seeing you at both events.

## EVENING PROGRAM REGISTRATION FOR SPRING SEMESTER

**Evening students** should check their email for a message **about early registration** for spring semester evening courses. The **deadline for early registration is October 7**. If you did not receive the email, contact Professor Cochran at [mcochran@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mcochran@stmarytx.edu).

## ATTENTION 2L AND 3L STUDENTS SPRING COURSE REGISTRATION COMING SOON

The **Winter Intersession** and **Spring Course Schedule** are out and course registration is around the corner. Please remember that the Office of Academic and Student Affairs is available to advise on course selection. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact Patricia Solano at 210.431.4340 or email [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu). We look forward to meeting with you.

## SPRING 2013 REGISTRATION

Below please find **Spring 2013 registration information**. The tentative summer schedule will be out prior to actual registration and will be distributed. **Please check your**



**student email account.** First year, first semester students will be registered automatically for Spring classes and are not yet eligible to register for intersession courses.

Students may register on the below listed dates. Use the **hours earned** at the end of the spring/summer 2013 semesters to determine when you may register.

October 14 through October 19 - students with **51 hours or more**

October 21 through October 26 - students with **31 hours - 50 hours**

October 28 through November 2 - **all year groups**

All 3rd semester 1L evening students and higher can access online registration.

Please check **Gateway for information regarding any holds** that may be placed on your online registration screen. If there is a hold, the office that placed the hold is the only authorized office to remove the hold.

If you have a question or concern regarding registration, please contact Ms. Catherine Mery at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu).

### **ARE YOU GRADUATING THIS ACADEMIC YEAR?**

The 3L student mail boxes have been stuffed with an *Application for Degree* card, which lets the Administration know (1) if you will receive your JD or LLM degree [must check one]; (2) whether you intend to **complete your degree requirements in December 2013, May 2014, or August 2014** [August graduates are considered with next years' class, Class of 2013, 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, LAB 121, **by Friday, October 11, 2013**. 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.

### **DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATES**

Orders for **TAMS AND GOWNS** and **GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS** for the December 14, 2013 Hooding Ceremony (details to follow at a later date) will be taken in the Atrium, Law Administration Building, on **TUESDAY, October 8, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** and **WEDNESDAY, October 9, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** Orders for the May 2014 Graduates will be taken in February 2014.

**INFORMATION MEETING**  
**THE INSTITUTE ON CHINESE LAW & BUSINESS**

Wednesday, October 9, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Atrium, Law Administration Building

Lunch provided

Contact: Professors Bob Hu or Vincent Johnson

The law school's **study abroad program in China** will be offered **May 26 to June 28, 2014**. All students are invited to attend an information meeting with the program directors, Professors Bob Hu and Vincent Johnson. Next year's program will offer three courses (5 credits), conduct field trips to visit Chinese law and government institutions, and arrange for internships with Chinese law firms and American/Chinese companies. The courses will include the following:

**International Business Transactions and China** (2 credit hours, Professor Vincent R. Johnson) explores the Convention on the International Sale of Goods and other laws relevant to business relationships between American and Chinese entities. Topics include import-export transactions, sales in China through distributors and franchisees, and direct foreign investment in China (joint ventures and wholly foreign owned enterprises).

**International Intellectual Property Law** (2 credit hours, Professors Robert Hu and Sun Xinqiang) discusses the licensing and protection of intellectual property against the larger backdrop of international trade and commerce, with particular reference to intellectual property rules applicable in the United States and China.

**Introduction to Chinese Law** (1 credit hour, Professor Chenglin Liu) introduces students to the history and institutions of the Chinese legal system, including the governmental structure, legislative process, court system, sources of law and enforcement mechanisms. It also explores the important substantive areas of the law, such as the rules governing property ownership.

**LONE STAR CLASSIC – CALL FOR BAILIFFS & MARSHALS**

The law school will be conducting the **2013 Lone Star Classic®** on **October 17–19, 2013** in San Antonio. The competition is open to all law schools that have been accredited by the American Bar Association. We anticipate having 16 teams compete.

This year the problem will be a criminal case in the State of Lone Star, a hypothetical venue, and it 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 Mr. Brandon Cook for an entry form. Notably, students serving in one of these capacities will receive 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 17th and 18th, in the Bexar County Courthouse, Probate Court 2. The teams will break to **semi-final rounds** on the morning of Saturday, October 19th. The **final round** will take place on that same day, the afternoon of the 19th. Both the semi-final and final rounds will be held on campus, at St. Mary's University School of Law. Additionally, the final round will take place in St. Mary's state-of-the-art courtroom.

For those of you 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. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Any questions, comments, or concerns may be directed to: Mr. Brandon Cook, [btc0006@gmail.com](mailto:btc0006@gmail.com).

### **CHARTING YOUR COURSE OVER YOUR LAST YEAR IN SCHOOL A Program for All 3L and 4LEs**

The Office of Career Services has a video available to all 3L and 4LEs on the program "Charting Your Course Over Your Last Year In School." This program will refresh your game plan as you start your last year of law school. Topics include: Refreshing your resume, using Symplicity, gaining additional job skills in your last year, preparing for solo practice, careers, learning about exit interviews, the bar exam and much more. Please go to <http://bcove.me/q7r14nwc> for the video. The PowerPoint and the link for this video are posted in Symplicity.

### **UPDATE TO 1L FINGERPRINTING**

**Safran Morpho Trust** will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners on **Wednesday and Thursday, November 6-7, 2013, in LF207 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. both days.** Students must register on-line, in advance, for an appointment. Please check your **St. Mary's Student Email** for specific instructions on the 1L fingerprinting process.

### **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.

#### **Network the Law**

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Refreshments will be provided.

Attorney R.C. Rondero de Mosier shares with you the techniques and skills to create valuable

connections with colleagues and prospects to build your own network and opportunities. This event is sponsored by Phi Alpha Delta and Office of Career Services.

**Meet the Professionals Series: Post Graduate Judicial Clerkships**

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

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 alum, Emmanuel Garcia, Judicial Law Clerk for The Honorable Orlando Garcia, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas and former Briefing Attorney for The Honorable Marialyn Barnard, Texas Fourth Court of Appeals.

**Construction Law Luncheon**

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served. Business attire should be worn for this event.

The Construction Law Section of the San Antonio Bar Association will present information about the practice area and how to find jobs in this area. This event often results in jobs, so please join us for some terrific information and networking!

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

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

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 alum Bill Clanton of Law Office of Bill Clanton, P.C.

**OCS Halloween Open House**

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

2:00 - 6:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library

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

**Meet the Professionals Series: Marine JAG Opportunities**

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

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 a Marine JAG officer and will discuss opportunities to become a Marine JAG after law school.

### **Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) Information Session**

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Come learn more about what it means to be an in house counsel at a corporation and network with some attorneys.

### **Getting a Job in one of Texas' Rising Legal Markets**

Thursday, November 7, 2013

12:00 - 12:50 p.m., Raba 202

Lunch will be served.

Students will hear from attorneys from legal markets around the state that are outside the major metropolitan areas. Our speakers will discuss the climate of these legal markets, hot practice areas and tips and ideas for relocating to these areas. Come learn about how you can expand your job search outside of San Antonio and other major markets.

### **Practice Area Fair**

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room. Dress code is office casual.

Learn about legal practice areas. Nacho bar. Door prizes awarded each hour. Come and meet alumni. This will be 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 the 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.

## **WORKSHOPS IN THE LAW LIBRARY**

The Sarita Kenedy East Law Library will offer various workshops on topics of interest to students throughout the Fall 2013 semester. Below is a list of topics to be offered. If you would like to attend a particular workshop, please contact Professor Mike Martinez at [mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu) so that lunch and refreshments are ordered.

### **Researching Immigration Law**

Wednesday, October 9, 2013, 12:00 p.m., Law Library, Room 217

Immigration laws can be daunting and difficult to navigate. This session will cover a brief overview of the laws and government agencies which regulate immigration in the United States.

The Law Library Faculty will demystify key resources for researching immigration law. Workshop attendees will be provided with a free lunch.

### **HeinOnline, Your Answer to Life**

Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 12:00 p.m., Law Library, Room 217

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 of the above can be found in a wonderful database called HeinOnline. Workshop attendees will be provided with a free lunch.

### **Free Legal Resources**

Wednesday, November 6, 2013, 12:00 p.m., Law Library, Room 217

As you may know, once you graduate you will have to start paying for access to Lexis and Westlaw, and subscriptions to all of the resources you currently enjoy may be prohibitively expensive. Accordingly, the Law Library is offering this workshop to introduce you to some of the best free resources on the internet along with a number of other tips to save you money once you start practicing. All workshop attendees will be provided with a free lunch—see, you are saving money already!

## **JFK ASSIGNATION – THEORIES AND QUESTIONS**

Join **L. Wayne Scott**, Professor of Law and Director of ADR Studies on Tuesday, **November 19, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in LC104** as he speaks on **JFK Assigation – Theories and Questions**. This event is open to the public.

## **RESEARCH ASSISTANTS NEEDED**

**Professor David Grenardo** is seeking **two research assistants** who are highly motivated with proficiency in **Bluebook citing**. The topics of the articles that will require research include: (1) getting a job as a law student and (2) pro bono. Strong grades and writing ability are also required. Work on a law journal is preferable. Please email your resume and a previous writing sample to Professor Grenardo, directly at [dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu](mailto:dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu).

**Professor Wayne Scott** also seeks **two research assistants**, who are motivated and proficient in **Bluebook citing**. Research will be conducted in Texas Civil Procedure and Mediation topics. Strong grades required as well as writing ability and work on a law journal is preferable. Please email your resume to Professor Scott at [wscott@stmarytx.edu](mailto:wscott@stmarytx.edu).

## **ST. MARY'S LAW SCHOOL PRO BONO PROGRAM**

This year the St. Mary's Law School Pro Bono Program has many great opportunities for **Pro Bono and Public Service activities**. We are proud to announce the roll out of a new opportunity for all students: **The State Bar of Texas Law Student Pro Bono College!** This is

in addition to the St. Mary's Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate and a great addition to your resume.

### **St. Mary's School of Law Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate Requirements**

1. 50 hours of combined pro bono and/or community service hours completed over the 3-5 years of study, while enrolled as a law student (full time or part time).
2. Recorded on a tracking form that is approved or provided by The Pro Bono Program. And signed by a supervisor or authorized signer for the event(s).

### **Requirements for Admission into the Pro Bono College:**

1. Be a student enrolled in a Texas law school and be in good academic standing;
2. Complete at least 50 hours of pro bono work per year (September 1 – August 31); and
3. Complete an application documenting all hours performed.

### **Pro Bono College Work Defined**

1. The services must be law-related and be provided free of any charge to:
  - a. A person who qualifies as indigent under the federal poverty income guidelines;
  - b. Charitable, public interest organizations with respect to matters or projects designed predominantly to address the needs of poor persons; or
  - c. The State Bar or any other body or organization in furtherance of the rights of indigent persons.
2. With the exception of travel time, any time spent working on the pro bono projects counts, including training sessions and research for the project.
3. Pro bono work does not qualify if it:
  - a. Resulted in monetary compensation to the student above and beyond reimbursement for expenses incurred in the delivery of pro bono services;
  - b. Was performed as part of a course or other activity for which the student received any academic credit; or
  - c. Was performed in connection with fundraising activities.

### **Benefits of Pro Bono College Membership**

#### **Bronze Membership:** (1<sup>st</sup> year of Membership)

1. Certificate signed by the State Bar President and Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court;
2. Recognition in the program for the New Lawyer Induction Ceremony; and
3. Pro Bono College pin.

#### **Silver Membership:** (2<sup>nd</sup> year of Membership)

1. The Bronze perks plus 1 year of access to TexasBarCLE Online Library after graduation.

#### **Gold Membership:** (3<sup>rd</sup> year of Membership)

1. Silver perks plus a reduced registration fee to the Guide to Basics of Law Practice up to 50 students with the most pro bono hours accrued; or
2. Silver perks plus one-time free tuition to the Poverty Law Conference.

Don't forget to **sign up on the TWEN Pro Bono Program/Public Service Page**. Check out Library Carrel 101 or ask any of the Pro Bono Program Student Coordinators for more

information. If you have any questions please feel free to email [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

**PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS**  
**LOOKING TO GAIN LEGAL EXPERIENCE AND GET ACADEMIC CREDIT?**  
**Spring or Summer 2014**  
**INTERNSHIPS/EXTERNSHIPS**

START NOW: Check out Symplicity or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. For eligibility questions, please contact **Amanda Rivas**, [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu).

Best Advice NOW: Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a meeting to save you time and energy. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: (210) 431-5712.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS at Career Services Office: Monday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Come to the Internship/Work Study Information Session on October 1<sup>st</sup> in the Atrium at 12:00 p.m.** 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: The PCP Externship program requires a MANDATORY class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class.

<b><u>Spring Class:</u></b>	<b>Friday, January 10, 2014</b>
<b><u>Summer Class:</u></b>	<b>Saturday, May 10, 2014</b>
	<b>Early June Date TBD</b>

***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.*

NEW

In-House Counsel Externship this Spring!!

Work in a general counsel office for a large business here in San Antonio!

Contact Amanda Rivas immediately for information and **an application**.

Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: (210) 431-5712

\* For U.S. Attorney & Federal Public Defender Internships, contact Professor Schmolesky. \* Federal Criminal Procedure is a companion class component for those internships.

**VET LAW FORUM 2013**

Vet Law Forum 2013 invites you to their first VA event for **law students** and lawyers



**serving (or who are interested in serving) veterans on a pro-bono basis.** Please save the date for this **no-cost event** hosted by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday **October 30, 2013**. Space is limited. Register for the event no later than September 30, 2013. To register for this event or for more information, please visit Vet Law Forum website at <http://www.va.gov/OGC/vetlaw2013.asp>.

### EXAMSOFT FOR 1Ls

If you are a **1L student**, please note you **will not have access** to download Examsoft at this time. Students will receive an official e-mail notification from the Law Tech department near the Thanksgiving break informing you when the program will be available for download. Instructions will include information on accessing, installing, and utilizing the ExamSoft application. **Please check your St. Mary’s email account** for this notice.

### ATTENTION 2Ls AND 3LEs YEAR TWO NOW WHAT TO DO?

The Office of Career Services now has a 30-minute video “**Year Two Now What to Do?**” available for all 2Ls and 3LEs. This is a beneficial video to help ensure you are on the right track with academics, your job search, the Bar and more. You may view the video at <http://bcove.me/f1k6dvmc>. The link is also housed in the Document Library in Symplicity. The video may be accessed from any device, including laptop, phone or tablet. For questions or more information, please stop by the Office of Career Services.

### TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is October 30, 2013.

<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	<b>October 30</b>
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.

### CAREER COUNSELOR IN THE CLASSROOM BUILDING

Do you have a **quick question** but don’t have time to stop by the Office of Career Services? **Every Tuesday**, Director Patrick will be present in the Law Classroom building to answer any questions you may have. She will be in the building between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. So take advantage of this opportunity and stop by to have your questions answered.

## FALL 2013 FITNESS SCHEDULE

For a complete list of Campus Recreation Fall Fitness classes this semester, please go to: <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/custom/resources/departmentaloffices/CampusRecreationAACC/pdf/Fall%20Fit%20Class%20Schedule%202013.pdf>. Stay fit and stay healthy!

### 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. Her telephone number is **(210) 436-3063** and her email address is [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu). Stop by for a cup of coffee or a PBJ sandwich, available at no cost, just outside her office.

### BIBLE STUDY ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY

Please join us at **weekly bible study** hosted by the **St. Thomas More Society** every **Wednesday from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Raba, LF 202A**. We will have a brief lesson and discussion every week over the gospel. The discussion will be focused on how we can apply what we have learned to our future careers. Also, we will end our study with a short meeting to keep members informed about upcoming events. Snacks will be provided so come hungry. For more information please contact Seth Sullivan at [sully078@aol.com](mailto:sully078@aol.com) or Kerriann Britt at [keabritt@gmail.com](mailto:keabritt@gmail.com).

### EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS

Those interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "**Bible Class**". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the **small conference room** at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the **Raba building**. Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook! For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or [\(361\) 920-3504](tel:(361)920-3504).

### LAW FOOD CART

Come get your **tacos, soups, salads, sandwiches, snacks and drinks** at the **Law Food Cart** located in the Law Classroom building, Student Lounge. The Food Cart is open Monday through Thursday. Breakfast is served 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You may pick up lunch from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Rattler Card, credit cards and cash accepted. No checks please.

## **ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS EVENT SET-UPS**

**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.

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

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

The **National Law Review** (NLR) is pleased to announce they are accepting submissions for the NLR Fall 2013 Law Student Writing Competition. Suggested topic is Immigration Law Reform. Submission deadline is October 14, 2013. For more information and submission guidelines, please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

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 scholarship awards are distributed before the Spring semester. The application deadline is **October 25, 2013**. More information is available on the TYLA website at <http://www.tyla.org/tyla/index.cfm/resources/law-students1/scholarships/>. Applications are also available in the Financial Aid office.

**NEW** - The **State Bar of Texas, Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section** announces sponsorship of six summer internships for students currently in their second or third year of law school with each of the following agencies: (i) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, (ii) the Office of the Attorney General (Environmental Protection and Administrative Law Division), (iii) the Railroad Commission of Texas, (iv) Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, (v) Texas General Land Office and (vi) Harris County district Attorney's

Office (Environmental Crimes Division). Deadline for receipt of application materials is **October 30, 2013**. Please note the website has a deadline of October 22. However the correct deadline is October 30, 2013. Additional information regarding the internship program is located on the Section website at <http://www.texenrls.org/DrawOnePage.aspx?PageID=61#.UIG-UVMkiYI>.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2013 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 2013, and papers scheduled for publication in 2013 or 2014 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Mail two copies of submission to ASECA, P. O. Box 5767, Washington, D.C., 20016. Deadline to submit a paper is **November 15, 2013**.

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The State Bar of Texas Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law (REPTL) announces their 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 23, 2013**.

The Florida State University Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law will present awards for the outstanding original papers submitted by a law student. Prize is \$250. Deadline to submit a paper is **January 2 2014**. For more information please go to <http://med.fsu.edu/?fuseaction=news.viewArticle&usemenu=innovativeCollaboration&newsID=493>.

UCLA School of Law, The **Dukeminier Awards** Best Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law Review Articles 2013 Student Writing Competition. Submission deadline is **January 17, 2014**. Prize is \$1,000. <http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/dukeminierstudent-writing-competition/>.

**NEW** - [The Ladas Memorial Award Competition](#) is now accepting papers. The winner receives \$2,000 and publication in *The Trademark Reporter*, INTA's legal journal. Deadline to apply is January 17, 2014.

**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 go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2014**.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its seventh annual **Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition** on Regulatory and Administrative Law. This competition is open to practicing lawyers, policy makers, academics, and law students. The author of the winning paper in each category will receive a cash prize of \$1,500. For competition details and more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition?mgs1=b0005ASpIx&mgs1=6824d8VBxx>. Deadline for submissions is **February 7, 2014**.

Entries for The Symposium XXVII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [www.thesovereigntysymposium.com](http://www.thesovereigntysymposium.com). Entries must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. The symposium is the premier conference on Indian Law. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

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## **PRACTICE SKILLS REQUIREMENTS AVAILABLE SPRING 2014**

St. Mary's now offers two additional ways to meet student practice skills requirement for graduation. Both avenues are available to students in Spring 2014.

### **1) Contract Drafting with Professor Walch**

The **Contract Drafting** course will teach students the principles of contemporary commercial drafting and introduce them to documents typically used in a variety of transactions. The skills students will gain will be applicable to any transactional practice and will even be useful to litigators. On finishing the course, students should know: the business purpose of each of the contract concepts; how to translate the business deal into contract concepts; how to draft each of a contract's parts; how to draft with clarity and without ambiguity; how to add value to a deal; how to work through the drafting process; and how to review and comment on a contract. Students will perform drafting and contract negotiation exercises throughout the semester, and course grades will be based on several drafting exercises and class participation.

### **2) The Practice Credit Program**

The Practice Credit Program (3 credit hour program only) offers students the opportunity to earn course credit while performing a legal externship. Details of the program may be found on the St. Mary's Law School website at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/centers/practice-credit-program/externships/>. For more information, please contact Amanda Rivas at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.5712. In addition to many opportunities at nonprofit and government offices, the Practice Credit Program now has an externship available at the general counsel's office of a large company in San Antonio, and several more potential sites are being negotiated.

## **STUDENT ORGANIZATION MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

The **Oil, Gas & Energy Resources Law Society** will meet on **Thursday, October 17, 2013, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library.

**Black Law Student Association** will host their meeting on **Thursday, October 17, 2013, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.** in the **Atrium**, Law Administration Building.

The **Women's Law Association** together with the **Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation** and the **Office of Career Services** present their Speed Networking program. This event will be held **Tuesday, October 29, 2013 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**. Various attorneys from the BCWB will join us and they will discuss their areas of practice and their jobs. This event is **open to member and non-members**. To RSVP please visit Symplicity and sign up, as space is limited. WLA looks forward to seeing you at this



## **SPRING 2013 REGISTRATION BEGINS THIS WEEK**

Below please find **Spring 2013 registration information**. The tentative summer schedule will be out prior to actual registration and will be distributed. **Please check your student email account**. First year, first semester students will be registered automatically for Spring classes and are not yet eligible to register for intersession courses.

Students may register on the below listed dates. Use the **hours earned** at the end of the spring/summer 2013 semesters to determine when you may register.

October 14 through October 19 - students with **51 hours or more**

October 21 through October 26 - students with **31 hours - 50 hours**

October 28 through November 2 - **all year groups**

All 3rd semester 1L evening students and higher can access online registration.

Please check **Gateway for information regarding any holds** that may be placed on your online registration screen. If there is a hold, the office that placed the hold is the only authorized office to remove the hold.

If you have a question or concern regarding registration, please contact Ms. Catherine Mery at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu).

Please remember that the Office of Academic and Student Affairs is available to advise on course selection. To make an appointment, please contact Patricia Solano at 210.431.4340 or email [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

## **RED MASS – SAVE THE DATE**

Please reserve the date for **Red Mass** to be held on **Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., San Fernando Cathedral, 115 Main Plaza, San Antonio, Texas 78205**.

## **LONE STAR CLASSIC – CALL FOR BAILIFFS & MARSHALS**

The law school will be conducting the **2013 Lone Star Classic®** on **October 17–19, 2013** in San Antonio. The competition is open to all law schools that have been accredited by the American Bar Association. We anticipate having 16 teams compete.

This year the problem will be a criminal case in the State of Lone Star, a hypothetical venue, and it 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 Mr. Brandon Cook for an entry

form. Notably, students serving in one of these capacities will receive 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 17th and 18th, in the Bexar County Courthouse, Probate Court 2. The teams will break to **semi-final rounds** on the morning of Saturday, October 19th. The **final round** will take place on that same day, the afternoon of the 19th. Both the semi-final and final rounds will be held on campus, at St. Mary's University School of Law. Additionally, the final round will take place in St. Mary's state-of-the-art courtroom.

For anyone 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. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Any questions, comments, or concerns may be directed to: Mr. Brandon Cook, [btc0006@gmail.com](mailto:btc0006@gmail.com).

### **BAR APPLICATIONS NOTARIZED**

Do you need your bar application notarized? The deadline is soon! Staff from the St. Mary's School of Law Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ) will be tabling in the Law Classroom building on **Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and 5:00 -6:30 p.m.** to offer FREE notary services. CLSJ houses our award-winning clinical courses for credit. Even if you do not need an application notarized, please stop by our table to hear more about what your fellow law students are accomplishing in their clinics!

### **BOO BASH**

**St. Mary's University School of Law, Student Bar Association and Law Ministry** invites you to their annual **BOO BASH** on **Friday, October 25, 2013, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** at the **Pecan Grove**. All children of St. Mary's University faculty, staff and students under the age of 12 are welcome. Food, games, arts, crafts and lots of candy and fun await you. For more information please contact Sister Grace Walle at 210.436.3063 or [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).

### **CHARTING YOUR COURSE OVER YOUR LAST YEAR IN SCHOOL A Program for All 3L and 4LEs**

The Office of Career Services has a video available to all 3L and 4LEs on the program "Charting Your Course Over Your Last Year In School." This program will refresh your game plan as you start your last year of law school. Topics include: Refreshing your resume, using Symplicity, gaining additional job skills in your last year, preparing for solo practice, careers, learning about exit interviews, the bar exam and much more. Please go to <http://bcove.me/q7r14nwc> for the video. The PowerPoint and the link for this video are posted in Symplicity.

## INFORMATION ABOUT 1L FINGERPRINTING

**Safran Morpho Trust** will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners on **Wednesday and Thursday, November 6-7, 2013, in LF207 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. both days.** Students must register on-line, in advance, for an appointment. Please check your **St. Mary's Student Email** for specific instructions on the 1L fingerprinting process.

## 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.

### **Meet the Professionals Series: Post Graduate Judicial Clerkships**

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

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 SYMPLICITY**

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 alum, Emmanuel Garcia, Judicial Law Clerk for The Honorable Orlando Garcia, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas and former Briefing Attorney for The Honorable Marialyn Barnard, Texas Fourth Court of Appeals.

### **Construction Law Luncheon**

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served. Business attire should be worn for this event.

The Construction Law Section of the San Antonio Bar Association will present information about the practice area and how to find jobs in this area. This event often results in jobs, so please join us for some terrific information and networking!

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

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

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

You may bring a brown bag lunch.

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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 is presented by alum Bill Clanton of Law Office of Bill Clanton, P.C.

### **OCS Halloween Open House**

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

2:00 - 6:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library

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

### **Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) Information Session**

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Come learn more about what it means to be an in house counsel at a corporation and network with some attorneys.

### **Meet the Professionals Series: Marine JAG Opportunities**

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

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 a Marine JAG officer and will discuss opportunities to become a Marine JAG after law school.

### **Getting a Job in one of Texas' Rising Legal Markets**

Thursday, November 7, 2013

12:00 - 12:50 p.m., Raba 202

Lunch will be served.

Students will hear from attorneys from legal markets around the state that are outside the major metropolitan areas. Our speakers will discuss the climate of these legal markets, hot practice areas and tips and ideas for relocating to these areas. Come learn about how you can expand your job search outside of San Antonio and other major markets.

### **Practice Area Fair**

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room. Dress code is office casual.

Learn about legal practice areas. Nacho bar. Door prizes awarded each hour. Come and meet alumni. This will be 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 the 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.

## WORKSHOPS IN THE LAW LIBRARY

The Sarita Kenedy East Law Library will offer various workshops on topics of interest to students throughout the Fall 2013 semester. Below is a list of topics to be offered. If you would like to attend a particular workshop, please contact Professor Mike Martinez at [mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu) so that lunch and refreshments are ordered.

### **HeinOnline, Your Answer to Life**

Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 12:00 p.m., Law Library, Room 217

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 of the above can be found in a wonderful database called HeinOnline. Workshop attendees will be provided with a free lunch.

### **Free Legal Resources**

Wednesday, November 6, 2013, 12:00 p.m., Law Library, Room 217

As you may know, once you graduate you will have to start paying for access to Lexis and Westlaw, and subscriptions to all of the resources you currently enjoy may be prohibitively expensive. Accordingly, the Law Library is offering this workshop to introduce you to some of the best free resources on the internet along with a number of other tips to save you money once you start practicing. All workshop attendees will be provided with a free lunch—see, you are saving money already!

## JFK ASSIGNATION – THEORIES AND QUESTIONS

Join **L. Wayne Scott**, Professor of Law and Director of ADR Studies on Tuesday, **November 19, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in LC104** as he speaks on **JFK Assignment – Theories and Questions**. This event is open to the public.

## JURIST COMMENTARY PIECE SOUGHT

JURIST, an ABA and Webby award-winning legal news service that reaches hundreds of thousands of readers weekly seeks original opinion-based articles from law students regarding their personal and work experiences in a field of law. Recently JURIST published a piece about Texas death inmates' challenge on the use of new execution drugs. JURIST link: <http://jurist.org/paperchase/2013/10/texas-inmates-challenge-use-of-new-execution-drugs.php>. As a result, JURIST would like to publish a student commentary piece on this topic. Articles should be approximately 1,200 words in length and do not require Bluebook citations. For examples of recent articles please see: <http://jurist.org/datetime/>. For more information, please contact [studentcommentary@jurist.org](mailto:studentcommentary@jurist.org).

## RESEARCH ASSISTANTS NEEDED

**Professor David Grenardo** is seeking **two research assistants** who are highly motivated with proficiency in **Bluebook citing**. The topics of the articles that will require research include: (1) getting a job as a law student and (2) pro bono. Strong grades and writing ability are also required. Work on a law journal is preferable. Please email your resume and a previous writing sample to Professor Grenardo, directly at [dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu](mailto:dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu).

**Professor Wayne Scott** also seeks **two research assistants**, who are motivated and proficient in **Bluebook citing**. Research will be conducted in Texas Civil Procedure and Mediation topics. Strong grades required as well as writing ability and work on a law journal is preferable. Please email your resume to Professor Scott at [wscott@stmarytx.edu](mailto:wscott@stmarytx.edu).

## ST. MARY'S LAW SCHOOL PRO BONO PROGRAM

This year the St. Mary's Law School Pro Bono Program has many great opportunities for **Pro Bono and Public Service activities**. We are proud to announce the roll out of a new opportunity for all students: **The State Bar of Texas Law Student Pro Bono College!** This is in addition to the St. Mary's Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate and a great addition to your resume.

### **St. Mary's School of Law Pro Bono and Public Service Certificate Requirements**

1. 50 hours of combined pro bono and/or community service hours completed over the 3-5 years of study, while enrolled as a law student (full time or part time).
2. Recorded on a tracking form that is approved or provided by The Pro Bono Program. And signed by a supervisor or authorized signer for the event(s).

### **Requirements for Admission into the Pro Bono College:**

1. Be a student enrolled in a Texas law school and be in good academic standing;
2. Complete at least 50 hours of pro bono work per year (September 1 – August 31); and
3. Complete an application documenting all hours performed.

### **Pro Bono College Work Defined**

1. The services must be law-related and be provided free of any charge to:
  - a. A person who qualifies as indigent under the federal poverty income guidelines;
  - b. Charitable, public interest organizations with respect to matters or projects designed predominantly to address the needs of poor persons; or
  - c. The State Bar or any other body or organization in furtherance of the rights of indigent persons.
2. With the exception of travel time, any time spent working on the pro bono projects counts, including training sessions and research for the project.
3. Pro bono work does not qualify if it:
  - a. Resulted in monetary compensation to the student above and beyond reimbursement for expenses incurred in the delivery of pro bono services;

- b. Was performed as part of a course or other activity for which the student received any academic credit; or
- c. Was performed in connection with fundraising activities.

**Benefits of Pro Bono College Membership**

**Bronze Membership:** (1<sup>st</sup> year of Membership)

- 1. Certificate signed by the State Bar President and Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court;
- 2. Recognition in the program for the New Lawyer Induction Ceremony; and
- 3. Pro Bono College pin.

**Silver Membership:** (2<sup>nd</sup> year of Membership)

- 1. The Bronze perks plus 1 year of access to TexasBarCLE Online Library after graduation.

**Gold Membership:** (3<sup>rd</sup> year of Membership)

- 1. Silver perks plus a reduced registration fee to the Guide to Basics of Law Practice up to 50 students with the most pro bono hours accrued; or
- 2. Silver perks plus one-time free tuition to the Poverty Law Conference.

Don't forget to **sign up on the TWEN Pro Bono Program/Public Service Page**. Check out Library Carrel 101 or ask any of the Pro Bono Program Student Coordinators for more information. If you have any questions please feel free to email [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

**PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS  
LOOKING TO GAIN LEGAL EXPERIENCE AND GET ACADEMIC CREDIT?  
Spring or Summer 2014  
INTERNSHIPS/EXTERNSHIPS**

**START NOW:** Check out Symplicity or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. For eligibility questions, please contact **Amanda Rivas**, [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu).

**Best Advice NOW:** Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a meeting to save you time and energy. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: (210) 431-5712.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS at Career Services Office: Monday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Come to the Internship/Work Study Information Session on October 1<sup>st</sup> in the Atrium at 12:00 p.m.** 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:** The PCP Externship program requires a MANDATORY class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class.

**Spring Class:                      Friday, January 10, 2014**  
**Summer Class:                     Saturday, May 10, 2014**

## Early June Date TBD

***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.*

### NEW

In-House Counsel Externship this Spring!!

Work in a general counsel office for a large business here in San Antonio!

Contact Amanda Rivas immediately for information and **an application**.

Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: (210) 431-5712

\* For U.S. Attorney & Federal Public Defender Internships, contact Professor Schmolesky. \*  
Federal Criminal Procedure is a companion class component for those internships.

## VET LAW FORUM 2013

Vet Law Forum 2013 invites you to their first VA event for **law students** and lawyers **servicing (or who are interested in servicing) veterans on a pro-bono basis**. Please save the date for this **no-cost event** hosted by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday **October 30, 2013**. Space is limited. Register for the event no later than September 30, 2013. To register for this event or for more information, please visit Vet Law Forum website at <http://www.va.gov/OGC/vetlaw2013.asp>.

## EXAMSOFT FOR 1Ls

If you are a **1L student**, please note you **will not have access** to download Examsoft at this time. Students will receive an official e-mail notification from the Law Tech department near the Thanksgiving break informing you when the program will be available for download. Instructions will include information on accessing, installing, and utilizing the ExamSoft application. **Please check your St. Mary's email account** for this notice.

## ATTENTION 2Ls AND 3LEs YEAR TWO NOW WHAT TO DO?

The Office of Career Services now has a 30-minute video "**Year Two Now What to Do?**" available for all 2Ls and 3LEs. This is a beneficial video to help ensure you are on the right track with academics, your job search, the Bar and more. You may view the video at <http://bcove.me/f1k6dvmc>. The link is also housed in the Document Library in Symplicity. The video may be accessed from any device, including laptop, phone or tablet. For questions or more information, please stop by the Office of Career Services.



## CAREER COUNSELOR IN THE CLASSROOM BUILDING

Do you have a **quick question** but don't have time to stop by the Office of Career Services? **Every Tuesday**, Director Patrick will be present in the Law Classroom building to answer any questions you may have. She will be in the building between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. So take advantage of this opportunity and stop by to have your questions answered.

## TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is October 30, 2013.

<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.

## FALL 2013 FITNESS SCHEDULE

For a complete list of Campus Recreation Fall Fitness classes this semester, please go to: <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/custom/resources/departmentaloffices/CampusRecreationAACC/pdf/Fall%20Fit%20Class%20Schedule%202013.pdf>. Stay fit and stay healthy!

## 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. Her telephone number is **(210) 436-3063** and her email address is [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu). Stop by for a cup of coffee or a PBJ sandwich, available at no cost, just outside her office.

## BIBLE STUDY ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY

Please join us at **weekly bible study** hosted by the **St. Thomas More Society** every **Wednesday from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Raba, LF 202A**. We will have a brief lesson and discussion every week over the gospel. The discussion will be focused on how we can apply what we have learned to our future careers. Also, we will end our study with a short meeting to keep members informed about upcoming events. Snacks will be provided so come hungry. For

more information please contact Seth Sullivan at [sully078@aol.com](mailto:sully078@aol.com) or Kerriann Britt at [keabritt@gmail.com](mailto:keabritt@gmail.com).

### **EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS**

Those interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "**Bible Class**". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the **small conference room** at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the **Raba building**. Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook! For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or (361) 920-3504.

### **LAW FOOD CART**

Come get your **tacos, soups, salads, sandwiches, snacks and drinks** at the **Law Food Cart** located in the Law Classroom building, Student Lounge. The Food Cart is open Monday through Thursday. Breakfast is served 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You may pick up lunch from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Rattler Card, credit cards and cash accepted. No checks please.

### **ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS EVENT SET-UPS**

**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.

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

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

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 scholarship awards are distributed before the Spring semester. The application deadline is **October 25, 2013**. More information is available on the TYLA website at <http://www.tyla.org/tyla/index.cfm/resources/law-students1/scholarships/>. Applications are also available in the Financial Aid office.

The **State Bar of Texas, Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section** announces sponsorship of six summer internships for students currently in their second or third year of law school with each of the following agencies: (i) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, (ii) the Office of the Attorney General (Environmental Protection and Administrative Law Division), (iii) the Railroad Commission of Texas, (iv) Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, (v) Texas General Land Office and (vi) Harris County district Attorney's Office (Environmental Crimes Division). Deadline for receipt of application materials is **October 30, 2013**. Please note the website has a deadline of October 22. However the correct deadline is October 30, 2013. Additional information regarding the internship program is located on the Section website at <http://www.texenrls.org/DrawOnePage.aspx?PageID=61# UIG-UVMkiYI>.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2013 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 2013, and papers scheduled for publication in 2013 or 2014 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Mail two copies of submission to ASECA, P. O. Box 5767, Washington, D.C., 20016. Deadline to submit a paper is **November 15, 2013**.

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The State Bar of Texas Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law (REPTL) announces their 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 23, 2013**.

The Florida State University Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law will present awards for the outstanding original papers submitted by a law student. Prize is \$250. Deadline to submit a paper is **January 2 2014**. For more information please go to

<http://med.fsu.edu/?fuseaction=news.viewArticle&usemenu=innovativeCollaboration&newsID=493>.

**NEW** - The **Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas** will provide four scholarships to the Annual Litigation Update at the **Four Seasons in Austin on January 9-10, 2014**. One scholarship per federal judicial district will be awarded to a legal services **staff attorney or volunteer**. Staff Attorneys must be nominated by their Program Director. Pro Bono Coordinators may nominate private bar volunteers for these scholarships. The scholarships include free tuition and reimbursement of reasonable travel, lodging and meal expenses. Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. Mountain Time, **Friday, November 1, 2013**. See [http://www.litigationsection.com/downloads/2014\\_Update\\_Scholarship\\_Application.pdf](http://www.litigationsection.com/downloads/2014_Update_Scholarship_Application.pdf).

**NEW** - Enter the 27th Annual Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest for a chance to win up to \$2,500 and a paid trip to the Section Spring Meeting in Los Angeles, CA. Submissions are due **January 10, 2014**. For more details regarding the contest requirements and to download a 2014 submission entry form please visit the American Bar Association website at [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/business\\_law/initiatives\\_awards/mendes\\_hershman.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/business_law/initiatives_awards/mendes_hershman.html).

UCLA School of Law, The **Dukeminier Awards** Best Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law Review Articles 2013 Student Writing Competition. Submission deadline is **January 17, 2014**. Prize is \$1,000. <http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/dukeminierstudent-writing-competition/>.

[The Ladas Memorial Award Competition](#) is now accepting papers. The winner receives \$2,000 and publication in *The Trademark Reporter*, INTA's legal journal. Deadline to apply is **January 17, 2014**.

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 go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2014**.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its seventh annual **Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition** on Regulatory and Administrative Law. This competition is open to practicing lawyers, policy makers, academics, and law students. The author of the winning paper in each category will receive a cash prize of \$1,500. For competition details and more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition?mgs1=b0005ASpIx&mgs1=6824d8VBxx>. Deadline for submissions is **February 7, 2014**.

Entries for The Symposium XXVII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts

of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [www.thesovereigntysymposium.com](http://www.thesovereigntysymposium.com) . Entries must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. The symposium is the premier conference on Indian Law. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

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Please join us as we celebrate the **61st Annual Red Mass**. President Thomas M. Mengler, J.D. and Dean Charles E. Cantú, J.D. invite all law students, faculty and staff from all faiths to join in the celebration of **Red Mass**, marking the beginning of the judicial and academic year. Red Mass will take place on **Thursday, October 24, 2013, 6:00 p.m.**, at **San Fernando Cathedral, 115 Main Plaza, San Antonio, Texas 78205**. The Most Reverend Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp. S., Archbishop of San Antonio, will be the principal presider, and The Reverend Martin Leopold will serve as homilist. The Honorable Larry Noll of the 408th Civil District Court of Bexar County, will offer reflections. A reception will follow Mass at the Plaza Club, Frost Bank Tower. For more information or directions, please stop by Sister Grace's office and speak to one of her Research Assistants or grab one of the maps posted around campus.

**2013 LONE STAR CLASSIC®**

This past weekend, the law school hosted the annual Lone Star Classic®, a national invitational mock trial competition. Sixteen law schools participated in this year's competition: Alabama, American, Buffalo, Denver, Faulkner, Florida Coastal, Fordham, Georgia State, Houston, Loyola of Los Angeles, Maryland, Michigan State, South Texas, Stetson, Texas, and William and Mary. 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: Alabama, Faulkner, Maryland, and South Texas. Faulkner beat South Texas in the final round in the law school's courtroom. A video of the final round will be posted on the law school's website later this week. Thanks to the Lone Star Classic Committee for their work for the last six months in preparing for this competition: Professors Schlueter and Lampley, Ms. Morgan Stanley, Ms. Christina Ivy, Ms. Elissa Hugman, and Mr. Brandon Cook. Also thanks to members of the Board of Advocates in providing critical support in running the competition, to Mr. Omar Cruz for assisting during the final round in the courtroom, and to Ms. Lupe Valdez for her administrative assistance.

**BUSINESS START-UP LAW CLINIC**

RAM Law Firm PLLC, a law firm owned by three St. Mary's Alumni, will present a pro bono legal clinic for entrepreneurs and start-up businesses. The clinic will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 and will run from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Weston Centre, 112 E. Pecan Street, San Antonio, TX 78205, 10th floor at Geekdom.

Students may sign up for one hour blocks and for multiple blocks of time. There will be a quick welcome and overview at 3:00 p.m. for anyone wishing to attend. Clients will be triaged based on specific legal question or issue. Questions may include copyright, trademarks, company formation, and patents. For more information and to sign-up please email Leon Dacbert at [ddacbert1@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:ddacbert1@mail.stmarytx.edu).



## JOIN US AND CELEBRATE NATIONAL PRO BONO WEEK

The American Bar Association's annual **National Pro Bono Celebration** focuses the nation's attention on the increased need for pro bono services during these challenging economic times and **celebrates the outstanding work of lawyers who volunteer their services** throughout the year. It is essential that the entire legal community engage in conversation and action that results in equal access to justice for all. The energy generated by the National Pro Bono Celebration is a powerful force that helps us build a just legal system.

St. Mary's Pro Bono Program will be celebrating this week in many ways. Stay tuned each day for announcements, programs, and release of 2014 clinic dates. **Also join us on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 in the Law Classroom Building for a Pro Bono Nacho Break!** Come and hear about our Programs.

As always you can find more information on our Pro Bono / Public Service TWEN page, Carrel 101 in the law library or email Julia Null at [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

## STUDENT ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

The **Hispanic Law Student Association** (HLSA) would like to thank everyone who attended the Mentor-Mentee Mixer, at Cadillac Bar, last Wednesday. It was a great turnout and a great event. HLSA will be tabling in the law classroom building on **Tuesday, October 22, and Wednesday, October 23, 2013**. Swing by to pick up your tickets for **Hispanic Fest** and join us in celebrating the Hispanic culture with our legal community. This is a great networking opportunity, open to all law students, and we encourage you to attend. Hispanic Fest – at Dean Valencia's home – October 25, 2013.

The **Women's Law Association** together with the **Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation** and the **Office of Career Services** present their Speed Networking program. This event will be held **Tuesday, October 29, 2013 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**. Various attorneys from the BCWB will join us and they will discuss their areas of practice and their jobs. This event is **open to member and non-members**. To RSVP please visit Symplicity and sign up, as space is limited. WLA looks forward to seeing you at this event.

**Military Law Association** (MLA) and **The Pro Bono Program** are teaming up together in a grass roots effort to collect items for the **November 8, 2013 Veterans Day Stand-Down**. Each Year The American GI Forum National Veterans Outreach Program, Inc. holds a one-day event with over 50 community agencies that provide medical and dental services, hot food, winter clothing, medical exams, flu shots, haircuts, a community court and Judge, and a variety of supplies and information. The event serves approximately 900-1000 veterans and their families at this annual event, and acts as the "door" for many of them to enter into more profound service engagement that may eventually work them back into self-sufficiency. **MLA and Pro Bono Program will be collecting items beginning on Tuesday, October 22nd**. Please bring small toiletries such as soap, razors, deodorants, tooth brush, tooth paste, hand sanitizer, and other needed items to campus. We will have a **collection box** in the Law Classroom

Building. Also look on MLA and Pro Bono TWEN pages for more information and sign ups for volunteering. If you have any questions, please email Julia Null at [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

## **EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS REOPENS FELLOWS APPLICATIONS IN TEXAS FOR TAJF-FUNDED LEGAL AID PROGRAMS**

Texas Access to Justice Foundation (TAJF) has provided funding for Equal Justice Works (EJW) Fellowships at TAJF grantee sites since 1999. Recently TAJF learned the EJWs' applicant pool for the 2014-16 class has very few applicants with TAJF grantees as the host organization. TAJF has asked EJW to **re-open the application** to expand and diversify the pool. Equal Justice Works is re-opening the competition and strongly encourages third-year law students to consider applying. The **new deadline for Fellowship applications is December 1, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. EDT**. Depending on funding, EJW is able to provide between 45-55 two-year fellowships annually. Fellows receive a competitive salary, generous loan repayment assistance, connections to their prominent sponsors, participation in trainings, and additional support during their two-year tenure. **To apply to the program** please go to <http://equaljusticeworks.org/post-grad/equal-justice-works-fellowships/apply> and to **download the application guide**, go to [http://files.equaljusticeworks.org/2014\\_ejw\\_fellowship\\_app\\_guide.pdf](http://files.equaljusticeworks.org/2014_ejw_fellowship_app_guide.pdf).

## **SPRING 2013 REGISTRATION CONTINUES THIS WEEK**

Below please find **Spring 2013 registration information**. The tentative summer schedule will be out prior to actual registration and will be distributed. **Please check your student email account**. First year, first semester students will be registered automatically for Spring classes and are not yet eligible to register for intersession courses. Students may register on the below listed dates. Use the **hours earned** at the end of the spring/summer 2013 semesters to determine when you may register.

October 21 through October 26 - students with **31 hours - 50 hours**

October 28 through November 2 - **all year groups**

All 3rd semester 1L evening students and higher can access online registration. Please check **Gateway for information regarding any holds** that may be placed on your online registration screen. If there is a hold, the office that placed the hold is the only authorized office to remove the hold. If you have a question or concern regarding registration, please contact Ms. Catherine Mery at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu). Please remember that the Office of Academic and Student Affairs is available to advise on course selection. To make an appointment, please contact Patricia Solano at 210.431.4340 or email [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

## **PRACTICE SKILLS REQUIREMENTS AVAILABLE SPRING 2014**

St. Mary's now offers two additional ways to meet student practice skills requirement for graduation. Both avenues are available to students in Spring 2014.

## 1) Contract Drafting with Professor Walch

The **Contract Drafting** course will teach students the principles of contemporary commercial drafting and introduce them to documents typically used in a variety of transactions. The skills students will gain will be applicable to any transactional practice and will even be useful to litigators. On finishing the course, students should know: the business purpose of each of the contract concepts; how to translate the business deal into contract concepts; how to draft each of a contract's parts; how to draft with clarity and without ambiguity; how to add value to a deal; how to work through the drafting process; and how to review and comment on a contract. Students will perform drafting and contract negotiation exercises throughout the semester, and course grades will be based on several drafting exercises and class participation.

## 2) The Practice Credit Program

The Practice Credit Program (3 credit hour program only) offers students the opportunity to earn course credit while performing a legal externship. Details of the program may be found on the St. Mary's Law School website at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/centers/practice-credit-program/externships/>. For more information, please contact Amanda Rivas at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.5712. In addition to many opportunities at nonprofit and government offices, the Practice Credit Program now has an externship available at the general counsel's office of a large company in San Antonio, and several more potential sites are being negotiated.

## **BAR APPLICATIONS NOTARIZED**

Do you need your bar application notarized? The deadline is soon! Staff from the St. Mary's School of Law Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ) will be tabling in the Law Classroom building on **Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and 5:00 -6:30 p.m.** to offer FREE notary services. CLSJ houses our award-winning clinical courses for credit. Even if you do not need an application notarized, please stop by our table to hear more about what your fellow law students are accomplishing in their clinics!

## **BOO BASH**

**St. Mary's University School of Law, Student Bar Association and Law Ministry** invites you to their annual **BOO BASH** on **Friday, October 25, 2013, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** at the **Pecan Grove**. All children of St. Mary's University faculty, staff and students under the age of 12 are welcome. Food, games, arts, crafts and lots of candy and fun await you. For more information please contact Sister Grace Walle at 210.436.3063 or [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).

## **JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT TEAM TRYOUTS**

The **Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Team** will hold open tryouts on Monday, October 28 and Tuesday, October 29, 2013. Please contact **Marion Reilly** at [marion@hmglawfirm.com](mailto:marion@hmglawfirm.com) or telephone 925.980.9998 to schedule your tryout time.

Now in its 55th year, the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is the world's largest moot court competition, with participants from over 550 law schools in more than 80 countries. The Competition is a simulation of a fictional dispute between countries before the International Court of Justice, the judicial organ of the United Nations. One team is allowed to participate from every eligible school. Teams prepare oral and written pleadings arguing both the applicant and respondent positions of the case. Thousands of law students from around the world will work all year long on this season's Jessup Problem, which addresses maritime development and conservation, criminal jurisdiction and maritime salvage rights. Most students must first compete in qualifying competitions (mostly held in January-March) to earn the right to advance to the White & Case International Rounds held every spring in Washington, D.C.

Bring a resume and be prepared to present a 10-minute oral argument from the 2012 Jessup Moot Court problem (you choose the side you would like to present—there will be no rebuttal). Sample oral arguments, memorials, and the problem will be provided to all interested individuals. There will be a short interview following your presentation. If you are interested in joining the Jessup Moot Team as a brief writer, please bring a resume and a writing sample to the tryout. *Please note: you may try out as an oral advocate, brief writer, or both.* Those that wish to be considered only for a brief writing position need not present an oral argument.

## **CHARTING YOUR COURSE OVER YOUR LAST YEAR IN SCHOOL**

### **A Program for All 3L and 4LEs**

The Office of Career Services has a video available to all 3L and 4LEs on the program “Charting Your Course Over Your Last Year In School.” This program will refresh your game plan as you start your last year of law school. Topics include: Refreshing your resume, using Symplicity, gaining additional job skills in your last year, preparing for solo practice, careers, learning about exit interviews, the bar exam and much more. Please go to <http://bcove.me/q7r14nwc> for the video. The PowerPoint and the link for this video are posted in Symplicity.

## **INFORMATION ABOUT 1L FINGERPRINTING**

**Safran Morpho Trust** will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners on **Wednesday and Thursday, November 6-7, 2013, in LF207 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. both days.** Students must register on-line, in advance, for an appointment. Please check your **St. Mary’s Student Email** for specific instructions on the 1L fingerprinting process.

## **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.

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

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

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 is presented by alum Bill Clanton of Law Office of Bill Clanton, P.C.

**OCS Halloween Open House**

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

2:00 - 6:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library

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

**Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) Information Session**

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Come learn more about what it means to be an in house counsel at a corporation and network with some attorneys.

**Meet the Professionals Series: Marine JAG Opportunities**

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

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 a Marine JAG officer and will discuss opportunities to become a Marine JAG after law school.

**Getting a Job in one of Texas' Rising Legal Markets**

Thursday, November 7, 2013

12:00 - 12:50 p.m., Raba 202

Lunch will be served.

Students will hear from attorneys from legal markets around the state that are outside the major metropolitan areas. Our speakers will discuss the climate of these legal markets, hot practice areas and tips and ideas for relocating to these areas. Come learn about how you can expand your job search outside of San Antonio and other major markets.

**Practice Area Fair**

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room. Dress code is office casual.

Learn about legal practice areas. Nacho bar. Door prizes awarded each hour. Come and meet alumni. This will be 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 the 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.

## **WORKSHOP IN THE LAW LIBRARY**

**Free Legal Resources Workshop**, Wednesday, November 6, 2013, 12:00 p.m., Law Library, Room 217. As you may know, once you graduate you will have to start paying for access to Lexis and Westlaw, and subscriptions to all of the resources you currently enjoy may be prohibitively expensive. Accordingly, the Law Library is offering this workshop to introduce you to some of the best free resources on the internet along with a number of other tips to save money once you start practicing. All workshop attendees will be provided with a free lunch – see, you are saving money already! Please RSVP to Professor Mike Martinez at [mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu).

## **JFK ASSASSINATION – THEORIES AND QUESTIONS**

Join **L. Wayne Scott**, Professor of Law and Director of ADR Studies on Tuesday, **November 19, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in LC104** as he speaks on the **JFK Assassination – Theories and Questions**. This event is open to the public.

## **JURIST COMMENTARY PIECE SOUGHT**

JURIST, an ABA and Webby award-winning legal news service that reaches hundreds of thousands of readers weekly seeks original opinion-based articles from law students regarding their personal and work experiences in a field of law. Recently JURIST published a piece about Texas death inmates' challenge on the use of new execution drugs. JURIST link: <http://jurist.org/paperchase/2013/10/texas-inmates-challenge-use-of-new-execution-drugs.php>. As a result, JURIST would like to publish a student commentary piece on this topic. Articles should be approximately 1,200 words in length and do not require Bluebook citations. For examples of recent articles please see: <http://jurist.org/dateline/>. For more information, please contact [studentcommentary@jurist.org](mailto:studentcommentary@jurist.org).

## **RESEARCH ASSISTANTS NEEDED**

**Professor David Grenardo** is seeking **two research assistants** who are highly motivated with proficiency in **Bluebook citing**. The topics of the articles that will require research include: (1) getting a job as a law student and (2) pro bono. Strong grades and writing ability are also required. Work on a law journal is preferable. Please email your resume and a previous writing sample to Professor Grenardo, directly at [dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu](mailto:dgrenardo@stmarytx.edu).

**Professor Wayne Scott** also seeks **two research assistants**, who are motivated and proficient in **Bluebook citing**. Research will be conducted in Texas Civil Procedure and Mediation topics. Strong grades required as well as writing ability and work on a law journal is preferable. Please email your resume to Professor Scott at [wscott@stmarytx.edu](mailto:wscott@stmarytx.edu).

**PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS**  
**LOOKING TO GAIN LEGAL EXPERIENCE AND GET ACADEMIC CREDIT?**  
**Spring or Summer 2014**  
**INTERNSHIPS/EXTERNSHIPS**

**START NOW:** Check out Symplicity or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. For eligibility questions, please contact **Amanda Rivas**, [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu).

**Best Advice NOW:** Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a meeting to save you time and energy. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: (210) 431-5712.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS at Career Services Office: Monday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Come to the Internship/Work Study Information Session on October 1<sup>st</sup> in the Atrium at 12:00 p.m.** 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:** The PCP Externship program requires a **MANDATORY** class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does **NOT** require this class.

<b><u>Spring Class:</u></b>	<b>Friday, January 10, 2014</b>
<b><u>Summer Class:</u></b>	<b>Saturday, May 10, 2014</b>
	<b>Early June Date TBD</b>

***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.*

**NEW**

In-House Counsel Externship this Spring!!

Work in a general counsel office for a large business here in San Antonio!

Contact Amanda Rivas immediately for information and **an application**.

Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: (210) 431-5712

\* For U.S. Attorney & Federal Public Defender Internships, contact Professor Schmolesky. \* Federal Criminal Procedure is a companion class component for those internships.



## VET LAW FORUM 2013

Vet Law Forum 2013 invites you to their first VA event for **law students** and lawyers **servicing (or who are interested in servicing) veterans on a pro-bono basis**. Please save the date for this **no-cost event** hosted by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday **October 30, 2013**. Space is limited. Register for the event no later than September 30, 2013. To register for this event or for more information, please visit Vet Law Forum website at <http://www.va.gov/OGC/vetlaw2013.asp>.

## EXAMSOFT FOR 1Ls

If you are a **1L student**, please note you **will not have access** to download Examsoft at this time. Students will receive an official e-mail notification from the Law Tech department near the Thanksgiving break informing you when the program will be available for download. Instructions will include information on accessing, installing, and utilizing the ExamSoft application. **Please check your St. Mary's email account** for this notice.

## ATTENTION 2Ls AND 3LEs YEAR TWO NOW WHAT TO DO?

The Office of Career Services now has a 30-minute video “**Year Two Now What to Do?**” available for all 2Ls and 3LEs. This is a beneficial video to help ensure you are on the right track with academics, your job search, the Bar and more. You may view the video at <http://bcove.me/f1k6dvmc>. The link is also housed in the Document Library in Symplicity. The video may be accessed from any device, including laptop, phone or tablet. For questions or more information, please stop by the Office of Career Services.

## TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is October 30, 2013.

<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	<b>October 30</b>
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.



## CAREER COUNSELOR IN THE CLASSROOM BUILDING

Do you have a **quick question** but don't have time to stop by the Office of Career Services? **Every Tuesday**, Director Patrick will be present in the Law Classroom building to answer any questions you may have. She will be in the building between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. So take advantage of this opportunity and stop by to have your questions answered.

## FALL 2013 FITNESS SCHEDULE

For a complete list of Campus Recreation Fall Fitness classes this semester, please go to: <https://gateway.stmarytx.edu/custom/resources/departmentaloffices/CampusRecreationAACC/pdf/Fall%20Fit%20Class%20Schedule%202013.pdf>. Stay fit and stay healthy!

## 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. Her telephone number is **(210) 436-3063** and her email address is [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu). Stop by for a cup of coffee or a PBJ sandwich, available at no cost, just outside her office.

## BIBLE STUDY ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY

Please join us at **weekly bible study** hosted by the **St. Thomas More Society** every **Wednesday from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Raba, LF 202A**. We will have a brief lesson and discussion every week over the gospel. The discussion will be focused on how we can apply what we have learned to our future careers. Also, we will end our study with a short meeting to keep members informed about upcoming events. Snacks will be provided so come hungry. For more information please contact Seth Sullivan at [sully078@aol.com](mailto:sully078@aol.com) or Kerriann Britt at [keabritt@gmail.com](mailto:keabritt@gmail.com).

## EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS

Those interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "**Bible Class**". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the **small conference room** at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the **Raba building**. Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook! For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or [\(361\) 920-3504](tel:(361)920-3504).

## LAW FOOD CART

Come get your **tacos, soups, salads, sandwiches, snacks and drinks** at the **Law Food Cart** located in the Law Classroom building, Student Lounge. The Food Cart is open Monday through Thursday. Breakfast is served 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You may pick up lunch from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Rattler Card, credit cards and cash accepted. No checks please.

## ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS EVENT SET-UPS

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## 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.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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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 scholarship awards are distributed before the Spring semester. The application deadline is **October 25, 2013**. More information is available on the TYLA website at <http://www.tyla.org/tyla/index.cfm/resources/law-students1/scholarships/>. Applications are also available in the Financial Aid office.

The **State Bar of Texas, Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section** announces sponsorship of six summer internships for students currently in their second or third year of law school with each of the following agencies: (i) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, (ii) the Office of the Attorney General (Environmental Protection and Administrative Law

Division), (iii) the Railroad Commission of Texas, (iv) Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, (v) Texas General Land Office and (vi) Harris County district Attorney's Office (Environmental Crimes Division). Deadline for receipt of application materials is **October 30, 2013**. Please note the website has a deadline of October 22. However the correct deadline is October 30, 2013. Additional information regarding the internship program is located on the Section website at <http://www.texenrls.org/DrawOnePage.aspx?PageID=61# UIG-UVMkIYI>.

**NEW** – The **National Law Review** (NLR) is pleased to announce they are accepting submissions for the NLR 2013 Law Student Writing Competition. Suggested topic is Environmental Law. Submission deadline is **November 11, 2013**. For more information and submission guidelines, please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2013 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 2013, and papers scheduled for publication in 2013 or 2014 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Mail two copies of submission to ASECA, P. O. Box 5767, Washington, D.C., 20016. Deadline to submit a paper is **November 15, 2013**.

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The State Bar of Texas Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law (REPTL) announces their 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 23, 2013**.

**NEW** – Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP is pleased to announce its Diversity Scholars Award of \$2,000 to one deserving second-year law student in each region. For more information and to download an application, please go online to <http://www.constangy.com/f-4.html>. Completed applications must be received by **December 11, 2013**.

The Florida State University Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law will present awards for the outstanding original papers submitted by a law student. Prize is \$250. Deadline to submit a paper is **January 2 2014**. For more information please go to <http://med.fsu.edu/?fuseaction=news.viewArticle&usemenu=innovativeCollaboration&newsID=493>.

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**NEW** – The **GRAMMY Foundation** along with the **ABA Forum on the entertainment and Sports Industries** announces the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition. First place winner receives \$5,000 and four runner-ups will receive \$1,500. For additional information and competition rules, please visit the Grammy Foundation website at <http://www.grammy.org/news/grammy-foundation-launches-16th-annual-entertainment-law-initiative-writing-competition>. **Deadline January 4, 2013**.

Enter the 27th Annual Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest for a chance to win up to \$2,500 and a paid trip to the Section Spring Meeting in Los Angeles, CA. Submissions are due **January 10, 2014**. For more details regarding the contest requirements and to download a 2014 submission entry form please visit the American Bar Association website at [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/business\\_law/initiatives\\_awards/mendes\\_hershman.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/business_law/initiatives_awards/mendes_hershman.html).

UCLA School of Law, The **Dukeminier Awards** Best Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law Review Articles 2013 Student Writing Competition. Submission deadline is **January 17, 2014**. Prize is \$1,000. <http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/dukeminierstudent-writing-competition/>.

[The Ladas Memorial Award Competition](#) is now accepting papers. The winner receives \$2,000 and publication in *The Trademark Reporter*, INTA's legal journal. Deadline to apply is **January 17, 2014**.

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 go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2014**.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its seventh annual **Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition** on Regulatory and Administrative Law. This competition is open to practicing lawyers, policy makers, academics, and law students. The author of the winning paper in each category will receive a cash prize of \$1,500. For competition details and more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition?mgs1=b0005ASpIx&mgs1=6824d8VBxx>. Deadline for submissions is **February 7, 2014**.

**NEW** – The **Center for International Law** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2014 Global Markets Law Journal Writing Competition. The author of the winning essay will receive a cash prize of \$3,000. First runner-up will receive \$1,500 and second runner-up will receive \$500. For competition details and application go to <http://globalmarkets.jmls.edu/competition>. Deadline for submission is **February 15, 2014**.

Entries for The Symposium XXVII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [www.thesovereigntysymposium.com](http://www.thesovereigntysymposium.com). Entries must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. The symposium is the premier conference on Indian Law. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

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## MOCK TRIAL TEAM IS SEMI-FINALIST

This past weekend, a **mock trial team** coached by **Adjunct Professor Nicole Thornbro**, reached the **semi-finals** in the 2013 National Trial Advocacy Competition. The national invitations mock trial competition is hosted by Michigan State University School of Law. The team consisted of **Joe Patton, Brad Runcie, Jessica Pritchett, Travis Rodriguez, and Leslie Rodriguez** (alternate). The team faced teams from Southern Methodist University, Columbus, and Cooley, in the preliminary rounds, before losing to John Marshall in the semi-finals. Please join us in **congratulating our team and Professor Thornbro for their success** at this national competition.

## NOISE LEVELS IN THE LAW CLASSROOM BUILDING

Many students and professors have complained about **excessive noise in the hallways** of the law classroom building. Please remember that classes are in session during most hours of the day and evening. **Group conversations should be kept quiet or moved outside.** Thank you!

## STUDENT ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

The **Women's Law Association** together with the **Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation** and the **Office of Career Services** present their Speed Networking program. This event will be held **Tuesday, October 29, 2013** from **5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**. Various attorneys from the BCWB will join us and they will discuss their areas of practice and their jobs. This event is **open to member and non-members**. To RSVP please visit Symplicity and sign up, as space is limited. WLA looks forward to seeing you at this event.

**Military Law Association** (MLA) and **The Pro Bono Program** are teaming up together in a grass roots effort to collect items for the **November 8, 2013 Veterans Day Stand-Down**. Each Year The American GI Forum National Veterans Outreach Program, Inc. holds a one-day event with over 50 community agencies that provide medical and dental services, hot food, winter clothing, medical exams, flu shots, haircuts, a community court and Judge, and a variety of supplies and information. The event serves approximately 900-1000 veterans and their families at this annual event, and acts as the "door" for many of them to enter into more profound service engagement that may eventually work them back into self-sufficiency. **MLA and Pro Bono Program will be collecting items beginning on Tuesday, October 22nd.** Please bring small toiletries such as soap, razors, deodorants, tooth brush, tooth paste, hand sanitizer, and other needed items to campus. We will have a **collection box** in the Law Classroom Building. Also look on MLA and Pro Bono TWEN pages for more information and sign ups for volunteering. If you have any questions, please email Julia Null at [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

## TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is **October 30, 2013**.



<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.

### WAYNE AND MAXINE SCOTT NEGOTIATIONS COMPETITION

Can you negotiate? Do you want to refine your skills? Find a partner and enter this year's **Wayne and Maxine Scott Negotiations Competition** brought to you by the Board of Advocates (BOA). Rounds are as follow:

The Preliminary Rounds: Mon., 11/4, Tue., 11/5, Wed., 11/6  
(Your choice of two of the three nights)

Quarter/Semi Final Rounds: Thu., 11/7

Final Round: Fri., 11/8

All rounds will begin at 6:00 p.m. on campus.

1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$750  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$250

**SIGN UP TODAY!** The BOA will be tabling in the classroom building for the next two weeks. Last day to sign up is Friday, November 1.

### EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS REOPENS FELLOWS APPLICATIONS IN TEXAS FOR TAJF-FUNDED LEGAL AID PROGRAMS

Texas Access to Justice Foundation (TAJF) has provided funding for Equal Justice Works (EJW) Fellowships at TAJF grantee sites since 1999. Recently TAJF learned the EJWs' applicant pool for the 2014-16 class has very few applicants with TAJF grantees as the host organization. TAJF has asked EJW to **re-open the application** to expand and diversify the pool. Equal Justice Works is re-opening the competition and strongly encourages third-year law students to consider applying. The **new deadline for Fellowship applications is December 1, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. EDT.** Depending on funding, EJW is able to provide between 45-55 two-year fellowships annually. Fellows receive a competitive salary, generous loan repayment assistance, connections to their prominent sponsors, participation in trainings, and additional support during their two-year tenure. **To apply to the program** please go to <http://equaljusticeworks.org/post->



[grad/equal-justice-works-fellowships/apply](http://grad/equal-justice-works-fellowships/apply) and to **download the application guide**, go to [http://files.equaljusticeworks.org/2014\\_ejw\\_fellowship\\_app\\_guide.pdf](http://files.equaljusticeworks.org/2014_ejw_fellowship_app_guide.pdf).

## **SPRING 2013 REGISTRATION CONTINUES THIS WEEK**

**Spring 2013 registration** continues October 28 through November 2, 2013. First year, first semester students will be registered automatically for Spring classes and are not yet eligible to register for intersession courses. All 3rd semester 1L evening students and higher can access online registration. Please check **Gateway for information regarding any holds** that may be placed on your online registration screen. If there is a hold, the office that placed the hold is the only authorized office to remove the hold. If you have a question or concern regarding registration, please contact Ms. Catherine Mery at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu). Please remember that the Office of Academic and Student Affairs is available to advise on course selection. Contact Patricia Solano at 210.431.4340 or email [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) to schedule an appointment.

## **PRACTICE SKILLS REQUIREMENTS AVAILABLE SPRING 2014**

St. Mary's now offers two additional ways to meet student practice skills requirement for graduation. Both avenues are available to students in Spring 2014.

### **1) Contract Drafting with Professor Walch**

The **Contract Drafting** course will teach students the principles of contemporary commercial drafting and introduce them to documents typically used in a variety of transactions. The skills students will gain will be applicable to any transactional practice and will even be useful to litigators. On finishing the course, students should know: the business purpose of each of the contract concepts; how to translate the business deal into contract concepts; how to draft each of a contract's parts; how to draft with clarity and without ambiguity; how to add value to a deal; how to work through the drafting process; and how to review and comment on a contract. Students will perform drafting and contract negotiation exercises throughout the semester, and course grades will be based on several drafting exercises and class participation.

### **2) The Practice Credit Program**

The Practice Credit Program (3 credit hour program only) offers students the opportunity to earn course credit while performing a legal externship. Details of the program may be found on the St. Mary's Law School website at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/centers/practice-credit-program/externships/>. For more information, please contact Amanda Rivas at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.5712. In addition to many opportunities at nonprofit and government offices, the Practice Credit Program now has an externship available at the general counsel's office of a large company in San Antonio, and several more potential sites are being negotiated.

## JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT TEAM TRYOUTS

The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Team will hold open tryouts on **Monday, October 28 and Tuesday, October 29, 2013**. Please contact Marion Reilly at [marion@hmglawfirm.com](mailto:marion@hmglawfirm.com) or telephone 925.980.9998 to schedule your tryout time.

Now in its 55th year, the **Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition** is the world's largest moot court competition, with participants from over 550 law schools in more than 80 countries. The Competition is a **simulation of a fictional dispute between countries before the International Court of Justice, the judicial organ of the United Nations**. One team is allowed to participate from every eligible school. Teams prepare oral and written pleadings arguing both the applicant and respondent positions of the case. Thousands of law students from around the world will work all year long on this season's Jessup Problem, which addresses maritime development and conservation, criminal jurisdiction and maritime salvage rights. **Most students must first compete in qualifying competitions** (mostly held in January-March) to earn the right to advance to the White & Case International Rounds held every spring in Washington, D.C.

Bring a resume and be prepared to present a 10-minute oral argument from the 2012 Jessup Moot Court problem (you choose the side you would like to present—there will be no rebuttal). Sample oral arguments, memorials, and the problem will be provided to all interested individuals. There will be a short interview following your presentation. If you are interested in joining the Jessup Moot Team as a brief writer, please bring a resume and a writing sample to the tryout. *Please note: you may try out as an oral advocate, brief writer, or both.* Those that wish to be considered only for a brief writing position need not present an oral argument.

### INFORMATION ABOUT 1L FINGERPRINTING

**Safran Morpho Trust** will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners on **Wednesday and Thursday, November 6-7, 2013, in LF207 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. both days**. Students must register on-line, in advance, for an appointment. Please check your **St. Mary's Student Email** for specific instructions on the 1L fingerprinting process.

### 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.

#### **TYLA Presentation: How to Get a Job After Law School: The Unclassified Story**

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

Classify:

1. To arrange or organize according to class or category.
2. To designate as confidential, secret, or top secret.

The Law Student Outreach (“LSO”) Committee for the Texas Young Lawyers Association is pleased to present this luncheon seminar to discuss creative and innovative ways in which law school graduates can land a job after graduation. Attorneys representing multiple practice areas across Texas will offer guidance in a laid-back open forum that will encourage students to dialogue with attorneys and learn how they found their way into their first job out of law school.

### **OCS Halloween Open House**

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

2:00 - 6:00 p.m., Office of Career Services, Room 216, Law Library

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

### **Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) Information Session**

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Come learn more about what it means to be an in house counsel at a corporation and network with some attorneys.

### **Meet the Professionals Series: Marine JAG Opportunities**

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

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 a Marine JAG officer and will discuss opportunities to become a Marine JAG after law school.

### **Getting a Job in one of Texas' Rising Legal Markets**

Thursday, November 7, 2013

12:00 - 12:50 p.m., Raba 202

Lunch will be served.

Students will hear from attorneys from legal markets around the state that are outside the major metropolitan areas. Our speakers will discuss the climate of these legal markets, hot practice areas and tips and ideas for relocating to these areas. Come learn about how you can expand your job search outside of San Antonio and other major markets.

### **Practice Area Fair**

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room. Dress code is office casual.

Learn about legal practice areas. Nacho bar. Door prizes awarded each hour. Come and meet alumni. This will be 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 the 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.

## **JFK ASSASSINATION – THEORIES AND QUESTIONS**

Join **L. Wayne Scott**, Professor of Law and Director of ADR Studies on Tuesday, **November 19, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in LC104** as he speaks on the **JFK Assassination – Theories and Questions**. This event is open to the public.

### **PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS LOOKING TO GAIN LEGAL EXPERIENCE AND GET ACADEMIC CREDIT? Spring or Summer 2014 INTERNSHIPS/EXTERNSHIPS**

**START NOW:** Check out Symplicity or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. For eligibility questions, please contact **Amanda Rivas**, [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu).

**Best Advice NOW:** Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a meeting to save you time and energy. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: (210) 431-5712.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS at Career Services Office: Monday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Come to the Internship/Work Study Information Session on October 1<sup>st</sup> in the Atrium at 12:00 p.m.** 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:** The PCP Externship program requires a **MANDATORY** class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does **NOT** require this class.

<b><u>Spring Class:</u></b>	<b>Friday, January 10, 2014</b>
<b><u>Summer Class:</u></b>	<b>Saturday, May 10, 2014</b>
	<b>Early June Date TBD</b>

***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.*

## NEW

In-House Counsel Externship this Spring!!

Work in a general counsel office for a large business here in San Antonio!

Contact Amanda Rivas immediately for information and **an application**.

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\* For U.S. Attorney & Federal Public Defender Internships, contact Professor Schmolesky. \*  
Federal Criminal Procedure is a companion class component for those internships.

## VET LAW FORUM 2013

Vet Law Forum 2013 invites you to their first VA event for **law students** and lawyers **servicing (or who are interested in servicing) veterans on a pro-bono basis**. Please save the date for this **no-cost event** hosted by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday **October 30, 2013**. Space is limited. Register for the event no later than September 30, 2013. To register for this event or for more information, please visit Vet Law Forum website at <http://www.va.gov/OGC/vetlaw2013.asp>.

## BIBLE STUDY

### ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY

Please join us at **weekly bible study** hosted by the **St. Thomas More Society** every **Wednesday from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Raba, LF 202A**. We will have a brief lesson and discussion every week over the gospel. The discussion will be focused on how we can apply what we have learned to our future careers. Also, we will end our study with a short meeting to keep members informed about upcoming events. Snacks will be provided so come hungry. For more information please contact Seth Sullivan at [sully078@aol.com](mailto:sully078@aol.com) or Kerriann Britt at [keabritt@gmail.com](mailto:keabritt@gmail.com).

## EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS

Those interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "**Bible Class**". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the **small conference room** at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the **Raba building**. Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook! For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or (361) 920-3504.

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The **State Bar of Texas, Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section** announces sponsorship of six summer internships for students currently in their second or third year of law school with each of the following agencies: (i) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, (ii) the Office of the Attorney General (Environmental Protection and Administrative Law Division), (iii) the Railroad Commission of Texas, (iv) Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, (v) Texas General Land Office and (vi) Harris County district Attorney's Office (Environmental Crimes Division). Deadline for receipt of application materials is **October 30, 2013**. Please note the website has a deadline of October 22. However the correct deadline is October 30, 2013. Additional information regarding the internship program is located on the Section website at <http://www.texenrls.org/DrawOnePage.aspx?PageID=61# UIG-UVMkIYI>.

The **Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas** will provide four scholarships to the Annual Litigation Update at the **Four Seasons in Austin on January 9-10, 2014**. One scholarship per federal judicial district will be awarded to a legal services **staff attorney or volunteer**. Staff Attorneys must be nominated by their Program Director. Pro Bono Coordinators may nominate private bar volunteers for these scholarships. The scholarships include free tuition and reimbursement of reasonable travel, lodging and meal expenses. Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. Mountain Time, **Friday, November 1, 2013**. See <http://www.litigationsection.com/downloads/2014 Update Scholarship Application.pdf>.

The **National Law Review** (NLR) is pleased to announce they are accepting submissions for the NLR 2013 Law Student Writing Competition. Suggested topic is Environmental Law. Submission deadline is **November 11, 2013**. For more information and submission guidelines, please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2013 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 2013, and papers scheduled for publication in 2013 or 2014 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Mail two copies of submission to ASECA, P. O. Box 5767, Washington, D.C., 20016. Deadline to submit a paper is **November 15, 2013**.

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**NEW** – **Texas Aviation and Space Lawyers** Scholarship and the Aviation Law Section of the State Bar of Texas seek nominations for a \$2,000 scholarship for a deserving second or third year law student pursuing the study of Aviation and Space Law. Nominations must be received by **December 10, 2013**.

**Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP** is pleased to announce its Diversity Scholars Award of \$2,000 to one deserving second-year law student in each region. For more information and to download an application, please go online to <http://www.constangy.com/f-4.html>. Completed applications must be received by **December 11, 2013**.

The **State Bar of Texas Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law (REPTL)** announces their 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 23, 2013**.

The **Florida State University** Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law will present awards for the outstanding original papers submitted by a law student. Prize is \$250. Deadline to submit a paper is **January 2 2014**. For more information please go to <http://med.fsu.edu/?fuseaction=news.viewArticle&usemenu=innovativeCollaboration&newsID=493>.

The **GRAMMY Foundation** along with the **ABA Forum on the entertainment and Sports Industries** announces the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition. First place winner receives \$5,000 and four runner-ups will receive \$1,500. For additional information and competition rules, please visit the Grammy Foundation website at <http://www.grammy.org/news/grammy-foundation-launches-16th-annual-entertainment-law-initiative-writing-competition>. **Deadline January 4, 2013**.

Enter the 27th Annual **Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest** for a chance to win up to \$2,500 and a paid trip to the Section Spring Meeting in Los Angeles, CA. Submissions are due **January 10, 2014**. For more details regarding the contest requirements and to download a 2014 submission entry form please visit the American Bar Association website at [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/business\\_law/initiatives\\_awards/mendes\\_hershman.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/business_law/initiatives_awards/mendes_hershman.html).

UCLA School of Law, The **Dukeminier Awards** Best Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law Review Articles 2013 Student Writing Competition. Submission deadline is



**January 17, 2014.** Prize is \$1,000. <http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/dukeminierstudent-writing-competition/>.

[The Ladas Memorial Award Competition](#) is now accepting papers. The winner receives \$2,000 and publication in *The Trademark Reporter*, INTA's legal journal. Deadline to apply is **January 17, 2014**.

**NEW** – Jackson Lewis LLP and IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law's Institute for Law and the Workplace will co-sponsor the 2013-2014 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 21, 2014**.

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 go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2014**.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its seventh annual **Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition** on Regulatory and Administrative Law. This competition is open to practicing lawyers, policy makers, academics, and law students. The author of the winning paper in each category will receive a cash prize of \$1,500. For competition details and more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition?mgs1=b0005ASpIx&mgs1=6824d8VBxx>. Deadline for submissions is **February 7, 2014**.

**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. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2014**. Competition rules are available at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org).

The **Center for International Law** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2014 Global Markets Law Journal Writing Competition. The author of the winning essay will receive a cash prize of \$3,000. First runner-up will receive \$1,500 and second runner-up will receive \$500. For competition details and application go to <http://globalmarkets.jmls.edu/competition>. Deadline for submission is **February 15, 2014**.

Entries for The Symposium XXVII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts



of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [www.thesovereigntysymposium.com](http://www.thesovereigntysymposium.com) . Entries must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. The symposium is the premier conference on Indian Law. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

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## MOCK TRIAL TEAM IS SEMI-FINALIST

In last week's issue of the Witan, a student's name on the list was incorrectly published. We apologize for the error. The corrected team member list is included below.

On October 25-27, 2013, the **mock trial team** coached by **Adjunct Professor Nicole Thornbro**, reached the **semi-finals** in the 2013 National Trial Advocacy Competition. The national invitations mock trial competition is hosted by Michigan State University School of Law. The team consisted of **Joe Patton, Brad Runcie, Jessica Pritchett, Travis Rodriguez, and Leslie Vasquez** (alternate). The team faced competition from Southern Methodist University, Columbus, and Cooley, in the preliminary rounds, before losing to John Marshall in the semi-finals. Please join us in **congratulating our team and Professor Thornbro for their success** at this national competition.

## THANK YOU FROM HLSA

The **Hispanic Law Student Association (HLSA)** sends a great big *THANK YOU* to everyone who attended **Hispanic Fest** last week. Your attendance helped make the event a great success.

## 1L FINGERPRINTING THIS WEEK

**Safran Morpho Trust** will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners on **Wednesday and Thursday, November 6-7, 2013, in LF207 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. both days**. Students must register on-line, in advance, for an appointment. Please check your **St. Mary's Student Email** for specific instructions on the 1L fingerprinting process.

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

**November 6, 2013, 4:30-6:00pm, LC 102 and 103.** Do not miss this opportunity to learn about **exam preparation and exam taking from the Professor's perspective**. Professor Reamey and Professor Johnson 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.

## SENATOR CARLOS URESTI TO SPEAK AT HLSA

**Senator Carlos Uresti** will be the guest speaker at the **HLSA** meeting on **Wednesday, November 6, 2013, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** in the Atrium. Senator Uresti will speak about his career, recent legislation, and will take questions from the audience. Lunch will be provided. HLSA looks forward to seeing everyone there.

## **REPRESENTING PLAINTIFFS WHILE BEING POLITICALLY ACTIVE**

The **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** student chapter is hosting a luncheon on **Thursday, November 7, 2013**, in the **Atrium** of the Law Administration Building. AAJ has an all-star guest speaker list for the program: Harris County GOP Chair and St. Mary's graduate, Jared Woodfill, and former Republican State Representative, Robert Talton. Both speakers represent plaintiffs and are politically active. There will be a free lunch and a \$50 pre-paid debit card awarded as a door prize.

## **SECTION COMPETITION FOR VETERANS DAY STAND-DOWN**

**Military Law Association** and the **Pro Bono Program** are teaming up with SBA in a grass roots effort to collect items for the November 8, 2013 Veterans Day Stand-Down.

Each year the **American GI Forum National Veterans Outreach Program, Inc.** holds a one-day event with over 50 community agencies that provide medical and dental services, hot food, winter clothing, medical exams, flu shots, haircuts, a community court and Judge, and a variety of supplies and information. The event serves approximately 900-1000 veterans and their families at this annual event, and acts as the “door” for many of them to enter into more profound service engagement that may eventually work them back into self-sufficiency.

**Each section will be collecting items until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday November 6, 2013.** Please bring small toiletries such as soap, razors, deodorants, tooth brush, tooth paste, hand sanitizer, and other needed items to campus. Put your items in your favorite Section's bin (found in the law classroom building).

Also **please look on Pro Bono TWEN pages** for more information and sign ups for volunteering!!! If you have any questions, please contact Julia Null at [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

## **VETERANS'S DAY CELEBRATION School of Law – Evening Students**

Join us for dinner with classmates and faculty who proudly support your service to our country on **Veteran's Day, Monday, November 11, 2013**. Dinner will be served in the law classroom building foyer promptly at 5:15 p.m. **Thank you for serving our country and protecting our freedoms.** This event is co-sponsored by Law Ministry, ESBA, and the Military Law Association.

## **WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION EVENTS WINE AND WIT 80'S PARTY ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION**

The Women's Law Association (WLA) has a couple of great events coming up this month! First will be our fall social event a **Wine and Wit “80's Party.”** There will be plenty of

food, fun, and 80's fashion to go around at our social chair, Summer Bruington's home, 223 W. Agarita, San Antonio, Texas 78212, **Friday, November 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.** Everyone is invited to attend but non WLA members will need to pay \$5 at the door. So pull out the hair crimpers, leg warmers, and neon pants to join WLA in one last night of fun before we all take finals.

Another exciting event is our **Annual Silent Auction on Wednesday November 20, 2013** (Preview Day) and **Thursday November 21, 2013** (Auction Day) in the **Alumni Room**. This year's auction will benefit Seton Home here in San Antonio. Seton Home is a local non-profit which provides assistance to young girls going through a teen pregnancy who have chosen to keep their babies. **All students, faculty and staff are invited** to come out to view the great selection of items we have on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> and **bidding will begin on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** Not only will we have great items such as dinners with professors, jewelry, restaurant gift cards, and many other donations for silent bidding, we will also have a raffle for a Kindle Fire and a live auction portion. Be on the lookout for our flyers that will soon be posted on the bulletin boards around campus with more information on these two fantastic events.

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

The December 2013 **Completion of Legal Studies Ceremony** will be held on **Saturday, December 14, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** Students participating in the ceremony should plan to arrive by 9:00 a.m. to robe and line-up. The ceremony will be held in the Law Classroom building, Ribis Courtroom (rooms 101-102-103). A reception will follow at Lisa's Mexican Restaurant, 815 Bandera Road, San Antonio, Texas 78228. **Please RSVP** to Ms. Becky Adams at 210.431.5017 before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6, 2013.

### **BE THE ATTORNEY OF RECORD**

Student Attorneys enrolled in Clinic courses for credit are gaining valuable skills and accomplishing great things for their clients!

Here are a few highlights:

#### **Civil Justice Clinic Students**

- Protected an elderly widower from foreclosure by winning a motion for summary judgment.
- Wrote an administrative brief which resulted in a successful settlement offer with the IRS, saving the client \$20,000.
- Mediated and successfully settled a custody modification case.

#### **Criminal Justice Clinic Students**

- Argued in a felony criminal appeal before Chief Justice Stone, Justice Marion and Justice Alvarez of the Fourth Court of Appeals.
- Prepared for a DWI trial with simulated exercises, including: jury selection, cross-examination, opening statements, and admitting evidence.

#### **Immigration and Human Rights Clinic Students**

- Won asylum for three young siblings from Mexico in fear of drug violence involving members of their immediate family.
- Secured visas for victims of domestic violence under the Violence Against Women Act.

Please be on the lookout for more information about Clinic applications, how you can enroll, and be a part of Clinic during the Spring semester!

### **IS YOUR STUDENT ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE?**

The below listed **student organizations** that have been active at the Law School in the past **need to complete paperwork, risk management training, or both in order to be in compliance with University requirements.** If you are in one of these organizations and want help getting into compliance, or if you want to see about reviving a dormant organization on this list, please contact Director Kathryn Tullos at [ktullos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ktullos@stmarytx.edu).

ACLU Student Body Society  
 Alternative Dispute Resolution Association  
 American Constitution Society  
 Animal Rights Advocates (may also be called Animal Welfare Advocates)  
 Bobcat Bar Association  
 Christian Legal Society  
 Computer Law Association  
 Criminal Law Association  
 Defense Counsel of San Antonio Student Chapter  
 Delta Alpha Delta  
 Delta Theta Phi  
 Education Law Association  
 Employment/Labor Law Association  
 Environmental Law Association  
 Family Law Association  
 Health Law Society  
 Intellectual Property Students Association  
 Jewish Law Students Association  
 J. Reuben Clark Law Society  
 Land of Enchantment Law Association  
 Legal Society for Musicians

Legal Sports Society  
Mexican American Law Student Association  
Native American Law Students Association  
Property Law Association  
Public Interest Law Association  
Restorative Justice Project  
St. Mary's Society for Law and Life  
St. Thomas More Society  
Single Parent Law Student Organization  
Society of Legal Entrepreneurship  
Sports, Entertainment, and Arts Law Society  
Students Older Than Dirt

## **PRO BONO PROGRAM IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ARE YOU GRADUATING IN DECEMBER:** If you have not turned in all your Pro Bono and Community Service Hours, the deadline is **November 16<sup>th</sup>**. Make sure you email your tracking forms to [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

**DO YOU HAVE OLD TRACKING FORMS:** All tracking forms are due by December 14<sup>th</sup>. This includes tracking for ANY past pro bono or community service activities. Any forms not received by December 14<sup>th</sup> are not guaranteed to be taken. You can turn the forms into carrel 101 or email a scan copy of [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

**NEW STUDENT COORDINATORS:** We want to welcome Kerriann Britt and Olivia Mallary to The Pro Bono Program. Kerriann will be working with our Family Law Clinic and Olivia will be working with People's Law School. We are proud to have you on our team.

**PRO BONO PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** St. Mary's Pro Bono Program is excited to announce that The Community Justice Program is now accepting applications for the AT&T Excellence in Pro Bono Spring 2014 Scholarship 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 toward fostering a lasting commitment to pro bono service in their future professional practice. This partnership between AT&T and the CJP provides the selected 2L or 3L, who is in the top third of their class, a \$2,500 scholarship for 60 hours of work for the CJP. Any St. Mary's law student who meets the criteria is eligible to apply, they do not have to be a clinic student or have previously volunteered for CJP. Application can be found on The Pro Bono /Public Service TWEN Page. If you have any questions, please feel free to email [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

## **PRO BONO PROGRAM CONTACT AND 2014 DATES**

### **Pro Bono Fellow**

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**Pro Bono RA**

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Ashley Graham - 409.659.3161 - [agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu)

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Clinic Dates TBA

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February 11, 2014

March 18, 2014

April 22, 2014

May 13, 2014

June 10, 2014

**St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice – Wills**

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Landry Redding - 512.694.6980 - [landryredding@yahoo.com](mailto:landryredding@yahoo.com)

January 21, 2014

April 15, 2014

**Audie L. Murphy Veterans Hospital – Veterans**

Lisa Germano - 860.922.6356 - [lisabeth.germano@gmail.com](mailto:lisabeth.germano@gmail.com)

Paolo M Nangcas - 832.363.7501 - [paolonangcas@utexas.edu](mailto:paolonangcas@utexas.edu)

January 17, 2014

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March 21, 2014

April 11, 2014

May 16, 2014

June 20, 2014

**Border Outreach**

Sister Susan Skidmore - 210.431.5752 - [sskidmore@stmarytx.edu](mailto:sskidmore@stmarytx.edu)

Clinic Dates TBA

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Olivia Mallary - 504.495.4196 - [olivia.mallary@gmail.com](mailto:olivia.mallary@gmail.com)

February, 2014

## **JFK ASSASSINATION – THEORIES AND QUESTIONS**

Join **L. Wayne Scott**, Professor of Law and Director of ADR Studies on Tuesday, **November 19, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in LC104** as he speaks on the **JFK Assassination – Theories and Questions**. This event is open to the public.

## **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.

### **Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) Information Session**

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Come learn more about what it means to be an in house counsel at a corporation and network with some attorneys.

### **Meet the Professionals Series: Marine JAG Opportunities**

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

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 a Marine JAG officer and will discuss opportunities to become a Marine JAG after law school.

### **Getting a Job in one of Texas' Rising Legal Markets**

Thursday, November 7, 2013

12:00 - 12:50 p.m., Raba 202

Lunch will be served.

Students will hear from attorneys from legal markets around the state that are outside the major metropolitan areas. Our speakers will discuss the climate of these legal markets, hot practice areas and tips and ideas for relocating to these areas. Come learn about how you can expand your job search outside of San Antonio and other major markets.

### **Practice Area Fair**

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room. Dress code is office casual.

Learn about legal practice areas. Nacho bar. Door prizes awarded each hour. Come and meet alumni. This will be 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 the 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.

### **NOISE LEVELS IN THE LAW CLASSROOM BUILDING**

Many students and professors have complained about **excessive noise in the hallways** of the law classroom building. Please remember that classes are in session during most hours of the day and evening. **Group conversations should be kept quiet or moved outside.** Thank you!

### **TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LAW STUDENTS**

The **State Bar’s Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)** has produced a quick video about how TLAP **can help law students** navigate the pressures of law school. It’s on the Bar’s web page and Twitter Account. Twitter (<https://twitter.com/texasbartoday>); YouTube <http://youtu.be/eubczDDH8Q0>

### **TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES**

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is **November 30, 2013.**

<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	<b>November 30</b>	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 SKILLS REQUIREMENTS AVAILABLE SPRING 2014**

St. Mary’s now offers two additional ways to meet student practice skills requirement for graduation. Both avenues are available to students in Spring 2014.

#### **1) Contract Drafting with Professor Walch**

The **Contract Drafting** course will teach students the principles of contemporary commercial drafting and introduce them to documents typically used in a variety of transactions. The skills students will gain will be applicable to any transactional practice and will even be useful to litigators. On finishing the course, students should know: the business purpose of each of the

contract concepts; how to translate the business deal into contract concepts; how to draft each of a contract's parts; how to draft with clarity and without ambiguity; how to add value to a deal; how to work through the drafting process; and how to review and comment on a contract. Students will perform drafting and contract negotiation exercises throughout the semester, and course grades will be based on several drafting exercises and class participation.

## 2) **The Practice Credit Program**

The Practice Credit Program (3 credit hour Externship program only) offers students the opportunity to earn course credit while performing a legal externship. Details of the program may be found at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/centers/practice-credit-program/externships/>. For more information, please contact Amanda Rivas at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.5712. In addition to many opportunities at nonprofit and government offices, the Practice Credit Program now has an externship available at the general counsel's office of a large company in San Antonio, and several more potential sites are being negotiated.

### **PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS LOOKING TO GAIN LEGAL EXPERIENCE AND GET ACADEMIC CREDIT? Spring or Summer 2014 INTERNSHIPS/EXTERNSHIPS**

**START NOW:** Check out Symplicity or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. For eligibility questions, please contact **Amanda Rivas**, [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu).

**Best Advice NOW:** Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a meeting to save you time and energy. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: (210) 431-5712.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS at Career Services Office: Monday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Come to the Internship/Work Study Information Session on October 1<sup>st</sup> in the Atrium at 12:00 p.m.** 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:** The PCP Externship program requires a MANDATORY class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class.

**Spring Class:           Friday, January 10, 2014**  
**Summer Class:       Saturday, May 10, 2014**  
**Early June Date TBD**

***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.*

### **NEW**

**In-House Counsel Externship this Spring!!**

Work in a general counsel office for a large business here in San Antonio!

Contact Amanda Rivas immediately for information and **an application**.

Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: (210) 431-5712

\* For U.S. Attorney & Federal Public Defender Internships, contact Professor Schmolesky. \*  
Federal Criminal Procedure is a companion class component for those internships.

### **EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS REOPENS FELLOWS APPLICATIONS IN TEXAS FOR TAJF-FUNDED LEGAL AID PROGRAMS**

Texas Access to Justice Foundation (TAJF) has provided funding for Equal Justice Works (EJW) Fellowships at TAJF grantee sites since 1999. Recently TAJF learned the EJWs' applicant pool for the 2014-16 class has very few applicants with TAJF grantees as the host organization. TAJF has asked EJW to **re-open the application** to expand and diversify the pool. Equal Justice Works is re-opening the competition and strongly encourages third-year law students to consider applying. The **new deadline for Fellowship applications is December 1, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. EDT**. Depending on funding, EJW is able to provide between 45-55 two-year fellowships annually. Fellows receive a competitive salary, generous loan repayment assistance, connections to their prominent sponsors, participation in trainings, and additional support during their two-year tenure. **To apply to the program** please go to <http://equaljusticeworks.org/post-grad/equal-justice-works-fellowships/apply> and to **download the application guide**, go to [http://files.equaljusticeworks.org/2014\\_ejw\\_fellowship\\_app\\_guide.pdf](http://files.equaljusticeworks.org/2014_ejw_fellowship_app_guide.pdf).

### **BIBLE STUDY ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY**

Please join us at **weekly bible study** hosted by the **St. Thomas More Society** every **Wednesday from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Raba, LF 202A**. We will have a brief lesson and discussion every week over the gospel. The discussion will be focused on how we can apply what we have learned to our future careers. Also, we will end our study with a short meeting to keep members informed about upcoming events. Snacks will be provided so come hungry. For more information please contact Seth Sullivan at [sully078@aol.com](mailto:sully078@aol.com) or Kerriann Britt at [keabritt@gmail.com](mailto:keabritt@gmail.com).

### **EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS**

Those interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "**Bible Class**". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the **small conference room** at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the **Raba building**. Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.

The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook! For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or (361) 920-3504.

### **ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS EVENT SET-UPS**

**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**.

### **WRITING COMPETITIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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

The **National Law Review (NLR)** is pleased to announce they are accepting submissions for the NLR 2013 Law Student Writing Competition. Suggested topic is Environmental Law. Submission deadline is **November 11, 2013**. For more information and submission guidelines, please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc. (ASECA)** is pleased to announce their 2013 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 2013, and papers scheduled for publication in 2013 or 2014 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Mail two copies of submission to ASECA, P. O. Box 5767, Washington, D.C., 20016. Deadline to submit a paper is **November 15, 2013**.

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**Texas Aviation and Space Lawyers** Scholarship and the Aviation Law Section of the State Bar of Texas seek nominations for a \$2,000 scholarship for a deserving second or third

year law student pursuing the study of Aviation and Space Law. Nominations must be received by **December 10, 2013**.

**Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP** is pleased to announce its Diversity Scholars Award of \$2,000 to one deserving second-year law student in each region. For more information and to download an application, please go online to <http://www.constangy.com/f-4.html>. Completed applications must be received by **December 11, 2013**.

The **State Bar of Texas Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law (REPTL)** announces their 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 23, 2013**.

The **Florida State University** Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law will present awards for the outstanding original papers submitted by a law student. Prize is \$250. Deadline to submit a paper is **January 2 2014**. For more information please go to <http://med.fsu.edu/?fuseaction=news.viewArticle&usemenu=innovativeCollaboration&newsID=493>.

The **GRAMMY Foundation** along with the **ABA Forum on the entertainment and Sports Industries** announces the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition. First place winner receives \$5,000 and four runner-ups will receive \$1,500. For additional information and competition rules, please visit the Grammy Foundation website at <http://www.grammy.org/news/grammy-foundation-launches-16th-annual-entertainment-law-initiative-writing-competition>. **Deadline January 4, 2013**.

**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 see <http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/docs/Donald%20W%20Banner%20Diversity%20Scholarship.pdf> for details of this scholarship. Applications are now being accepted through **January 6, 2014**.

Enter the 27th Annual **Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest** for a chance to win up to \$2,500 and a paid trip to the Section Spring Meeting in Los Angeles, CA. Submissions are due **January 10, 2014**. For more details regarding the contest requirements and to download a 2014 submission entry form please visit the American Bar Association website at [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/business\\_law/initiatives\\_awards/mendes\\_hershman.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/business_law/initiatives_awards/mendes_hershman.html).

**NEW** – **Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its annual Law Review Award competition to recognize an outstanding note or comment written by a law student who is associated with a student-edited law review or journal. For information on how to apply, please visit [http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/LR\\_%20Entry\\_Form.pdf](http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/LR_%20Entry_Form.pdf). Deadline to apply is **January 17, 2014**.



UCLA School of Law, The **Dukeminier Awards** Best Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law Review Articles 2013 Student Writing Competition. Submission deadline is **January 17, 2014**. Prize is \$1,000. <http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/dukeminierstudent-writing-competition/>.

[The Ladas Memorial Award Competition](#) is now accepting papers. The winner receives \$2,000 and publication in *The Trademark Reporter*, INTA's legal journal. Deadline to apply is **January 17, 2014**.

**Jackson Lewis LLP and IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law's Institute for Law and the Workplace** will co-sponsor the 2013-20143 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 21, 2014**.

**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 go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2014**.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its seventh annual **Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition** on Regulatory and Administrative Law. This competition is open to practicing lawyers, policy makers, academics, and law students. The author of the winning paper in each category will receive a cash prize of \$1,500. For competition details and more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition?mgs1=b0005ASpIx&mgs1=6824d8VBxx>. Deadline for submissions is **February 7, 2014**.

**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. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2014**. Competition rules are available at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org).

The **Center for International Law** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2014 Global Markets Law Journal Writing Competition. The author of the winning essay will receive a cash prize of \$3,000. First runner-up will receive \$1,500 and second runner-up will receive \$500. For competition details and application go to <http://globalmarkets.jmls.edu/competition>. Deadline for submission is **February 15, 2014**.



Entries for The Symposium XXVII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [www.thesovereigntysymposium.com](http://www.thesovereigntysymposium.com) . Entries must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. The symposium is the premier conference on Indian Law. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

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## **VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE CELEBRATION School of Law**

Join us for **Veterans Day** ceremony and dinner with classmates and faculty who proudly honor your service to our country on **Monday, November 11, 2013**. The ceremony will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the Law Plaza and dinner will be served in the law classroom building foyer promptly at 5:15 p.m. **Thank you for serving our country and protecting our freedoms.** This event is co-sponsored by Law Ministry, ESBA, and the Military Law Association.

### **CLASS OF 2015 STUDENTS Applying to a Federal Clerkship**

The **Office of Career Services** has received information that OSCAR is being opened to all 2Ls effective **November 4, 2013**. This means that you can go on the site (<https://oscar.uscourts.gov>) and see judges that are hiring for your class and apply to them through OSCAR or their preferred method of receipt. If you are interested in pursuing a federal clerkship after graduation we are here and ready to work with you to get your applications completed.

Below is a list of things you should **begin doing to prepare** for the process:

- 1) Review the court websites for all courts you are interested in applying to and create an excel spreadsheet that includes the names of the judges and the courts you are interested in. You can do this by Googling the court; go to their website and look up their list of judges.
- 2) Once you have created a list, meet with Alicia to discuss a timeline. She may be able to reach out to the courts and find out when the judges are hiring. Note: Alicia will be calling all state and federal judges in the state of Texas and we will post their hiring timelines as an announcement in Symplicity as we get the information.
- 3) Start seeking out recommenders as you will need 2-3 and they are usually law school professors. Ask the recommenders to send their letters to Alicia at [amendozal@stmarytx.edu](mailto:amendozal@stmarytx.edu) in Word format so she can upload them to OSCAR and have them printed for hard copy applications.
- 4) Most of this can be done after finals and we strongly recommend you make an appointment with our office to go over your game plan if you plan to apply to judges.

The official announcement from OSCAR and the Federal Courts is below. If you have any questions please contact Office of Career Services at 210.436.3511, email Director Patrick at [spatrick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:spatrick@stmarytx.edu) or Alicia at [amendozal@stmarytx.edu](mailto:amendozal@stmarytx.edu) or come see us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Law Library in room 216.

The Administrative Office of the United States Courts and the OSCAR Working Group would like to thank the National Association for Law Placement (NALP) Judicial Clerkship Section and its law school members for providing informative feedback on the 2013 clerkship season. The OSCAR Working Group of judges and law school representatives recently met and, after careful consideration, recommended de-linking OSCAR from the Federal Law Clerk Hiring Plan (Hiring Plan). The first step is to allow second-year law school students (“2Ls”) access to OSCAR as soon as possible. In response, the Administrative Office has opened OSCAR to “2Ls” effective today (November 4, 2013), and OSCAR will release their applications when finalized rather than holding them until a specified release date.

As part of de-linking OSCAR from the Hiring Plan, the OSCAR Working Group will further consider providing first-year law school students (“1Ls”) access to OSCAR at its annual meeting in November. I will provide further information on the outcome of this deliberation after the meeting.

A transparent and fair recruitment process is important to the Administrative Office and the OSCAR Working Group. The Administrative Office Director, Judge John D. Bates, sent a communication today to all federal judges informing them that “2Ls” have access to OSCAR and their applications will be available online at the time of submission. The communication encouraged all judges to use OSCAR to accept applications online, post their positions, and maintain a current judge profile that communicates their hiring preferences.

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

Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Society will host **two meetings** this week, Tuesday **November 12th and Thursday November 14th, both at 4:00 p.m. in the Atrium** of the Law Administration building. These will be the last two meetings of the semester and will be a **symposium on "hot topics" in the Oil and Gas Industry**, covered by two very knowledgeable oil and gas attorneys from the area. An early **dinner will be provided**.

## **SAME SEX DIVORCE IN TEXAS?**

The **American Constitutional Society** in partnership with **Outlaw** and the **Woman’s Law Student Association** would like to invite you to discuss same-sex marriage in a post-DOMA Texas. We are proud to host Jason P. Steed, attorney for the plaintiffs in the case *In the matter of the marriage of J.B and H.B.* on **November 14, 2013 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Food and drinks will be provided. A viewing party for those interested in watching the oral arguments on **Wednesday November 13, 2013** will be held in the **Atrium**, Law Administration building, **6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

## **WOMEN’S LAW ASSOCIATION EVENTS WINE AND WIT 80’S PARTY ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION**

The **Women’s Law Association (WLA)** has a couple of great events coming up this

month! First will be our fall social event a **Wine and Wit “80’s Party.”** There will be plenty of food, fun, and 80’s fashion to go around at our social chair, Summer Bruington’s home, 223 W. Agarita, San Antonio, Texas 78212, **Friday, November 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.** Everyone is invited to attend but non WLA members will need to pay \$5 at the door. So pull out the hair crimpers, leg warmers, and neon pants to join WLA in one last night of fun before we all take finals.

Another exciting event is our **Annual Silent Auction on Wednesday November 20, 2013** (Preview Day) **and Thursday November 21, 2013** (Auction Day) in the **Alumni Room**. This year’s auction will benefit Seton Home here in San Antonio. Seton Home is a local non-profit which provides assistance to young girls going through a teen pregnancy who have chosen to keep their babies. **All students, faculty and staff are invited** to come out to view the great selection of items we have on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> and **bidding will begin on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** Not only will we have great items such as dinners with professors, jewelry, restaurant gift cards, and many other donations for silent bidding, we will also have a raffle for a Kindle Fire and a live auction portion. Be on the lookout for our flyers that will soon be posted on the bulletin boards around campus with more information on these two fantastic events.

### **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

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 March 25, 2014. A letter applying for the scholarship should be emailed 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 25, 2013.**

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

The December 2013 **Completion of Legal Studies Ceremony** will be held on **Saturday, December 14, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** The ceremony will be held in the Law Classroom building, Ribis Courtroom (rooms 101-102-103). Students participating in the ceremony should plan to arrive by 9:00 a.m. to robe and line-up. A reception will follow at Lisa’s Mexican Restaurant, 815 Bandera Road, San Antonio, Texas 78228. **Please RSVP** to Ms. Becky Adams at 210.431.5017 before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6, 2013.

### **BE THE ATTORNEY OF RECORD**

Student Attorneys enrolled in Clinic courses for credit are gaining valuable skills and accomplishing great things for their clients!

Here are a few highlights:

### **Civil Justice Clinic Students**

- Protected an elderly widower from foreclosure by winning a motion for summary judgment.
- Wrote an administrative brief which resulted in a successful settlement offer with the IRS, saving the client \$20,000.
- Mediated and successfully settled a custody modification case.

### **Criminal Justice Clinic Students**

- Argued in a felony criminal appeal before Chief Justice Stone, Justice Marion and Justice Alvarez of the Fourth Court of Appeals.
- Prepared for a DWI trial with simulated exercises, including: jury selection, cross-examination, opening statements, and admitting evidence.

### **Immigration and Human Rights Clinic Students**

- Won asylum for three young siblings from Mexico in fear of drug violence involving members of their immediate family.
- Secured visas for victims of domestic violence under the Violence Against Women Act.

Please be on the lookout for more information about Clinic applications, how you can enroll, and be a part of Clinic during the Spring semester!

## **IS YOUR STUDENT ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE?**

The below listed **student organizations** that have been active at the Law School in the past **need to complete paperwork, risk management training, or both in order to be in compliance with University requirements.** If you are in one of these organizations and want help getting into compliance, or if you want to see about reviving a dormant organization on this list, please contact Director Kathryn Tullos at [ktullos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ktullos@stmarytx.edu).

ACLU Student Body Society  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Association  
American Constitution Society  
Animal Rights Advocates (may also be called Animal Welfare Advocates)  
Bobcat Bar Association  
Christian Legal Society  
Computer Law Association  
Criminal Law Association  
Defense Counsel of San Antonio Student Chapter  
Delta Alpha Delta  
Delta Theta Phi

Education Law Association  
Employment/Labor Law Association  
Environmental Law Association  
Family Law Association  
Health Law Society  
Intellectual Property Students Association  
Jewish Law Students Association  
J. Reuben Clark Law Society  
Land of Enchantment Law Association  
Legal Society for Musicians  
Legal Sports Society  
Mexican American Law Student Association  
Native American Law Students Association  
Property Law Association  
Public Interest Law Association  
Restorative Justice Project  
St. Mary's Society for Law and Life  
Single Parent Law Student Organization  
Society of Legal Entrepreneurship  
Sports, Entertainment, and Arts Law Society  
Students Older Than Dirt

## **PRO BONO PROGRAM IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ARE YOU GRADUATING IN DECEMBER?** If you have not turned in all your Pro Bono and Community Service Hours, the deadline is **November 16<sup>th</sup>**. Make sure you email your tracking forms to [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

**DO YOU HAVE OLD TRACKING FORMS?** All tracking forms are due by December 14<sup>th</sup>. This includes tracking for ANY past pro bono or community service activities. Any forms not received by December 14<sup>th</sup> are not guaranteed to be taken. You can turn the forms into carrel 101 or email a scan copy of [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

**NEW STUDENT COORDINATORS:** We want to welcome Kerriann Britt and Olivia Mallary to The Pro Bono Program. Kerriann will be working with our Family Law Clinic and Olivia will be working with People's Law School. We are proud to have you on our team.

**PRO BONO PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** St. Mary's Pro Bono Program is excited to announce that The Community Justice Program is now accepting applications for the AT&T Excellence in Pro Bono Spring 2014 Scholarship 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 toward fostering a lasting commitment to pro bono service in their future professional practice. This partnership between AT&T and the CJP provides the selected 2L or 3L, who is in the top third of their class, a \$2,500 scholarship for 60 hours of work for the CJP. Any St. Mary's law student who meets



the criteria is eligible to apply, they do not have to be a clinic student or have previously volunteered for CJP. Application can be found on The Pro Bono /Public Service TWEN Page. If you have any questions, please feel free to email [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

## **PRO BONO PROGRAM CONTACT AND 2014 DATES**

### **Pro Bono Fellow**

Victoria Bongat – 210.438.6199 – [vbongat@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vbongat@stmarytx.edu)

### **Pro Bono RA**

Julia E. Null - 214.914.2661 - [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com)

### **Catholic Charities Legal Aid Clinic (formally Ask-A-Lawyer)**

Ashley Graham - 409.659.3161 - [agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu)

Kevin Bennett- 256.683.9204 - [kevin.bertan.bennett@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.bertan.bennett@gmail.com)

Clinic Dates TBA

### **Texas RioGrande Legal Aid – Family law**

Julia E. Null - 214.914.2661- [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com)

Cynthia Olson-210.290.7819 - [colson2@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:colson2@mail.stmarytx.edu)

Kerriann Britt- 210.288.9356 - [Keabritt@gmail.com](mailto:Keabritt@gmail.com)

February 11, 2014

March 18, 2014

April 22, 2014

May 13, 2014

June 10, 2014

### **St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice – Wills**

Rebecca Pitts -210.332.9704 - [rqpitts@hotmail.com](mailto:rqpitts@hotmail.com)

Landry Redding - 512.694.6980 - [landryredding@yahoo.com](mailto:landryredding@yahoo.com)

January 21, 2014

April 15, 2014

### **Audie L. Murphy Veterans Hospital – Veterans**

Lisa Germano - 860.922.6356 - [lisabeth.germano@gmail.com](mailto:lisabeth.germano@gmail.com)

Paolo M Nangcas - 832.363.7501 - [paolonangcas@utexas.edu](mailto:paolonangcas@utexas.edu)

January 17, 2014

February 21, 2014 - St. Mary's Journal

March 21, 2014

April 11, 2014

May 16, 2014

June 20, 2014

### **Border Outreach**

Sister Susan Skidmore - 210.431.5752 - [sskidmore@stmarytx.edu](mailto:sskidmore@stmarytx.edu)

Clinic Dates TBA

**People's Law School Student Coordinator & Law Ministry Assistant**

Naomi Howard - 512.699.5988 - [hownao@gmail.com](mailto:hownao@gmail.com)

Olivia Mallary - 504.495.4196 - [olivia.mallary@gmail.com](mailto:olivia.mallary@gmail.com)

February, 2014

**JFK ASSASSINATION – THEORIES AND QUESTIONS**

Join **L. Wayne Scott**, Professor of Law and Director of ADR Studies on Tuesday, **November 19, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in LC104** as he speaks on the **JFK Assassination – Theories and Questions**. This event is open to the public.

**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.

**Practice Area Fair**

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room. Dress code is office casual.

Learn about legal practice areas. Nacho bar. Door prizes awarded each hour. Come and meet alumni. This will be 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 the 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.

**NOISE LEVELS IN THE LAW CLASSROOM BUILDING**

Many students and professors have complained about **excessive noise in the hallways** of the law classroom building. Please remember that classes are in session during most hours of the day and evening. **Group conversations should be kept quiet or moved outside**. Thank you!

**TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LAW STUDENTS**

The **State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)** has produced a quick video about how TLAP **can help law students** navigate the pressures of law school. It's on the Bar's web page and Twitter Account. Twitter (<https://twitter.com/texasbartoday>); YouTube <http://youtu.be/eubczDDH8Q0>

## TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is **November 30, 2013**.

<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 SKILLS REQUIREMENTS AVAILABLE SPRING 2014

St. Mary's now offers two additional ways to meet student practice skills requirement for graduation. Both avenues are available to students in Spring 2014.

#### 1) Contract Drafting with Professor Walch

The **Contract Drafting** course will teach students the principles of contemporary commercial drafting and introduce them to documents typically used in a variety of transactions. The skills students will gain will be applicable to any transactional practice and will even be useful to litigators. On finishing the course, students should know: the business purpose of each of the contract concepts; how to translate the business deal into contract concepts; how to draft each of a contract's parts; how to draft with clarity and without ambiguity; how to add value to a deal; how to work through the drafting process; and how to review and comment on a contract. Students will perform drafting and contract negotiation exercises throughout the semester, and course grades will be based on several drafting exercises and class participation.

#### 2) The Practice Credit Program

The Practice Credit Program (3 credit hour Externship program only) offers students the opportunity to earn course credit while performing a legal externship. Details of the program may be found at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/centers/practice-credit-program/externships/>. For more information, please contact Amanda Rivas at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.5712. In addition to many opportunities at nonprofit and government offices, the Practice Credit Program now has an externship available at the general counsel's office of a large company in San Antonio, and several more potential sites are being negotiated.

**PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS**  
**LOOKING TO GAIN LEGAL EXPERIENCE AND GET ACADEMIC CREDIT?**  
**Spring or Summer 2014**  
**INTERNSHIPS/EXTERNSHIPS**

START NOW: Check out Symplicity or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. For eligibility questions, please contact **Amanda Rivas**, [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu).

Best Advice NOW: Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a meeting to save you time and energy. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: (210) 431-5712.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS at Career Services Office: Monday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

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: The PCP Externship program requires a MANDATORY class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class.

**Spring Class: Friday, January 10, 2014**

**Summer Class: Saturday, May 10, 2014**

**Saturday, June 7, 2014**

***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.*

**EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS REOPENS FELLOWS APPLICATIONS IN TEXAS  
FOR TAJF-FUNDED LEGAL AID PROGRAMS**

Texas Access to Justice Foundation (TAJF) has provided funding for Equal Justice Works (EJW) Fellowships at TAJF grantee sites since 1999. Recently TAJF learned the EJWs' applicant pool for the 2014-16 class has very few applicants with TAJF grantees as the host organization. TAJF has asked EJW to **re-open the application** to expand and diversify the pool. Equal Justice Works is re-opening the competition and strongly encourages third-year law students to consider applying. The **new deadline for Fellowship applications is December 1, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. EDT**. Depending on funding, EJW is able to provide between 45-55 two-year fellowships annually. Fellows receive a competitive salary, generous loan repayment assistance, connections to their prominent sponsors, participation in trainings, and additional support during their two-year tenure. **To apply to the program** please go to <http://equaljusticeworks.org/post-grad/equal-justice-works-fellowships/apply> and to **download the application guide**, go to [http://files.equaljusticeworks.org/2014\\_ejw\\_fellowship\\_app\\_guide.pdf](http://files.equaljusticeworks.org/2014_ejw_fellowship_app_guide.pdf).

## **BIBLE STUDY ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY**

Please join us at **weekly bible study** hosted by the **St. Thomas More Society** every **Wednesday from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Raba, LF 202A**. We will have a brief lesson and discussion every week over the gospel. The discussion will be focused on how we can apply what we have learned to our future careers. Also, we will end our study with a short meeting to keep members informed about upcoming events. Snacks will be provided so come hungry. For more information please contact Seth Sullivan at [sully078@aol.com](mailto:sully078@aol.com) or Kerriann Britt at [keabritt@gmail.com](mailto:keabritt@gmail.com).

## **EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS**

Those interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "**Bible Class**". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the **small conference room** at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the **Raba building**. Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook! For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or (361) 920-3504.

## **ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS EVENT SET-UPS**

**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**.

## **WRITING COMPETITIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2013 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 2013, and papers scheduled for publication in 2013 or 2014 are eligible for submission. Co-authored papers are not eligible. Mail two copies of submission to ASECA, P.

O. Box 5767, Washington, D.C., 20016. Deadline to submit a paper is **November 15, 2013**.

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**Texas Aviation and Space Lawyers** Scholarship and the Aviation Law Section of the State Bar of Texas seek nominations for a \$2,000 scholarship for a deserving second or third year law student pursuing the study of Aviation and Space Law. Nominations must be received by **December 10, 2013**.

**Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP** is pleased to announce its Diversity Scholars Award of \$2,000 to one deserving second-year law student in each region. For more information and to download an application, please go online to <http://www.constangy.com/f-4.html>. Completed applications must be received by **December 11, 2013**.

The **State Bar of Texas Section of Real Property**, Probate and Trust Law (REPTL) announces their 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 23, 2013**.

The **Florida State University** Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law will present awards for the outstanding original papers submitted by a law student. Prize is \$250. Deadline to submit a paper is **January 2 2014**. For more information please go to <http://med.fsu.edu/?fuseaction=news.viewArticle&usemenu=innovativeCollaboration&newsID=493>.

The **GRAMMY Foundation** along with the **ABA Forum on the entertainment and Sports Industries** announces the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition. First place winner receives \$5,000 and four runner-ups will receive \$1,500. For additional information and competition rules, please visit the Grammy Foundation website at <http://www.grammy.org/news/grammy-foundation-launches-16th-annual-entertainment-law-initiative-writing-competition>. **Deadline January 4, 2013**.

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 see <http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/docs/Donald%20W%20Banner%20Diversity%20Scholarship.pdf> for details of this scholarship. Applications are now being accepted through **January 6, 2014**.

Enter the 27th Annual **Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest** for a chance to win up to \$2,500 and a paid trip to the Section Spring Meeting in Los Angeles, CA. Submissions are due **January 10, 2014**. For more details regarding the contest requirements and to download a 2014 submission entry form please visit the American Bar Association website at [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/business\\_law/initiatives\\_awards/mendes\\_hershman.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/business_law/initiatives_awards/mendes_hershman.html).

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its annual Law Review Award competition to recognize an outstanding note or comment written by a law student who is associated with a student-edited law review or journal. For information on how to apply, please visit [http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/LR\\_%20Entry\\_Form.pdf](http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/LR_%20Entry_Form.pdf). Deadline to apply is **January 17, 2014**.

UCLA School of Law, The **Dukeminier Awards** Best Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law Review Articles 2013 Student Writing Competition. Submission deadline is **January 17, 2014**. Prize is \$1,000. <http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/dukeminierstudent-writing-competition/>.

[The Ladas Memorial Award Competition](#) is now accepting papers. The winner receives \$2,000 and publication in *The Trademark Reporter*, INTA's legal journal. Deadline to apply is **January 17, 2014**.

**Jackson Lewis LLP and IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law's Institute for Law and the Workplace** will co-sponsor the 2013-2014 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 21, 2014**.

**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 go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2014**.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its seventh annual **Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition** on Regulatory and Administrative Law. This competition is open to practicing lawyers, policy makers, academics, and law students. The author of the winning paper in each category will receive a cash prize of \$1,500. For competition details and more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition?mgs1=b0005ASpIx&mgs1=6824d8VBxx>. Deadline for submissions is **February 7, 2014**.



**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. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2014**. Competition rules are available at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org).

The **Center for International Law** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2014 Global Markets Law Journal Writing Competition. The author of the winning essay will receive a cash prize of \$3,000. First runner-up will receive \$1,500 and second runner-up will receive \$500. For competition details and application go to <http://globalmarkets.jmls.edu/competition>. Deadline for submission is **February 15, 2014**.

Entries for The Symposium XXVII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [www.thesovereigntysymposium.com](http://www.thesovereigntysymposium.com). Entries must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. The symposium is the premier conference on Indian Law. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.



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## **2014 JESSUP MOOT COURT TEAM COMPETITORS**

**Congratulations** to the 2014 Jessup Moot Court Team competitors. The below named individuals have been selected to **represent St. Mary's** in the world's largest and most **prestigious moot court competition** on March 12-15, 2014.

Deepak Ahluwalia  
Raven Bady  
Bianca Frisaura  
Elizabeth Germano  
Landry Redding

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

The Women's Law Association (WLA) **Annual Silent Auction** will be held on **Wednesday November 20, 2013** (Preview Day) and **Thursday November 21, 2013** (Auction Day) in the **Alumni Room**. This year's auction will benefit Seton Home, a local non-profit which provides assistance to young girls going through a teen pregnancy who have chosen to keep their babies. **All students, faculty and staff are invited** to come out to view the great selection of items we have on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> and **bidding will begin on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** Not only will we have great items such as dinners with professors, jewelry, restaurant gift cards, and many other donations for silent bidding, we will also have a raffle for a Kindle Fire and a live auction portion. Be on the lookout for WLA flyers posted on the bulletin boards around campus with more information about this event.

## **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WITH CIA AND NCS**

Professional students, **law students** and alumni – come and learn about **career opportunities** with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and National Clandestine Services (NCS) on **Thursday, November 21, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** in the **University Center Faculty Lounge**.

## **COMPLETION OF LEGAL STUDIES CEREMONY**

The December 2013 **Completion of Legal Studies Ceremony** will be held on **Saturday, December 14, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** The ceremony will be held in the Law Classroom building, Ribis Courtroom (rooms 101-102-103). Students participating in the ceremony should plan to arrive by 9:00 a.m. to robe and line-up. A reception will follow at Lisa's Mexican Restaurant,

815 Bandera Road, San Antonio, Texas 78228. **Please RSVP** to Ms. Becky Adams at 210.431.5017 before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6, 2013.

## **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

### **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 March 25, 2014. A letter applying for the scholarship should be emailed 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 25, 2013**.

## **CLASS OF 2015 STUDENTS**

### **Applying to a Federal Clerkship**

The **Office of Career Services** (OCS) has received information that OSCAR is now open to all 2Ls. Please visit the site at <https://oscar.uscourts.gov> and see judges that are hiring for your class and apply to them through OSCAR or their preferred method of receipt. If you are interested in pursuing a federal clerkship after graduation OCS is here and ready to work with you to get your applications completed.

Below is a list of things **you should begin doing** to prepare for this process:

- 1) Review the court websites for all courts you are interested in applying to and create an excel spreadsheet that includes the names of the judges and the courts you are interested in. You can do this by Googling the court; go to their website and look up their list of judges.
- 2) Once you have created a list, meet with Alicia to discuss a timeline. She may be able to reach out to the courts and find out when the judges are hiring. Note: Alicia will be calling all state and federal judges in the state of Texas and will post their hiring timelines as an announcement in Symplicity as we get the information.
- 3) Start seeking out recommenders as you will need 2-3 and they are usually law school professors. Ask the recommenders to send their letters to Alicia at [amendoza1@stmarytx.edu](mailto:amendoza1@stmarytx.edu) in Word format. She will upload them to OSCAR and will print them for hard copy applications.
- 4) Most of this can be done after finals and we strongly recommend you make an appointment with OCS to review your game plan if you plan to apply to judges.

The official announcement from OSCAR and the Federal Courts is below. If you have any questions please contact Office of Career Services at 210.436.3511, email Director Patrick at [spatrick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:spatrick@stmarytx.edu) or Alicia at [amendozal@stmarytx.edu](mailto:amendozal@stmarytx.edu) or come visit OCS on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Law Library, room 216.

“The Administrative Office of the United States Courts and the OSCAR Working Group would like to thank the National Association for Law Placement (NALP) Judicial Clerkship Section and its law school members for providing informative feedback on the 2013 clerkship season. The OSCAR Working Group of judges and law school representatives recently met and, after careful consideration, recommended de-linking OSCAR from the Federal Law Clerk Hiring Plan (Hiring Plan). The first step is to allow second-year law school students (“2Ls”) access to OSCAR as soon as possible. In response, the Administrative Office has opened OSCAR to “2Ls” effective today (November 4, 2013), and OSCAR will release their applications when finalized rather than holding them until a specified release date.

As part of de-linking OSCAR from the Hiring Plan, the OSCAR Working Group will further consider providing first-year law school students (“1Ls”) access to OSCAR at its annual meeting in November. I will provide further information on the outcome of this deliberation after the meeting.

A transparent and fair recruitment process is important to the Administrative Office and the OSCAR Working Group. The Administrative Office Director, Judge John D. Bates, sent a communication today to all federal judges informing them that “2Ls” have access to OSCAR and their applications will be available online at the time of submission. The communication encouraged all judges to use OSCAR to accept applications online, post their positions, and maintain a current judge profile that communicates their hiring preferences.”

### **BE *THE* ATTORNEY OF RECORD**

Student Attorneys enrolled in Clinic courses for credit are gaining valuable skills and accomplishing great things for their clients!

Here are a few highlights:

#### **Civil Justice Clinic Students**

- Protected an elderly widower from foreclosure by winning a motion for summary judgment.
- Wrote an administrative brief which resulted in a successful settlement offer with the IRS, saving the client \$20,000.
- Mediated and successfully settled a custody modification case.

### **Criminal Justice Clinic Students**

- Argued in a felony criminal appeal before Chief Justice Stone, Justice Marion and Justice Alvarez of the Fourth Court of Appeals.
- Prepared for a DWI trial with simulated exercises, including: jury selection, cross-examination, opening statements, and admitting evidence.

### **Immigration and Human Rights Clinic Students**

- Won asylum for three young siblings from Mexico in fear of drug violence involving members of their immediate family.
- Secured visas for victims of domestic violence under the Violence Against Women Act.

Please **be on the lookout for more information about Clinic applications**, how you can enroll, and be a part of Clinic during the Spring semester!

## **IS YOUR STUDENT ORGANIZATION IN COMPLIANCE?**

The below listed **student organizations** that have been active at the Law School in the past **need to complete paperwork, risk management training, or both in order to be in compliance with University requirements**. If you are in one of these organizations and want help getting into compliance, or if you want to see about reviving a dormant organization on this list, please contact Director Kathryn Tullos at [ktullos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ktullos@stmarytx.edu).

ACLU Student Body Society  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Association  
American Constitution Society  
Animal Rights Advocates (may also be called Animal Welfare Advocates)  
Bobcat Bar Association  
Christian Legal Society  
Computer Law Association  
Criminal Law Association  
Defense Counsel of San Antonio Student Chapter  
Delta Alpha Delta  
Delta Theta Phi  
Education Law Association  
Employment/Labor Law Association  
Environmental Law Association  
Family Law Association  
Health Law Society  
Intellectual Property Students Association  
Jewish Law Students Association  
J. Reuben Clark Law Society  
Land of Enchantment Law Association

Legal Society for Musicians  
Legal Sports Society  
Mexican American Law Student Association  
Native American Law Students Association  
Property Law Association  
Public Interest Law Association  
Restorative Justice Project  
St. Mary's Society for Law and Life  
Single Parent Law Student Organization  
Society of Legal Entrepreneurship  
Sports, Entertainment, and Arts Law Society  
Students Older Than Dirt

## **PRO BONO PROGRAM IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DO YOU HAVE OLD TRACKING FORMS?** All tracking forms are **due by December 14<sup>th</sup>**. This includes tracking for ANY past pro bono or community service activities. Any forms not received by December 14<sup>th</sup> are not guaranteed to be taken. You can turn the forms into carrel 101 or email a scan copy of [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

**NEW STUDENT COORDINATORS:** Welcome Kerriann Britt and Olivia Mallary to The Pro Bono Program. Kerriann will be working with our Family Law Clinic and Olivia will be working with People's Law School. We are proud to have you on our team.

**PRO BONO PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** St. Mary's Pro Bono Program is excited to announce that The Community Justice Program is now accepting applications for the AT&T Excellence in Pro Bono Spring 2014 Scholarship 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 toward fostering a lasting commitment to pro bono service in their future professional practice. This partnership between AT&T and the CJP provides the selected 2L or 3L, who is in the top third of their class, a \$2,500 scholarship for 60 hours of work for the CJP. Any St. Mary's law student who meets the criteria is eligible to apply and does not have to be a clinic student or have previously volunteered for CJP. **An application can be found on The Pro Bono /Public Service TWEN Page.** If you have any questions, please feel free to email [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

## **PRO BONO PROGRAM CONTACT AND 2014 DATES**

### **Pro Bono Fellow**

Victoria Bongat – 210.438.6199 – [vbongat@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vbongat@stmarytx.edu)

### **Pro Bono RA**

Julia E. Null - 214.914.2661 - [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com)

**Catholic Charities Legal Aid Clinic (formally Ask-A-Lawyer)**

Ashley Graham - 409.659.3161 - [agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu)

Kevin Bennett- 256.683.9204 - [kevin.bertan.bennett@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.bertan.bennett@gmail.com)

Clinic Dates TBA

**Texas RioGrande Legal Aid – Family law**

Julia E. Null - 214.914.2661- [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com)

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**OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES  
2014 Spring Job Fairs**

- January 30-31 – Public Service Days, Austin at UT
- February 18 – Small Firm Interviewing/Networking Night



- February 21 – Austin Legal Job Fair
- February 28 – Metroplex Legal Job Fair (Dallas/Ft. Worth)
- March 3 – Deadline to apply for El Paso and Midland/Odessa Virtual Job Fairs
- March 7 – Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day at TAMUCC
- March 14 – Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg
- March 21 – Houston Legal Job Fair

Stay tuned to the OCS weekly updates for information on how to apply.

## **NOISE LEVELS IN THE LAW CLASSROOM BUILDING**

Many students and professors have complained about **excessive noise in the hallways** of the law classroom building. Please remember that classes are in session during most hours of the day and evening. **Group conversations should be kept quiet or moved outside.** Thank you!

## **TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LAW STUDENTS**

The **State Bar’s Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)** has produced a quick video about how TLAP can help law students navigate the pressures of law school. It’s on the Bar’s web page and Twitter Account. Twitter (<https://twitter.com/texasbartoday>); YouTube <http://youtu.be/eubczDDH8Q0>

## **TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES**

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is **November 30, 2013.**

<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	<b>November 30</b>	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 SKILLS REQUIREMENTS AVAILABLE SPRING 2014**

St. Mary’s now offers two additional ways to meet student practice skills requirement for graduation. Both avenues are available to students in Spring 2014.

### **1) Contract Drafting with Professor Walch**

The **Contract Drafting** course will teach students the principles of contemporary commercial

drafting and introduce them to documents typically used in a variety of transactions. The skills students will gain will be applicable to any transactional practice and will even be useful to litigators. On finishing the course, students should know: the business purpose of each of the contract concepts; how to translate the business deal into contract concepts; how to draft each of a contract's parts; how to draft with clarity and without ambiguity; how to add value to a deal; how to work through the drafting process; and how to review and comment on a contract. Students will perform drafting and contract negotiation exercises throughout the semester, and course grades will be based on several drafting exercises and class participation.

## 2) **The Practice Credit Program: Externship**

The PCP Externship course for three credit hours will now meet the practice skills requirement. The PCP Externship course offers students the opportunity to earn three academic credits while performing a legal externship for a minimum of 180 hours at a non-profit, government, and select general counsel's offices (NEW ADDITION). Details of the program may be found at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/centers/practice-credit-program/externships/>. For more information, please contact Amanda Rivas at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.5712.

### **PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS LOOKING TO GAIN LEGAL EXPERIENCE AND GET ACADEMIC CREDIT? Spring or Summer 2014 INTERNSHIPS/EXTERNSHIPS**

**START NOW:** Check out Symplicity or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. For eligibility questions, please contact **Amanda Rivas**, [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu).

**Best Advice NOW:** Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a meeting to save you time and energy. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: (210) 431-5712.

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## **EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS REOPENS FELLOWS APPLICATIONS IN TEXAS FOR TAJF-FUNDED LEGAL AID PROGRAMS**

Texas Access to Justice Foundation (TAJF) has provided funding for Equal Justice Works (EJW) Fellowships at TAJF grantee sites since 1999. Recently TAJF learned the EJWs' applicant pool for the 2014-16 class has very few applicants with TAJF grantees as the host organization. TAJF has asked EJW to **re-open the application** to expand and diversify the pool. Equal Justice Works is re-opening the competition and strongly encourages third-year law students to consider applying. The **new deadline for Fellowship applications is December 1, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. EDT.** Depending on funding, EJW is able to provide between 45-55 two-year fellowships annually. Fellows receive a competitive salary, generous loan repayment assistance, connections to their prominent sponsors, participation in trainings, and additional support during their two-year tenure. **To apply to the program** please go to <http://equaljusticeworks.org/post-grad/equal-justice-works-fellowships/apply> and to **download the application guide**, go to [http://files.equaljusticeworks.org/2014\\_ejw\\_fellowship\\_app\\_guide.pdf](http://files.equaljusticeworks.org/2014_ejw_fellowship_app_guide.pdf).

## **BIBLE STUDY ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY**

Please join us at **weekly bible study** hosted by the **St. Thomas More Society** every **Wednesday from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Raba, LF 202A.** We will have a brief lesson and discussion every week over the gospel. The discussion will be focused on how we can apply what we have learned to our future careers. Also, we will end our study with a short meeting to keep members informed about upcoming events. Snacks will be provided so come hungry. For more information please contact Seth Sullivan at [sully078@aol.com](mailto:sully078@aol.com) or Kerriann Britt at [keabritt@gmail.com](mailto:keabritt@gmail.com).

## **EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS**

Those interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "**Bible Class**". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the **small conference room** at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the **Raba building**. Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook! For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or (361) 920-3504.

## **ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS EVENT SET-UPS**

**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**.

## **WRITING COMPETITIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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

**Texas Aviation and Space Lawyers** Scholarship and the Aviation Law Section of the State Bar of Texas seek nominations for a \$2,000 scholarship for a deserving second or third year law student pursuing the study of Aviation and Space Law. Nominations must be received by **December 10, 2013**.

**Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP** is pleased to announce its Diversity Scholars Award of \$2,000 to one deserving second-year law student in each region. For more information and to download an application, please go online to <http://www.constangy.com/f-4.html>. Completed applications must be received by **December 11, 2013**.

The **State Bar of Texas Section of Real Property**, Probate and Trust Law (REPTL) announces their 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 23, 2013**.

The **Florida State University** Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law will present awards for the outstanding original papers submitted by a law student. Prize is \$250. Deadline to submit a paper is **January 2 2014**. For more information please go to <http://med.fsu.edu/?fuseaction=news.viewArticle&usemenu=innovativeCollaboration&newsID=493>.

The **GRAMMY Foundation** along with the **ABA Forum on the entertainment and Sports Industries** announces the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition. First place winner receives \$5,000 and four runner-ups will receive \$1,500. For additional information and competition rules, please visit the Grammy Foundation website at <http://www.grammy.org/news/grammy-foundation-launches-16th-annual-entertainment-law-initiative-writing-competition>. **Deadline January 4, 2013**.

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 see <http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/docs/Donald%20W%20Banner%20Diversity%20Scholarship.pdf> for details of this scholarship. Applications are now being accepted through **January 6, 2014**.

Enter the 27th Annual **Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest** for a chance to win up to \$2,500 and a paid trip to the Section Spring Meeting in Los Angeles, CA. Submissions are due **January 10, 2014**. For more details regarding the contest requirements and to download a 2014 submission entry form please visit the American Bar Association website at [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/business\\_law/initiatives\\_awards/mendes\\_hershman.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/business_law/initiatives_awards/mendes_hershman.html).

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its annual Law Review Award competition to recognize an outstanding note or comment written by a law student who is associated with a student-edited law review or journal. For information on how apply, please visit [http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/LR %20Entry Form.pdf](http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/LR%20Entry%20Form.pdf). Deadline to apply is **January 17, 2014**.

UCLA School of Law, The **Dukeminier Awards** Best Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law Review Articles 2013 Student Writing Competition. Submission deadline is **January 17, 2014**. Prize is \$1,000. <http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/dukeminierstudent-writing-competition/>.

[The Ladas Memorial Award Competition](#) is now accepting papers. The winner receives \$2,000 and publication in *The Trademark Reporter*, INTA's legal journal. Deadline to apply is **January 17, 2014**.

**Jackson Lewis LLP and IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law's Institute for Law and the Workplace** will co-sponsor the 2013-2014 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 21, 2014**.

**NEW - Epstein Becker & Green, P.C.**, a national firm engaged in the practice of health care and life sciences law, is pleased to announce its Sixteenth Annual Health Law Writing Competition. Cash prizes will be awarded for the three best papers. First place, \$4,000, Second place, \$2,000 and Third place, \$500. Additional information and an official entry form can be found at: <http://www.ebglaw.com/healthlawwriting>. Competition entries are due **January 24, 2014**.

**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 go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2014**.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its seventh annual **Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition** on Regulatory and Administrative Law. This competition is open to practicing lawyers, policy makers, academics, and law students. The author of the winning paper in each category will receive a cash prize of \$1,500. For competition details and more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition?mgs1=b0005ASpIx&mgs1=6824d8VBxx>. Deadline for submissions is **February 7, 2014**.

**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. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2014**. Competition rules are available at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org).

The **Center for International Law** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2014 Global Markets Law Journal Writing Competition. The author of the winning essay will receive a cash prize of \$3,000. First runner-up will receive \$1,500 and second runner-up will receive \$500. For competition details and application go to <http://globalmarkets.jmls.edu/competition>. Deadline for submission is **February 15, 2014**.

Entries for The Symposium XXVII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [www.thesovereigntysymposium.com](http://www.thesovereigntysymposium.com). Entries must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. The symposium is the premier conference on Indian Law. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

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## A MESSAGE TO THE LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY

We want to remind the law school community that **official law school student organizations are fully sanctioned** by the law school and the university, and operate under all relevant rules and procedures. One of the hallmarks of an institution of higher learning, and particularly Catholic Marianist universities, is the **free flow exchange of ideas – both in and outside of the classroom**. Part of that free flow exchange of ideas may mean that ideas different than one’s own are put in the proverbial “public square” for consideration and debate. **Tolerance and respectful dissent are appropriate approaches to this reality, and very much in keeping with the speech traditions of Catholic Marianist universities**. The antithesis of a free flow exchange of ideas is any effort which has a chilling and/or silencing effect. Toward this end, please recall that officially sanctioned law school student organizations’ activities, posters and other advertising **should be respected, valued, and unaltered**. Mutual respect for others, their differences, and their ideas, must be part of our vibrant law school community.

**Thank you for your cooperation** in fostering this important and necessary culture and climate at the law school.

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Academic and Student Affairs

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Administration and Finance

## MOCK TRIAL TEAM WINS AWARD

This past weekend a **St. Mary's mock trial team**, composed of **Abel Aguirre, Kenny Lam, Clem Veters, Meagan Enriquez, Matt Powell, and Zach Zurek**, competed in the annual William Daniel National Mock Trial Competition, in Atlanta, Georgia. The team, which was coached by Ken Bell, won the **Most Professional Team** award. Please join us in congratulating the team and their coach on this fine showing.

## 2013 L. WAYNE AND MAXINE SCOTT NEGOTIATIONS COMPETITION WINNERS

The **Board of Advocates** (BOA) is proud to announce the successful completion of the 2013 L. Wayne and Maxine Scott Negotiations Competition. The teams did their best to come up with the best possible agreements for their clients. They were judged on preparation, ethics, flexibility, strategy, teamwork, good faith dealings with the competition and overall performance. The BOA **thanks all competitors** for their hard work and dedication to this competition. **Please join us in congratulating the following teams:**

### **Finalists**

1st Place, and Winner of \$750 - Julia Null & Andrew Trevino  
2nd Place, and Winner of \$250 - Mallory Myers & Courtney Miller

### **Semi-Finalists**

Evan Anders & Stephen Hebert  
Jonathan Ashton & Brian Durst

Professor L. Wayne Scott played a critical role in directing the Alternate Dispute Resolution program at St. Mary's University. Allen Craddock, Ph.D., Adjunct Negotiations Professor established this endowed competition to honor the Scotts for their tireless support of the school's advocacy program.

The BOA would also like to remind everyone to look forward to next semester's **FBA Moot Court competition January 27-31, 2014.**

Happy Holidays and good luck on finals!

### **MENTORS NEEDED FOR NEW 1L CLASS**

**Sign up to be a mentor** to the newly admitted 1L Class. Help promote St. Mary's Law and recruit a fantastic new 1L class. Time requirements are minimal and everything will be accomplished through e-mail. Please e-mail [Marychristianbarr@gmail.com](mailto:Marychristianbarr@gmail.com) for more information.

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

You are invited to the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass**. This is the Law School's annual celebration in recognition of its commitment to justice. A fiesta lunch will follow Mass on **Thursday, December 12, 2013, 12:00 p.m.**, The Center For Legal and Social Justice building, 2507 N.W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street, San Antonio, Texas, 78228.

### **ST. MARY'S VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) PROGRAM**

The **St. Mary's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** Program will be in its 12th year of consecutive operations this spring. We had outstanding results last year completing over **1,200 income tax returns**; resulting in refunds totaling over **2 million dollars**, primarily to low-income, working families in the neighborhoods around St. Mary's. Please consider helping with VITA this year. It is a great community service experience and a wonderful way in which St. Mary's University can leverage its strengths and talents to make a substantial, positive impact on the surrounding community. Volunteering with VITA is also a great way to gain skills in the field of tax and **earn pro bono college hours!**

You may visit <http://stmarytxvita.org/> to sign up for training. Training is held on various dates in January. Sessions generally last approximately eight (8) hours. We will provide light

breakfast and lunch. All training occurs in the Alkek building on the St. Mary's campus. For additional questions, please email [vitavolunteer@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vitavolunteer@stmarytx.edu).

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**SPRING POSITIONS STILL AVAILABLE**

**You may be the first to apply! All have previously hosted interns with great success!**

<i>Legal Areas</i>	<i>Department/Agency</i>	<i>Supervisor</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
Juvenile law	Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department	Lynne Wilkerson	<b>Dec. 31</b>
Disciplinary Committee litigation	State Bar of Texas (San Antonio)	James Ehler	<b>Dec. 2</b>
Juvenile/Education law	TRLA	Kathryn Newell	<b>Nov. 29</b>
Manufactured Homes litigation (trial prep for upcoming litigation)	TRLA	Raul Noriega	<b>Nov. 29</b>
Employment/Immigration law	Equal Justice Center	Philip Moss	<b>Dec. 31</b>

- These positions are eligible for credit or work study.
- If you don't have time this spring in your schedule, then think about applying for the summer internship position!

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## **COMPLETION OF LEGAL STUDIES CEREMONY**

The December 2013 **Completion of Legal Studies Ceremony** will be held on **Saturday, December 14, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** The ceremony will be held in the Law Classroom building, Ribis Courtroom (rooms 101-102-103). Students participating in the ceremony should plan to arrive by 9:00 a.m. to robe and line-up. A reception will follow at Lisa's Mexican Restaurant, 815 Bandera Road, San Antonio, Texas 78228. **Please RSVP** to Ms. Becky Adams at 210.431.5017 before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6, 2013.

## **ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

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 March 25, 2014. A letter applying for the scholarship should be emailed 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 25, 2013.**

**There are additional specialized scholarships** and would like you to let us know if you are eligible:

- If you are from St. Louis, Missouri, or
- If you were raised by a single parent employed in the legal sector or if you are a single parent employed in the legal sector (now or prior to law school) or
- If you are from Webb County

Please email your name and any other relevant information to Dean Mather at [vmather@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vmather@stmarytx.edu). We will look at GPA, class rank and need in awarding these scholarships in addition to the basic qualification listed above.

## **CLASS OF 2015 STUDENTS Applying to a Federal Clerkship**

The **Office of Career Services (OCS)** has received information that OSCAR is now open to all 2Ls. Please visit the site at <https://oscar.uscourts.gov> and see judges that are hiring for your class and apply to them through OSCAR or their preferred method of receipt. If you are interested in pursuing a federal clerkship after graduation OCS is here and ready to work with you to get your applications completed.

Below is a list of things **you should begin doing** to prepare for this process:

- 1) Review the court websites for all courts you are interested in applying to and create an excel spreadsheet that includes the names of the judges and the courts you are interested in. You can do this by Googling the court; go to their website and look up their list of judges.
- 2) Once you have created a list, meet with Alicia to discuss a timeline. She may be able to reach out to the courts and find out when the judges are hiring. Note: Alicia will be calling all state and federal judges in the state of Texas and will post their hiring timelines as an announcement in Symplicity as we get the information.
- 3) Start seeking out recommenders as you will need 2-3 and they are usually law school professors. Ask the recommenders to send their letters to Alicia at [amendozal@stmarytx.edu](mailto:amendozal@stmarytx.edu) in Word format. She will upload them to OSCAR and will print them for hard copy applications.
- 4) Most of this can be done after finals and we strongly recommend you make an appointment with OCS to review your game plan if you plan to apply to judges.

The official announcement from OSCAR and the Federal Courts is below. If you have any questions please contact Office of Career Services at 210.436.3511, email Director Patrick at [spatrick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:spatrick@stmarytx.edu) or Alicia at [amendozal@stmarytx.edu](mailto:amendozal@stmarytx.edu) or come visit OCS on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Law Library, room 216.

“The Administrative Office of the United States Courts and the OSCAR Working Group would like to thank the National Association for Law Placement (NALP) Judicial Clerkship Section and its law school members for providing informative feedback on the 2013 clerkship season. The OSCAR Working Group of judges and law school representatives recently met and, after careful consideration, recommended de-linking OSCAR from the Federal Law Clerk Hiring Plan (Hiring Plan). The first step is to allow second-year law school students (“2Ls”) access to OSCAR as soon as possible. In response, the Administrative Office has opened OSCAR to “2Ls” effective today (November 4, 2013), and OSCAR will release their applications when finalized rather than holding them until a specified release date.

As part of de-linking OSCAR from the Hiring Plan, the OSCAR Working Group will further consider providing first-year law school students (“1Ls”) access to OSCAR at its annual meeting in November. I will provide further information on the outcome of this deliberation after the meeting.

A transparent and fair recruitment process is important to the Administrative Office and the OSCAR Working Group. The Administrative Office Director, Judge John D. Bates, sent a communication today to all federal judges informing them that “2Ls” have access to OSCAR and their applications will be available online at the time of submission. The communication encouraged all judges to use OSCAR to accept applications online, post their positions, and maintain a current judge profile that communicates their hiring preferences.”

## **BE *THE* ATTORNEY OF RECORD**

Student Attorneys enrolled in Clinic courses for credit are gaining valuable skills and accomplishing great things for their clients!

Here are a few highlights:

### **Civil Justice Clinic Students**

- Protected an elderly widower from foreclosure by winning a motion for summary judgment.
- Wrote an administrative brief which resulted in a successful settlement offer with the IRS, saving the client \$20,000.
- Mediated and successfully settled a custody modification case.

### **Criminal Justice Clinic Students**

- Argued in a felony criminal appeal before Chief Justice Stone, Justice Marion and Justice Alvarez of the Fourth Court of Appeals.
- Prepared for a DWI trial with simulated exercises, including: jury selection, cross-examination, opening statements, and admitting evidence.

### **Immigration and Human Rights Clinic Students**

- Won asylum for three young siblings from Mexico in fear of drug violence involving members of their immediate family.
- Secured visas for victims of domestic violence under the Violence Against Women Act.

Please **be on the lookout for more information about Clinic applications**, how you can enroll, and be a part of Clinic during the Spring semester!

## **PRO BONO PROGRAM IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DO YOU HAVE OLD TRACKING FORMS?** All tracking forms are **due by December 14<sup>th</sup>**. This includes tracking for ANY past pro bono or community service activities. Any forms not received by December 14<sup>th</sup> are not guaranteed to be taken. You can turn the forms into carrel 101 or email a scan copy of [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

**NEW STUDENT COORDINATORS:** Welcome Kerriann Britt and Olivia Mallary to The Pro Bono Program. Kerriann will be working with our Family Law Clinic and Olivia will be working with People's Law School. We are proud to have you on our team.

**PRO BONO PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** St. Mary's Pro Bono Program is excited to announce that The Community Justice Program is now accepting applications for the AT&T Excellence in Pro Bono Spring 2014 Scholarship 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 toward fostering a lasting commitment to pro bono service in their future professional practice. This partnership between AT&T and the CJP provides the selected 2L or 3L, who is in the top third of their class, a \$2,500 scholarship for 60 hours of work for the CJP. Any St. Mary's law student who meets the criteria is eligible to apply and does not have to be a clinic student or have previously volunteered for CJP. **An application can be found on The Pro Bono /Public Service TWEN Page.** If you have any questions, please feel free to email [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

### **PRO BONO PROGRAM CONTACT AND 2014 DATES**

#### **Pro Bono Fellow**

Victoria Bongat – 210.438.6199 – [vbongat@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vbongat@stmarytx.edu)

#### **Pro Bono RA**

Julia E. Null - 214.914.2661 - [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com)

#### **Catholic Charities Legal Aid Clinic (formally Ask-A-Lawyer)**

Ashley Graham - 409.659.3161 - [agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu)

Kevin Bennett- 256.683.9204 - [kevin.bertan.bennett@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.bertan.bennett@gmail.com)

Clinic Dates TBA

#### **Texas RioGrande Legal Aid – Family law**

Julia E. Null - 214.914.2661- [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com)

Cynthia Olson-210.290.7819 - [colson2@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:colson2@mail.stmarytx.edu)

Kerriann Britt- 210.288.9356 - [Keabritt@gmail.com](mailto:Keabritt@gmail.com)

February 11, 2014

March 18, 2014

April 22, 2014

May 13, 2014

June 10, 2014

#### **St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice – Wills**

Rebecca Pitts -210.332.9704 - [rqpitts@hotmail.com](mailto:rqpitts@hotmail.com)

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January 21, 2014

April 15, 2014

#### **Audie L. Murphy Veterans Hospital – Veterans**

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January 17, 2014

February 21, 2014 - St. Mary's Journal  
March 21, 2014  
April 11, 2014  
May 16, 2014  
June 20, 2014

**Border Outreach**

Sister Susan Skidmore - 210.431.5752 - [sskidmore@stmarytx.edu](mailto:sskidmore@stmarytx.edu)  
Clinic Dates TBA

**People's Law School Student Coordinator & Law Ministry Assistant**

Naomi Howard - 512.699.5988 - [hownao@gmail.com](mailto:hownao@gmail.com)  
Olivia Mallary - 504.495.4196 - [olivia.mallary@gmail.com](mailto:olivia.mallary@gmail.com)  
February, 2014

**OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES  
2014 Spring Job Fairs**

- January 30-31 – Public Service Days, Austin at UT
- February 18 – Small Firm Interviewing/Networking Night
- February 21 – Austin Legal Job Fair
- February 28 – Metroplex Legal Job Fair (Dallas/Ft. Worth)
- March 3 – Deadline to apply for El Paso and Midland/Odessa Virtual Job Fairs
- March 7 – Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day at TAMUCC
- March 14 – Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg
- March 21 – Houston Legal Job Fair

Stay tuned to the OCS weekly updates for information on how to apply.

**NOISE LEVELS IN THE LAW CLASSROOM BUILDING**

Many students and professors have complained about **excessive noise in the hallways** of the law classroom building. Please remember that classes are in session during most hours of the day and evening. **Group conversations should be kept quiet or moved outside.** Thank you!

**TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LAW STUDENTS**

The **State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)** has produced a quick video about how TLAP **can help law students** navigate the pressures of law school. It's on the Bar's web page and Twitter Account. Twitter (<https://twitter.com/texasbartoday>); YouTube <http://youtu.be/eubczDDH8Q0>



## TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is **November 30, 2013**.

<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	<b>November 30</b>	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 SKILLS REQUIREMENTS AVAILABLE SPRING 2014

St. Mary's now offers two additional ways to meet student practice skills requirement for graduation. Both avenues are available to students in Spring 2014.

### 1) Contract Drafting with Professor Walch

The **Contract Drafting** course will teach students the principles of contemporary commercial drafting and introduce them to documents typically used in a variety of transactions. The skills students will gain will be applicable to any transactional practice and will even be useful to litigators. On finishing the course, students should know: the business purpose of each of the contract concepts; how to translate the business deal into contract concepts; how to draft each of a contract's parts; how to draft with clarity and without ambiguity; how to add value to a deal; how to work through the drafting process; and how to review and comment on a contract. Students will perform drafting and contract negotiation exercises throughout the semester, and course grades will be based on several drafting exercises and class participation.

### 2) The Practice Credit Program: Externship

The PCP Externship course for three credit hours will now meet the practice skills requirement. The PCP Externship course offers students the opportunity to earn three academic credits while performing a legal externship for a minimum of 180 hours at a non-profit, government, and select general counsel's offices (NEW ADDITION). Details of the program may be found at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/centers/practice-credit-program/externships/>. For more information, please contact Amanda Rivas at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.5712.

## EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS REOPENS FELLOWS APPLICATIONS IN TEXAS FOR TAJF-FUNDED LEGAL AID PROGRAMS

Texas Access to Justice Foundation (TAJF) has provided funding for Equal Justice

Works (EJW) Fellowships at TAJF grantee sites since 1999. Recently TAJF learned the EJWs' applicant pool for the 2014-16 class has very few applicants with TAJF grantees as the host organization. TAJF has asked EJW to **re-open the application** to expand and diversify the pool. Equal Justice Works is re-opening the competition and strongly encourages third-year law students to consider applying. The **new deadline for Fellowship applications is December 1, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. EDT**. Depending on funding, EJW is able to provide between 45-55 two-year fellowships annually. Fellows receive a competitive salary, generous loan repayment assistance, connections to their prominent sponsors, participation in trainings, and additional support during their two-year tenure. **To apply to the program** please go to <http://equaljusticeworks.org/post-grad/equal-justice-works-fellowships/apply> and to **download the application guide**, go to [http://files.equaljusticeworks.org/2014\\_ejw\\_fellowship\\_app\\_guide.pdf](http://files.equaljusticeworks.org/2014_ejw_fellowship_app_guide.pdf).

## **BIBLE STUDY ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY**

Please join us at **weekly bible study** hosted by the **St. Thomas More Society** every **Wednesday from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Raba, LF 202A**. We will have a brief lesson and discussion every week over the gospel. The discussion will be focused on how we can apply what we have learned to our future careers. Also, we will end our study with a short meeting to keep members informed about upcoming events. Snacks will be provided so come hungry. For more information please contact Seth Sullivan at [sully078@aol.com](mailto:sully078@aol.com) or Kerriann Britt at [keabritt@gmail.com](mailto:keabritt@gmail.com).

## **EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS**

Those interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "**Bible Class**". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the **small conference room** at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the **Raba building**. Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook! For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or [\(361\) 920-3504](tel:(361)920-3504).

## **ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS EVENT SET-UPS**

**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**.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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

**Texas Aviation and Space Lawyers** Scholarship and the Aviation Law Section of the State Bar of Texas seek nominations for a \$2,000 scholarship for a deserving second or third year law student pursuing the study of Aviation and Space Law. Nominations must be received by **December 10, 2013**.

**Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP** is pleased to announce its Diversity Scholars Award of \$2,000 to one deserving second-year law student in each region. For more information and to download an application, please go online to <http://www.constangy.com/f-4.html>. Completed applications must be received by **December 11, 2013**.

The **State Bar of Texas Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law (REPTL)** announces their 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 23, 2013**.

The **Florida State University** Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law will present awards for the outstanding original papers submitted by a law student. Prize is \$250. Deadline to submit a paper is **January 2 2014**. For more information please go to <http://med.fsu.edu/?fuseaction=news.viewArticle&usemenu=innovativeCollaboration&newsID=493>.

The **GRAMMY Foundation** along with the **ABA Forum on the entertainment and Sports Industries** announces the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition. First place winner receives \$5,000 and four runner-ups will receive \$1,500. For additional information and competition rules, please visit the Grammy Foundation website at <http://www.grammy.org/news/grammy-foundation-launches-16th-annual-entertainment-law-initiative-writing-competition>. **Deadline January 4, 2013**.

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 see [http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/\\_docs/Donald%20W%20Banner%20Diversity%20Scholarship.pdf](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/_docs/Donald%20W%20Banner%20Diversity%20Scholarship.pdf) for details of this scholarship. Applications are now being accepted through **January 6, 2014**.

**NEW** – **The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM)** presents its 2014 student writing competition in law, medicine and bioethics. The ACLM will present awards for outstanding original papers written by law or health professions students. First place prize is \$1,000, second is \$500 and third is \$250. Please visit <http://www.aclm.org/dirAbout/Competition/docs/2014-Student-Writing-Competition.aspx> or

email [info@aclm.org](mailto:info@aclm.org). Deadline is **January 6, 2014**.

Enter the 27th Annual **Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest** for a chance to win up to \$2,500 and a paid trip to the Section Spring Meeting in Los Angeles, CA. Submissions are due **January 10, 2014**. For more details regarding the contest requirements and to download a 2014 submission entry form please visit the American Bar Association website at [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/business\\_law/initiatives\\_awards/mendes\\_hershman.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/business_law/initiatives_awards/mendes_hershman.html).

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its annual Law Review Award competition to recognize an outstanding note or comment written by a law student who is associated with a student-edited law review or journal. For information on how to apply, please visit [http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/LR\\_%20Entry\\_Form.pdf](http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/LR_%20Entry_Form.pdf). Deadline to apply is **January 17, 2014**.

UCLA School of Law, The **Dukeminier Awards** Best Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law Review Articles 2013 Student Writing Competition. Submission deadline is **January 17, 2014**. Prize is \$1,000. <http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/dukeminierstudent-writing-competition/>.

[The Ladas Memorial Award Competition](#) is now accepting papers. The winner receives \$2,000 and publication in *The Trademark Reporter*, INTA's legal journal. Deadline to apply is **January 17, 2014**.

**Jackson Lewis LLP and IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law's Institute for Law and the Workplace** will co-sponsor the 2013-2014 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 21, 2014**.

**NEW - Epstein Becker & Green, P.C.**, a national firm engaged in the practice of health care and life sciences law, is pleased to announce its Sixteenth Annual Health Law Writing Competition. Cash prizes will be awarded for the three best papers. First place, \$4,000, Second place, \$2,000 and Third place, \$500. Additional information and an official entry form can be found at: <http://www.ebglaw.com/healthlawwriting>. Competition entries are due **January 24, 2014**.

**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 go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2014**.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its seventh

annual **Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition** on Regulatory and Administrative Law. This competition is open to practicing lawyers, policy makers, academics, and law students. The author of the winning paper in each category will receive a cash prize of \$1,500. For competition details and more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition?mgs1=b0005ASpIx&mgs1=6824d8VBxx>. Deadline for submissions is **February 7, 2014**.

**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. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2014**. Competition rules are available at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org).

The **Center for International Law** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2014 Global Markets Law Journal Writing Competition. The author of the winning essay will receive a cash prize of \$3,000. First runner-up will receive \$1,500 and second runner-up will receive \$500. For competition details and application go to <http://globalmarkets.jmls.edu/competition>. Deadline for submission is **February 14, 2014**.

**NEW** – **American University Washington College of Law** Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and the American Society of International Law's (ASIL) Lieber Society seek submissions of papers for the fourth annual International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. Deadline for submissions is **Sunday, February 16, 2014 at 11:59 p.m.**, Eastern Standard Time. For detailed competition rules, please visit <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/2014internationalhumanitarianlawihlstudentwritingcompetition.cfm>.

Entries for The Symposium XXVII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [www.thesovereignty\\_symposium.com](http://www.thesovereignty_symposium.com). Entries must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. The symposium is the premier conference on Indian Law. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty\\_symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty_symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

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## HISPANIC NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION MOOT COURT COMPETITION

**Congratulations** to **Marisa Aragon** and **Amanda Lopez** who have been selected to represent St. Mary's University School of Law at the Hispanic National Bar Association's Moot Court Competition in Orlando, Florida, March 19-22, 2014. Please join us in wishing them well in Orlando.

## TOY DRIVE

The School of Law will host a **toy drive** to benefit the University Police Department's **Miracle on 36<sup>th</sup> Street program** and the **Healy-Murphy Center**. Stop by the Angel Christmas Tree in RABA, select an ornament and return the ornament with an unwrapped gift to the Angel Tree **no later than December 11, 2013**. The Christmas gifts for BABIES will be donated to the Healy-Murphy Center. Please contact Sister Grace Walle at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436.3063 with any questions.

## ADVENT CELEBRATION

Bring your family for a fun-filled afternoon of stories, songs, and crafts to celebrate **Advent on Saturday, December 7, 2013, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., Alumni Room**, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. This interactive event will be led by Dr. Jennifer Grenardo, Ed.D., who will teach fun ways to bring **Advent to life** for you and your children. She will also share and make available her first Catholic children's book, *Danny Celebrates Advent*. To **register for this free event**, please email [grenardo@comcast.net](mailto:grenardo@comcast.net).

## POPCORN IN THE COURTYARD

Take a study break and pick up a free **bag of popcorn** on Wednesday, **December 4** and Wednesday, **December 11, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.** in the law courtyard. If inclement weather, popcorn will be served in the Raba foyer. This event is sponsored by the Office of Career Services.

## A MESSAGE TO THE LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY

We want to remind the law school community that **official law school student organizations are fully sanctioned** by the law school and the university, and operate under all relevant rules and procedures. One of the hallmarks of an institution of higher learning, and particularly Catholic Marianist universities, is the **free flow exchange of ideas – both in and outside of the classroom**. Part of that free flow exchange of ideas may mean that ideas different than one's own are put in the proverbial "public square" for consideration and debate. **Tolerance and respectful dissent are appropriate approaches to this reality, and very much in keeping with the speech traditions of Catholic Marianist universities**. The antithesis of a free flow exchange of ideas is any effort which has a chilling and/or silencing effect. Toward this end, please recall that officially sanctioned law school student organizations' activities, posters and other advertising **should be respected, valued, and unaltered**. Mutual respect for



others, their differences, and their ideas, must be part of our vibrant law school community.

**Thank you for your cooperation** in fostering this important and necessary culture and climate at the law school.

Charles E. Cantú  
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Distinguished South Texas  
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Clinical Education and Pro Bono

Victoria Mather  
Associate Dean for  
Academic and Student Affairs

Reynaldo Anaya Valencia  
Associate Dean for  
Administration and Finance

### **MENTORS NEEDED FOR NEW 1L CLASS**

**Sign up to be a mentor** to the newly admitted 1L Class. Help promote St. Mary's Law and recruit a fantastic new 1L class. Time requirements are minimal and everything will be accomplished through email. Please email [marychristianbarr@gmail.com](mailto:marychristianbarr@gmail.com) for more information.

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

You are invited to the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass**. This is the Law School's annual celebration in recognition of its commitment to justice. A fiesta lunch will follow Mass on **Thursday, December 12, 2013, 12:00 p.m.**, The Center For Legal and Social Justice building, 2507 N.W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street, San Antonio, Texas, 78228.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VITA PROGRAM**

The **St. Mary's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** Program will be in its 12th year of consecutive operations this spring. We had outstanding results last year completing over **1,200 income tax returns**; resulting in refunds totaling over 2 million dollars, primarily to low-income, working families in the neighborhoods around St. Mary's. **Please consider helping the VITA program this year.** It is a great community service experience and a wonderful way in which St. Mary's University can leverage its strengths and talents to make a substantial, positive impact on the surrounding community. Volunteering with VITA is also a great way to gain skills in the field of tax and **earn pro bono college hours!**

You may visit <http://stmarytxvita.org/> to sign up for training. Training is held on various dates in January. Sessions generally last approximately eight (8) hours. We will provide light breakfast and lunch. All training occurs in the Alkek building on the St. Mary's campus. For additional questions, please email [vitavolunteer@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vitavolunteer@stmarytx.edu).

**PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS**  
**LOOKING TO GAIN LEGAL EXPERIENCE AND GET ACADEMIC CREDIT?**  
**Spring or Summer 2014**  
**INTERNSHIPS/EXTERNSHIPS**

**SPRING POSITIONS STILL AVAILABLE**

**You may be the first to apply! All have previously hosted interns with great success!**

<i>Legal Areas</i>	<i>Department/Agency</i>	<i>Supervisor</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
Juvenile law	Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department	Lynne Wilkerson	<b>Dec. 31</b>
Juvenile/Education law	TRLA	Kathryn Newell	<b>Nov. 29</b>
Manufactured Homes litigation (trial prep for upcoming litigation)	TRLA	Raul Noriega	<b>Nov. 29</b>
Employment/Immigration law	Equal Justice Center	Philip Moss	<b>Dec. 31</b>

- These positions are eligible for credit or work study.
- If you don't have time this spring in your schedule, then think about applying for the summer internship position!

**START NOW:** Check out Symplicity or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. For eligibility questions, please contact **Amanda Rivas**, [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu).

**Best Advice NOW:** Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a meeting to save you time and energy. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: (210) 431.5712.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS at Career Services Office: Monday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and Thursday, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

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:** The PCP Externship program requires a MANDATORY class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class.

**Spring Class:      Friday, January 10, 2014**  
**Summer Classes: Saturday, May 10, 2014**  
**Saturday, June 7, 2014**

***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.

## COMPLETION OF LEGAL STUDIES CEREMONY

The **Completion of Legal Studies Ceremony** will be held on **Saturday, December 14, 2013** at **10:00 a.m.** in the Law Classroom building, Ribis Courtroom (rooms 101-102-103). Students participating in the ceremony should plan to arrive by 9:00 a.m. to robe and line-up. A reception will follow at Lisa's Mexican Restaurant, 815 Bandera Road, San Antonio, Texas 78228. **Please RSVP** to Ms. Becky Adams at 210.431.5017 before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6, 2013.

## SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 March 25, 2014. A letter applying for the scholarship should be emailed 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 25, 2013**.

**There are additional specialized scholarships** and would like you to let us know if you are eligible:

- If you are from St. Louis, Missouri, or
- If you were raised by a single parent employed in the legal sector or if you are a single parent employed in the legal sector (now or prior to law school) or
- If you are from Webb County

Please email your name and any other relevant information to Dean Mather at [vmather@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vmather@stmarytx.edu). We will look at GPA, class rank and need in awarding these scholarships in addition to the basic qualification listed above.

## CLASS OF 2015 STUDENTS Applying to a Federal Clerkship

The **Office of Career Services** (OCS) has received information that OSCAR is now open to all 2Ls. Please visit the site at <https://oscar.uscourts.gov> and see judges that are hiring for your class and apply to them through OSCAR or their preferred method of receipt. If you are interested in pursuing a federal clerkship after graduation OCS is here and ready to work with you to get your applications completed.

Below is a list of things **you should begin doing** to prepare for this process:

- 1) Review the court websites for all courts you are interested in applying to and create an excel spreadsheet that includes the names of the judges and the courts

you are interested in. You can do this by Googling the court; go to their website and look up their list of judges.

- 2) Once you have created a list, meet with Alicia to discuss a timeline. She may be able to reach out to the courts and find out when the judges are hiring. Note: Alicia will be calling all state and federal judges in the state of Texas and will post their hiring timelines as an announcement in Symplicity as we get the information.
- 3) Start seeking out recommenders as you will need 2-3 and they are usually law school professors. Ask the recommenders to send their letters to Alicia at [amendoza1@stmarytx.edu](mailto:amendoza1@stmarytx.edu) in Word format. She will upload them to OSCAR and will print them for hard copy applications.
- 4) Most of this can be done after finals and we strongly recommend you make an appointment with OCS to review your game plan if you plan to apply to judges.

The official announcement from OSCAR and the Federal Courts is below. If you have any questions please contact Office of Career Services at 210.436.3511, email Director Patrick at [spatrick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:spatrick@stmarytx.edu) or Alicia at [amendoza1@stmarytx.edu](mailto:amendoza1@stmarytx.edu) or come visit OCS on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Law Library, room 216.

“The Administrative Office of the United States Courts and the OSCAR Working Group would like to thank the National Association for Law Placement (NALP) Judicial Clerkship Section and its law school members for providing informative feedback on the 2013 clerkship season. The OSCAR Working Group of judges and law school representatives recently met and, after careful consideration, recommended de-linking OSCAR from the Federal Law Clerk Hiring Plan (Hiring Plan). The first step is to allow second-year law school students (“2Ls”) access to OSCAR as soon as possible. In response, the Administrative Office has opened OSCAR to “2Ls” effective today (November 4, 2013), and OSCAR will release their applications when finalized rather than holding them until a specified release date.

As part of de-linking OSCAR from the Hiring Plan, the OSCAR Working Group will further consider providing first-year law school students (“1Ls”) access to OSCAR at its annual meeting in November. I will provide further information on the outcome of this deliberation after the meeting.

A transparent and fair recruitment process is important to the Administrative Office and the OSCAR Working Group. The Administrative Office Director, Judge John D. Bates, sent a communication today to all federal judges informing them that “2Ls” have access to OSCAR and their applications will be available online at the time of submission. The communication encouraged all judges to use OSCAR to accept applications online, post their positions, and maintain a current judge profile that communicates their hiring preferences.”

## **BE *THE* ATTORNEY OF RECORD**

Student Attorneys enrolled in Clinic courses for credit are gaining valuable skills and accomplishing great things for their clients!

Here are a few highlights:

### **Civil Justice Clinic Students**

- Protected an elderly widower from foreclosure by winning a motion for summary judgment.
- Wrote an administrative brief which resulted in a successful settlement offer with the IRS, saving the client \$20,000.
- Mediated and successfully settled a custody modification case.

### **Criminal Justice Clinic Students**

- Argued in a felony criminal appeal before Chief Justice Stone, Justice Marion and Justice Alvarez of the Fourth Court of Appeals.
- Prepared for a DWI trial with simulated exercises, including: jury selection, cross-examination, opening statements, and admitting evidence.

### **Immigration and Human Rights Clinic Students**

- Won asylum for three young siblings from Mexico in fear of drug violence involving members of their immediate family.
- Secured visas for victims of domestic violence under the Violence Against Women Act.

Please **be on the lookout for more information about Clinic applications**, how you can enroll, and be a part of Clinic during the Spring semester!

## **PRO BONO PROGRAM IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DO YOU HAVE OLD TRACKING FORMS?** All tracking forms are **due by December 14<sup>th</sup>**. This includes tracking for ANY past pro bono or community service activities. Any forms not received by December 14<sup>th</sup> are not guaranteed to be taken. You can turn the forms into carrel 101 or email a scan copy of [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

**NEW STUDENT COORDINATORS:** Welcome Kerriann Britt and Olivia Mallery to The Pro Bono Program. Kerriann will be working with our Family Law Clinic and Olivia will be working with People's Law School. We are proud to have you on our team.

**PRO BONO PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** St. Mary's Pro Bono Program is excited to announce that The Community Justice Program is **now accepting applications for the AT&T Excellence in Pro Bono Spring 2014 Scholarship 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 toward fostering a lasting commitment to pro bono service in their future professional practice. This partnership between AT&T and the CJP provides the selected 2L or 3L, who is in the top third of their class, a \$2,500 scholarship for 60 hours of work for the CJP. Any St. Mary's law student who meets the criteria is eligible to apply and does not have to be a clinic student or have previously volunteered for CJP. **An application can be found on The Pro Bono /Public Service TWEN Page.** If you have any questions, please feel free to email [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

### **PRO BONO PROGRAM CONTACT AND 2014 DATES**

#### **Pro Bono Fellow**

Victoria Bongat – 210.438.6199 – [vbongat@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vbongat@stmarytx.edu)

#### **Pro Bono RA**

Julia E. Null - 214.914.2661 - [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com)

#### **Catholic Charities Legal Aid Clinic (formally Ask-A-Lawyer)**

Ashley Graham - 409.659.3161 - [agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu)

Kevin Bennett- 256.683.9204 - [kevin.bertan.bennett@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.bertan.bennett@gmail.com)

Clinic Dates TBA

#### **Texas RioGrande Legal Aid – Family law**

Julia E. Null - 214.914.2661- [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com)

Cynthia Olson-210.290.7819 - [colson2@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:colson2@mail.stmarytx.edu)

Kerriann Britt- 210.288.9356 - [Keabritt@gmail.com](mailto:Keabritt@gmail.com)

February 11, 2014

March 18, 2014

April 22, 2014

May 13, 2014

June 10, 2014

#### **St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice – Wills**

Rebecca Pitts -210.332.9704 - [rqpitts@hotmail.com](mailto:rqpitts@hotmail.com)

Landry Redding - 512.694.6980 - [landryredding@yahoo.com](mailto:landryredding@yahoo.com)

January 21, 2014

April 15, 2014

#### **Audie L. Murphy Veterans Hospital – Veterans**

Lisa Germano - 860.922.6356 - [lisabeth.germano@gmail.com](mailto:lisabeth.germano@gmail.com)

Paolo M Nangcas - 832.363.7501 - [paolonangcas@utexas.edu](mailto:paolonangcas@utexas.edu)

January 17, 2014  
 February 21, 2014 - St. Mary's Journal  
 March 21, 2014  
 April 11, 2014  
 May 16, 2014  
 June 20, 2014

**Border Outreach**

Sister Susan Skidmore - 210.431.5752 - [sskidmore@stmarytx.edu](mailto:sskidmore@stmarytx.edu)  
 Clinic Dates TBA

**People's Law School Student Coordinator & Law Ministry Assistant**

Naomi Howard - 512.699.5988 - [hownao@gmail.com](mailto:hownao@gmail.com)  
 Olivia Mallary - 504.495.4196 - [olivia.mallary@gmail.com](mailto:olivia.mallary@gmail.com)  
 February, 2014

**OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES  
 2014 Spring Job Fairs**

- January 30-31 – Public Service Days, Austin at UT
- February 18 – Small Firm Interviewing/Networking Night
- February 21 – Austin Legal Job Fair
- February 28 – Metroplex Legal Job Fair (Dallas/Ft. Worth)
- March 3 – Deadline to apply for El Paso and Midland/Odessa Virtual Job Fairs
- March 7 – Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day at TAMUCC
- March 14 – Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg
- March 21 – Houston Legal Job Fair

Stay tuned to the OCS weekly updates for information on how to apply.

**TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES**

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is **January 30, 2013**.

<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	<b>January 30</b>	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.

## TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LAW STUDENTS

The **State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)** has produced a quick video about how TLAP can help law students navigate the pressures of law school. It's on the Bar's web page and Twitter Account. Twitter (<https://twitter.com/texasbartoday>); YouTube <http://youtu.be/eubczDDH8Q0>

## PRACTICE SKILLS REQUIREMENTS AVAILABLE SPRING 2014

St. Mary's now offers two additional ways to meet student practice skills requirement for graduation. Both avenues are available to students in Spring 2014.

### 1) Contract Drafting with Professor Walch

The **Contract Drafting** course will teach students the principles of contemporary commercial drafting and introduce them to documents typically used in a variety of transactions. The skills students will gain will be applicable to any transactional practice and will even be useful to litigators. On finishing the course, students should know: the business purpose of each of the contract concepts; how to translate the business deal into contract concepts; how to draft each of a contract's parts; how to draft with clarity and without ambiguity; how to add value to a deal; how to work through the drafting process; and how to review and comment on a contract. Students will perform drafting and contract negotiation exercises throughout the semester, and course grades will be based on several drafting exercises and class participation.

### 2) The Practice Credit Program: Externship

The PCP Externship course for three credit hours will now meet the practice skills requirement. The PCP Externship course offers students the opportunity to earn three academic credits while performing a legal externship for a minimum of 180 hours at a non-profit, government, and select general counsel's offices (NEW ADDITION). Details of the program may be found at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/centers/practice-credit-program/externships/>. For more information, please contact Amanda Rivas at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.5712.

## BIBLE STUDY ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY

Please join us at **weekly bible study** hosted by the **St. Thomas More Society** every **Wednesday from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Raba, LF 202A**. We will have a brief lesson and discussion every week over the gospel. The discussion will be focused on how we can apply what we have learned to our future careers. Also, we will end our study with a short meeting to keep members informed about upcoming events. Snacks will be provided so come hungry. For more information please contact Seth Sullivan at [sully078@aol.com](mailto:sully078@aol.com) or Kerriann Britt at [keabritt@gmail.com](mailto:keabritt@gmail.com).



## EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS

Those interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "**Bible Class**". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the **small conference room** at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the **Raba building**. Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook! For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or (361) 920-3504.

## ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS EVENT SET-UPS

**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**.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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

**NEW** –The **National Law Review** (NLR) is hosting their November 2013 Law Student Writing Competition. Suggested topic is healthcare law. Submission deadline is Monday, **December 9, 2013**. For more information and submission guidelines, please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

**Texas Aviation and Space Lawyers** Scholarship and the Aviation Law Section of the State Bar of Texas seek nominations for a \$2,000 scholarship for a deserving second or third year law student pursuing the study of Aviation and Space Law. Nominations must be received by **December 10, 2013**.

**Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP** is pleased to announce its Diversity Scholars Award of \$2,000 to one deserving second-year law student in each region. For more information and to download an application, please go online to <http://www.constangy.com/f-4.html>. Completed applications must be received by **December 11, 2013**.

The **State Bar of Texas Section of Real Property**, Probate and Trust Law (REPTL) announces their 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 23, 2013**.

The **Florida State University** Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law will present awards for the outstanding original papers submitted by a law student. Prize is \$250. Deadline to submit a paper is **January 2 2014**. For more information please go to <http://med.fsu.edu/?fuseaction=news.viewArticle&usemenu=innovativeCollaboration&newsID=493>.

The **GRAMMY Foundation** along with the **ABA Forum on the entertainment and Sports Industries** announces the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition. First place winner receives \$5,000 and four runner-ups will receive \$1,500. For additional information and competition rules, please visit the Grammy Foundation website at <http://www.grammy.org/news/grammy-foundation-launches-16th-annual-entertainment-law-initiative-writing-competition>. **Deadline January 4, 2013**.

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 see <http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/docs/Donald%20W%20Banner%20Diversity%20Scholarship.pdf> for details of this scholarship. Applications are now being accepted through **January 6, 2014**.

The **American College of Legal Medicine** (ACLM) presents its 2014 student writing competition in law, medicine and bioethics. The ACLM will present awards for outstanding original papers written by law or health professions students. First place prize is \$1,000, second is \$500 and third is \$250. Please visit <http://www.aclm.org/dirAbout/Competition/docs/2014-Student-Writing-Competition.aspx> or email [info@aclm.org](mailto:info@aclm.org). Deadline is **January 6, 2014**.

Enter the 27th Annual **Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest** for a chance to win up to \$2,500 and a paid trip to the Section Spring Meeting in Los Angeles, CA. Submissions are due **January 10, 2014**. For more details regarding the contest requirements and to download a 2014 submission entry form please visit the American Bar Association website at [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/business\\_law/initiatives\\_awards/mendes\\_hershman.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/business_law/initiatives_awards/mendes_hershman.html).

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its annual Law Review Award competition to recognize an outstanding note or coment written by a law student who is associated with a student-edited law review or journal. For information on how apply, please visit [http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/LR\\_%20Entry\\_Form.pdf](http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/LR_%20Entry_Form.pdf). Deadline to apply is **January 17, 2014**.

UCLA School of Law, The **Dukeminier Awards** Best Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law Review Articles 2013 Student Writing Competition. Submission deadline is

**January 17, 2014.** Prize is \$1,000. <http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/dukeminierstudent-writing-competition/>.

[The Ladas Memorial Award Competition](#) is now accepting papers. The winner receives \$2,000 and publication in *The Trademark Reporter*, INTA's legal journal. Deadline to apply is **January 17, 2014**.

**Jackson Lewis LLP and IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law's Institute for Law and the Workplace** will co-sponsor the 2013-2014 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 21, 2014**.

**Epstein Becker & Green, P.C.**, a national firm engaged in the practice of health care and life sciences law, is pleased to announce its Sixteenth Annual Health Law Writing Competition. Cash prizes will be awarded for the three best papers. First place, \$4,000, Second place, \$2,000 and Third place, \$500. Additional information and an official entry form can be found at: <http://www.ebglaw.com/healthlawwriting>. Competition entries are due **January 24, 2014**.

**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 go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2014**.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its seventh annual **Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition** on Regulatory and Administrative Law. This competition is open to practicing lawyers, policy makers, academics, and law students. The author of the winning paper in each category will receive a cash prize of \$1,500. For competition details and more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition?mgs1=b0005ASpIx&mgs1=6824d8VBxx>. Deadline for submissions is **February 7, 2014**.

**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. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2014**. Competition rules are available at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org).

The **Center for International Law** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2014 Global Markets Law Journal Writing Competition. The author of

the winning essay will receive a cash prize of \$3,000. First runner-up will receive \$1,500 and second runner-up will receive \$500. For competition details and application go to <http://globalmarkets.jmls.edu/competition>. Deadline for submission is **February 14, 2014**.

**American University Washington College of Law** Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and the American Society of International Law's (ASIL) Lieber Society seek submissions of papers for the fourth annual International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. Deadline for submissions is **Sunday, February 16, 2014 at 11:59 p.m.**, Eastern Standard Time. For detailed competition rules, please visit <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/2014internationalhumanitarianlawihlstudentwritingcompetition.cfm>.

Entries for The Symposium XXVII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [www.thesovereigntysymposium.com](http://www.thesovereigntysymposium.com). Entries must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**.

**NEW** – Defense Research Institute (DRI) announces its annual **Law Student Diversity Scholarship** program open to **incoming second and third-year** African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian and Native American students. Incoming second and third-year female law students are also eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity. Incoming second and third-year law students who also come from backgrounds that would add to the cause of diversity, regardless of race or gender are eligible to apply. Students who are members of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), Law School or Law Student members of AAJ or students otherwise affiliated with or employed by AAJ are not eligible for DRI Law Student Diversity Scholarships. To qualify for this scholarship, candidate must be a full-time student or evening student who has completed two-thirds or more of the total credit hours requirement for a degree by the applicant's law school. The goal of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance to two worthy law students from ABA accredited law schools in order to promote, in a tangible way, the DRI Diversity Statement in Principle. Two scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each will be awarded to applicants who best meet the following criteria: Demonstrated academic excellence, service to the profession, service to the community, service to the cause of diversity. Deadline to apply is **April 19, 2013**. For more information please visit <http://www.dri.org/about>.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

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## TOY DRIVE

The School of Law will host a **toy drive** to benefit the University Police Department's **Miracle on 36<sup>th</sup> Street program** and the **Healy-Murphy Center**. Stop by the Angel Christmas Tree in RABA, select an ornament and return the ornament with an unwrapped gift to the Angel Tree **no later than December 11, 2013**. The Christmas gifts for BABIES will be donated to the Healy-Murphy Center. Please contact Sister Grace Walle at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436.3063 with any questions.

## POPCORN IN THE COURTYARD

Take a study break and pick up a free **bag of popcorn** on Wednesday, **December 11, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.** in the law courtyard. If inclement weather, popcorn will be served in the Raba foyer. This event is sponsored by the Office of Career Services.

## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

You are invited to the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass**. This is the Law School's annual celebration in recognition of its commitment to justice. A fiesta lunch will follow Mass on **Thursday, December 12, 2013, 12:00 p.m.**, The Center For Legal and Social Justice building, 2507 N.W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street, San Antonio, Texas, 78228.

## MENTORS NEEDED FOR NEW 1L CLASS

**Sign up to be a mentor** to the newly admitted 1L Class. Help promote St. Mary's Law and recruit a fantastic new 1L class. Time requirements are minimal and everything will be accomplished through email. Please email [marychristianbarr@gmail.com](mailto:marychristianbarr@gmail.com) for more information.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VITA PROGRAM

The **St. Mary's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** Program will be in its 12th year of consecutive operations this spring. We had outstanding results last year completing over **1,200 income tax returns**; resulting in refunds totaling over 2 million dollars, primarily to low-income, working families in the neighborhoods around St. Mary's. **Please consider helping the VITA program this year.** It is a great community service experience and a wonderful way

in which St. Mary's University can leverage its strengths and talents to make a substantial, positive impact on the surrounding community. Volunteering with VITA is also a great way to gain skills in the field of tax and **earn pro bono college hours!**

You may visit <http://stmarytxvita.org/> to sign up for training. Training is held on various dates in January. Sessions generally last approximately eight (8) hours. We will provide light breakfast and lunch. All training occurs in the Alkek building on the St. Mary's campus. For additional questions, please email [vita.volunteer@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vita.volunteer@stmarytx.edu).

**PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS  
Spring or Summer 2014  
INTERNSHIPS/EXTERNSHIPS**

**DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR SPRING POSITIONS**

**You may be the first to apply! All have previously hosted interns with great success!**

<i>Legal Areas</i>	<i>Department/Agency</i>	<i>Supervisor</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
Juvenile law	Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department	Lynne Wilkerson	<b>Dec. 31</b>
Juvenile/Education law	TRLA	Kathryn Newell	<b>Dec. 31</b>
Manufactured Homes litigation (trial prep for upcoming litigation)	TRLA	Raul Noriega	<b>Jan. 31</b>
Employment/Immigration law	Equal Justice Center	Philip Moss	<b>Dec. 31</b>

- These positions are eligible for credit or work study.
- If you don't have time this spring in your schedule, then think about applying for the summer internship position!

**START NOW:** Check out Symplicity or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. For eligibility questions, please contact **Amanda Rivas**, [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu).

**Best Advice NOW:** Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a meeting to save you time and energy. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: (210) 431.5712.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS at Career Services Office: Monday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and Thursday, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

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: The PCP Externship program requires a MANDATORY class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class.



**Spring Class:      Friday, January 10, 2014**  
**Summer Classes: Saturday, May 10, 2014**  
**Saturday, June 7, 2014**

***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.*

### **SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

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 March 25, 2014. A letter applying for the scholarship should be emailed 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 25, 2013**.

**There are additional specialized scholarships** and would like you to let us know if you are eligible:

- If you are from St. Louis, Missouri, or
- If you were raised by a single parent employed in the legal sector or if you are a single parent employed in the legal sector (now or prior to law school) or
- If you are from Webb County

Please email your name and any other relevant information to Dean Mather at [vmather@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vmather@stmarytx.edu). We will look at GPA, class rank and need in awarding these scholarships in addition to the basic qualification listed above.

### **CLASS OF 2015 STUDENTS Applying to a Federal Clerkship**

The **Office of Career Services** (OCS) has received information that OSCAR is now open to all 2Ls. Please visit the site at <https://oscar.uscourts.gov> and see judges that are hiring for your class and apply to them through OSCAR or their preferred method of receipt. If you are interested in pursuing a federal clerkship after graduation OCS is here and ready to work with you to get your applications completed.

Below is a list of things **you should begin doing** to prepare for this process:

- 1) Review the court websites for all courts you are interested in applying to and create an excel spreadsheet that includes the names of the judges and the courts

you are interested in. You can do this by Googling the court; go to their website and look up their list of judges.

- 2) Once you have created a list, meet with Alicia to discuss a timeline. She may be able to reach out to the courts and find out when the judges are hiring. Note: Alicia will be calling all state and federal judges in the state of Texas and will post their hiring timelines as an announcement in Symplicity as we get the information.
- 3) Start seeking out recommenders as you will need 2-3 and they are usually law school professors. Ask the recommenders to send their letters to Alicia at [amendoza1@stmarytx.edu](mailto:amendoza1@stmarytx.edu) in Word format. She will upload them to OSCAR and will print them for hard copy applications.
- 4) Most of this can be done after finals and we strongly recommend you make an appointment with OCS to review your game plan if you plan to apply to judges.

The official announcement from OSCAR and the Federal Courts is below. If you have any questions please contact Office of Career Services at 210.436.3511, email Director Patrick at [spatrick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:spatrick@stmarytx.edu) or Alicia at [amendoza1@stmarytx.edu](mailto:amendoza1@stmarytx.edu) or come visit OCS on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Law Library, room 216.

“The Administrative Office of the United States Courts and the OSCAR Working Group would like to thank the National Association for Law Placement (NALP) Judicial Clerkship Section and its law school members for providing informative feedback on the 2013 clerkship season. The OSCAR Working Group of judges and law school representatives recently met and, after careful consideration, recommended de-linking OSCAR from the Federal Law Clerk Hiring Plan (Hiring Plan). The first step is to allow second-year law school students (“2Ls”) access to OSCAR as soon as possible. In response, the Administrative Office has opened OSCAR to “2Ls” effective today (November 4, 2013), and OSCAR will release their applications when finalized rather than holding them until a specified release date.

As part of de-linking OSCAR from the Hiring Plan, the OSCAR Working Group will further consider providing first-year law school students (“1Ls”) access to OSCAR at its annual meeting in November. I will provide further information on the outcome of this deliberation after the meeting.

A transparent and fair recruitment process is important to the Administrative Office and the OSCAR Working Group. The Administrative Office Director, Judge John D. Bates, sent a communication today to all federal judges informing them that “2Ls” have access to OSCAR and their applications will be available online at the time of submission. The communication encouraged all judges to use OSCAR to accept applications online, post their positions, and maintain a current judge profile that communicates their hiring preferences.”

## **BE *THE* ATTORNEY OF RECORD**

Student Attorneys enrolled in Clinic courses for credit are gaining valuable skills and accomplishing great things for their clients!

Here are a few highlights:

### **Civil Justice Clinic Students**

- Protected an elderly widower from foreclosure by winning a motion for summary judgment.
- Wrote an administrative brief which resulted in a successful settlement offer with the IRS, saving the client \$20,000.
- Mediated and successfully settled a custody modification case.

### **Criminal Justice Clinic Students**

- Argued in a felony criminal appeal before Chief Justice Stone, Justice Marion and Justice Alvarez of the Fourth Court of Appeals.
- Prepared for a DWI trial with simulated exercises, including: jury selection, cross-examination, opening statements, and admitting evidence.

### **Immigration and Human Rights Clinic Students**

- Won asylum for three young siblings from Mexico in fear of drug violence involving members of their immediate family.
- Secured visas for victims of domestic violence under the Violence Against Women Act.

Please **be on the lookout for more information about Clinic applications**, how you can enroll, and be a part of Clinic during the Spring semester!

## **PRO BONO TRACKING FORMS DUE THIS WEEK**

### **Pro Bono Announcements**

**DO YOU HAVE OLD TRACKING FORMS?** All tracking forms are **due by December 14<sup>th</sup>**. This includes tracking for ANY past pro bono or community service activities. Any forms not received by December 14<sup>th</sup> are not guaranteed to be accepted. You may submit the forms to carrel 101 or email a scan copy of [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

**PRO BONO PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** St. Mary's Pro Bono Program is excited to announce that The Community Justice Program is **now accepting applications for the AT&T Excellence in Pro Bono Spring 2014 Scholarship 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 toward fostering a lasting commitment to pro bono service in their future professional practice. This partnership between AT&T and the CJP provides the selected 2L or 3L, who is in the top third of their class, a \$2,500 scholarship for 60 hours of work for the CJP. Any St. Mary's law student who meets the criteria is eligible to apply and does not have to be a clinic student or have previously volunteered for CJP. **An application can be found on The Pro Bono /Public Service TWEN Page.** If you have any questions, please feel free to email [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

## **PRO BONO PROGRAM CONTACT AND 2014 DATES**

### **Pro Bono Fellow**

Victoria Bongat – 210.438.6199 – [vbongat@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vbongat@stmarytx.edu)

### **Pro Bono RA**

Julia E. Null - 214.914.2661 - [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com)

### **Catholic Charities Legal Aid Clinic (formally Ask-A-Lawyer)**

Ashley Graham - 409.659.3161 - [agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu)

Kevin Bennett- 256.683.9204 - [kevin.bertan.bennett@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.bertan.bennett@gmail.com)

Clinic Dates TBA

### **Texas RioGrande Legal Aid – Family law**

Julia E. Null - 214.914.2661- [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com)

Cynthia Olson-210.290.7819 - [colson2@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:colson2@mail.stmarytx.edu)

Kerriann Britt- 210.288.9356 - [Keabritt@gmail.com](mailto:Keabritt@gmail.com)

February 11, 2014

March 18, 2014

April 22, 2014

May 13, 2014

June 10, 2014

### **St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice – Wills**

Rebecca Pitts -210.332.9704 - [rqpitts@hotmail.com](mailto:rqpitts@hotmail.com)

Landry Redding - 512.694.6980 - [landryredding@yahoo.com](mailto:landryredding@yahoo.com)

January 21, 2014

April 15, 2014

### **Audie L. Murphy Veterans Hospital – Veterans**

Lisa Germano - 860.922.6356 - [lisabeth.germano@gmail.com](mailto:lisabeth.germano@gmail.com)

Paolo M Nangcas - 832.363.7501 - [paolonangcas@utexas.edu](mailto:paolonangcas@utexas.edu)

January 17, 2014

February 21, 2014 - St. Mary's Journal

March 21, 2014

April 11, 2014

May 16, 2014  
June 20, 2014

**Border Outreach**

Sister Susan Skidmore - 210.431.5752 - [sskidmore@stmarytx.edu](mailto:sskidmore@stmarytx.edu)  
Clinic Dates TBA

**People's Law School Student Coordinator & Law Ministry Assistant**

Naomi Howard - 512.699.5988 - [hownao@gmail.com](mailto:hownao@gmail.com)  
Olivia Mallary - 504.495.4196 - [olivia.mallary@gmail.com](mailto:olivia.mallary@gmail.com)  
February, 2014

**OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES  
2014 Spring Job Fairs**

- January 30-31 – Public Service Days, Austin at UT
- February 18 – Small Firm Interviewing/Networking Night
- February 21 – Austin Legal Job Fair
- February 28 – Metroplex Legal Job Fair (Dallas/Ft. Worth)
- March 3 – Deadline to apply for El Paso and Midland/Odessa Virtual Job Fairs
- March 7 – Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day at TAMUCC
- March 14 – Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg
- March 21 – Houston Legal Job Fair

Stay tuned to the OCS weekly updates for information on how to apply.

**TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES**

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is **January 30, 2013**.

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

**TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LAW STUDENTS**

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has produced a quick video about how TLAP can help law students navigate the pressures of law school. It's on the

Bar's web page and Twitter Account. Twitter (<https://twitter.com/texasbartoday>); YouTube <http://youtu.be/eubczDDH8Q0>

## **PRACTICE SKILLS REQUIREMENTS AVAILABLE SPRING 2014**

St. Mary's now offers two additional ways to meet student practice skills requirement for graduation. Both avenues are available to students in Spring 2014.

### **1) Contract Drafting with Professor Walch**

The **Contract Drafting** course will teach students the principles of contemporary commercial drafting and introduce them to documents typically used in a variety of transactions. The skills students will gain will be applicable to any transactional practice and will even be useful to litigators. On finishing the course, students should know: the business purpose of each of the contract concepts; how to translate the business deal into contract concepts; how to draft each of a contract's parts; how to draft with clarity and without ambiguity; how to add value to a deal; how to work through the drafting process; and how to review and comment on a contract. Students will perform drafting and contract negotiation exercises throughout the semester, and course grades will be based on several drafting exercises and class participation.

### **2) The Practice Credit Program: Externship**

The PCP Externship course for three credit hours will now meet the practice skills requirement. The PCP Externship course offers students the opportunity to earn three academic credits while performing a legal externship for a minimum of 180 hours at a non-profit, government, and select general counsel's offices (NEW ADDITION). Details of the program may be found at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/centers/practice-credit-program/externships/>. For more information, please contact Amanda Rivas at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.5712.

## **BIBLE STUDY ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY**

Please join us at **weekly bible study** hosted by the **St. Thomas More Society** every **Wednesday from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Raba, LF 202A**. We will have a brief lesson and discussion every week over the gospel. The discussion will be focused on how we can apply what we have learned to our future careers. Also, we will end our study with a short meeting to keep members informed about upcoming events. Snacks will be provided so come hungry. For more information please contact Seth Sullivan at [sully078@aol.com](mailto:sully078@aol.com) or Kerriann Britt at [keabritt@gmail.com](mailto:keabritt@gmail.com).

## **EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS**

Those interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "**Bible Class**". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the **small conference room** at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the

**Raba building.** Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook! For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or (361) 920-3504.

## **ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS EVENT SET-UPS**

**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**.

## **WRITING COMPETITIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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

**Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP** is pleased to announce its Diversity Scholars Award of \$2,000 to one deserving second-year law student in each region. For more information and to download an application, please go online to <http://www.constangy.com/f-4.html>. Completed applications must be received by **December 11, 2013**.

The **State Bar of Texas Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law (REPTL)** announces their 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 23, 2013**.

The **Florida State University** Center for Innovative Collaboration in Medicine and Law will present awards for the outstanding original papers submitted by a law student. Prize is \$250. Deadline to submit a paper is **January 2 2014**. For more information please go to <http://med.fsu.edu/?fuseaction=news.viewArticle&usemenu=innovativeCollaboration&newsID=493>.

The **GRAMMY Foundation** along with the **ABA Forum on the entertainment and Sports Industries** announces the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition. First place winner receives \$5,000 and four runner-ups will receive \$1,500. For additional information and competition rules, please visit the Grammy Foundation website at <http://www.grammy.org/news/grammy-foundation-launches-16th-annual-entertainment-law->



[initiative-writing-competition](#). **Deadline January 4, 2013.**

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 see <http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/docs/Donald%20W%20Banner%20Diversity%20Scholarship.pdf> for details of this scholarship. Applications are now being accepted through **January 6, 2014.**

**The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM)** presents its 2014 student writing competition in law, medicine and bioethics. The ACLM will present awards for outstanding original papers written by law or health professions students. First place prize is \$1,000, second is \$500 and third is \$250. Please visit <http://www.aclm.org/dirAbout/Competition/docs/2014-Student-Writing-Competition.aspx> or email [info@aclm.org](mailto:info@aclm.org). Deadline is **January 6, 2014.**

Enter the 27th Annual **Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest** for a chance to win up to \$2,500 and a paid trip to the Section Spring Meeting in Los Angeles, CA. Submissions are due **January 10, 2014.** For more details regarding the contest requirements and to download a 2014 submission entry form please visit the American Bar Association website at [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/business\\_law/initiatives\\_awards/mendes\\_hershman.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/business_law/initiatives_awards/mendes_hershman.html).

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its annual Law Review Award competition to recognize an outstanding note or comment written by a law student who is associated with a student-edited law review or journal. For information on how apply, please visit [http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/LR\\_%20Entry\\_Form.pdf](http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/LR_%20Entry_Form.pdf). Deadline to apply is **January 17, 2014.**

UCLA School of Law, The **Dukeminier Awards** Best Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law Review Articles 2013 Student Writing Competition. Submission deadline is **January 17, 2014.** Prize is \$1,000. <http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/dukeminierstudent-writing-competition/>.

[The Ladas Memorial Award Competition](#) is now accepting papers. The winner receives \$2,000 and publication in *The Trademark Reporter*, INTA's legal journal. Deadline to apply is **January 17, 2014.**

**Jackson Lewis LLP and IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law's Institute for Law and the Workplace** will co-sponsor the 2013-2014 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 21, 2014.**

**Epstein Becker & Green, P.C.**, a national firm engaged in the practice of health care and life sciences law, is pleased to announce its Sixteenth Annual Health Law Writing Competition. Cash prizes will be awarded for the three best papers. First place, \$4,000, Second



place, \$2,000 and Third place, \$500. Additional information and an official entry form can be found at: <http://www.ebglaw.com/healthlawwriting>. Competition entries are due **January 24, 2014**.

**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 go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2014**.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its seventh annual **Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition** on Regulatory and Administrative Law. This competition is open to practicing lawyers, policy makers, academics, and law students. The author of the winning paper in each category will receive a cash prize of \$1,500. For competition details and more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition?mgs1=b0005ASpIx&mgs1=6824d8VBxx>. Deadline for submissions is **February 7, 2014**.

**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. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2014**. Competition rules are available at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org).

The **Center for International Law** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2014 Global Markets Law Journal Writing Competition. The author of the winning essay will receive a cash prize of \$3,000. First runner-up will receive \$1,500 and second runner-up will receive \$500. For competition details and application go to <http://globalmarkets.jmls.edu/competition>. Deadline for submission is **February 14, 2014**.

**American University Washington College of Law** Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and the American Society of International Law's (ASIL) Lieber Society seek submissions of papers for the fourth annual International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. Deadline for submissions is **Sunday, February 16, 2014 at 11:59 p.m.**, Eastern Standard Time. For detailed competition rules, please visit <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/2014internationalhumanitarianlawihlstudentwritingcompetition.cfm>.

Entries for The Symposium XXVII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [www.thesovereignty\\_symposium.com](http://www.thesovereignty_symposium.com). Entries must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**.

Defense Research Institute (DRI) announces its annual **Law Student Diversity Scholarship** program open to **incoming second and third-year** African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian and Native American students. Incoming second and third-year female law students are also eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity. Incoming second and third-year law students who also come from backgrounds that would add to the cause of diversity, regardless of race or gender are eligible to apply. Students who are members of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), Law School or Law Student members of AAJ or students otherwise affiliated with or employed by AAJ are not eligible for DRI Law Student Diversity Scholarships. To qualify for this scholarship, candidate must be a full-time student or evening student who has completed two-thirds or more of the total credit hours requirement for a degree by the applicant's law school. The goal of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance to two worthy law students from ABA accredited law schools in order to promote, in a tangible way, the DRI Diversity Statement in Principle. Two scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each will be awarded to applicants who best meet the following criteria: Demonstrated academic excellence, service to the profession, service to the community, service to the cause of diversity. Deadline to apply is **April 19, 2013**. For more information please visit <http://www.dri.org/about>.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

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## **B CORPS: ETHICS, RESPONSIBILITY, AND IMPLEMENTATION**

The Harvey Najim Center for Business Innovation and Social Responsibility at St. Mary's University presents a learning and social event for the legal, business, and student communities entitled *B Corps: Ethics, Responsibility, and Implementation*. This is an exciting and free event for a limited number of St. Mary's Faculty, Staff and Students.

The evening will start with a brief overview by Suz Burroughs of evolutions in corporate responsibility, social entrepreneurship, and consumer expectations over the past 50 years or so - and a look at where we are headed.

Associate Dean of St Mary's University School of Law, Reynaldo Valencia, will speak about B Corps, the ethics of stakeholder responsibility, and other social enterprise structures. A brief panel including a range of mission-driven business models will follow:

- Lorenzo Gomez of the [80/20 Foundation](#)
- Meghan Garza-Oswald of [Community Housing Resource Partners, Inc.](#)
- Raul P. Lomeli-Azoubel and Daniela Perez of [SABEResPODER](#)
- Zac Harris of [Monk's Toolbox](#)

The talk and panel will include a Fermented Friday cocktail hour hosted by Monk's Toolbox and featuring a B Corp beer tasting, fresh local/organic snacks, and B Corp give-aways.

The event will be held **Friday, January 17, 2014 from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. at Geekdom**, 112 East Pecan Street, Floor 11, San Antonio, TX 78205

To register, please go to: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/b-corps-ethics-responsibility-and-implementation-tickets-9363974901?aff=geekdom>.

Attorneys with a CLE ticket may attend and get 45 minutes of CLE credit.

### **ESL TEACHING ASSISTANT NEEDED FOR ST. MARY'S (NEW) LOW INCOME TAX CLINIC (LITC)**

This position involves assisting with all aspect of the St. Mary's LITC ESL tax outreach program (ESL tax program). The ESL tax program is aimed at informing Spanish speaking individuals, including undocumented immigrants, about their federal tax rights and responsibilities. Another goal of the ESL tax program is to promote the pro bono legal services provided by St. Mary's Low Income Tax Clinic. The ESL teaching assistant will work with other students (business and law) to coordinate, develop, and deliver presentations (English and Spanish) to various community groups. Student must be fluent in both English and Spanish (verbal/written). Some travel to Texas border regions will also be required. Previous tax experience is preferred. The position pays the standard St. Mary's Law School teaching assistant rate and lasts for the spring 2014 semester with a potential continuation through fall 2014. Total hours per week may not exceed twenty. If interested, please send a resume to Rachael

Rubenstein at [rubenstein@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rubenstein@stmarytx.edu). If you have any question about this position, please email or call 210-431-5757. Previous tax experience is preferred.

### **SCHEDULE C TAX RETURN PREPARER NEEDED**

St. Mary's is one of a handful of non-profits nationwide working on a Schedule C Program with the IRS and the National Community Tax Coalition. The preparer position involves preparing individual tax returns with Schedule Cs for small business owners in San Antonio with limited incomes. Preparer will have the opportunity to work on interviewing, tax preparation, advising, and file management skills. Preparer will also become familiar with tax law research. Hours are based on the preparer's availability to schedule client interviews, which generally take about 1 – 2 hours each. Multiple appointments are scheduled each week, including select Saturdays. Total hours per week may not exceed twenty. All work is done at the St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice. Preparer must go through VITA training as well as Schedule C training. Position pays the standard St. Mary's Law School teaching assistant rate and lasts for the spring 2014 semester only. If interested, please send a resume to George A. Posada at [gposada@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gposada@stmarytx.edu). If you have any question, please email or call 210-431-5765. Previous experience as a VITA volunteer is preferred.

### **VITA TEACHING ASSISTANT NEEDED ITIN SPECIALIST**

Each year, St. Mary's University runs a VITA site at the Center for Legal and Social Justice during the spring tax season. This position involves preparing individual tax returns and applications for undocumented individuals and foreign students to receive their Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN). Student will also be responsible for submitting the applications to the Internal Revenue Service. Student must be fluent in both English and Spanish (verbal/written). The ITIN Specialist will have the opportunity to work on interviewing, tax preparation, advising, and file management skills. Students will also become familiar with tax law research. Total hours per week may not exceed twenty. All work is done at the St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice. Student must go through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) training. Position pays the standard St. Mary's Law School teaching assistant rate and lasts for the spring 2014 semester only. If interested, please contact Rachael Rubenstein at [rubenstein@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rubenstein@stmarytx.edu) or 210-431-5757. Previous experience as a VITA volunteer is preferred.

### **MENTORS NEEDED FOR NEW 1L CLASS**

**Sign up to be a mentor** to the newly admitted 1L Class. Help promote St. Mary's Law and recruit a fantastic new 1L class. Time requirements are minimal and everything will be accomplished through email. Please email [marychristianbarr@gmail.com](mailto:marychristianbarr@gmail.com) for more information.

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

Start planning for Summer & Fall NOW!

- Check out Symplicity or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. Visit the Office of Career Service for assistance with Symplicity—get some coffee and snacks while you're there.
- Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a one-on-one meeting that can make sure you find the right fit. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) ; Office phone: 210. 431.5712; or in person during office hours.

### **SPRING OFFICE HOURS for PCP in Career Services Office**

**Mondays 10:00 a.m. – noon**

**Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

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/>

Don't forget : In-House Counsel Externship for Summer & Fall.

Interested in working a general counsel's office? Contact Amanda Rivas immediately because there are **LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE.**

PLAN ahead: The PCP Externship program (including In House Counsel) requires a MANDATORY class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class.

**Summer Class: Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Fall Class: TBD**

***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.*

### **PCP and Clinic Information Sessions**

**Wednesday, January 22, 2014**

**11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (RABA Lobby)**

**4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Marianist Heritage Celebration (Law School Plaza);**

**Thursday, January 23, 2014, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (RABA Lobby)**

**Enjoy some pizza and meet with students from Clinic and PCP**

**Learn about the programs and pick up a clinic interest applications.**

## SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 March 25, 2014. A letter applying for the scholarship should be emailed 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 25, 2013**.

**There are additional specialized scholarships** and would like you to let us know if you are eligible:

- If you are from St. Louis, Missouri, or
- If you were raised by a single parent employed in the legal sector or if you are a single parent employed in the legal sector (now or prior to law school) or
- If you are from Webb County

Please email your name and any other relevant information to Dean Mather at [vmather@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vmather@stmarytx.edu). We will look at GPA, class rank and need in awarding these scholarships in addition to the basic qualification listed above.

## MALDEF LAUNCHES 2013-2014 LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

MALDEF's Law School Scholarship Program is **open to all law students** enrolled at an accredited United States law school. Applicants are assessed by MALDEF's Law School Scholarship Committee based on three main factors: 1) Personal Background and Financial Need; 2) Academic and Extracurricular Achievement; and 3) Record of Service to the Latino Community and Plans for Future Service. **Applications are due January 27, 2014** and are available for download at [www.maldef.org](http://www.maldef.org), or [here](#).

## PRO BONO PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION AND 2014 DATES

### Pro Bono Fellow

Victoria Bongat – 210.438.6199 – [vbongat@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vbongat@stmarytx.edu)

### Pro Bono RA

Julia E. Null - 214.914.2661 - [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com)

### Catholic Charities Legal Aid Clinic (formally Ask-A-Lawyer)

Ashley Graham - 409.659.3161 - [agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu)

Kevin Bennett- 256.683.9204 - [kevin.bertan.bennett@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.bertan.bennett@gmail.com)

Clinic Dates TBA

**Texas RioGrande Legal Aid – Family law**

Julia E. Null - 214.914.2661- [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com)

Cynthia Olson-210.290.7819 - [colson2@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:colson2@mail.stmarytx.edu)

Kerriann Britt- 210.288.9356 - [Keabritt@gmail.com](mailto:Keabritt@gmail.com)

February 11, 2014

March 18, 2014

April 22, 2014

May 13, 2014

June 10, 2014

**St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice – Wills**

Rebecca Pitts -210.332.9704 - [rqpitts@hotmail.com](mailto:rqpitts@hotmail.com)

Landry Redding - 512.694.6980 - [landryredding@yahoo.com](mailto:landryredding@yahoo.com)

January 21, 2014

April 15, 2014

**Audie L. Murphy Veterans Hospital – Veterans**

Lisa Germano - 860.922.6356 - [lisabeth.germano@gmail.com](mailto:lisabeth.germano@gmail.com)

Paolo M Nangcas - 832.363.7501 - [paolonangcas@utexas.edu](mailto:paolonangcas@utexas.edu)

January 17, 2014

February 21, 2014 - St. Mary's Journal

March 21, 2014

April 11, 2014

May 16, 2014

June 20, 2014

**Border Outreach**

Sister Susan Skidmore - 210.431.5752 - [sskidmore@stmarytx.edu](mailto:sskidmore@stmarytx.edu)

Clinic Dates TBA

**People's Law School Student Coordinator & Law Ministry Assistant**

Naomi Howard - 512.699.5988 - [hownao@gmail.com](mailto:hownao@gmail.com)

Olivia Mallary - 504.495.4196 - [olivia.mallary@gmail.com](mailto:olivia.mallary@gmail.com)

February, 2014

**OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Please **RSVP** for all events in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS

**Symlicity (Job Bank and Online Recruiting System) Access:**

<https://law-stmarytx-csm.symlicity.com/students/>

**Spring Recruitment and Symplicity Information Session**

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.



This program will cover important information regarding our spring recruitment and job fairs as well as how to use Symplicity to apply for jobs and apply to job fairs. Do not miss this event if you are still looking for a summer or permanent job.

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

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

12:00– 1:30 p.m., Atrium, Law Administration Building

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.

### **Essentials Necessary for Opening Your Own Practice**

Sponsored by the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section of the State Bar of Texas

Friday, January 24, 2014

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

THOSE WHO ATTENDED THIS PROGRAM LAST YEAR GAVE IT RAVE REVIEWS! The General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section of the State Bar of Texas brings you a ONE HOUR ROUND-TABLE SEMINAR AND PIZZA LUNCHEON. So you're getting ready to graduate, and don't yet have a job lined up? Prefer to "eat what you kill?" Come learn how to start and maintain a successful solo practice. Learn tips and tricks for putting food on the table and money in your account. FREE PIZZA! (See, you've already saved a few bucks just by showing up!)

### **Business Law Association, Office of Career Services and the Center for Legal and Social Justice Present: Business Law Opportunities for Law Students**

Monday, January 27, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Dean Ana Novoa will be presenting to students about the Center for Legal and Social Justice's new Business Law opportunities for law students. This event is being cosponsored by the CLSJ, OCS and BLA. More information will be posted before the semester begins. Come learn about these exciting new opportunities.

### **“What I Did Last Summer” Panel**

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

The Office of Career Services and Student Bar Association are sponsoring a panel to highlight to 1Ls various types of positions they can obtain for their summer after their first year. You will hear from upper class students on their work experiences and how they obtained their job. You don't want to miss this valuable session. The presentation will be moderated by Gabe Rodriguez, Student Bar Association President.

## 2014 SPRING JOB FAIRS

- January 30-31 – Public Service Days, Austin at UT
- February 18 – Small Firm Interviewing/Networking Night
- February 21 – Austin Legal Job Fair
- February 28 – Metroplex Legal Job Fair (Dallas/Ft. Worth)
- March 3 – Deadline to apply for El Paso and Midland/Odessa Virtual Job Fairs
- March 7 – Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day at TAMUCC
- March 14 – Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg
- March 21 – Houston Legal Job Fair

Stay tuned to the OCS weekly updates for information on how to apply.

## STUDENT WORKSHOPS IN THE LAW LIBRARY

### **Workshop: Topic Selection for Seminar Papers**

Date: February 5, 2014 (Wednesday)

Location: Law Library, Room 106

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. Workshop attendees will be provided with free lunch.

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

Date: February 12, 2014 (Wednesday)

Location: Law Library, Room 106

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. Workshop attendees will be provided with free lunch.

### **Workshop: Google for Lawyers**

Date: February 19, 2014 (Wednesday)

Location: Law Library, Room 106

Fact finding on the Internet is an important lawyering skill. Attorneys have used information in a Google search they found 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 here at school but also in 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 many more. Free lunch will be provided to attendees.

**Workshop: Electronic Discovery**

Date: February 26, 2014 (Wednesday)

Location: Law Library, Room 106

How does electronic discovery work? What is predictive coding? Come find out! If anyone ever asks you about this over wine and cheese, or \*gasp\* in a job interview, you will know enough to say something smart.

**CLASS OF 2015 STUDENTS  
APPLYING TO A FEDERAL CLERKSHIP**

The **Office of Career Services** (OCS) has received information that OSCAR is now open to all 2Ls. Please visit the site at <https://oscar.uscourts.gov> and see judges that are hiring for your class and apply to them through OSCAR or their preferred method of receipt. If you are interested in pursuing a federal clerkship after graduation OCS is here and ready to work with you to get your applications completed.

Below is a list of things **you should begin doing** to prepare for this process:

- 1) Review the court websites for all courts you are interested in applying to and create an excel spreadsheet that includes the names of the judges and the courts you are interested in. You can do this by Googling the court; go to their website and look up their list of judges.
- 2) Once you have created a list, meet with Alicia to discuss a timeline. She may be able to reach out to the courts and find out when the judges are hiring. Note: Alicia will be calling all state and federal judges in the state of Texas and will post their hiring timelines as an announcement in Symplicity as we get the information.
- 3) Start seeking out recommenders as you will need 2-3 and they are usually law school professors. Ask the recommenders to send their letters to Alicia at [amendozal@stmarytx.edu](mailto:amendozal@stmarytx.edu) in Word format. She will upload them to OSCAR and will print them for hard copy applications.
- 4) Most of this can be done after finals and we strongly recommend you make an appointment with OCS to review your game plan if you plan to apply to judges.

The official announcement from OSCAR and the Federal Courts is below. If you have any questions please contact Office of Career Services at 210.436.3511, email Director Patrick at

[spatrick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:spatrick@stmarytx.edu) or Alicia at [amendozal@stmarytx.edu](mailto:amendozal@stmarytx.edu) or come visit OCS on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Law Library, room 216.

“The Administrative Office of the United States Courts and the OSCAR Working Group would like to thank the National Association for Law Placement (NALP) Judicial Clerkship Section and its law school members for providing informative feedback on the 2013 clerkship season. The OSCAR Working Group of judges and law school representatives recently met and, after careful consideration, recommended de-linking OSCAR from the Federal Law Clerk Hiring Plan (Hiring Plan). The first step is to allow second-year law school students (“2Ls”) access to OSCAR as soon as possible. In response, the Administrative Office has opened OSCAR to “2Ls” effective today (November 4, 2013), and OSCAR will release their applications when finalized rather than holding them until a specified release date.

As part of de-linking OSCAR from the Hiring Plan, the OSCAR Working Group will further consider providing first-year law school students (“1Ls”) access to OSCAR at its annual meeting in November. I will provide further information on the outcome of this deliberation after the meeting.

A transparent and fair recruitment process is important to the Administrative Office and the OSCAR Working Group. The Administrative Office Director, Judge John D. Bates, sent a communication today to all federal judges informing them that “2Ls” have access to OSCAR and their applications will be available online at the time of submission. The communication encouraged all judges to use OSCAR to accept applications online, post their positions, and maintain a current judge profile that communicates their hiring preferences.”

### **TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES**

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is **January 30, 2013**.

<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	<b>January 30</b>	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.

### **TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LAW STUDENTS**

The **State Bar’s Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)** has produced a quick video about how TLAP **can help law students** navigate the pressures of law school. It’s on the Bar’s web page and Twitter Account. Twitter (<https://twitter.com/texasbartoday>); YouTube <http://youtu.be/eubczDDH8Q0>

## **ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS EVENT SET-UPS**

**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.

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

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

**Jackson Lewis LLP and IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law's Institute for Law and the Workplace** will co-sponsor the 2013-2014 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 21, 2014**.

**Epstein Becker & Green, P.C.**, a national firm engaged in the practice of health care and life sciences law, is pleased to announce its Sixteenth Annual Health Law Writing Competition. Cash prizes will be awarded for the three best papers. First place, \$4,000, Second place, \$2,000 and Third place, \$500. Additional information and an official entry form can be found at: <http://www.ebglaw.com/healthlawwriting>. Competition entries are due **January 24, 2014**.

**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 go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2014**.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its seventh annual **Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition** on Regulatory and Administrative Law. This competition is open to practicing lawyers, policy makers, academics, and law students. The author of the winning paper in each category will receive a cash prize of \$1,500. For competition details and more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition?mgs1=b0005ASpIx&mgs1=6824d8VBxx>. Deadline for submissions is **February 7, 2014**.

**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. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2014**. Competition rules are available at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org).

The **Center for International Law** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2014 Global Markets Law Journal Writing Competition. The author of the winning essay will receive a cash prize of \$3,000. First runner-up will receive \$1,500 and second runner-up will receive \$500. For competition details and application go to <http://globalmarkets.jmls.edu/competition>. Deadline for submission is **February 14, 2014**.

**American University Washington College of Law Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law** and the American Society of International Law's (ASIL) Lieber Society seek submissions of papers for the fourth annual International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. Deadline for submissions is **Sunday, February 16, 2014 at 11:59 p.m.**, Eastern Standard Time. For detailed competition rules, please visit <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/2014internationalhumanitarianlawihlstudentwritingcompetition.cfm>.

Entries for The Symposium XXVII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [www.thesovereignty\\_symposium.com](http://www.thesovereignty_symposium.com). Entries must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**.

Defense Research Institute (DRI) announces its annual **Law Student Diversity Scholarship** program open to **incoming second and third-year** African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian and Native American students. Incoming second and third-year female law students are also eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity. Incoming second and third-year law students who also come from backgrounds that would add to the cause of diversity, regardless of race or gender are eligible to apply. Students who are members of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), Law School or Law Student members of AAJ or students otherwise affiliated with or employed by AAJ are not eligible for DRI Law Student Diversity Scholarships. To qualify for this scholarship, candidate must be a full-time student or evening student who has completed two-thirds or more of the total credit hours requirement for a degree by the applicant's law

school. The goal of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance to two worthy law students from ABA accredited law schools in order to promote, in a tangible way, the DRI Diversity Statement in Principle. Two scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each will be awarded to applicants who best meet the following criteria: Demonstrated academic excellence, service to the profession, service to the community, service to the cause of diversity. Deadline to apply is **April 19, 2013**. For more information please visit <http://www.dri.org/about>.

The creators of the “*Student Award Search Aid*” website are renewing their \$1,000 scholarship for 2014. Please visit <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm> to learn more. The deadline for applications is **May 26, 2014**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

**NEW - The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2014 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to [www.tannenwald.org](http://www.tannenwald.org). Entry deadline is **July 1, 2014**.

The Brett Murphy Law Firm is offering an annual \$2,000 scholarship for law students who are working towards a Juris Doctorate Degree and who have an interest in personal injury law. For information or to apply go to <http://www.washingtoninjury.com/library/future-leaders-scholarship>. Deadline to apply is **July 15, 2014**.

**NEW - Fellowship Opportunity** – The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) is pleased to announce a partnership with Prudential Financial, Inc. and Lowenstein Sandler, LLP to provide a fellowship opportunity to a highly-motivated third year law school student. The Fellow will be hired to the position of a full time first year associate or entry level associate at Lowenstein Sandler and will be expected to begin work on a date to be determined between the Fellow and Lowenstein Sandler. The date is expected to be set after law school graduation and completion of the July 2014 bar examination. For more information and to apply, please click [http://gallery.mailchimp.com/df9a27c10b6d6ba38ba001440/files/2014\\_HNBA\\_Prudential\\_Fellowship\\_Announcement.pdf](http://gallery.mailchimp.com/df9a27c10b6d6ba38ba001440/files/2014_HNBA_Prudential_Fellowship_Announcement.pdf). Deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m. EDT on **January 31, 2014**.

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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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## KUDOS

**Congratulations to Professor Bernard Reams** who has been named this year's distinguished Law School faculty member. Professor Reams will be honored at a dinner on January 24, 2014 along with faculty members from other St. Mary's University Departments. The awards dinner is hosted by St. Mary's University Alumni Association. Please congratulate Professor Reams when you see him.

## TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Students are **invited to join the Dean** and some of the Associate Deans for a **Town Hall meeting**. Two dates and times are available: **Monday, February 3, 2014** at 5:00 p.m. or **Monday, February 10, 2014** at noon in LC 105 (the new large classroom). Bring questions and concerns and the Deans will do their best to address them.

## QUIET, PLEASE! CLASSES ARE NOW IN SESSION

For the benefit of **professors trying to teach** and **students in classes trying to focus** and learn, **please keep the noise volume** in the hallways of the Law Classroom Building down. With the two new classrooms, traffic has increased in the law classroom building. Please be mindful when entering or exiting a class hour and **be as quiet as possible** when in the common areas of the building.

## INFORMATION MEETING – INSTITUTE ON CHINESE LAW AND BUSINESS

Professors Bob Hu and Vincent Johnson will meet with students regarding study in China this summer. The meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 21, 2014, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.**, in the **Atrium**, Law Administration building. **Lunch will be provided.**

At the meeting, registration, housing, internship, and other details of the program will be addressed. Please attend the meeting if you are interested in studying in China this summer. If you cannot attend you may schedule an appointment to get your questions answered. Email: [rhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhu@stmarytx.edu).

## 2014 PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL Volunteers Needed

The **People's Law School** is an annual event to which members of the San Antonio community are invited to attend seminars on various areas of law lead by licensed attorneys at the law school. Student volunteers will have the opportunity to listen in on seminars and meet the attorneys as part of assisting with operations.

People's Law School occurs once per year and the commitment is only a few hours on **Saturday, February 22, 2014**. The seminars will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. However,

volunteers have the choice of either an 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. shift or a 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. shift.

Learn more about this opportunity by adding the **Pro Bono/Community Service** page on **TWEN**, and clicking on the People's Law School tab on the left, and using the **sign-up sheet link to volunteer**. Questions may be directed to **Naomi Howard**, People's Law School student organizer, at [naomihoward13@gmail.com](mailto:naomihoward13@gmail.com), or the Pro Bono and Public Interest Research Assistant, **Julia Neely Null**, at [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com).

## **RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM AND EXHIBITION**

The Undergraduate Research Office is currently accepting applications for the **15th Annual StMU Research Symposium and Exhibition** taking place **April 9, 2014, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** in the AACC. ALL St. Mary's faculty, undergraduate, graduate, and **law students are encouraged to apply**. To apply go to <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/research-programs/uro/symposium-and-exhibition/>. **Deadline is Friday, March 28, 2014**. For more information contact Amber Aubone, URO Director, at 210.436.3100 or [aaubone@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aaubone@stmarytx.edu).

## **ESL TEACHING ASSISTANT NEEDED FOR ST. MARY'S (NEW) LOW INCOME TAX CLINIC (LITC)**

This position involves assisting with all aspect of the St. Mary's LITC ESL tax outreach program (ESL tax program). The ESL tax program is aimed at informing Spanish speaking individuals, including undocumented immigrants, about their federal tax rights and responsibilities. Another goal of the ESL tax program is to promote the pro bono legal services provided by St. Mary's Low Income Tax Clinic. The ESL teaching assistant will work with other students (business and law) to coordinate, develop, and deliver presentations (English and Spanish) to various community groups. Student must be fluent in both English and Spanish (verbal/written). Some travel to Texas border regions will also be required. Previous tax experience is preferred. The position pays the standard St. Mary's Law School teaching assistant rate and lasts for the spring 2014 semester with a potential continuation through Fall 2014. Total hours per week may not exceed twenty. If interested, please send a resume to Rachael Rubenstein at [rrubenstein@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rrubenstein@stmarytx.edu). If you have any questions about this position, please email or call 210.431.5757. Previous tax experience is preferred.

## **SCHEDULE C TAX RETURN PREPARER NEEDED**

St. Mary's is one of a handful of non-profits nationwide working on a Schedule C Program with the Internal Revenue Service and the National Community Tax Coalition. The preparer position involves preparing individual tax returns with Schedule Cs for small business owners in San Antonio with limited incomes. Preparer will have the opportunity to work on interviewing, tax preparation, advising, and file management skills. Preparer will also become familiar with tax law research. Hours are based on the preparer's availability to schedule client interviews, which generally take about 1 – 2 hours each. Multiple appointments are scheduled each week, including select Saturdays. Total hours per week may not exceed twenty. All work

is done at the St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice. Preparer must go through VITA training as well as Schedule C training. Position pays the standard St. Mary's Law School teaching assistant rate and lasts for the Spring 2014 semester only. If interested, please send a resume to George A. Posada at [gposada@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gposada@stmarytx.edu). If you have any questions, please email or call 210.431.5765. Previous experience as a VITA volunteer is preferred.

### **VITA TEACHING ASSISTANT NEEDED ITIN SPECIALIST**

Each year, St. Mary's University runs a VITA site at the Center for Legal and Social Justice during the spring tax season. This position involves preparing individual tax returns and applications for undocumented individuals and foreign students to receive their Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN). Student will also be responsible for submitting the applications to the Internal Revenue Service. Student must be fluent in English and Spanish (verbal/written). The ITIN Specialist will have the opportunity to work on interviewing, tax preparation, advising, and file management skills. Student will also become familiar with tax law research. Total hours per week may not exceed twenty. All work is done at the St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice. Student must go through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) training. Position pays the standard St. Mary's Law School teaching assistant rate and lasts for the Spring 2014 semester only. If interested, please contact Rachael Rubenstein at [rrubenstein@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rrubenstein@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.5757. Previous experience as a VITA volunteer is preferred.

### **PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS (PCP) Start planning for Summer & Fall NOW!**

- Check out Symplicity or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. Visit the Office of Career Service for assistance with Symplicity—get some coffee and snacks while you are there.
- Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a one-on-one meeting that can make sure you find the right fit. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu), office phone: 210. 431.5712, or in person during office hours.

**SPRING OFFICE HOURS  
for PCP in Career Services Office  
Mondays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

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/>

Don't forget : In-House Counsel Externship for Summer & Fall.

Interested in working a general counsel's office? Contact Amanda Rivas immediately because there are **LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE**.

PLAN ahead: The PCP Externship program (including In House Counsel) requires a MANDATORY class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class.

**Summer Class: Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Fall Class: TBD**

***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.*

### **PCP and Clinic Information Sessions**

**Wednesday, January 22, 2014**

**11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (RABA Lobby)**

**4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Marianist Heritage Celebration (Law School Plaza);**

**Thursday, January 23, 2014, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (RABA Lobby)**

**Enjoy some pizza and meet with students from Clinic and PCP**

**Learn about the programs and pick up a clinic interest applications.**

### **SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

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 March 25, 2014. A letter applying for the scholarship should be emailed 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 25, 2013.**

**There are additional specialized scholarships.** Let us know if you are eligible:

- If you are from St. Louis, Missouri, or
- If you were raised by a single parent employed in the legal sector or if you are a single parent employed in the legal sector (now or prior to law school) or
- If you are from Webb County

Please email your name and any other relevant information to Dean Mather at [vmather@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vmather@stmarytx.edu). We will look at GPA, class rank and need in awarding these scholarships in addition to the basic qualification listed above.

### **MALDEF LAUNCHES 2013-2014 LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

MALDEF's Law School Scholarship Program is **open to all law students** enrolled at an accredited United States law school. Applicants are assessed by MALDEF's Law School Scholarship Committee based on three main factors: 1) Personal Background and Financial Need; 2) Academic and Extracurricular Achievement; and 3) Record of Service to the Latino Community and Plans for Future Service. **Applications are due January 27, 2014** and are available for download at [www.maldef.org](http://www.maldef.org), or [here](#).

### 2014 PRO BONO PROGRAM SCHEDULE

<b>FAMILY LAW Texas RioGrande Legal Aid</b>	<b>WILLS CLINIC St. Mary's Center for Legal &amp; Social Justice</b>	<b>VETERANS CLINIC @ Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital</b>	<b>CARITAS LEGAL SERVICES (formerly known as "Ask a Lawyer")</b>	<b>BORDER OUTREACH at Laredo &amp; Eagle Pass</b>
	January 21 – <b>WILLS</b>	January 17	January 27	
February 11		February 21		February 8
March 18		March 21		March 1
April 22	April 15 – <b>WILLS</b>	April 4 <sup>th</sup> or 11 <sup>th</sup>		
May 13		May 16		
June 10		June 20		
July 22	July 15 – <b>WILLS</b>	July 18		
August 12		August 15		
September 9		September 18		
October 28	October 21– <b>WILLS</b>	October 17		
November 11		November 21		

<b>FAMILY LAW CLINIC</b> <b>Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA)</b> Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m. 1111 North Main Avenue San Antonio, TX 78212	<b>VETERANS CLINIC</b> <b>Audie L. Murphy Veterans Hospital</b> Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m. 7400 Merton Minter St. San Antonio, TX 78229
<b>WILLS CLINIC</b> St. Mary's Center for Legal & Social Justice Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m. 2507 N.W. 36 <sup>th</sup> Street San Antonio, TX 78228	<b>CARITAS LEGAL SERVICES</b> (formerly known as "Ask a Lawyer") Clinic starts at 6:00 p.m. Location Varies
<b>BORDER TRIP CLINIC</b> Students meet at School Parking Lot at 7:00 a.m.	

**AT&T EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE AWARD**  
**Spring 2014**

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 toward fostering 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. Applications are available on the Pro Bono TWEN site. Deadline to apply is **February 15, 2014**.

**OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Please **RSVP** for all events in the Events Section of SYMPPLICITY under WORKSHOPS

**Symplicity (Job Bank and Online Recruiting System) Access:**

<https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>

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

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

12:00– 1:30 p.m., Atrium, Law Administration Building

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.

**Essentials Necessary for Opening Your Own Practice**

Sponsored by the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section of the State Bar of Texas

Friday, January 24, 2014

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

THOSE WHO ATTENDED THIS PROGRAM LAST YEAR GAVE IT RAVE REVIEWS! The General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section of the State Bar of Texas brings you a ONE HOUR ROUND-TABLE SEMINAR AND PIZZA LUNCHEON. So you're getting ready to graduate, and don't yet have a job lined up? Prefer to "eat what you kill?" Come learn how to start and maintain a successful solo practice. Learn tips and tricks for putting food on the table and money in your account. FREE PIZZA! (See, you've already saved a few bucks just by showing up!)

**Business Law Association, Office of Career Services and the Center for Legal and Social Justice Present: Business Law Opportunities for Law Students**

Monday, January 27, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Dean Ana Novoa will be presenting to students about the Center for Legal and Social Justice's

new Business Law opportunities for law students. This event is being cosponsored by the CLSJ, OCS and BLA. More information will be posted before the semester begins. Come learn about these exciting new opportunities.

### **“What I Did Last Summer” Panel**

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

The Office of Career Services and Student Bar Association are sponsoring a panel to highlight to 1Ls various types of positions they can obtain for their summer after their first year. You will hear from upper class students on their work experiences and how they obtained their job. You don't want to miss this valuable session. The presentation will be moderated by Gabe Rodriguez, Student Bar Association President.

## **2014 SPRING JOB FAIRS**

- January 30-31 – Public Service Days, Austin at UT
- February 18 – Small Firm Interviewing/Networking Night
- February 21 – Austin Legal Job Fair
- February 28 – Metroplex Legal Job Fair (Dallas/Ft. Worth)
- March 3 – Deadline to apply for El Paso and Midland/Odessa Virtual Job Fairs
- March 7 – Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day at TAMUCC
- March 14 – Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg
- March 21 – Houston Legal Job Fair

Stay tuned to the OCS weekly updates for information on how to apply.

## **STUDENT WORKSHOPS IN THE LAW LIBRARY**

### **Workshop: Topic Selection for Seminar Papers**

Date: February 5, 2014 (Wednesday)

Location: Law Library, Room 106

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. Workshop attendees will be provided with free lunch.

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

Date: February 12, 2014 (Wednesday)

Location: Law Library, Room 106

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. Workshop attendees will be provided with free lunch.

**Workshop: Google for Lawyers**

Date: February 19, 2014 (Wednesday)

Location: Law Library, Room 106

Fact finding on the Internet is an important lawyering skill. Attorneys have used information in a Google search they found 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 here at school but also in 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 many more. Free lunch will be provided to attendees.

**Workshop: Electronic Discovery**

Date: February 26, 2014 (Wednesday)

Location: Law Library, Room 106

How does electronic discovery work? What is predictive coding? Come find out! If anyone ever asks you about this over wine and cheese, or \*gasp\* in a job interview, you will know enough to say something smart.

**CLASS OF 2015 STUDENTS  
APPLYING TO A FEDERAL CLERKSHIP**

The **Office of Career Services** (OCS) has received information that OSCAR is now open to all 2Ls. Please visit the site at <https://oscar.uscourts.gov> and see judges that are hiring for your class and apply to them through OSCAR or their preferred method of receipt. If you are interested in pursuing a federal clerkship after graduation OCS is here and ready to work with you to get your applications completed.

Below is a list of things **you should begin doing** to prepare for this process:

- 1) Review the court websites for all courts you are interested in applying to and create an excel spreadsheet that includes the names of the judges and the courts you are interested in. You can do this by Googling the court; go to their website and look up their list of judges.
- 2) Once you have created a list, meet with Alicia to discuss a timeline. She may be able to reach out to the courts and find out when the judges are hiring. Note: Alicia will be calling all state and federal judges in the state of Texas and will

post their hiring timelines as an announcement in Symplicity as we get the information.

- 3) Start seeking out recommenders as you will need 2-3 and they are usually law school professors. Ask the recommenders to send their letters to Alicia at [amendoza1@stmarytx.edu](mailto:amendoza1@stmarytx.edu) in Word format. She will upload them to OSCAR and will print them for hard copy applications.
- 4) Most of this can be done after finals and we strongly recommend you make an appointment with OCS to review your game plan if you plan to apply to judges.

If you have any questions please contact Office of Career Services at 210.436.3511, email Director Patrick at [spatrick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:spatrick@stmarytx.edu) or Alicia at [amendoza1@stmarytx.edu](mailto:amendoza1@stmarytx.edu) or come visit OCS on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Law Library, room 216.

### TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is **January 30, 2013**.

<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.

### EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS

Anyone interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the Raba building. **Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.** The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook. For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or (361) 920-3504.

### TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LAW STUDENTS

The **State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)** has produced a quick video about how TLAP can help law students navigate the pressures of law school. It's on the Bar's web page and Twitter Account. Twitter (<https://twitter.com/texasbartoday>); YouTube <http://youtu.be/eubczDDH8Q0>

## **ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS EVENT SET-UPS**

**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.

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

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

**Epstein Becker & Green, P.C.**, a national firm engaged in the practice of health care and life sciences law, is pleased to announce its Sixteenth Annual Health Law Writing Competition. Cash prizes will be awarded for the three best papers. First place, \$4,000, Second place, \$2,000 and Third place, \$500. Additional information and an official entry form can be found at: <http://www.ebglaw.com/healthlawwriting>. Competition entries are due **January 24, 2014**.

**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 go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2014**.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its seventh annual **Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition** on Regulatory and Administrative Law. This competition is open to practicing lawyers, policy makers, academics, and law students. The author of the winning paper in each category will receive a cash prize of \$1,500. For competition details and more information please visit the ACS website at

<http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition?mgs1=b0005ASpIx&mgs1=6824d8VBxx>. Deadline for submissions is **February 7, 2014**.

The 2014 **Bert W. Levit Essay Contest**, sponsored by the Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability of the American Bar Association is now accepting entries. The winner will be awarded a cash prize of \$5,000. For more information or to enroll, please visit <http://ambar.org/LPLLevitEssay>. Deadline for entries is **February 21, 2014**.

**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. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2014**. Competition rules are available at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org).

The **Center for International Law** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2014 Global Markets Law Journal Writing Competition. The author of the winning essay will receive a cash prize of \$3,000. First runner-up will receive \$1,500 and second runner-up will receive \$500. For competition details and application go to <http://globalmarkets.jmls.edu/competition>. Deadline for submission is **February 14, 2014**.

**American University Washington College of Law Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law** and the American Society of International Law's (ASIL) Lieber Society seek submissions of papers for the fourth annual International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. Deadline for submissions is **Sunday, February 16, 2014 at 11:59 p.m.**, Eastern Standard Time. For more information please visit the ASIL website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/2014internationalhumanitarianlawihlstudentwritingcompetition.cfm>.

Entries for The Symposium XXVII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [www.thesovereigntysymposium.com](http://www.thesovereigntysymposium.com). Entries must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**.

Defense Research Institute (DRI) announces its annual **Law Student Diversity Scholarship** program open to **incoming second and third-year** African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian and Native American students. Incoming second and third-year female law students are also eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity. Incoming second and third-year law students who also come from backgrounds that would add to the cause of diversity, regardless of race or gender are eligible to apply. Students who are members of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), Law School or Law Student members of AAJ or students otherwise affiliated with or employed by AAJ are not eligible for DRI Law Student Diversity Scholarships. To qualify for this scholarship, candidate must be a full-time student or evening student who has completed two-thirds or more of the total credit hours requirement for a degree by the applicant's law

school. The goal of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance to two worthy law students from ABA accredited law schools in order to promote, in a tangible way, the DRI Diversity Statement in Principle. Two scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each will be awarded to applicants who best meet the following criteria: Demonstrated academic excellence, service to the profession, service to the community, service to the cause of diversity. Deadline to apply is **April 19, 2013**. For more information please visit <http://www.dri.org/about>.

**Foley & Lardner LLP** is pleased to announce their 2014 Technology Law Writing Contest. Submission topics must address **technology law** and meet the criteria and specifications listed at [www.it-lex.org/writing-contest](http://www.it-lex.org/writing-contest). Cash prizes of \$6,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 will be awarded. Deadline to apply is **May 2, 2014**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2014 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 16, 2014**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The creators of the “*Student Award Search Aid*” website are renewing their \$1,000 scholarship for 2014. Please visit <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm> to learn more. The deadline for applications is **May 26, 2014**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2014 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to [www.tannenwald.org](http://www.tannenwald.org). Entry deadline is **July 1, 2014**.

The Brett Murphy Law Firm is offering an annual \$2,000 scholarship for law students who are working towards a Juris Doctorate Degree and who have an interest in personal injury law. For information or to apply go to <http://www.washingtoninjury.com/library/future-leaders-scholarship>. Deadline to apply is **July 15, 2014**.

**Fellowship Opportunity** – The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) is pleased to announce a partnership with Prudential Financial, Inc. and Lowenstein Sandler, LLP to provide a fellowship opportunity to a highly-motivated third year law school student. The Fellow will be hired to the position of a full time first year associate or entry level associate at Lowenstein Sandler and will be expected to begin work on a date to be determined between the Fellow and

Lowenstein Sandler. The date is expected to be set after law school graduation and completion of the July 2014 bar examination. For more information and to apply, please click [http://gallery.mailchimp.com/df9a27c10b6d6ba38ba001440/files/2014\\_HNBA\\_Prudential\\_Fellowship\\_Announcement.pdf](http://gallery.mailchimp.com/df9a27c10b6d6ba38ba001440/files/2014_HNBA_Prudential_Fellowship_Announcement.pdf). Deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m. EDT on **January 31, 2014**.

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## YEAR OF THE HORSE CHINESE LUNCHEON

Celebrate the **Year of the Horse with a festive Chinese lunch**. Asian and Pacific-American Law Student Association (APALSA) invites all faculty, staff and students to celebrate the Chinese New Year on **Thursday, January 30, 2014, 12:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room**. Donations are encouraged. Proceeds support the China Pioneer Fund for students attending the China Program. Applications for the China Pioneer Fund will be available. **Door prizes will be awarded**. This event is cosponsored by Law Ministry & Student Bar Association. Please contact Sister Grace [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu) or Kevin Bennett [kevin.bertan.bennett@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.bertan.bennett@gmail.com) with any questions.

## FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION SPRING MOOT COURT COMPETITION FINALS

The **Board of Advocates** invites everyone to come support our awesome student competitors at the **final round** of the Federal Bar Association's **Spring Moot Court Competition**. The finals will be held **Friday, January 31, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Nicholas L. Ribis Courtroom (Law Classroom 102). Students who are interested in applying for Board of Advocates will receive 1 Board point for their attendance. We look forward to seeing you there!

## TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Students are **invited to join the Dean** and some of the Associate Deans for a **Town Hall meeting**. Two dates and times are available: **Monday, February 3, 2014** at 5:00 p.m. or **Monday, February 10, 2014** at **noon in LC 105** (the new large classroom). Bring questions and concerns and the Deans will do their best to address them.

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE LUNCHEON WOMEN IN PERSONAL INJURY LAW

The Student Chapter of the **American Association for Justice** (AAJ) is hosting a luncheon on **Wednesday, February 5, 2014 from 12:00 –1:00 p.m.**, in the **Alumni Room, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library**. Laura Tamez, J.D. '95, partner at the prestigious Herrera Law Firm will speak about the **increasing amount of women in personal injury law** and what she wished she had known in law school about practicing law. There will be a **free lunch and a \$100 pre-paid debit card** awarded as a door prize.

## QUIET, PLEASE! CLASSES ARE NOW IN SESSION

For the benefit of **professors trying to teach** and **students in classes trying to focus** and learn, **please keep the noise volume** in the hallways of the Law Classroom Building down. With the two new classrooms, traffic has increased in the law classroom building. Please be mindful when entering or exiting a class hour and **be as quiet as possible** when in the common areas of the building.

## CHINA SUMMER PROGRAM

Professors Bob Hu and Vincent Johnson will meet with students on **Tuesday, January 28, 2014, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Atrium** to discuss the China program this summer. This meeting is a repeat event for those first year students who had a conflict with the meeting held last week. The meeting is open to all students.

If you are **interested in studying in China this summer** but cannot attend the meeting, please email Professor Hu [rhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhu@stmarytx.edu) or Professor Johnson [vjohnson@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vjohnson@stmarytx.edu) to schedule an appointment.

## 2014 PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL Volunteers Needed

The **People's Law School** is an annual event to which members of the San Antonio community are invited to attend seminars on various areas of law lead by licensed attorneys at the law school. Student volunteers will have the opportunity to listen in on seminars and meet the attorneys as part of assisting with operations.

People's Law School occurs once per year and the commitment is only a few hours on **Saturday, February 22, 2014**. The seminars will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. However, volunteers have the choice of either an 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. shift or a 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. shift.

Learn more about this opportunity by adding the **Pro Bono/Community Service** page on **TWEN**, and clicking on the People's Law School tab on the left, and using the **sign-up sheet link to volunteer**. Questions may be directed to **Naomi Howard**, People's Law School student organizer, at [naomihoward13@gmail.com](mailto:naomihoward13@gmail.com), or the Pro Bono and Public Interest Research Assistant, **Julia Neely Null**, at [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com).

## RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM AND EXHIBITION

The Undergraduate Research Office is currently accepting applications for the **15th Annual StMU Research Symposium and Exhibition** taking place **April 9, 2014, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** in the AACC. ALL St. Mary's faculty, undergraduate, graduate, and **law students are encouraged to apply**. To apply go to <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/research-programs/uro/symposium-and-exhibition/>. **Deadline is Friday, March 28, 2014**. For more information contact Amber Aubone, URO Director, at 210.436.3100 or [aaubone@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aaubone@stmarytx.edu).

## VITA TEACHING ASSISTANT NEEDED ITIN SPECIALIST

Each year, St. Mary's University runs a VITA site at the Center for Legal and Social Justice during the spring tax season. This position involves preparing individual tax returns and applications for undocumented individuals and foreign students to receive their Individual Tax

Identification Number (ITIN). Student will also be responsible for submitting the applications to the Internal Revenue Service. Student must be fluent in English and Spanish (verbal/written). The ITIN Specialist will have the opportunity to work on interviewing, tax preparation, advising, and file management skills. Student will also become familiar with tax law research. Total hours per week may not exceed twenty. All work is done at the St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice. Student must go through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) training. Position pays the standard St. Mary's Law School teaching assistant rate and lasts for the Spring 2014 semester only. If interested, please contact Rachael Rubenstein at [rrubenstein@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rrubenstein@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.5757. Previous experience as a VITA volunteer is preferred.

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

Start planning for Summer & Fall NOW!

- Check out Symplicity or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. Visit the Office of Career Service for assistance with Symplicity—get some coffee and snacks while you are there.
- Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a one-on-one meeting that can make sure you find the right fit. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu), office phone: 210. 431.5712, or in person during office hours.

**SPRING OFFICE HOURS**  
**for PCP in Career Services Office**  
**Mondays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

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/>

Don't forget : In-House Counsel Externship for Summer & Fall.

Interested in working a general counsel's office? Contact Amanda Rivas immediately because there are **LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE**.

PLAN ahead: The PCP Externship program (including In House Counsel) requires a MANDATORY class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class.

**Summer Class: Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Fall Class: TBD**

***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.*

**2014 PRO BONO PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

<b>FAMILY LAW Texas RioGrande Legal Aid</b>	<b>WILLS CLINIC St. Mary's Center for Legal &amp; Social Justice</b>	<b>VETERANS CLINIC @ Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital</b>	<b>CARITAS LEGAL SERVICES (formerly known as "Ask a Lawyer")</b>	<b>BORDER OUTREACH at Laredo &amp; Eagle Pass</b>
	January 21 – <b>WILLS</b>	January 17	January 27	
February 11		February 21		February 8
March 18		March 21		March 1
April 22	April 15 – <b>WILLS</b>	April 4 <sup>th</sup> or 11 <sup>th</sup>		
May 13		May 16		
June 10		June 20		
July 22	July 15 – <b>WILLS</b>	July 18		
August 12		August 15		
September 9		September 18		
October 28	October 21– <b>WILLS</b>	October 17		
November 11		November 21		

<p align="center"><b>FAMILY LAW CLINIC</b>  <b>Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA)</b>            Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m.            1111 North Main Avenue            San Antonio, TX 78212</p>	<p align="center"><b>VETERANS CLINIC</b>  <b>Audie L. Murphy Veterans Hospital</b>            Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m.            7400 Merton Minter St.            San Antonio, TX 78229</p>
<p align="center"><b>WILLS CLINIC</b>            St. Mary's Center for Legal &amp; Social Justice            Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m.            2507 N.W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street            San Antonio, TX 78228</p>	<p align="center"><b>CARITAS LEGAL SERVICES</b>            (formerly known as "Ask a Lawyer")            Clinic starts at 6:00 p.m.            Location Varies</p>
<p><b>BORDER TRIP CLINIC</b>            Students meet at School Parking Lot at 7:00 a.m.</p>	

## **MALDEF LAUNCHES 2013-2014 LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

MALDEF's Law School Scholarship Program is **open to all law students** enrolled at an accredited United States law school. Applicants are assessed by MALDEF's Law School Scholarship Committee based on three main factors: 1) Personal Background and Financial Need; 2) Academic and Extracurricular Achievement; and 3) Record of Service to the Latino Community and Plans for Future Service. **Applications are due January 27, 2014** and are available for download at [www.maldef.org](http://www.maldef.org), or [here](#).

## **AT&T EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE AWARD Spring 2014**

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 toward fostering 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. Applications are available on the Pro Bono TWEN site. Deadline to apply is **February 15, 2014**.

## **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Please **RSVP** for all events in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS  
**Symlicity (Job Bank and Online Recruiting System) Access:**  
<https://law-stmarytx-csm.symlicity.com/students/>

### **Business Law Association, Office of Career Services and the Center for Legal and Social Justice Present: Business Law Opportunities for Law Students**

Monday, January 27, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Dean Ana Novoa will be presenting to students about the Center for Legal and Social Justice's new Business Law opportunities for law students. This event is being cosponsored by the CLSJ, OCS and BLA. More information will be posted before the semester begins. Come learn about these exciting new opportunities.

### **“What I Did Last Summer” Panel**

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

The Office of Career Services and Student Bar Association are sponsoring a panel to highlight to 1Ls various types of positions they can obtain for their summer after their first year. You will hear from upper class students on their work experiences and how they obtained their job. You don't want to miss this valuable session. The presentation will be moderated by Gabe Rodriguez,

Student Bar Association President.

**Business of Practicing Law Series Part 1: Law Practice Management from 30,000 Feet**

Monday, February 3, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

This will kick off a series of programs that center around issues solo practitioners and those wishing to practice in small firms need to be aware of as they start their own practice. This series is cosponsored by San Antonio Young Lawyer's Association (SAYLA). This first session will be on law practice management. This will be a high level overview of tips to be successful as you start your career as a solo practitioner or an attorney in a small firm. Jim Cramp, 2012 graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law who successfully opened his own practice will present this program.

**Meet the Professionals: Consumer Law**

Wednesday, February 5, 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 Genevieve Hébert Fajardo, who is a clinical professor at the Center for Legal and Social Justice who focuses on consumer law and recently published in the area of consumer protection.

**Business of Practicing Law Series Part 2: Important Tips for Lawyers regarding Tax Issues**

This series of programs centers around issues solo practitioners and those going to small firms need to be aware of as they start their practice. This series is cosponsored by San Antonio Young Lawyer's Association (SAYLA).

Monday, February 10, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

The second session will focus on important information lawyers need to be aware of when filing their taxes. It will also discuss issues related to self-employment including how to prepare for the self-employment tax, payroll taxes and calculating estimated quarterly income tax payments as well as other important topics for small firms and solo practitioners. Rachael Rubenstein, a 2010 graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law and a Senior Tax Fellow at the Center for Legal and Social Justice, will present this program.

**Careers in International Law**

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

The International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas and The Office of Career Services present an informal talk by lawyers who practice international law. Come learn the different paths each of the participants took out of law school to become international lawyers. Learn about what their practice is like (in-house, boutique and big firm) and learn the pros and cons of practicing international law. The presentation will be informal with ample opportunity for questions and to meet the participants. If you are interested in international law, don't miss this presentation!

**Women's Law Association and Office of Career Services Present: A Day in the Life of a Business Lawyer**

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Come hear from attorneys who practice in various areas of business law. They will share their experiences during law school and how they landed in their current roles. This program is cosponsored by WLA, OCS and The Business Law Section of The State Bar of Texas. All Students are welcome and there is no fee to attend regardless if you are a WLA member or not.

**Doing Public Service Right: Reaping the Benefits in Law School and Beyond. Sponsored by the Center For Legal and Social Justice, Equal Justice Works and the Office of Career Services**

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

4:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Food will be served.

Concerned about jobs? Student loans? Come hear Isaac Bowers of Equal Justice Works talk about postgraduate fellowships, public interest opportunities during law school; and how students may become more engaged on their campus and with Equal Justice Works. We'll also cover managing your student debt and earning loan forgiveness in return for public service work. We hope to see you there!

**Meet the Professionals: Air Force JAG**

Thursday, February 13, 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 Capt. Sarah Huerta, who is a Captain in the United States Air Force and a JAG attorney.

**Meet the Professionals: Appellate Law**

Tuesday, February 18, 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 Chris Deeves, a local appellate attorney, and Phillip Lynch, a former Appellate Federal Public Defender now solo appellate attorney and adjunct professor will present this session.

**Practicing Law in the Public Sector. Sponsored by ABA Government and Public Sector Lawyer's Division**

Thursday, February 20, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Come hear from practitioners and judges about their experiences practicing law in the public sector. Panelists will include: The Honorable Xavier Rodriguez, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas; The Honorable Pamela Mathy, United States Magistrate Court for the Western District of Texas; John Paniszczyn, United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Texas; Chief of the Civil Division Donna Coltharp, Deputy Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender, Western District of Texas; Carah Helwig, United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Texas, Criminal Division; Captain Elvis Santiago, Judge Advocate General, United States Air Force; and Eric Friedland, Assistant City Attorney, City of San Antonio. This event will be moderated by Gary Anderson, Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio.

**Business of Practicing Law Series Part 3: IOLTA Accounts: Opening Them and Best Practices for Maintaining Them**

This series of programs center around issues solo practitioners and those wishing to practice in small firms need to be aware of as they start their own practice. This series is cosponsored by San Antonio Young Lawyer's Association (SAYLA).

Monday, February 24, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

The third session will continue with a financial theme and discuss important information on opening and maintaining IOLTA accounts correctly and in accordance with the State Bar of Texas rules. This program will be presented by Allan DuBois, a graduate of The University of Texas Law School and a recent recipient of the Association of Corporate Counsel, South/Central Texas Chapter's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Lee Cusenbary Ethical Life Award. He also has held various leadership positions in local and state bar associations.

**Innocence 101**

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Come and meet the Who's Who of Criminal Defense in San Antonio. Learn from one of the best Criminal Defense Lawyers in Texas. Meet and greet in an open discussion forum. Ask the questions you have always wanted to ask about this area of the law and practice. Lunch will be



provided. This program is sponsored by the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

## **2014 SPRING JOB FAIRS**

- January 30-31 – Public Service Days, Austin at UT
- February 18 – Small Firm Interviewing/Networking Night
- February 21 – Austin Legal Job Fair
- February 28 – Metroplex Legal Job Fair (Dallas/Ft. Worth)
- March 3 – Deadline to apply for El Paso and Midland/Odessa Virtual Job Fairs
- March 7 – Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day at TAMUCC
- March 14 – Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg
- March 21 – Houston Legal Job Fair

Stay tuned to the OCS weekly updates for information on how to apply.

## **STUDENT WORKSHOPS IN THE LAW LIBRARY**

### **Workshop: Topic Selection for Seminar Papers**

Date: February 5, 2014 (Wednesday)

Location: Law Library, Room 106

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. Workshop attendees will be provided with free lunch.

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

Date: February 12, 2014 (Wednesday)

Location: Law Library, Room 106

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. Workshop attendees will be provided with free lunch.

### **Workshop: Google for Lawyers**

Date: February 19, 2014 (Wednesday)

Location: Law Library, Room 106

Fact finding on the Internet is an important lawyering skill. Attorneys have used information in a Google search they found 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 here at school but also in 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 many more. Free lunch will be provided to attendees.

**Workshop: Electronic Discovery**

Date: February 26, 2014 (Wednesday)

Location: Law Library, Room 106

How does electronic discovery work? What is predictive coding? Come find out! If anyone ever asks you about this over wine and cheese, or \*gasp\* in a job interview, you will know enough to say something smart.

**CLASS OF 2015 STUDENTS  
APPLYING TO A FEDERAL CLERKSHIP**

The **Office of Career Services** (OCS) has received information that OSCAR is now open to all 2Ls. Please visit the site at <https://oscar.uscourts.gov> and see judges that are hiring for your class and apply to them through OSCAR or their preferred method of receipt. If you are interested in pursuing a federal clerkship after graduation OCS is here and ready to work with you to get your applications completed.

Below is a list of things **you should begin doing** to prepare for this process:

- 1) Review the court websites for all courts you are interested in applying to and create an excel spreadsheet that includes the names of the judges and the courts you are interested in. You can do this by Googling the court; go to their website and look up their list of judges.
- 2) Once you have created a list, meet with Alicia to discuss a timeline. She may be able to reach out to the courts and find out when the judges are hiring. Note: Alicia will be calling all state and federal judges in the state of Texas and will post their hiring timelines as an announcement in Symplicity as we get the information.
- 3) Start seeking out recommenders as you will need 2-3 and they are usually law school professors. Ask the recommenders to send their letters to Alicia at [amendoza1@stmarytx.edu](mailto:amendoza1@stmarytx.edu) in Word format. She will upload them to OSCAR and will print them for hard copy applications.
- 4) We strongly recommend you make an appointment with OCS to review your game plan if you plan to apply to judges.

If you have any questions please contact Office of Career Services at 210.436.3511, email Director Patrick at [spatrick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:spatrick@stmarytx.edu) or Alicia at [amendozal@stmarytx.edu](mailto:amendozal@stmarytx.edu) or come visit OCS on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Law Library, room 216.

## TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is **January 30, 2013**.

<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.

## EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS

Anyone interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott’s “Bible Class”. The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the Raba building. **Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.** The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook. For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or (361) 920-3504.

## TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LAW STUDENTS

The **State Bar’s Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)** has produced a quick video about how TLAP **can help law students** navigate the pressures of law school. It’s on the Bar’s web page and Twitter Account. Twitter (<https://twitter.com/texasbartoday>); YouTube <http://youtu.be/eubczDDH8Q0>

## ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS EVENT SET-UPS

**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.

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

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

**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 go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2014**.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its seventh annual **Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition** on Regulatory and Administrative Law. This competition is open to practicing lawyers, policy makers, academics, and law students. The author of the winning paper in each category will receive a cash prize of \$1,500. For competition details and more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition?mgs1=b0005ASpIx&mgs1=6824d8VBxx>. Deadline for submissions is **February 7, 2014**.

The 2014 **Bert W. Levit Essay Contest**, sponsored by the Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability of the American Bar Association is now accepting entries. The winner will be awarded a cash prize of \$5,000. For more information or to enroll, please visit <http://ambar.org/LPLLevitEssay>. Deadline for entries is **February 21, 2014**.

**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. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2014**. Competition rules are available at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org).

The **Center for International Law** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2014 Global Markets Law Journal Writing Competition. The author of

the winning essay will receive a cash prize of \$3,000. First runner-up will receive \$1,500 and second runner-up will receive \$500. For competition details and application go to <http://globalmarkets.jmls.edu/competition>. Deadline for submission is **February 14, 2014**.

**American University Washington College of Law** Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and the American Society of International Law's (ASIL) Lieber Society seek submissions of papers for the fourth annual International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. Deadline for submissions is **Sunday, February 16, 2014 at 11:59 p.m.**, Eastern Standard Time. For more information please visit the ASIL website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/2014internationalhumanitarianlawihlstudentwritingcompetition.cfm>.

**NEW** – **National Association of Bond Lawyers** (NABL) is pleased to announce that it is offering up to five scholarships to law school students to attend its 2014 Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar. The seminar is April 30-May 2, 2014 at the Grand Hyatt in Atlanta, Georgia. The 2014 seminar brochure and details will be available on the NABL website ([www.nabl.org](http://www.nabl.org)) in mid-February. [Click here to view the 2013 seminar brochure](#). Review the [application and seminar information](#). Completed applications are due no later than **March 3, 2014**.

Entries for The Symposium XXVII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [www.thesovereignty\\_symposium.com](http://www.thesovereignty_symposium.com). Entries must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**.

Defense Research Institute (DRI) announces its annual **Law Student Diversity Scholarship** program open to **incoming second and third-year** African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian and Native American students. Incoming second and third-year female law students are also eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity. Incoming second and third-year law students who also come from backgrounds that would add to the cause of diversity, regardless of race or gender are eligible to apply. Students who are members of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), Law School or Law Student members of AAJ or students otherwise affiliated with or employed by AAJ are not eligible for DRI Law Student Diversity Scholarships. To qualify for this scholarship, candidate must be a full-time student or evening student who has completed two-thirds or more of the total credit hours requirement for a degree by the applicant's law school. The goal of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance to two worthy law students from ABA accredited law schools in order to promote, in a tangible way, the DRI Diversity Statement in Principle. Two scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each will be awarded to applicants who best meet the following criteria: Demonstrated academic excellence, service to the profession, service to the community, service to the cause of diversity. Deadline to apply is **April 19, 2013**. For more information please visit <http://www.dri.org/about>.

**Foley & Lardner LLP** is pleased to announce their 2014 Technology Law Writing Contest. Submission topics must address **technology law** and meet the criteria and specifications

listed at [www.it-lex.org/writing-contest](http://www.it-lex.org/writing-contest). Cash prizes of \$6,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 will be awarded. Deadline to apply is **May 2, 2014**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2014 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 16, 2014**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The creators of the “*Student Award Search Aid*” website are renewing their \$1,000 scholarship for 2014. Please visit <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm> to learn more. The deadline for applications is **May 26, 2014**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2014 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to [www.tannenwald.org](http://www.tannenwald.org). Entry deadline is **July 1, 2014**.

The Brett Murphy Law Firm is offering an annual \$2,000 scholarship for law students who are working towards a Juris Doctorate Degree and who have an interest in personal injury law. For information or to apply go to <http://www.washingtoninjury.com/library/future-leaders-scholarship>. Deadline to apply is **July 15, 2014**.

**Fellowship Opportunity** – The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) is pleased to announce a partnership with Prudential Financial, Inc. and Lowenstein Sandler, LLP to provide a fellowship opportunity to a highly-motivated third year law school student. The Fellow will be hired to the position of a full time first year associate or entry level associate at Lowenstein Sandler and will be expected to begin work on a date to be determined between the Fellow and Lowenstein Sandler. The date is expected to be set after law school graduation and completion of the July 2014 bar examination. For more information and to apply, please click [http://gallery.mailchimp.com/df9a27c10b6d6ba38ba001440/files/2014\\_HNBA\\_Prudential\\_Fellowship\\_Announcement.pdf](http://gallery.mailchimp.com/df9a27c10b6d6ba38ba001440/files/2014_HNBA_Prudential_Fellowship_Announcement.pdf). Deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m. EDT on **January 31, 2014**.

**Internship Opportunity** – The **2014 Legal Studies Institute** in Washington, DC, sponsored by The Fund for American Studies is now accepting applications from **first and second year law students** who may be interested in spending their summer in DC. The dates are May 22 – August 1, 2014. **Faculty are invited to nominate outstanding students for the**

**program.** Nominated students will receive priority consideration for admission and scholarships. You may nominate students by visiting the link: [www.DCinternships.org/Nominate](http://www.DCinternships.org/Nominate). Students are encouraged to apply by the early deadline of **February 6, 2014** to receive priority admissions consideration and a **5% discount** on their tuition balance. Please visit [www.DCinternships.org/LSI](http://www.DCinternships.org/LSI) for more details. Questions may be directed to Colin Parks, Legal Studies Institute Program Manager, at [LEGAL@tfas.org](mailto:LEGAL@tfas.org) or 202.986.0384.

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## **FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION SPRING MOOT COURT COMPETITION RESULTS**

The **Board of Advocates** would like to congratulate all those who competed in the Federal Bar Association Moot Court Competition. The **winners of the competition** were **Courtney Miller** and **Mariel Puryear**. They competed against **Andrew Stephens** and **Scott Walther** in the final round. **Courtney Miller** was awarded best speaker.

### **TOWN HALL MEETINGS**

Students are **invited to join the Dean** and some of the Associate Deans for a **Town Hall meeting**. Two dates and times are available: **Monday, February 3, 2014** at 5:00 p.m. or **Monday, February 10, 2014** at **noon in LC 105** (the new large classroom). Bring questions and concerns and the Deans will do their best to address them.

### **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE LUNCHEON WOMEN IN PERSONAL INJURY LAW**

The Student Chapter of the **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** is hosting a luncheon on **Wednesday, February 5, 2014 from 12:00 –1:00 p.m.**, in the **Alumni Room**, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Laura Tamez, J.D. '95, partner at the prestigious Herrera Law Firm will speak about the **increasing amount of women in personal injury law** and what she wished she had known in law school about practicing law. There will be a **free lunch and a \$100 pre-paid debit card** awarded as a door prize.

### **FREE IP/PATENT WEBINAR AND A \$50 THANK YOU**

PatBar® produces the **Patent Bar Review Home Study Course** for law school students and others interested in Intellectual Property and Patent Law with an eye toward taking and passing the Patent Bar Exam. You are invited to attend a free IP and Patent Law Webinar “The Life and Times of an Associate Attorney” so that you can be a successful associate after completing law school. During the presentation on **Friday, February 7**, be ready to write down a special Web code valued at \$50. It is PatBar’s way of saying "thank you." Also, they will be taking questions during the Webinar, which runs about 40 minutes. For more information and to register please visit <http://patbar.com/webinar>.

### **PEOPLE’S LAW SCHOOL**

People’s Law School is an annual event to which members of the San Antonio community are invited to attend seminars on various areas of law lead by licensed attorneys at the law school. We now have enough volunteers for the day of the event! Thank you! **However, if you would still like to volunteer and help with the mission of People’s Law School, we need volunteers to distribute flyers to libraries and community centers to advertise this event to the public. Volunteers can email Naomi or Julia at the email addresses listed below.**

People's Law School will be held on **Saturday, February 22, 2014**. The seminars will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and students are welcome to attend. If you still haven't decided on a practice area this would be a great opportunity to listen to attorneys speaking on various legal specializations.

Learn more about this opportunity by adding the **Pro Bono/Community Service** page on **TWEN**, and clicking on the People's Law School tab on the left. Questions may be directed to **Naomi Howard**, People's Law School student organizer, at [naomihoward13@gmail.com](mailto:naomihoward13@gmail.com), or the Pro Bono and Public Interest Research Assistant, **Julia Neely Null**, at [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com).

### ***THE SCHOLAR: ST. MARY'S LAW REVIEW ON MINORITY ISSUES***

***The Scholar* Volume 16 Editorial Board would like to congratulate the following staff writers for having their comments selected for publication:**

Jonathan Ashton: Citizen Suits and the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill: An Assessment of Multidistrict Litigation and the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals Decision in Center for Biological Diversity Inc. v. BP America Production Co. et al.

Meredith English: A Decade's Legacy: Dashed Hopes for Gender Equality and the Status of Afghan Women in Light of the Ensuing Drawdown

Brendan Villanueva-Le: When Silence Requires Speech: Reviving the Right to Remain Silent in the Wake of *Salinas v. Texas*

Samantha Coleman: The Crossover Court—An Integration of Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice—The Next Step in the Reformation of the Juvenile System in Texas

Tyler Lowe: Mapping the Matrix: Defining the Balance Between Executive Action and Legislative Regulation in the New Battlefield of Cyberspace

Liz Resendez: In the Aftermath of Shelby County: Texas Should Be Required to Pre-clear All Voting Changes But the Route to Coverage is Uncertain

Nathan Torok: What Happened to the American Dream? An Analysis of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act's Ability to Repay and Qualified Mortgage Standards and Their Effect on Homeownership

Deepak Ahluwalia: Muslim's Denied: How the USCIS Uses a Formerly Secret Program to Delay and Reject Naturalization Applications from Muslims and Other Minorities

Jared Ryan Anderson: Yearning to be Free: An Argument for Advancing the Rights of Undocumented Children through the Improvement of the Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Procedure

**Congratulations to the following staff writers for having their comments selected to receive Credit with Honors:**

Jessica Pritchett: Early Childhood Education: Anamnesis of American Initiatives, Prospective Resolutions, and Eugenics as a Valid Rationale for Investing in America's Greatest Future Asset

Elizabeth Woodruff: Ain't No River Wide Enough: The Blossoming International Battle For the Waters of the Rio Grande

## **LAW CAMPUS MINISTRY JUSTICES OF THE FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS AND AWARDS**

Campus Ministry and Women's Law Association will be hosting the **Justices of the Fourth Court of Appeals on Tuesday, March 18, 2014** in the Law Classroom Building Courtroom to hear two moot court arguments. The first hearing will begin at **9:00 a.m.** The second hearing will begin at **10:00 a.m.** Anyone who wants to attend must be seated by 8:50 a.m. An afternoon reception will follow in the Alumni Room at 12:00 p.m. for presentation of the *Alma Lopez "Women in Law" Leadership Award* and the inaugural *Catherine M. Stone "Rock of Justice" Award* in honor of Justice Stone's retirement from the bench. All students, faculty and staff are welcome.

**Nominations:** If you know an outstanding woman in law who you would like to nominate for the mentioned awards please stop by Sr. Grace's office in RABA building, room 106 to pick up a nomination packet or email [agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu) to have one emailed to you. All nominations will be due to Sr. Grace's office by **March 4, 2014** at 12:00 p.m.

## **LAW LIBRARY OFFERS RARE BOOK ROOM TOURS**

This spring semester, the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library will offer **brief tours of the Rare Book Room** for interested faculty and students. The tours will be led by a librarian and will last 10-15 minutes.

The Library has a small but **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. If interested, please contact Ms. Fang Wang, Reference and Special Collection Services Librarian, at 210.431.3435 ext. 1366 or email at [fwang@stmarytx.edu](mailto:fwang@stmarytx.edu) to set up an appointment.

## **FITNESS CLASSES**

Looking to get into shape or stay in shape? Check out the Spring 2014 fitness classes at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation/fitness-classes/>. These classes are available to all students, faculty and staff. Be sure to sign up today!

## **RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM AND EXHIBITION**

The Undergraduate Research Office is currently accepting applications for the **15th Annual StMU Research Symposium and Exhibition** taking place **April 9, 2014, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** in the AACC. ALL St. Mary's faculty, undergraduate, graduate, and **law students are encouraged to apply.** To apply go to <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/research-programs/uro/symposium-and-exhibition/>. **Deadline is Friday, March 28, 2014.** For more information contact Amber Aubone, URO Director, at 210.436.3100 or [aaubone@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aaubone@stmarytx.edu).

## **VITA TEACHING ASSISTANT NEEDED ITIN SPECIALIST**

Each year, St. Mary's University runs a VITA site at the Center for Legal and Social Justice during the spring tax season. This position involves preparing individual tax returns and applications for undocumented individuals and foreign students to receive their Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN). Student will also be responsible for submitting the applications to the Internal Revenue Service. Student must be fluent in English and Spanish (verbal/written). The ITIN Specialist will have the opportunity to work on interviewing, tax preparation, advising, and file management skills. Student will also become familiar with tax law research. Total hours per week may not exceed twenty. All work is done at the St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice. Student must go through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) training. Position pays the standard St. Mary's Law School teaching assistant rate and lasts for the Spring 2014 semester only. If interested, please contact Rachael Rubenstein at [rrubenstein@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rrubenstein@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.5757. Previous experience as a VITA volunteer is preferred.

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

Start planning for Summer & Fall NOW!

- Check out Symplicity or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. Visit the Office of Career Service for assistance with Symplicity—get some coffee and snacks while you are there.
- Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a one-on-one meeting that can make sure you find the right fit. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu), office phone: 210. 431.5712, or in person during office hours.

**SPRING OFFICE HOURS  
for PCP in Career Services Office  
Mondays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

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/>

Don't forget : In-House Counsel Externship for Summer & Fall.

Interested in working a general counsel's office? Contact Amanda Rivas immediately because there are **LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE.**

PLAN ahead: The PCP Externship program (including In House Counsel) requires a MANDATORY class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class.

**Summer Class: Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Fall Class: TBD**

***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.*

### **AT&T EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE AWARD Spring 2014**

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 toward fostering 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. Applications are available on the Pro Bono TWEN site. Deadline to apply is **February 15, 2014**.

### **QUIET, PLEASE! CLASSES ARE NOW IN SESSION**

For the benefit of **professors trying to teach** and **students in classes trying to focus** and learn, **please keep the noise volume** in the hallways of the Law Classroom Building down. With the two new classrooms, traffic has increased in the law classroom building. Please be mindful when entering or exiting a class hour and **be as quiet as possible** when in the common areas of the building.

**2014 PRO BONO PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

<b>FAMILY LAW Texas RioGrande Legal Aid</b>	<b>WILLS CLINIC St. Mary's Center for Legal &amp; Social Justice</b>	<b>VETERANS CLINIC @ Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital</b>	<b>CARITAS LEGAL SERVICES (formerly known as "Ask a Lawyer")</b>	<b>BORDER OUTREACH at Laredo &amp; Eagle Pass</b>
February 11		February 21		February 8
March 18		March 21		March 1
April 22	April 15 – <b>WILLS</b>	April 4 <sup>th</sup> or 11 <sup>th</sup>		
May 13		May 16		
June 10		June 20		
July 22	July 15 – <b>WILLS</b>	July 18		
August 12		August 15		
September 9		September 18		
October 28	October 21– <b>WILLS</b>	October 17		
November 11		November 21		

<p align="center"><b>FAMILY LAW CLINIC</b>  <b>Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA)</b>            Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m.            1111 North Main Avenue            San Antonio, TX 78212</p>	<p align="center"><b>VETERANS CLINIC</b>  <b>Audie L. Murphy Veterans Hospital</b>            Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m.            7400 Merton Minter St.            San Antonio, TX 78229</p>
<p align="center"><b>WILLS CLINIC</b>            St. Mary's Center for Legal &amp; Social Justice            Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m.            2507 N.W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street            San Antonio, TX 78228</p>	<p align="center"><b>CARITAS LEGAL SERVICES</b>            (formerly known as "Ask a Lawyer")            Clinic starts at 6:00 p.m.            Location Varies</p>
<p><b>BORDER TRIP CLINIC</b>            Students meet at School Parking Lot at 7:00 a.m.</p>	

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES PROGRAMS

Please **RSVP** for all events in the Events Section of SYMPPLICITY under WORKSHOPS

**Symplicity (Job Bank and Online Recruiting System) Access:**

<https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>

### **Business of Practicing Law Series Part 1: Law Practice Management from 30,000 Feet**

Monday, February 3, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

This will kick off a series of programs that center around issues solo practitioners and those wishing to practice in small firms need to be aware of as they start their own practice. This series is cosponsored by San Antonio Young Lawyer's Association (SAYLA). This first session will be on law practice management. This will be a high level overview of tips to be successful as you start your career as a solo practitioner or an attorney in a small firm. Jim Cramp, 2013 graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law who successfully opened his own practice will present this program.

### **Meet the Professionals: Consumer Law**

Wednesday, February 5, 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 Genevieve Hébert Fajardo, who is a clinical professor at the Center for Legal and Social Justice who focuses on consumer law and recently published in the area of consumer protection.

### **Business of Practicing Law Series Part 2: Important Tips for Lawyers regarding Tax Issues**

This series of programs centers around issues solo practitioners and those going to small firms need to be aware of as they start their practice. This series is cosponsored by San Antonio Young Lawyer's Association (SAYLA).

Monday, February 10, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

The second session will focus on important information lawyers need to be aware of when filing their taxes. It will also discuss issues related to self-employment including how to prepare for the self-employment tax, payroll taxes and calculating estimated quarterly income tax payments as well as other important topics for small firms and solo practitioners. Rachael Rubenstein, a 2010 graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law and a Senior Tax Fellow at the Center for Legal and Social Justice, will present this program.



### **Careers in International Law**

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

The International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas and The Office of Career Services present an informal talk by lawyers who practice international law. Come learn the different paths each of the participants took out of law school to become international lawyers. Learn about what their practice is like (in-house, boutique and big firm) and learn the pros and cons of practicing international law. The presentation will be informal with ample opportunity for questions and to meet the participants. If you are interested in international law, don't miss this presentation!

### **Women's Law Association and Office of Career Services Present: A Day in the Life of a Business Lawyer**

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Come hear from attorneys who practice in various areas of business law. They will share their experiences during law school and how they landed in their current roles. This program is cosponsored by WLA, OCS and The Business Law Section of The State Bar of Texas. All Students are welcome and there is no fee to attend regardless if you are a WLA member or not.

### **Doing Public Service Right: Reaping the Benefits in Law School and Beyond. Sponsored by the Center For Legal and Social Justice, Equal Justice Works and the Office of Career Services**

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

4:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Food will be served.

Concerned about jobs? Student loans? Come hear Isaac Bowers of Equal Justice Works talk about postgraduate fellowships, public interest opportunities during law school; and how students may become more engaged on their campus and with Equal Justice Works. We'll also cover managing your student debt and earning loan forgiveness in return for public service work. We hope to see you there!

### **Meet the Professionals: Air Force JAG**

Thursday, February 13, 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 Capt. Sarah Huerta, who is a Captain in the United States Air Force and a JAG attorney.

### **Meet the Professionals: Appellate Law**

Tuesday, February 18, 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 Chris Deeves, a local appellate attorney, and Phillip Lynch, a former Appellate Federal Public Defender now solo appellate attorney and adjunct professor will present this session.

### **Practicing Law in the Public Sector. Sponsored by ABA Government and Public Sector Lawyer's Division**

Thursday, February 20, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Come hear from practitioners and judges about their experiences practicing law in the public sector. Panelists will include: The Honorable Xavier Rodriguez, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas; The Honorable Pamela Mathy, United States Magistrate Court for the Western District of Texas; John Paniszczyn, United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Texas; Chief of the Civil Division Donna Coltharp, Deputy Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender, Western District of Texas; Carah Helwig, United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Texas, Criminal Division; Captain Elvis Santiago, Judge Advocate General, United States Air Force; and Eric Friedland, Assistant City Attorney, City of San Antonio. This event will be moderated by Gary Anderson, Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio.

### **Business of Practicing Law Series Part 3: IOLTA Accounts: Opening Them and Best Practices for Maintaining Them**

This series of programs center around issues solo practitioners and those wishing to practice in small firms need to be aware of as they start their own practice. This series is cosponsored by San Antonio Young Lawyer's Association (SAYLA).

Monday, February 24, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

The third session will continue with a financial theme and discuss important information on opening and maintaining IOLTA accounts correctly and in accordance with the State Bar of Texas rules. This program will be presented by Allan DuBois, a graduate of The University of Texas Law School and a recent recipient of the Association of Corporate Counsel, South/Central Texas Chapter's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Lee Cusenbary Ethical Life Award. He also has held various leadership positions in local and state bar associations.

## **Innocence 101**

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Come and meet the Who's Who of Criminal Defense in San Antonio. Learn from one of the best Criminal Defense Lawyers in Texas. Meet and greet in an open discussion forum. Ask the questions you have always wanted to ask about this area of the law and practice. Lunch will be provided. This program is sponsored by the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

## **2014 SPRING JOB FAIRS**

- February 18 – Small Firm Interviewing/Networking Night
- February 21 – Austin Legal Job Fair
- February 28 – Metroplex Legal Job Fair (Dallas/Ft. Worth)
- March 3 – Deadline to apply for El Paso and Midland/Odessa Virtual Job Fairs
- March 7 – Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day at TAMUCC
- March 14 – Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg
- March 21 – Houston Legal Job Fair

Stay tuned to the OCS weekly updates for information on how to apply.

## **STUDENT WORKSHOPS IN THE LAW LIBRARY**

### **Workshop: Topic Selection for Seminar Papers**

Date: February 5, 2014 (Wednesday)

Location: Law Library, Room 106

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. Workshop attendees will be provided with free lunch.

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

Date: February 12, 2014 (Wednesday)

Location: Law Library, Room 106

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. Workshop attendees will be provided with free lunch.

### **Workshop: Google for Lawyers**

Date: February 19, 2014 (Wednesday)

Location: Law Library, Room 106

Fact finding on the Internet is an important lawyering skill. Attorneys have used information in a Google search they found 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 here at school but also in 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 many more. Free lunch will be provided to attendees.

### **Workshop: Electronic Discovery**

Date: February 26, 2014 (Wednesday)

Location: Law Library, Room 106

How does electronic discovery work? What is predictive coding? Come find out! If anyone ever asks you about this over wine and cheese, or \*gasp\* in a job interview, you will know enough to say something smart.

## **CLASS OF 2015 STUDENTS APPLYING TO A FEDERAL CLERKSHIP**

The **Office of Career Services** (OCS) has received information that OSCAR is now open to all 2Ls. Please visit the site at <https://oscar.uscourts.gov> and see judges that are hiring for your class and apply to them through OSCAR or their preferred method of receipt. If you are interested in pursuing a federal clerkship after graduation OCS is here and ready to work with you to get your applications completed.

Below is a list of things **you should begin doing** to prepare for this process:

- 1) Review the court websites for all courts you are interested in applying to and create an excel spreadsheet that includes the names of the judges and the courts you are interested in. You can do this by Googling the court; go to their website and look up their list of judges.
- 2) Once you have created a list, meet with Alicia to discuss a timeline. She may be able to reach out to the courts and find out when the judges are hiring. Note: Alicia will be calling all state and federal judges in the state of Texas and will post their hiring timelines as an announcement in Symplicity as we get the information.
- 3) Start seeking out recommenders as you will need 2-3 and they are usually law school professors. Ask the recommenders to send their letters to Alicia at

[amendozal@stmarytx.edu](mailto:amendozal@stmarytx.edu) in Word format. She will upload them to OSCAR and will print them for hard copy applications.

- 4) We strongly recommend you make an appointment with OCS to review your game plan if you plan to apply to judges.

If you have any questions please contact Office of Career Services at 210.436.3511, email Director Patrick at [spatrick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:spatrick@stmarytx.edu) or Alicia at [amendozal@stmarytx.edu](mailto:amendozal@stmarytx.edu) or come visit OCS on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Law Library, room 216.

### TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is **January 30, 2013**.

<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	<b>March 30</b>

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.

### EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS

Anyone interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the Raba building. **Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.** The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook. For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or (361) 920-3504.

### TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LAW STUDENTS

The State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) has produced a quick video about how TLAP **can help law students** navigate the pressures of law school. It's on the Bar's web page and Twitter Account. Twitter (<https://twitter.com/texasbartoday>); YouTube <http://youtu.be/eubczDDH8Q0>

## **ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS EVENT SET-UPS**

**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.

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

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

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its seventh annual **Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition** on Regulatory and Administrative Law. This competition is open to practicing lawyers, policy makers, academics, and law students. The author of the winning paper in each category will receive a cash prize of \$1,500. For competition details and more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition?mgs1=b0005ASpIx&mgs1=6824d8VBxx>. Deadline for submissions is **February 7, 2014**.

The 2014 **Bert W. Levit Essay Contest**, sponsored by the Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability of the American Bar Association is now accepting entries. The winner will be awarded a cash prize of \$5,000. For more information or to enroll, please visit <http://ambar.org/LPLLevitEssay>. Deadline for entries is **February 21, 2014**.

**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. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2014**. Competition rules are available at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org).

The **Center for International Law** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2014 Global Markets Law Journal Writing Competition. The author of the winning essay will receive a cash prize of \$3,000. First runner-up will receive \$1,500 and second runner-up will receive \$500. For competition details and application go to <http://globalmarkets.jmls.edu/competition>. Deadline for submission is **February 14, 2014**.

**American University Washington College of Law** Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and the American Society of International Law's (ASIL) Lieber Society seek submissions of papers for the fourth annual International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. Deadline for submissions is **Sunday, February 16, 2014 at 11:59 p.m.**, Eastern Standard Time. For more information please visit the ASIL website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/2014internationalhumanitarianlawihlstudentwritingcompetition.cfm>.

**National Association of Bond Lawyers (NABL)** is pleased to announce that it is offering up to five scholarships to law school students to attend its 2014 Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar. The seminar is April 30-May 2, 2014 at the Grand Hyatt in Atlanta, Georgia. The 2014 seminar brochure and details will be available on the NABL website ([www.nabl.org](http://www.nabl.org)) in mid-February. [Click here to view the 2013 seminar brochure](#). Review the [application and seminar information](#). Completed applications are due no later than **March 3, 2014**.

Entries for The Symposium XXVII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [www.thesovereignty\\_symposium.com](http://www.thesovereignty_symposium.com). Entries must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**.

Defense Research Institute (DRI) announces its annual **Law Student Diversity Scholarship** program open to **incoming second and third-year** African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian and Native American students. Incoming second and third-year female law students are also eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity. Incoming second and third-year law students who also come from backgrounds that would add to the cause of diversity, regardless of race or gender are eligible to apply. Students who are members of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), Law School or Law Student members of AAJ or students otherwise affiliated with or employed by AAJ are not eligible for DRI Law Student Diversity Scholarships. To qualify for this scholarship, candidate must be a full-time student or evening student who has completed two-thirds or more of the total credit hours requirement for a degree by the applicant's law school. The goal of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance to two worthy law students from ABA accredited law schools in order to promote, in a tangible way, the DRI Diversity Statement in Principle. Two scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each will be awarded to applicants who best meet the following criteria: Demonstrated academic excellence, service to the profession, service to the community, service to the cause of diversity. Deadline to apply is **April 19, 2013**. For more information please visit <http://www.dri.org/about>.

**Foley & Lardner LLP** is pleased to announce their 2014 Technology Law Writing Contest. Submission topics must address **technology law** and meet the criteria and specifications listed at [www.it-lex.org/writing-contest](http://www.it-lex.org/writing-contest). Cash prizes of \$6,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 will be awarded. Deadline to apply is **May 2, 2014**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2014 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 16, 2014**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The creators of the “*Student Award Search Aid*” website are renewing their \$1,000 scholarship for 2014. Please visit <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm> to learn more. The deadline for applications is **May 26, 2014**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2014 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to [www.tannenwald.org](http://www.tannenwald.org). Entry deadline is **July 1, 2014**.

The Brett Murphy Law Firm is offering an annual \$2,000 scholarship for law students who are working towards a Juris Doctorate Degree and who have an interest in personal injury law. For information or to apply go to <http://www.washingtoninjury.com/library/future-leaders-scholarship>. Deadline to apply is **July 15, 2014**.

**Fellowship Opportunity** – The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) is pleased to announce a partnership with Prudential Financial, Inc. and Lowenstein Sandler, LLP to provide a fellowship opportunity to a highly-motivated third year law school student. The Fellow will be hired to the position of a full time first year associate or entry level associate at Lowenstein Sandler and will be expected to begin work on a date to be determined between the Fellow and Lowenstein Sandler. The date is expected to be set after law school graduation and completion of the July 2014 bar examination. For more information and to apply, please click [http://gallery.mailchimp.com/df9a27c10b6d6ba38ba001440/files/2014\\_HNBA\\_Prudential\\_Fellowship\\_Announcement.pdf](http://gallery.mailchimp.com/df9a27c10b6d6ba38ba001440/files/2014_HNBA_Prudential_Fellowship_Announcement.pdf). Deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m. EDT on **January 31, 2014**.

**Internship Opportunity** – The **2014 Legal Studies Institute** in Washington, DC, sponsored by The Fund for American Studies is now accepting applications from **first and**



**second year law students** who may be interested in spending their summer in DC. The dates are May 22 – August 1, 2014. **Faculty are invited to nominate outstanding students for the program.** Nominated students will receive priority consideration for admission and scholarships. You may nominate students by visiting the link: [www.DCinternships.org/Nominate](http://www.DCinternships.org/Nominate). Students are encouraged to apply by the early deadline of **February 6, 2014** to receive priority admissions consideration and a **5% discount** on their tuition balance. Please visit [www.DCinternships.org/LSI](http://www.DCinternships.org/LSI) for more details. Questions may be directed to Colin Parks, Legal Studies Institute Program Manager, at [LEGAL@tfas.org](mailto:LEGAL@tfas.org) or 202.986.0384.

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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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## TOWN HALL MEETING TODAY

Students are **invited to join the Dean** and some of the Associate Deans for a **Town Hall meeting on Monday, February 10, 2014 at noon in LC 105** (the new large classroom). Bring questions and concerns and the Deans will do their best to address them.

## SIGN UP FOR THE RENNA & JEFF EMBRY MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

2Ls and 3Ls - Sign up for the **Renna & Jeff Embry Mock Trial Competition**. Stop by a **Board of Advocates table** in the law classroom building or email Brandon Cook at [bcook4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bcook4@stmarytx.edu) for sign up information. Prizes are \$1,500 winners, \$750 finalists, \$250 best speaker. Case type is civil, wrongful death.

- Preliminaries: 18th, 19th, 20th (must pick 2)
- Quarters: 24th
- Semis: 26th
- Finals: 28th

**1L's – Sign up to participate as a Bailiff or Witness in the competition.** Earn two Board of Advocates points for each round participated in. Do not miss out. Last chance to sign up is **Friday, February 14, 2014**.

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Are you interested in attending one of our summer **study abroad programs in Innsbruck or China?** Scholarship applications will be available starting this week. They will be posted on the law school bulletin boards, in Sr. Grace's office (RABA 106), with Innsbruck and China faculty, and eventually will be posted online. There are two scholarships for students attending the Innsbruck program; the Sarah Thompson Memorial Fund and the Flint Fund. There is one for students attending the China trip; the China Pioneer Fund. Applications are due to Sr. Grace's office by 5:00 p.m. **March 20, 2014** and the recipients of the awards will be announced April 2, 2014.

## PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL

People's Law School is an annual event to which members of the San Antonio community are invited to attend seminars on various areas of law lead by licensed attorneys at the law school. We now have enough volunteers for the day of the event! Thank you! **However, if you would still like to volunteer and help with the mission of People's Law School, we need volunteers to distribute flyers to libraries and community centers to advertise this event to the public. Volunteers can email Naomi or Julia at the email addresses listed below.**

People's Law School will be held on **Saturday, February 22, 2014**. The seminars will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and students are welcome to attend. If you still haven't

decided on a practice area this would be a great opportunity to listen to attorneys speaking on various legal specializations.

Learn more about this opportunity by adding the **Pro Bono/Community Service** page on **TWEN**, and clicking on the People's Law School tab on the left. Questions may be directed to **Naomi Howard**, People's Law School student organizer, at [naomihoward13@gmail.com](mailto:naomihoward13@gmail.com). You may also email the Pro Bono and Public Interest Research Assistant, **Julia Neely Null**, at [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com).

## **LAW CAMPUS MINISTRY JUSTICES OF THE FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS AND AWARDS**

Campus Ministry and Women's Law Association will be hosting the **Justices of the Fourth Court of Appeals on Tuesday, March 18, 2014** in the Law Classroom Building Courtroom to hear two moot court arguments. The first hearing will begin at **9:00 a.m.** The second hearing will begin at **10:00 a.m.** Anyone who wants to attend must be seated by 8:50 a.m. An afternoon reception will follow in the Alumni Room at 12:00 p.m. for presentation of the *Alma Lopez "Women in Law" Leadership Award* and the inaugural *Catherine M. Stone "Rock of Justice" Award* in honor of Justice Stone's retirement from the bench. All students, faculty and staff are welcome.

**Nominations:** If you know an outstanding woman in law who you would like to nominate for the mentioned awards please stop by Sr. Grace's office in RABA building, room 106 to pick up a nomination packet or email [agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu) to have one emailed to you. All nominations will be due to Sr. Grace's office by **March 4, 2014** at 12:00 p.m.

## **LAW LIBRARY OFFERS RARE BOOK ROOM TOURS**

This spring semester, the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library will offer **brief tours of the Rare Book Room** for interested faculty and students. The tours will be led by a librarian and will last 10-15 minutes.

The Library has a small but **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. If interested, please contact Ms. Fang Wang, Reference and Special Collection Services Librarian, at 210.431.3435 ext. 1366 or email at [fwang@stmarytx.edu](mailto:fwang@stmarytx.edu) to set up an appointment.

## **SPRING BREAK SERVICE TRIPS**

**Informational meetings** for Spring Break Service Trips will be held on **Tuesday, February 11 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday, February 12 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in Raba.** This year's service trips will be to New Orleans, Louisiana South Texas, Dallas and Austin, Texas. For more information contact Sister Grace Walle,

[gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).

## **FITNESS CLASSES**

Looking to get into shape or stay in shape? Check out the Spring 2014 fitness classes at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation/fitness-classes/>. These classes are available to all students, faculty and staff. Be sure to sign up today!

## **RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM AND EXHIBITION**

The Undergraduate Research Office is currently accepting applications for the **15th Annual StMU Research Symposium and Exhibition** taking place **April 9, 2014, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** in the AACC. ALL St. Mary's faculty, undergraduate, graduate, and **law students are encouraged to apply**. To apply go to <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/research-programs/uro/symposium-and-exhibition/>. **Deadline is Friday, March 28, 2014.** For more information contact Amber Aubone, URO Director, at 210.436.3100 or [aaubone@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aaubone@stmarytx.edu).

## **COMMENCEMENT 2014 – SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Please visit the below link for the schedule of events for Commencement 2014. This information and link is also available on the Law School website. <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/currentstudents/graduation2014/>.

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

Start planning for Summer & Fall NOW!

- Check out Symplicity or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. Visit the Office of Career Service for assistance with Symplicity—get some coffee and snacks while you are there.
- Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a one-on-one meeting that can make sure you find the right fit. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu), office phone: 210. 431.5712, or in person during office hours.

**SPRING OFFICE HOURS**  
**for PCP in Career Services Office**  
**Mondays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

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/>

Don't forget : In-House Counsel Externship for Summer & Fall.

Interested in working a general counsel's office? Contact Amanda Rivas immediately because

there are **LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE.**

**PLAN ahead:** The PCP Externship program (including In House Counsel) requires a MANDATORY class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class.

**Summer Class: Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Fall Class: TBD**

***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.*

### **AT&T EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE AWARD Spring 2014**

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 toward fostering 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. Applications are available on the Pro Bono TWEN site. Deadline to apply is **February 15, 2014**.

### **QUIET, PLEASE! CLASSES ARE NOW IN SESSION**

For the benefit of **professors trying to teach** and **students in classes trying to focus** and learn, **please keep the noise volume** in the hallways of the Law Classroom Building down. With the two new classrooms, traffic has increased in the law classroom building. Please be mindful when entering or exiting a class hour and **be as quiet as possible** when in the common areas of the building.

### **2014 PRO BONO PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

<b>FAMILY LAW Texas RioGrande Legal Aid</b>	<b>WILLS CLINIC St. Mary’s Center for Legal &amp; Social Justice</b>	<b>VETERANS CLINIC @ Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital</b>	<b>CARITAS LEGAL SERVICES (formerly known as “Ask a Lawyer”)</b>	<b>BORDER OUTREACH at Laredo &amp; Eagle Pass</b>
February 11		February 21		
March 18		March 21		March 1

<p align="center"><b>FAMILY LAW CLINIC</b>  <b>Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA)</b>  Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m.  1111 North Main Avenue  San Antonio, TX 78212</p>	<p align="center"><b>VETERANS CLINIC</b>  <b>Audie L. Murphy Veterans Hospital</b>  Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m.  7400 Merton Minter St.  San Antonio, TX 78229</p>
<p align="center"><b>WILLS CLINIC</b>  St. Mary’s Center for Legal &amp; Social Justice  Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m.  2507 N.W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street  San Antonio, TX 78228</p>	<p align="center"><b>CARITAS LEGAL SERVICES</b>  (formerly known as “Ask a Lawyer”)  Clinic starts at 6:00 p.m.  Location Varies</p>
<p align="center"><b>BORDER TRIP CLINIC</b>  Students meet at School Parking Lot at 7:00 a.m.</p>	

**OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Please **RSVP** for all events in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS

**Symplcity (Job Bank and Online Recruiting System) Access:**

<https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplcity.com/students/>

**Business of Practicing Law Series Part 2: Important Tips for Lawyers regarding Tax Issues**

This series of programs centers around issues solo practitioners and those going to small firms need to be aware of as they start their practice. This series is cosponsored by San Antonio Young Lawyer’s Association (SAYLA).

Monday, February 10, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

The second session will focus on important information lawyers need to be aware of when filing their taxes. It will also discuss issues related to self-employment including how to prepare for the self-employment tax, payroll taxes and calculating estimated quarterly income tax payments as well as other important topics for small firms and solo practitioners. Rachael Rubenstein, a 2010 graduate of St. Mary’s University School of Law and a Senior Tax Fellow at the Center for Legal and Social Justice, will present this program.

**Careers in International Law**

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

The International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas and The Office of Career Services present an informal talk by lawyers who practice international law. Come learn the different paths each of the participants took out of law school to become international lawyers. Learn



about what their practice is like (in-house, boutique and big firm) and learn the pros and cons of practicing international law. The presentation will be informal with ample opportunity for questions and to meet the participants. If you are interested in international law, don't miss this presentation!

**Women's Law Association and Office of Career Services Present: A Day in the Life of a Business Lawyer**

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Come hear from attorneys who practice in various areas of business law. They will share their experiences during law school and how they landed in their current roles. This program is cosponsored by WLA, OCS and The Business Law Section of The State Bar of Texas. All Students are welcome and there is no fee to attend regardless if you are a WLA member or not.

**Doing Public Service Right: Reaping the Benefits in Law School and Beyond. Sponsored by the Center For Legal and Social Justice, Equal Justice Works and the Office of Career Services**

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

4:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Food will be served.

Concerned about jobs? Student loans? Come hear Isaac Bowers of Equal Justice Works talk about postgraduate fellowships, public interest opportunities during law school; and how students may become more engaged on their campus and with Equal Justice Works. We'll also cover managing your student debt and earning loan forgiveness in return for public service work. We hope to see you there.

**Meet the Professionals: Air Force JAG**

Thursday, February 13, 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 Capt. Sarah Huerta, who is a Captain in the United States Air Force and a JAG attorney.

**Meet the Professionals: Appellate Law**

Tuesday, February 18, 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 Chris Deeves, a local appellate attorney, and Phillip Lynch, a former Appellate Federal Public Defender now solo appellate attorney and adjunct professor will present this session.

**Practicing Law in the Public Sector. Sponsored by ABA Government and Public Sector Lawyer's Division**

Thursday, February 20, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Come hear from practitioners and judges about their experiences practicing law in the public sector. Panelists will include: The Honorable Xavier Rodriguez, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas; The Honorable Pamela Mathy, United States Magistrate Court for the Western District of Texas; John Paniszczyn, United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Texas; Chief of the Civil Division Donna Coltharp, Deputy Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender, Western District of Texas; Carah Helwig, United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Texas, Criminal Division; Captain Elvis Santiago, Judge Advocate General, United States Air Force; and Eric Friedland, Assistant City Attorney, City of San Antonio. This event will be moderated by Gary Anderson, Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio.

**Business of Practicing Law Series Part 3: IOLTA Accounts: Opening Them and Best Practices for Maintaining Them**

This series of programs center around issues solo practitioners and those wishing to practice in small firms need to be aware of as they start their own practice. This series is cosponsored by San Antonio Young Lawyer's Association (SAYLA).

Monday, February 24, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

The third session will continue with a financial theme and discuss important information on opening and maintaining IOLTA accounts correctly and in accordance with the State Bar of Texas rules. This program will be presented by Allan DuBois, a graduate of The University of Texas Law School and a recent recipient of the Association of Corporate Counsel, South/Central Texas Chapter's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Lee Cusenbary Ethical Life Award. He also has held various leadership positions in local and state bar associations.

**Innocence 101**

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Come and meet the Who's Who of Criminal Defense in San Antonio. Learn from one of the best Criminal Defense Lawyers in Texas. Meet and greet in an open discussion forum. Ask the questions you have always wanted to ask about this area of the law and practice. Lunch will be provided. This program is sponsored by the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

## 2014 SPRING JOB FAIRS

- February 18 – Small Firm Interviewing/Networking Night
- February 21 – Austin Legal Job Fair
- February 28 – Metroplex Legal Job Fair (Dallas/Ft. Worth)
- March 3 – Deadline to apply for El Paso and Midland/Odessa Virtual Job Fairs
- March 7 – Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day at TAMUCC
- March 14 – Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg
- March 21 – Houston Legal Job Fair

Stay tuned to the OCS weekly updates for information on how to apply.

## STUDENT WORKSHOPS IN THE LAW LIBRARY

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

Date: February 12, 2014 (Wednesday)

Location: Law Library, Room 106

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. Workshop attendees will be provided with free lunch.

### **Workshop: Google for Lawyers**

Date: February 19, 2014 (Wednesday)

Location: Law Library, Room 106

Fact finding on the Internet is an important lawyering skill. Attorneys have used information in a Google search they found 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 here at school but also in 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 many more. Free lunch will be provided to attendees.

### **Workshop: Electronic Discovery**

Date: February 26, 2014 (Wednesday)

Location: Law Library, Room 106

How does electronic discovery work? What is predictive coding? Come find out! If anyone ever asks you about this over wine and cheese, or \*gasp\* in a job interview, you will know enough to say something smart.

**CLASS OF 2015 STUDENTS  
APPLYING TO STATE OF TEXAS AND FEDERAL CLERKSHIPS**

The **Office of Career Services** (OCS) has received information that OSCAR is now open to all 2Ls. Please visit the site at <https://oscar.uscourts.gov> and see judges that are hiring for your class and apply to them through OSCAR or their preferred method of receipt. If you are interested in pursuing a federal clerkship after graduation OCS is here and ready to work with you to get your applications completed. We have also called the following Texas courts to determine their hiring needs: Supreme Court of Texas, Criminal Court of Appeals and the First through Fourteenth Appellate Courts . We have a list in the OCS of these courts and their hiring needs and it is also in Symplicity on the home page. We are still in the process of calling all Federal judges in Texas but many of them have updated their OSCAR profiles with their hiring needs.

Below is a list of things **you should begin doing** to prepare for this process:

- 1) Review the court websites for all courts you are interested in applying to and create an excel spreadsheet that includes the names of the judges and the courts you are interested in. You can do this by Googling the court; go to their website and look up their list of judges.
- 2) Once you have created a list, meet with Alicia to discuss a timeline. She may be able to reach out to the courts and find out when the judges are hiring.
- 3) Start seeking out recommenders as you will need 2-3 and they are usually law school professors. Ask the recommenders to send their letters to Alicia at [amendozal@stmarytx.edu](mailto:amendozal@stmarytx.edu) in Word format. She will upload them to OSCAR and will print them for hard copy applications.
- 4) We strongly recommend you make an appointment with OCS to review your game plan if you plan to apply to judges.

If you have any questions please contact Office of Career Services at 210.436.3511, email Director Patrick at [spatrick@stmarytx.edu](mailto:spatrick@stmarytx.edu) or Alicia at [amendozal@stmarytx.edu](mailto:amendozal@stmarytx.edu) or come visit OCS on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Law Library, room 216.

**TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES**

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is **March 30, 2014**.

<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	<b>March 30</b>
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## EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS

Anyone interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the Raba building. **Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.** The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook. For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or (361) 920-3504.

## TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LAW STUDENTS

The **State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)** has produced a quick video about how TLAP **can help law students** navigate the pressures of law school. It's on the Bar's web page and Twitter Account. Twitter (<https://twitter.com/texasbartoday>); YouTube <http://youtu.be/eubczDDH8Q0>

## ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS EVENT SET-UPS

**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.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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

The 2014 **Bert W. Levit Essay Contest**, sponsored by the Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability of the American Bar Association is now accepting entries. The winner will be awarded a cash prize of \$5,000. For more information or to enroll, please visit <http://ambar.org/LPLLevitEssay>. Deadline for entries is **February 21, 2014**.

**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. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2014**. Competition rules are available at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org).

The **Center for International Law** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2014 Global Markets Law Journal Writing Competition. The author of the winning essay will receive a cash prize of \$3,000. First runner-up will receive \$1,500 and second runner-up will receive \$500. For competition details and application go to <http://globalmarkets.jmls.edu/competition>. Deadline for submission is **February 14, 2014**.

**American University Washington College of Law** Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and the American Society of International Law's (ASIL) Lieber Society seek submissions of papers for the fourth annual International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. Deadline for submissions is **Sunday, February 16, 2014 at 11:59 p.m.**, Eastern Standard Time. For more information please visit the ASIL website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/2014internationalhumanitarianlawihlstudentwritingcompetition.cfm>.

**National Association of Bond Lawyers** (NABL) is pleased to announce that it is offering up to five scholarships to law school students to attend its 2014 Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar. The seminar is April 30-May 2, 2014 at the Grand Hyatt in Atlanta, Georgia. The 2014 seminar brochure and details will be available on the NABL website ([www.nabl.org](http://www.nabl.org)) in mid-February. [Click here to view the 2013 seminar brochure](#). Review the [application and seminar information](#). Completed applications are due no later than **March 3, 2014**.

Entries for The Symposium XXVII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [www.thesovereigntysymposium.com](http://www.thesovereigntysymposium.com). Entries must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**.

**NEW** – The **American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources** (ABA-SEER) is pleased to announce the 2014 Student Writing Competition on Public Land Law and Policy, in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation's Special Institute on Public Land Law, Regulation, and Management scheduled for May 8-9, 2014 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Awards are \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 cash prizes for

first, second and third place submissions. Entries 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. Deadline for entries is 5:00 p.m., MT on **April 1, 2014**.

Defense Research Institute (DRI) announces its annual **Law Student Diversity Scholarship** program open to **incoming second and third-year** African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian and Native American students. Incoming second and third-year female law students are also eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity. Incoming second and third-year law students who also come from backgrounds that would add to the cause of diversity, regardless of race or gender are eligible to apply. Students who are members of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), Law School or Law Student members of AAJ or students otherwise affiliated with or employed by AAJ are not eligible for DRI Law Student Diversity Scholarships. To qualify for this scholarship, candidate must be a full-time student or evening student who has completed two-thirds or more of the total credit hours requirement for a degree by the applicant's law school. The goal of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance to two worthy law students from ABA accredited law schools in order to promote, in a tangible way, the DRI Diversity Statement in Principle. Two scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each will be awarded to applicants who best meet the following criteria: Demonstrated academic excellence, service to the profession, service to the community, service to the cause of diversity. Deadline to apply is **April 19, 2013**. For more information please visit <http://www.dri.org/about>.

**NEW** – The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice** (AAJ) announces the 2014 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The Scholarship, traditionally given in the amount of \$5,000, 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. Application deadline is **May 1, 2014**. For more information on this scholarship, please go to the AAJ website at <http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>.

**Foley & Lardner LLP** is pleased to announce their 2014 Technology Law Writing Contest. Submission topics must address **technology law** and meet the criteria and specifications listed at [www.it-lex.org/writing-contest](http://www.it-lex.org/writing-contest). Cash prizes of \$6,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 will be awarded. Deadline to apply is **May 2, 2014**.

**NEW** –The **Intellectual Property Law Section** of the State Bar of Texas announces the 2014 Women and Minority Scholarship. Two \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to a woman and/or minority law student. Any woman or member of a recognized minority group, including but not limited to African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans who intends to practice IP law in the State of Texas, is eligible to apply. The scholarships will be awarded at the IP Section's meeting during the 2014 State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting held in Austin. Applications must be postmarked no later than **May 12, 2014**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2014

Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 16, 2014**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The creators of the “*Student Award Search Aid*” website are renewing their \$1,000 scholarship for 2014. Please visit <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm> to learn more. The deadline for applications is **May 26, 2014**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

**NEW** – The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the 2014 Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org](http://www.ilstexas.org). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2014**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2014 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to [www.tannenwald.org](http://www.tannenwald.org). Entry deadline is **July 1, 2014**.

The Brett Murphy Law Firm is offering an annual \$2,000 scholarship for law students who are working towards a Juris Doctorate Degree and who have an interest in personal injury law. For information or to apply go to <http://www.washingtoninjury.com/library/future-leaders-scholarship>. Deadline to apply is **July 15, 2014**.

**Internship Opportunity** – The **2014 Legal Studies Institute** in Washington, DC, sponsored by The Fund for American Studies is now accepting applications from **first and second year law students** who may be interested in spending their summer in DC. The dates are May 22 – August 1, 2014. **Faculty are invited to nominate outstanding students for the program**. Nominated students will receive priority consideration for admission and scholarships. You may nominate students by visiting the link: [www.DCinternships.org/Nominate](http://www.DCinternships.org/Nominate). Students are encouraged to apply by the early deadline of **February 6, 2014** to receive priority admissions consideration and a **5% discount** on their tuition balance. Please visit [www.DCinternships.org/LSI](http://www.DCinternships.org/LSI) for more details. Questions may be directed to Colin Parks, Legal Studies Institute Program Manager, at [LEGAL@tfas.org](mailto:LEGAL@tfas.org) or 202.986.0384.



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**MEET & GREET TOM TRANTINO**  
President's Peace Commission Guest

Please Join Law Campus Ministry and The Center for Legal and Social Justice welcome **President's Peace Commission Guest speaker, Tom Trantino on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the Raba Rotunda.** Light refreshments will be served. From death row and back, Mr. Trantino was paroled in 2002 after 38 years in prison. He shares his struggles, challenges and beliefs on the death penalty. Everyone is invited to attend.

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS**

Are you interested in attending one of our summer **study abroad programs in Innsbruck or China?** Scholarship applications will be available starting this week. They will be posted on the law school bulletin boards, in Sr. Grace's office (RABA 106), with Innsbruck and China faculty, and eventually will be posted online. There are two scholarships for students attending the Innsbruck program; the Sarah Thompson Memorial Fund and the Flint Fund. There is one for students attending the China trip; the China Pioneer Fund. Applications are due to Sr. Grace's office by 5:00 p.m. **March 20, 2014** and the recipients of the awards will be announced April 2, 2014.

**PEOPLE'S LAW SCHOOL**

People's Law School is an annual event to which members of the San Antonio community are invited to attend seminars on various areas of law lead by licensed attorneys at the law school. We now have enough volunteers for the day of the event! Thank you! **However, if you would still like to volunteer and help with the mission of People's Law School, we need volunteers to distribute flyers to libraries and community centers to advertise this event to the public. Volunteers can email Naomi or Julia at the email addresses listed below.**

People's Law School will be held on **Saturday, February 22, 2014.** The seminars will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and students are welcome to attend. If you still haven't decided on a practice area this would be a great opportunity to listen to attorneys speaking on various legal specializations.

Learn more about this opportunity by adding the **Pro Bono/Community Service** page on **TWEN**, and clicking on the People's Law School tab on the left. Questions may be directed to **Naomi Howard**, People's Law School student organizer, at [naomihoward13@gmail.com](mailto:naomihoward13@gmail.com). You may also email the Pro Bono and Public Interest Research Assistant, **Julia Neely Null**, at [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com).

**NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR OUTSTANDING WOMEN IN LAW**

Nominations are now being accepted for the the **Alma Lopez "Women in Law" Leadership Award** and the inaugural **Catherine M. Stone "Rock of Justice" Award** in honor of

Justice Stone's retirement from the bench. If you know an **outstanding woman in law** who you would like to nominate for the mentioned awards please stop by Sr. Grace's office in RABA building, room 106 to pick up a nomination packet or email [agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu) to have a packet sent to you. All nominations are due to Sr. Grace's office by **March 4, 2014** at 12:00 p.m.

## **FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENTS**

The **Fourth Court of Appeals** will hear oral arguments in two appeals on **Tuesday, March 18, 2014**, at St. Mary's Law School beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The first case, 04-13-00386-CR *Deshawn Ondrey Williams v. The State of Texas*, will be heard before the following panel of justices: Justice Karen Angelini, Justice Patricia Alvarez and Justice Luz Elena D. Chapa. Appellant Deshawn Ondrey Williams was found guilty by a jury for the offense of terroristic threats against a public servant. In his first issue on appeal, Williams argues the evidence is legally insufficient to prove that the alleged threat was made with the specific intent to place the witness in fear of *imminent* serious bodily injury or death. More specifically, Williams argues that even assuming the alleged facts were accurate, the alleged threat was for an event to occur the following week and, therefore, the threat could not have been imminent. In his second issue, Williams contends that because he was indigent, the trial court erroneously ordered Williams to pay attorneys' fees.

The second case, 04-13-00326-CR *Benny Alonzo v. The State of Texas*, will begin at 10:30 a.m. and be heard by the panel of: Chief Justice Catherine Stone, Justice Sandee Bryan Marion, and Justice Rebeca C. Martinez. Appellant, Benny Alonzo, appeals his conviction for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon. In two issues on appeal, appellant asserts (1) the trial court erred in denying his motion to suppress, and (2) the evidence is legally insufficient to support his conviction.

An afternoon reception will follow in the Alumni Room at 12:00 p.m. for presentation of the *Alma Lopez "Women in Law" Leadership Award* and the inaugural *Catherine M. Stone "Rock of Justice" Award* in honor of Justice Stone's retirement from the bench. All students, faculty and staff are welcome.

This event is sponsored by the Women's Law Association and Campus Ministry.

## **LAW LIBRARY OFFERS RARE BOOK ROOM TOURS**

This spring semester, the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library will offer **brief tours of the Rare Book Room** for interested faculty and students. The tours will be led by a librarian and will last 10-15 minutes.

The Library has a small but **outstanding collection of rare law books** and special collections housed in 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. If interested, please contact Ms. Fang Wang, Reference and Special Collection Services Librarian, at 210.431.3435 ext. 1366 or email at [fwang@stmarytx.edu](mailto:fwang@stmarytx.edu) to set up an appointment.

## **FITNESS CLASSES**

Looking to get into shape or stay in shape? Check out the Spring 2014 fitness classes at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation/fitness-classes/>. These classes are available to all students, faculty and staff. Be sure to sign up today!

## **RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM AND EXHIBITION**

The Undergraduate Research Office is currently accepting applications for the **15th Annual StMU Research Symposium and Exhibition** taking place **April 9, 2014, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** in the AACC. ALL St. Mary's faculty, undergraduate, graduate, and **law students are encouraged to apply.** To apply go to <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/research-programs/uro/symposium-and-exhibition/>. **Deadline is Friday, March 28, 2014.** For more information contact Amber Aubone, URO Director, at 210.436.3100 or [aaubone@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aaubone@stmarytx.edu).

## **COMMENCEMENT 2014 – SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Please visit the below link for the schedule of events for Commencement 2014. This information and link is also available on the Law School website. <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/currentstudents/graduation2014/>.

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

Start planning for Summer & Fall NOW!

- Check out Symplicity or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. Visit the Office of Career Service for assistance with Symplicity—get some coffee and snacks while you are there.
- Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a one-on-one meeting that can make sure you find the right fit. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu), office phone: 210. 431.5712, or in person during office hours.

**SPRING OFFICE HOURS**  
**for PCP in Career Services Office**  
**Mondays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

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/>

Don't forget : In-House Counsel Externship for Summer & Fall.

Interested in working a general counsel's office? Contact Amanda Rivas immediately because there are **LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE.**

PLAN ahead: The PCP Externship program (including In House Counsel) requires a MANDATORY class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class.

**Summer Class: Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Fall Class: TBD**

***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.*

### **AT&T EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE AWARD Spring 2014**

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 toward fostering 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. Applications are available on the Pro Bono TWEN site. Deadline to apply is **February 15, 2014**.

### **QUIET, PLEASE! CLASSES ARE NOW IN SESSION**

For the benefit of **professors trying to teach** and **students in classes trying to focus** and learn, **please keep the noise volume** in the hallways of the Law Classroom Building down. With the two new classrooms, traffic has increased in the law classroom building. Please be mindful when entering or exiting a class hour and **be as quiet as possible** when in the common areas of the building.

**2014 PRO BONO PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

<b>FAMILY LAW Texas RioGrande Legal Aid</b>	<b>WILLS CLINIC St. Mary's Center for Legal &amp; Social Justice</b>	<b>VETERANS CLINIC @ Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital</b>	<b>CARITAS LEGAL SERVICES (formerly known as "Ask a Lawyer")</b>	<b>BORDER OUTREACH at Laredo &amp; Eagle Pass</b>
		February 21		
March 18		March 21		March 1
April 22	April 15 – WILLS	April 4th or 11th		
May 13		May 16		
June 10		June 20		
July 22	July 15 – WILLS	July 18		
August 12		August 15		
September 9		September 18		
October 28	October 21– WILLS	October 17		
November 11		November 21		

<p align="center"><b>FAMILY LAW CLINIC</b>  <b>Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA)</b>            Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m.            1111 North Main Avenue            San Antonio, TX 78212</p>	<p align="center"><b>VETERANS CLINIC</b>  <b>Audie L. Murphy Veterans Hospital</b>            Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m.            7400 Merton Minter St.            San Antonio, TX 78229</p>
<p align="center"><b>WILLS CLINIC</b>            St. Mary's Center for Legal &amp; Social Justice            Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m.            2507 N.W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street            San Antonio, TX 78228</p>	<p align="center"><b>CARITAS LEGAL SERVICES</b>            (formerly known as "Ask a Lawyer")            Clinic starts at 6:00 p.m.            Location Varies</p>
<p><b>BORDER TRIP CLINIC</b>            Students meet at School Parking Lot at 7:00 a.m.</p>	

**OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Please **RSVP** for all events in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS

**Symlicity (Job Bank and Online Recruiting System) Access:**

<https://law-stmarytx-csm.symlicity.com/students/>

**Meet the Professionals: Appellate Law**

Tuesday, February 18, 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 Chris Deeves, a local appellate attorney, and Phillip Lynch, a former Appellate Federal Public Defender now solo appellate attorney and adjunct professor will present this session.

**Practicing Law in the Public Sector. Sponsored by ABA Government and Public Sector Lawyer's Division**

Thursday, February 20, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Come hear from practitioners and judges about their experiences practicing law in the public sector. Panelists will include: The Honorable Xavier Rodriguez, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas; The Honorable Pamela Mathy, United States Magistrate Court for the Western District of Texas; John Paniszczyn, United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Texas; Chief of the Civil Division Donna Coltharp, Deputy Federal Public Defender, Office of the Federal Public Defender, Western District of Texas; Carah Helwig, United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Texas, Criminal Division; Captain Elvis Santiago, Judge Advocate General, United States Air Force; and Eric Friedland, Assistant City Attorney, City of San Antonio. This event will be moderated by Gary Anderson, Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio.

**Business of Practicing Law Series Part 3: IOLTA Accounts: Opening Them and Best Practices for Maintaining Them**

This series of programs center around issues solo practitioners and those wishing to practice in small firms need to be aware of as they start their own practice. This series is cosponsored by San Antonio Young Lawyer's Association (SAYLA).

Monday, February 24, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

The third session will continue with a financial theme and discuss important information on opening and maintaining IOLTA accounts correctly and in accordance with the State Bar of Texas rules. This program will be presented by Allan DuBois, a graduate of The University of Texas Law School and a recent recipient of the Association of Corporate Counsel, South/Central Texas Chapter's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Lee Cusenbary Ethical Life Award. He also has held various leadership positions in local and state bar associations.

**Innocence 101**

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Come and meet the Who's Who of Criminal Defense in San Antonio. Learn from one of the best Criminal Defense Lawyers in Texas. Meet and greet in an open discussion forum. Ask the



questions you have always wanted to ask about this area of the law and practice. Lunch will be provided. This program is sponsored by the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

**Business of Practicing Law Series: Making it Rain: How to Obtain and Keep Clients**

Monday, March 3, 2014

5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Happy Hour drinks and food will be served.

In a competitive legal climate, it is crucial to be able to develop the skills needed to successfully create business, and more importantly, keep it. R.C. Rondero de Mosier will guide you through processes to help you find new business through networking and readily available resources, and also provide guidance on fostering the client relationships you build in order to increase your cash flow. The format of this program will be a 30-minute informational talk on how to network followed by a 30-minute happy hour to allow SAYLA attorneys and students to put the skills they learned into practice.

**Meet the Professionals: Oil and Gas Law**

Tuesday, March 4, 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 Jaime Trevino. Jaime is an associate at Mazurek, Alford and Holliday in San Antonio.

**Meet the Professionals: Elder Law**

Wednesday, March 5, 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 Patty Sitchler who is an adjunct professor at St. Mary's University School of Law and practitioner in this area of law.

**Alternative Careers Panel**

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Come and meet attorneys who have chosen to use their law degree in an alternative way and learn about various careers you can do with a law degree.

### **What Do Transactional Lawyers Do?**

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Attorneys who have a transactional practice do very different work than litigators. Come hear from attorneys from a variety of practices including transactional lawyers in big firms, small firms, in-house counsel, and government about what their jobs are like. The panel will be moderated by Leslie Hyman, a partner at Pulman, Cappuccio, Pullen & Benson, LLP.

### **"Bar" Luncheon for Class of 2014 Students**

Monday, April 7, 2014

12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Andy Kerr and Sara Dysart Present: State Bar of Texas: Serving Texas Lawyers. Come learn about the services the State Bar of Texas provides to lawyers and the benefits available to you after graduation. Dress code is business casual attire.

## **2014 SPRING JOB FAIRS**

- **February 18 – Small Firm Interviewing/Networking Night**
- **February 21 – Austin Legal Job Fair**
- February 28 – Metroplex Legal Job Fair (Dallas/Ft. Worth)
- March 3 – Deadline to apply for El Paso and Midland/Odessa Virtual Job Fairs
- March 7 – Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day at TAMUCC
- March 14 – Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg
- March 21 – Houston Legal Job Fair

Stay tuned to the OCS weekly updates for information on how to apply.

## **STUDENT WORKSHOPS IN THE LAW LIBRARY**

### **Workshop: Google for Lawyers**

Date: February 19, 2014 (Wednesday)

Location: Law Library, Room 106

Fact finding on the Internet is an important lawyering skill. Attorneys have used information in a Google search they found 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 here at school but also in 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 many more. Free lunch will be provided to attendees.

**Workshop: Electronic Discovery**

Date: February 26, 2014 (Wednesday)

Location: Law Library, Room 106

How does electronic discovery work? What is predictive coding? Come find out! If anyone ever asks you about this over wine and cheese, or \*gasp\* in a job interview, you will know enough to say something smart.

**TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES**

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is **March 30, 2014**.

<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	<b>March 30</b>

**EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS**

Anyone interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott’s “Bible Class”. The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the Raba building. **Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.** The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook. For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or (361) 920-3504.

**TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LAW STUDENTS**

The **State Bar’s Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)** has produced a quick video about how TLAP **can help law students** navigate the pressures of law school. It’s on the Bar’s web page and Twitter Account. Twitter (<https://twitter.com/texasbartoday>); YouTube <http://youtu.be/eubczDDH8Q0>

**ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS  
EVENT SET-UPS**

**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.

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

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

The 2014 **Bert W. Levit Essay Contest**, sponsored by the Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability of the American Bar Association is now accepting entries. The winner will be awarded a cash prize of \$5,000. For more information or to enroll, please visit <http://ambar.org/LPLLevitEssay>. Deadline for entries is **February 21, 2014**.

**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. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2014**. Competition rules are available at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org).

The **Center for International Law** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2014 Global Markets Law Journal Writing Competition. The author of the winning essay will receive a cash prize of \$3,000. First runner-up will receive \$1,500 and second runner-up will receive \$500. For competition details and application go to <http://globalmarkets.jmls.edu/competition>. Deadline for submission is **February 14, 2014**.

**American University Washington College of Law Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law** and the American Society of International Law's (ASIL) Lieber Society seek submissions of papers for the fourth annual International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. Deadline for submissions is **Sunday, February 16, 2014 at 11:59 p.m.**, Eastern Standard Time. For more information please visit the ASIL website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/2014internationalhumanitarianlawihlstudentwritingcompetition.cfm>.

**National Association of Bond Lawyers (NABL)** is pleased to announce that it is offering up to five scholarships to law school students to attend its 2014 Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar. The seminar is April 30-May 2, 2014 at the Grand Hyatt in Atlanta, Georgia. The 2014 seminar brochure and details will be available on the NABL website

([www.nabl.org](http://www.nabl.org)) in mid-February. [Click here to view the 2013 seminar brochure](#). Review the [application and seminar information](#). Completed applications are due no later than **March 3, 2014**.

**NEW** - Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems a Journal of the University Of Iowa College of Law announces its 2013-2014 **Trandafir International Business Writing Competition**. A \$2,000 cash prize will be awarded. Winning essay will also be published in Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law. Entry deadline is **March 21, 2014**. For more information and contest rules, please see: [http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir\\_competition.html](http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir_competition.html).

Entries for The Symposium XXVII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [www.thesovereignty\\_symposium.com](http://www.thesovereignty_symposium.com). Entries must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**.

**NEW** – The **American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources** (ABA-SEER) is pleased to announce the 2014 Student Writing Competition on Public Land Law and Policy, in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation's Special Institute on Public Land Law, Regulation, and Management scheduled for May 8-9, 2014 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Awards are \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 cash prizes for first, second and third place submissions. Entries 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. Deadline for entries is 5:00 p.m., MT on **April 1, 2014**.

Defense Research Institute (DRI) announces its annual **Law Student Diversity Scholarship** program open to **incoming second and third-year** African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian and Native American students. Incoming second and third-year female law students are also eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity. Incoming second and third-year law students who also come from backgrounds that would add to the cause of diversity, regardless of race or gender are eligible to apply. Students who are members of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), Law School or Law Student members of AAJ or students otherwise affiliated with or employed by AAJ are not eligible for DRI Law Student Diversity Scholarships. To qualify for this scholarship, candidate must be a full-time student or evening student who has completed two-thirds or more of the total credit hours requirement for a degree by the applicant's law school. The goal of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance to two worthy law students from ABA accredited law schools in order to promote, in a tangible way, the DRI Diversity Statement in Principle. Two scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each will be awarded to applicants who best meet the following criteria: Demonstrated academic excellence, service to the profession, service to the community, service to the cause of diversity. Deadline to apply is **April 19, 2013**. For more information please visit <http://www.dri.org/about>.

**NEW** –The **Law School Admission Council** (LSAC) announces its first LSAC Diversity Committee Writing Competition. Three winners (1L, 2L and 3-4L) will be eligible for

cash prizes of \$5,000.00. Submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST on **Thursday, May 1, 2014**. Email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu) for more information.

**NEW** – The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice** (AAJ) announces the 2014 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The Scholarship, traditionally given in the amount of \$5,000, 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. Application deadline is **May 1, 2014**. For more information on this scholarship, please go to the AAJ website at <http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>.

**Foley & Lardner LLP** is pleased to announce their 2014 Technology Law Writing Contest. Submission topics must address **technology law** and meet the criteria and specifications listed at [www.it-lex.org/writing-contest](http://www.it-lex.org/writing-contest). Cash prizes of \$6,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 will be awarded. Deadline to apply is **May 2, 2014**.

**NEW** –The **Intellectual Property Law Section** of the State Bar of Texas announces the 2014 Women and Minority Scholarship. Two \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to a woman and/or minority law student. Any woman or member of a recognized minority group, including but not limited to African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans who intends to practice IP law in the State of Texas, is eligible to apply. The scholarships will be awarded at the IP Section's meeting during the 2014 State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting held in Austin. Applications must be postmarked no later than **May 12, 2014**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2014 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 16, 2014**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The creators of the "*Student Award Search Aid*" website are renewing their \$1,000 scholarship for 2014. Please visit <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm> to learn more. The deadline for applications is **May 26, 2014**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

**NEW** – The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the 2014 Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international

law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org](http://www.ilstexas.org). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2014**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2014 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to [www.tannenwald.org](http://www.tannenwald.org). Entry deadline is **July 1, 2014**.

The Brett Murphy Law Firm is offering an annual \$2,000 scholarship for law students who are working towards a Juris Doctorate Degree and who have an interest in personal injury law. For information or to apply go to <http://www.washingtoninjury.com/library/future-leaders-scholarship>. Deadline to apply is **July 15, 2014**.

**Internship Opportunity** – The **2014 Legal Studies Institute** in Washington, DC, sponsored by The Fund for American Studies is now accepting applications from **first and second year law students** who may be interested in spending their summer in DC. The dates are May 22 – August 1, 2014. **Faculty are invited to nominate outstanding students for the program.** Nominated students will receive priority consideration for admission and scholarships. You may nominate students by visiting the link: [www.DCinternships.org/Nominate](http://www.DCinternships.org/Nominate). Students are encouraged to apply by the early deadline of **February 6, 2014** to receive priority admissions consideration and a **5% discount** on their tuition balance. Please visit [www.DCinternships.org/LSI](http://www.DCinternships.org/LSI) for more details. Questions may be directed to Colin Parks, Legal Studies Institute Program Manager, at [LEGAL@tfas.org](mailto:LEGAL@tfas.org) or 202.986.0384.

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## **DISTINGUISHED COMMENTS**

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The Editorial Board of the *St. Mary's Law Journal* is proud to recognize the following distinguished Comments:

### **PUBLICATION IN THE ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL**

*Sovereign Immunity: Exploring the Texas Department of Transportation's Duty to Maintain Roadways Ravaged by the Oil & Gas Boom of the Eagle Ford Shale*

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### **CREDIT WITH HONORS**

*Don't Mess with Texas Email and Cloud Storage: How the Rest of the Country Can Follow the Example of the Lone Star State*

— Landry M. Redding

Please join the Editorial Board in congratulating these Staff Writers for their excellent work!

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

**Ash Wednesday Mass** for all law students, faculty and staff will be held on **March 5, 2014 at 12:00 p.m., Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. **Rev. Jim Tobin, S.M., Presider** will give the liturgy. A Lenten lunch will follow. Mass will be completed before 1:00 p.m. classes. University Ministry will offer additional services at 7:30 a.m. in Assumption Chapel and 11:20 a.m. in Bill Greehey Arena. At 7:00 p.m. a Taize service to include Mass will be offered in Guadalupe Chapel. Everyone of all faiths is invited to attend.

## HLSA NETWORKING MIXERS AND CLE VOLUNTEERS

The Hispanic Law Student Association (HLSA) encourages all members to attend the Hispanic Law Alumni Association's **networking mixer**, on **February 25, 2014, at 5:30 p.m.**, in the **Alumni Room**. Come eat, drink, and mix with St. Mary's alumni!

The San Antonio Bar Association is presenting their 12th Annual Extreme Family Law Makeover CLE, on **February 28, 2014, and are looking for volunteers**. All law students are encouraged to sign-up for a volunteer time slot, as it's a great opportunity to network with local family law attorneys and attend some of the CLE sessions. **A sign-up sheet is available on the HLSA TWEN page.**

All law students are invited to attend the **HLSA/CHLSA Austin Mixer, on March 1, 2014**. We will make the trip from San Antonio to Austin, tour the Capitol and network with students from the University of Texas School of Law.

The **HLSA board will be tabling Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday**. Come by if you have any questions about the upcoming events, or if you would like to sign-up to volunteer.

## FEDERAL COURT JUDICIAL INTERNSHIPS IN SAN ANTONIO

**Semesters: Summer 2014, Fall 2014, and Spring 2015**

**Deadline: Noon, Wednesday, February 26, 2014**

Applications are now being accepted for pre-graduation judicial internships with six 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. *Successful candidates typically have a strong academic record.*

### **The United States Court of Appeals**

*There are two different internships available with judges on the Fifth Circuit. One is a four-credit, graded internship; the other is a two-credit pass/fail internship.*

The Honorable Emilio M. Garza, a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the

Fifth Circuit, will offer an internship position to one student each semester. Under the supervision of a law clerk in the judge\*s chambers (which are located on IH-10 near Callaghan), interns will assist the judge with the drafting of opinions in cases pending before the nation's second highest court. Interns can expect to deal with perhaps three or more different cases. Interns are required to work 240 hours in chambers on a regular schedule during the semester, and earn four graded credits toward graduation, for which tuition must be paid. It is possible for the student to meet this time obligation by working four hours every weekday afternoon (*e.g.*, 1-5 p.m. or 2-6 p.m.) for 12 of the 15 weeks in the fall or spring semesters. Other schedules are possible, but such arrangements must allow for intensive supervision of research and writing on a regular basis. *Judge Garza is particularly interested in candidates with demonstrated writing ability. High academic standing is essential.*

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. Under the supervision of a law clerk in the judge\*s chambers (which are located on Rt. 281 near Trinity University), interns will assist the judge with pending cases. The work will involve research and writing. Interns are required to work 120 hours in chambers on a regular schedule during the semester, and may earn two pass/fail credits toward graduation, for which tuition must be paid. It is possible for the student to meet this time obligation by working ten hours per week for 12 of the 15 weeks in the fall or spring semesters. Other schedules are possible. *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. While it is unlikely that interns will work on opinions that are published, interns at the U.S. District Court (in contrast to those at the U.S. Court of Appeals) will have the opportunity to observe courtroom proceedings on a regular basis.

United States District Court interns are required to work 120 hours during the semester at the federal courthouse at Hemisfair Plaza in downtown San Antonio. Interns may earn two pass/fail credits, for which tuition must be paid. *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 the Honorable Henry Bemporad during each of the next three semesters. (Judge Bemporad's spring 2015 intern will be selected from students in his fall 2014 seminar at the Law School, rather than through this process.) Magistrate judges handle motions and other matters at the request of the United States District Court and may preside over trials with the consent of the parties. This internship provides an excellent opportunity for a

student to improve his or her research and writing skills while assisting the federal courts in their important 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. Nolvía Ramos 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 Ms. Ramos. (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 Garza), 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.

(3) Applicants for a U.S. Court of Appeals internship with Judge Emilio Garza should, if possible, furnish one writing sample (*e.g.*, a Legal Writing memo or brief, a copy of an exam essay, a law journal comment, etc.). Writing samples should not be included for the other courts.

## **GRADUATION APPAREL, INVITATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Orders for **graduation invitations and announcements** can be made on-line at [www.collegegrad.herffjones.com](http://www.collegegrad.herffjones.com). Click on "Place Your Order," select "College Graduation Products, Graduation Announcements" then select "St. Mary's University School of Law." The completed orders will be delivered directly to the graduates' address listed on the order.

Orders for tams, gowns and hoods **must be made on-campus on Wednesday, March 5, 2014, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 6, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in the**

**Atrium** of the Law Administration building. Orders not placed on this day will need to be made at the store location, 5118 San Pedro Avenue, San Antonio, or order by telephone at 210.829.7393. **Orders for graduation apparel cannot be made on their website.** A late fee of \$25, to pay for additional shipping and handling fees, will be assessed to the graduate for any order placed after Saturday, March 15, 2014.

## **STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE OFFICER ELECTIONS**

Attention 1Ls & 2Ls – **Interested in serving as an EXECUTIVE OFFICER** for the 2014-2015 **Student Bar Association**? Email SBA Special Prosecutor Stephanie May at [StephMay17@gmail.com](mailto:StephMay17@gmail.com) by **12:00 p.m., Thursday, February 27** in order to be considered for candidacy. Available positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Special Prosecutor. **Elections will be held March 4-6, 2014.** Results will be announced March 7, 2014. Elections for 2L/3L Senators & Honor Court Justices will be held after Spring Break.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS**

Are you interested in attending one of our summer **study abroad programs in Innsbruck or China**? Scholarship applications will be available starting this week. They will be posted on the law school bulletin boards, in Sr. Grace's office (RABA 106), with Innsbruck and China faculty, and eventually will be posted online. There are two scholarships for students attending the Innsbruck program; the Sarah Thompson Memorial Fund and the Flint Fund. There is one for students attending the China trip; the China Pioneer Fund. Applications are due to Sr. Grace's office by 5:00 p.m. **March 20, 2014** and the recipients of the awards will be announced April 2, 2014.

## **NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR OUTSTANDING WOMEN IN LAW**

Nominations are now being accepted for the **Alma Lopez "Women in Law" Leadership Award** and the inaugural **Catherine M. Stone "Rock of Justice" Award** in honor of Justice Stone's retirement from the bench. If you know an **outstanding woman in law** who you would like to nominate for either of these awards, please stop by Sr. Grace's office in RABA building, room 106 to pick up a nomination packet or email [agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu) to have a packet sent to you. All nominations are due to Sr. Grace's office by **March 4, 2014** at 12:00 p.m.

## **FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENTS**

The **Fourth Court of Appeals** will hear oral arguments in two appeals on **Tuesday, March 18, 2014** at St. Mary's Law School beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The first case, 04-13-00386-CR *Deshawn Ondrey Williams v. The State of Texas*, will be heard before the following panel of justices: Justice Karen Angelini, Justice Patricia Alvarez and Justice Luz Elena D. Chapa. Appellant Deshawn Ondrey Williams was found guilty by a jury for the offense of terroristic threats against a public servant. In his first issue on appeal,

Williams argues the evidence is legally insufficient to prove that the alleged threat was made with the specific intent to place the witness in fear of *imminent* serious bodily injury or death. More specifically, Williams argues that even assuming the alleged facts were accurate, the alleged threat was for an event to occur the following week and, therefore, the threat could not have been imminent. In his second issue, Williams contends that because he was indigent, the trial court erroneously ordered Williams to pay attorneys' fees.

The second case, 04-13-00326-CR *Benny Alonzo v. The State of Texas*, will begin at 10:30 a.m. and be heard by the panel of: Chief Justice Catherine Stone, Justice Sandee Bryan Marion, and Justice Rebeca C. Martinez. Appellant, Benny Alonzo, appeals his conviction for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon. In two issues on appeal, appellant asserts (1) the trial court erred in denying his motion to suppress, and (2) the evidence is legally insufficient to support his conviction.

**A reception will follow in the Alumni Room at 12:00 p.m.** for presentation of the *Alma Lopez "Women in Law" Leadership Award* and the inaugural *Catherine M. Stone "Rock of Justice" Award*. All students, faculty and staff are welcome. This event is sponsored by the Women's Law Association and Campus Ministry.

### **ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATIONS**

The **Order of Barristers** is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills. The Order – which is open only to third-year law students – provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools. St. Mary's School of Law is permitted to select up to ten new members each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application form from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the faculty Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. **The applications will be posted on his office door, beginning February 24th.** The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the **Barristers' Ball** on Friday, April 11, 2014. 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 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 19, 2014.**

### **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 2014. 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 2 pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed 2 years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. **The deadline for applications is 12 noon, Friday, March 21, 2014.** Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

### **LAW LIBRARY OFFERS RARE BOOK ROOM TOURS**

This spring semester, the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library will offer **brief tours of the Rare Book Room** for interested faculty and students. The tours will be led by a librarian and will last 10-15 minutes.

The Library has a small but **outstanding collection of rare law books** and special collections housed in 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. If interested, please contact Ms. Fang Wang, Reference and Special Collection Services Librarian, at 210.431.3435 ext. 1366 or email at [fwang@stmarytx.edu](mailto:fwang@stmarytx.edu) to set up an appointment.

### **RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM AND EXHIBITION**

The Undergraduate Research Office is currently accepting applications for the **15th Annual StMU Research Symposium and Exhibition** taking place **April 9, 2014, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** in the AACC. ALL St. Mary's faculty, undergraduate, graduate, and **law students are encouraged to apply.** To apply go to <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/research-programs/uro/symposium-and-exhibition/>. **Deadline to apply is Friday, March 28, 2014.** For more information contact Amber Aubone, URO Director, at 210.436.3100 or [aubone@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aubone@stmarytx.edu).

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

Start planning for Summer & Fall NOW!

- Check out Symplicity or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. Visit the Office of Career Service for assistance with Symplicity—get some coffee and snacks while you are there.
- Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a one-on-one meeting that can make sure you find the right fit. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu), office phone: 210. 431.5712, or in person during office hours.



**SPRING OFFICE HOURS**  
**for PCP in Career Services Office**  
**Mondays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

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/>

Don't forget : In-House Counsel Externship for Summer & Fall.

Interested in working a general counsel's office? Contact Amanda Rivas immediately because there are **LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE.**

PLAN ahead: The PCP Externship program (including In House Counsel) requires a MANDATORY class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class.

**Summer Class: Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Fall Class: TBD**

***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.*

**COMMENCEMENT 2014 – SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Are you graduating in May? Please see the below link for the schedule of events for Commencement. This information and link is also available on the Law School website at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/currentstudents/graduation2014/>.

**FITNESS CLASSES**

Looking to get into shape or stay in shape? Check out the Spring 2014 fitness classes at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation/fitness-classes/>. These classes are available to all students, faculty and staff. Be sure to sign up today!

**QUIET, PLEASE! CLASSES ARE NOW IN SESSION**

For the benefit of **professors trying to teach** and **students in classes trying to focus** and learn, **please keep the noise volume** in the hallways of the Law Classroom Building down. With the two new classrooms, traffic has increased in the law classroom building. Please be mindful when entering or exiting a class hour and **be as quiet as possible** when in the common areas of the building.

## 2014 PRO BONO PROGRAM SCHEDULE

<b>FAMILY LAW Texas RioGrande Legal Aid</b>	<b>WILLS CLINIC St. Mary's Center for Legal &amp; Social Justice</b>	<b>VETERANS CLINIC @ Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital</b>	<b>BORDER OUTREACH at Laredo &amp; Eagle Pass</b>
March 18		March 21	March 1
April 22	April 15 – WILLS	April 4th or 11th	
May 13		May 16	
June 10		June 20	
July 22	July 15 – WILLS	July 18	
August 12		August 15	
September 9		September 18	
October 28	October 21– WILLS	October 17	
November 11		November 21	

<b>FAMILY LAW CLINIC</b> <b>Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA)</b> Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m. 1111 North Main Avenue San Antonio, TX 78212	<b>VETERANS CLINIC</b> <b>Audie L. Murphy Veterans Hospital</b> Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m. 7400 Merton Minter St. San Antonio, TX 78229
<b>WILLS CLINIC</b> St. Mary's Center for Legal & Social Justice Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m. 2507 N.W. 36 <sup>th</sup> Street San Antonio, TX 78228	<b>BORDER TRIP CLINIC</b> Students meet at School Parking Lot at 7:00 a.m.

### OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES PROGRAMS

Please **RSVP** for all events in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS

**Symlicity (Job Bank and Online Recruiting System) Access:**

<https://law-stmarytx-csm.symlicity.com/students/>

#### **Business of Practicing Law Series Part 3: IOLTA Accounts: Opening Them and Best Practices for Maintaining Them**

This series of programs center around issues solo practitioners and those wishing to practice in small firms need to be aware of as they start their own practice. This series is cosponsored by San Antonio Young Lawyer's Association (SAYLA).

Monday, February 24, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

The third session will continue with a financial theme and discuss important information on opening and maintaining IOLTA accounts correctly and in accordance with the State Bar of Texas rules. This program will be presented by Allan DuBois, a graduate of The University of Texas Law School and a recent recipient of the Association of Corporate Counsel, South/Central Texas Chapter's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Lee Cusenbary Ethical Life Award. He also has held various leadership positions in local and state bar associations.

### **Innocence 101**

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Come and meet the Who's Who of Criminal Defense in San Antonio. Learn from one of the best Criminal Defense Lawyers in Texas. Meet and greet in an open discussion forum. Ask the questions you have always wanted to ask about this area of the law and practice. Lunch will be provided. This program is sponsored by the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

### **Business of Practicing Law Series: Making it Rain: How to Obtain and Keep Clients**

Monday, March 3, 2014

5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Happy Hour drinks and food will be served.

In a competitive legal climate, it is crucial to be able to develop the skills needed to successfully create business, and more importantly, keep it. R.C. Rondero de Mosier will guide you through processes to help you find new business through networking and readily available resources, and also provide guidance on fostering the client relationships you build in order to increase your cash flow. The format of this program will be a 30-minute informational talk on how to network followed by a 30-minute happy hour to allow SAYLA attorneys and students to put the skills they learned into practice.

### **Meet the Professionals: Oil and Gas Law**

Tuesday, March 4, 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 Jaime Trevino. Jaime is an associate at Mazurek, Alford and Holliday in San Antonio.

### **Meet the Professionals: Elder Law**

Wednesday, March 5, 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 Patty Sitchler who is an adjunct professor at St. Mary's University School of Law and practitioner in this area of law.

### **Alternative Careers Panel**

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Come and meet attorneys who have chosen to use their law degree in an alternative way and learn about various careers you can do with a law degree.

### **What Do Transactional Lawyers Do?**

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Attorneys who have a transactional practice do very different work than litigators. Come hear from attorneys from a variety of practices including transactional lawyers in big firms, small firms, in-house counsel, and government about what their jobs are like. The panel will be moderated by Leslie Hyman, a partner at Pulman, Cappuccio, Pullen & Benson, LLP.

### **"Bar" Luncheon for Class of 2014 Students**

Monday, April 7, 2014

12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Andy Kerr and Sara Dysart Present: State Bar of Texas: Serving Texas Lawyers. Come learn about the services the State Bar of Texas provides to lawyers and the benefits available to you after graduation. Dress code is business casual attire.

## **2014 SPRING JOB FAIRS**

- **February 28 – Metroplex Legal Job Fair (Dallas/Ft. Worth)**
- March 3 – Deadline to apply for El Paso and Midland/Odessa Virtual Job Fairs
- March 7 – Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day at TAMUCC
- March 14 – Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg
- March 21 – Houston Legal Job Fair

Stay tuned to the OCS weekly updates for information on how to apply.

## **STUDENT WORKSHOP IN THE LAW LIBRARY**

### **Workshop: Electronic Discovery**

Date: February 26, 2014 (Wednesday)

Location: Law Library, Room 106

How does electronic discovery work? What is predictive coding? Come find out! If anyone ever asks you about this over wine and cheese, or \*gasp\* in a job interview, you will know enough to say something smart.

### TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is **March 30, 2014**.

<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	<b>March 30</b>

### EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS

Anyone interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the Raba building. **Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.** The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook. For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or (361) 920-3504.

### TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LAW STUDENTS

The **State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)** has produced a quick video about how TLAP can help law students navigate the pressures of law school. It's on the Bar's web page and Twitter Account. Twitter (<https://twitter.com/texasbartoday>); YouTube <http://youtu.be/eubczDDH8Q0>

### ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS EVENT SET-UPS

**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.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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

The National Law Review is hosting its February 2014 Law Student Writing Contest with the winner's article to be published on the National Law Review website, the National Law Forum blog, and included in their October newsletter. For more information please visit their website at <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

The **HNBA Legal Education Fund** & Arrastia, Capote & Phang, LLP have created a new scholarship program. The Fund will award the Arrastia, Capote & Phang Scholarship to a different law school student via a direct grant of **\$1,500**. Deadline to apply is 11:59 pm (EST) on **February 28, 2014**. For more information or to apply, click here <http://hnba.us4.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=df9a27c10b6d6ba38ba001440&id=6ec377acf8&e=664a19e4cb>.

**National Association of Bond Lawyers** (NABL) is pleased to announce that it is offering up to five scholarships to law school students to attend its 2014 Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar. The seminar is April 30-May 2, 2014 at the Grand Hyatt in Atlanta, Georgia. The 2014 seminar brochure and details will be available on the NABL website ([www.nabl.org](http://www.nabl.org)) in mid-February. [Click here to view the 2013 seminar brochure](#). Review the [application and seminar information](#). Completed applications are due no later than **March 3, 2014**.

Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems a Journal of the University Of Iowa College of Law announces its 2013-2014 **Trandafir International Business** Writing Competition. A \$2,000 cash prize will be awarded. Winning essay will also be published in Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law. Entry deadline is **March 21, 2014**. For more information and contest rules, please see: [http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir\\_competition.html](http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir_competition.html).

Entries for The Symposium XXVII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [www.thesovereigntysymposium.com](http://www.thesovereigntysymposium.com) . Entries must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**.

The **American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources**

(ABA-SEER) is pleased to announce the 2014 Student Writing Competition on Public Land Law and Policy, in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation's Special Institute on Public Land Law, Regulation, and Management scheduled for May 8-9, 2014 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Awards are \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 cash prizes for first, second and third place submissions. Entries 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. Deadline for entries is 5:00 p.m., MT on **April 1, 2014**.

Defense Research Institute (DRI) announces its annual **Law Student Diversity Scholarship** program open to **incoming second and third-year** African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian and Native American students. Incoming second and third-year female law students are also eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity. Incoming second and third-year law students who also come from backgrounds that would add to the cause of diversity, regardless of race or gender are eligible to apply. The goal of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance to two worthy law students from ABA accredited law schools in order to promote, in a tangible way, the DRI Diversity Statement in Principle. Two scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each will be awarded to applicants who best meet the following criteria: Demonstrated academic excellence, service to the profession, service to the community, service to the cause of diversity. Deadline to apply is **April 19, 2013**. For more information please visit <http://www.dri.org/about>.

The **Law School Admission Council** (LSAC) announces its first LSAC Diversity Committee Writing Competition. Three winners (1L, 2L and 3-4L) will be eligible for cash prizes of \$5,000.00. Submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST on **Thursday, May 1, 2014**. Email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu) for more information.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice** (AAJ) announces the 2014 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The Scholarship, traditionally given in the amount of \$5,000, 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. Application deadline is **May 1, 2014**. For more information on this scholarship, please go to the AAJ website at <http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>.

**Foley & Lardner LLP** is pleased to announce their 2014 Technology Law Writing Contest. Submission topics must address **technology law** and meet the criteria and specifications listed at [www.it-lex.org/writing-contest](http://www.it-lex.org/writing-contest). Cash prizes of \$6,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 will be awarded. Deadline to apply is **May 2, 2014**.

The **Intellectual Property Law Section** of the State Bar of Texas announces the 2014 Women and Minority Scholarship. Two \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to a woman and/or minority law student. Any woman or member of a recognized minority group, including but not limited to African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans who intends

to practice IP law in the State of Texas, is eligible to apply. The scholarships will be awarded at the IP Section's meeting during the 2014 State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting held in Austin. Applications must be postmarked no later than **May 12, 2014**.

**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. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2014**. Competition rules are available at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org).

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2014 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 16, 2014**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The creators of the "*Student Award Search Aid*" website are renewing their \$1,000 scholarship for 2014. Please visit <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm> to learn more. The deadline for applications is **May 26, 2014**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the 2014 Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org](http://www.ilstexas.org). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2014**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2014 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to [www.tannenwald.org](http://www.tannenwald.org). Entry deadline is **July 1, 2014**.

The Brett Murphy Law Firm is offering an annual \$2,000 scholarship for law students who are working towards a Juris Doctorate Degree and who have an interest in personal injury law. For information or to apply go to <http://www.washingtoninjury.com/library/future-leaders-scholarship>. Deadline to apply is **July 15, 2014**.

**Internship Opportunity** – The **2014 Legal Studies Institute** in Washington, DC,



sponsored by The Fund for American Studies is now accepting applications from **first and second year law students** who may be interested in spending their summer in DC. The dates are May 22 – August 1, 2014. **Faculty are invited to nominate outstanding students for the program.** Nominated students will receive priority consideration for admission and scholarships. You may nominate students by visiting the link: [www.DCinternships.org/Nominate](http://www.DCinternships.org/Nominate). **March 18, 2014** is the final deadline. Please visit [www.DCinternships.org/LSI](http://www.DCinternships.org/LSI) for more details. Questions may be directed to Colin Parks, Legal Studies Institute Program Manager, at [LEGAL@tfas.org](mailto:LEGAL@tfas.org) or 202.986.0384.

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**THE SCHOLAR: ST. MARY'S LAW REVIEW ON RACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE  
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Please join *The Scholar* in congratulating the Volume 17 Board on this momentous accomplishment.

**1L REGISTRATION**

Dean Mather and other members of the law administration **will meet** with first year students **to discuss registration procedures and course selection process**. All first year day students **must attend one of the meetings listed below**:

**Tuesday, March 18**

12:00 Noon  
LC105

**Wednesday, March 26**

10:00 a.m.  
LC105

11:00 a.m.  
LC105

**Tuesday, April 1**

12:00 Noon  
LC105

## RENNA & JEFF EMBRY MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION WINNERS

The **Board of Advocates** would like to congratulate all competitors for their hard work in the **Renna & Jeff Embry Mock Trial Competition 2014**. The Final Round was held on Friday evening. Richard Durbin, Kurt May, and Judge Irene Rios served as judges. **Zachary Zurek** and **Stephen Hebert** were the first-place winners, and **Chandler Bowen** and **Brendan Villanueva-Le** were the finalists. **Zachary Zurek won best speaker**. Please join the Board of Advocates in congratulating both teams!

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

**Ash Wednesday Mass** for all law students, faculty and staff will be held on **March 5, 2014 at 12:00 p.m., Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. **Rev. Jim Tobin, S.M., Presider** will give the liturgy. A Lenten lunch will follow. Mass will be completed before 1:00 p.m. classes. University Ministry will offer additional services at 7:30 a.m. in Assumption Chapel and 11:20 a.m. in Bill Greehey Arena. At 7:00 p.m. a Taize service to include Mass will be offered in Guadalupe Chapel. Everyone of all faiths is invited to attend.

## ORDER GRADUATION APPAREL THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Orders for tams, gowns and hoods **must be made this week on-campus, Wednesday, March 5, 2014, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 6, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in the Atrium** of the Law Administration building. Orders not placed on this day will need to be made at the store location, 5118 San Pedro Avenue, San Antonio, or order by telephone at 210.829.7393. **Orders for graduation apparel cannot be made on their website.** A late fee of \$25, to pay for additional shipping and handling fees, will be assessed to the graduate for any order placed after Saturday, March 15, 2014.

Orders for **graduation invitations and announcements** can be made on-line at [www.collegegrad.herffjones.com](http://www.collegegrad.herffjones.com). Click on “Place Your Order,” select “College Graduation Products, Graduation Announcements” then select “St. Mary’s University School of Law.” The completed orders will be delivered directly to the graduates’ address listed on the order.

## LOOK FOR YOUR SBA EXECUTIVE OFFICER ELECTION E-BALLOT

Elections for the **2014-2015 Student Bar Association Executive Officers** will be held from **8:00 a.m. on March 4 through 11:59 p.m. on March 6, 2014**. Electronic ballots will be sent to all law students at their St. Mary's e-mail address. Results will be announced on March 7<sup>th</sup> at the SBA's Texas Independence Day Party. For any questions involving the election, please contact SBA Special Prosecutor, Stephanie May, at [StephMay17@gmail.com](mailto:StephMay17@gmail.com). Please check your St. Mary's e-mail account and be sure to cast your VOTE!

## NOMINATIONS DUE FOR OUTSTANDING WOMEN IN LAW

Nominations are due this week, **Tuesday March 4**, for the **Alma Lopez “Women in**

*Law” Leadership Award* and the inaugural **Catherine M. Stone "Rock of Justice" Award** in honor of Justice Stone's retirement from the bench. If you know an **outstanding woman in law** who you would like to nominate for either of these awards, please stop by Sr. Grace's office in RABA building, room 106 to pick up a nomination packet or email [agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu) to have a packet sent to you. Please submit nominations to Sr. Grace's office, **LFB 105 by 12:00 p.m.**

### **MANAGING A SUCCESSFUL ARBITRATION**

The **American Arbitration Society** will hold a 9-hour seminar on “**Managing a Successful Arbitration**” at the St. Mary’s University School of Law Classroom Building on **March 7, 2014, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** General registration in \$195.00. However **St. Mary’s law students and faculty can attend for a registration fee of \$50.00.** If interested please contact Andrew Barton at [bartona@adr.org](mailto:bartona@adr.org) or 210.998.5750 no later than March 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **RESEARCH ASSISTANT NEEDED**

Professor **Wayne Scott** seeks to hire a 2 or 3L research assistant to help him in **preparing a law review article.** Please email [ruarkg@aol.com](mailto:ruarkg@aol.com), telephone 210.431-2271 or stop by his office in Raba, LFB 278.

### **ELECTION KICKOFF – ST. PADDY’S DAY BAKED GOODS**

Women’s Law Association (WLA) is hosting a baked goods day on **March 17, 2014** in the Law Classroom building from **9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for the kick off of our 2014-2015 WLA Board Elections.** This is a great opportunity to come by and get some tasty treats and find out about the positions on the WLA board if you are interested in running for next year. So come by and join for election kickoff on St. Paddy’s Day!

### **UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON TAX LL.M.**

**Professor Paul Asofsky** of the University of Houston will be on campus to provide information about their **Tax LL.M. Program.** He will meet with interested students **Friday, March 21, 2014, at 12:00 noon in LF 107.** A light lunch will be served. For details, please see Professor Cochran.

### **FIRST ANNUAL PHI DELTA PHI CHILI COOK OFF AND TASTING**

Phi Delta Phi is hosting a **chili cook off in the Alumni Room of the Law Library** on **Thursday, March 27, 2014.** The contest will be held from 3:00 to 5:00pm. All law students are invited to participate as members of a team or as individuals. Entry fees are \$30 for a team and \$15 for an individual. **Cash prizes will be awarded** for 1st (\$150), 2nd (\$100), and 3rd (\$50) places.

Additionally, students who do not participate in the cook off are encouraged to attend the competition to taste the competitors' chili and purchase raffle tickets (\$5 each) for other prizes.

All money raised through this event will be donated to **Operation Comfort**, a local charity that provides support to service members who have been wounded in Afghanistan or Iraq and are receiving treatment at San Antonio Military Medical Center (formerly Brooke Army Medical Center) and Audie Murphy VA Hospital in San Antonio.

To sign up, please contact Tyler Lowe, [tylerklowe@gmail.com](mailto:tylerklowe@gmail.com) or 214.604.7070.

## **2014 BARRISTER'S BALL**

The **Board of Advocates is pleased to host the 2014 Barrister's Ball**. The event will take place at **The Pearl Stable on April 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** It will be a fun evening of honoring and recognizing St. Mary's advocates and those who have supported advocacy programs. Dinner will be served and music provided by **The Mo-dels**.

**Tickets will go on sale March 17, 2014** and are \$35 for one, \$60 for two, or a reserved table of 10 seats for \$300. The Board of Advocates will be **selling tickets in the Law Classroom building**. For ticket inquiries or any questions, please contact the Barrister's Ball Chairman, Stephanie May, at [StephMay17@gmail.com](mailto:StephMay17@gmail.com).

## **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS**

Are you interested in attending one of our summer **study abroad programs in Innsbruck or China**? Scholarship applications are posted on the law school bulletin boards, in Sr. Grace's office (RABA 106), and with Innsbruck and China faculty. There are two scholarships for students attending the Innsbruck program; the Sarah Thompson Memorial Fund and the Flint Fund. There is one scholarship for students attending the China trip; the China Pioneer Fund. Applications are due to Sr. Grace's office by 5:00 p.m. **March 20, 2014** and the recipients of the awards will be announced April 2, 2014.

## **FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENTS**

The **Fourth Court of Appeals** will hear oral arguments in two appeals on **Tuesday, March 18, 2014** at St. Mary's Law School beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The first case, 04-13-00386-CR *Deshawn Ondrey Williams v. The State of Texas*, will be heard before the following panel of justices: Justice Karen Angelini, Justice Patricia Alvarez and Justice Luz Elena D. Chapa. Appellant Deshawn Ondrey Williams was found guilty by a jury for the offense of terroristic threats against a public servant. In his first issue on appeal, Williams argues the evidence is legally insufficient to prove that the alleged threat was made with the specific intent to place the witness in fear of *imminent* serious bodily injury or death. More specifically, Williams argues that even assuming the alleged facts were accurate, the alleged threat was for an event to occur the following week and, therefore, the threat could not have been imminent. In his second issue, Williams contends that because he was indigent, the

trial court erroneously ordered Williams to pay attorneys' fees.

The second case, 04-13-00326-CR *Benny Alonzo v. The State of Texas*, will begin at 10:30 a.m. and be heard by the panel of: Chief Justice Catherine Stone, Justice Sandee Bryan Marion, and Justice Rebeca C. Martinez. Appellant, Benny Alonzo, appeals his conviction for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon. In two issues on appeal, appellant asserts (1) the trial court erred in denying his motion to suppress, and (2) the evidence is legally insufficient to support his conviction.

**A reception will follow in the Alumni Room at 12:00 p.m.** for presentation of the *Alma Lopez "Women in Law" Leadership Award* and the inaugural *Catherine M. Stone "Rock of Justice" Award*. All students, faculty and staff are welcome. This event is sponsored by the Women's Law Association and Campus Ministry.

### **ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATIONS**

The **Order of Barristers** is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills. The Order – which is open only to third-year law students – provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools. St. Mary's School of Law is permitted to select up to ten new members each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application form from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the faculty Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. **The applications are posted in LFB 270.** The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the **Barristers' Ball** on Friday, April 11, 2014. 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 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 19, 2014.**

### **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 2014. 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 2 pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their



participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed 2 years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. **The deadline for applications is 12 noon, Friday, March 21, 2014.** Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

### **LAW LIBRARY OFFERS RARE BOOK ROOM TOURS**

This spring semester, the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library will offer **brief tours of the Rare Book Room** for interested faculty and students. The tours will be led by a librarian and will last 10-15 minutes.

The Library has a small but **outstanding collection of rare law books** and special collections housed in 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. If interested, please contact Ms. Fang Wang, Reference and Special Collection Services Librarian, at 210.431.3435 ext. 1366 or email at [fwang@stmarytx.edu](mailto:fwang@stmarytx.edu) to set up an appointment.

### **RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM AND EXHIBITION**

The Undergraduate Research Office is currently accepting applications for the **15th Annual StMU Research Symposium and Exhibition** taking place **April 9, 2014, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** in the AACCC. ALL St. Mary's faculty, undergraduate, graduate, and law students are **encouraged to apply.** To apply go to <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/research-programs/uro/symposium-and-exhibition/>. **Deadline to apply is Friday, March 28, 2014.** For more information contact Amber Aubone, URO Director, at 210.436.3100 or [aubone@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aubone@stmarytx.edu).

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

Start planning for Summer & Fall NOW!

- Check out Symplicity or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. Visit the Office of Career Service for assistance with Symplicity—get some coffee and snacks while you are there.
- Contact Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, for a one-on-one meeting that can make sure you find the right fit. Email: [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu), office phone: 210. 431.5712, or in person during office hours.

**SPRING OFFICE HOURS**  
**for PCP in Career Services Office**  
**Mondays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

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/>

Don't forget : In-House Counsel Externship for Summer & Fall.

Interested in working a general counsel's office? Contact Amanda Rivas immediately because there are **LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE**.

PLAN ahead: The PCP Externship program (including In House Counsel) requires a MANDATORY class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class.

**Summer Class: Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Fall Class: TBD**

***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.*

## COMMENCEMENT 2014 – SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Are you graduating in May? Please see the below link for the schedule of events for Commencement. This information and link is also available on the Law School website at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/currentstudents/graduation2014/>.

## FITNESS CLASSES

Looking to get into shape or stay in shape? Check out the Spring 2014 fitness classes at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation/fitness-classes/>. These classes are available to all students, faculty and staff. Be sure to sign up today!

## 2014 PRO BONO PROGRAM SCHEDULE

<b>FAMILY LAW Texas RioGrande Legal Aid</b>	<b>WILLS CLINIC St. Mary's Center for Legal &amp; Social Justice</b>	<b>VETERANS CLINIC @ Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital</b>
March 18		March 21
April 22	April 15 – WILLS	April 4th or 11th
May 13		May 16
June 10		June 20
July 22	July 15 – WILLS	July 18

August 12		August 15
September 9		September 18
October 28	October 21– WILLS	October 17
November 11		November 21

<b>FAMILY LAW CLINIC</b> <b>Texas RioGrande Legal Aid</b> Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m. 1111 North Main Avenue San Antonio, TX 78212	<b>VETERANS CLINIC</b> <b>Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital</b> Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m. 7400 Merton Minter St. San Antonio, TX 78229
<b>WILLS CLINIC</b> St. Mary’s Center for Legal & Social Justice Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m. 2507 N.W. 36 <sup>th</sup> Street San Antonio, TX 78228	

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

Please **RSVP** for all events in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS  
**Symlicity (Job Bank and Online Recruiting System) Access:**

<https://law-stmarytx-csm.symlicity.com/students/>

**Business of Practicing Law Series: Making it Rain: How to Obtain and Keep Clients**

Monday, March 3, 2014

5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Happy Hour drinks and food will be served.

In a competitive legal climate, it is crucial to be able to develop the skills needed to successfully create business, and more importantly, keep it. R.C. Rondero de Mosier will guide you through processes to help you find new business through networking and readily available resources, and also provide guidance on fostering the client relationships you build in order to increase your cash flow. The format of this program will be a 30-minute informational talk on how to network followed by a 30-minute happy hour to allow SAYLA attorneys and students to put the skills they learned into practice.

**Meet the Professionals: Oil and Gas Law**

Tuesday, March 4, 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 SYMPLICITY.**

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 Jaime Trevino. Jaime is an associate at Mazurek, Alford and Holliday in San Antonio.

### **Meet the Professionals: Elder Law**

Wednesday, March 5, 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 SYMPLICITY.

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 Patty Sitchler who is an adjunct professor at St. Mary's University School of Law and practitioner in this area of law.

### **Alternative Careers Panel**

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Come and meet attorneys who have chosen to use their law degree in an alternative way and learn about various careers you can do with a law degree.

### **What Do Transactional Lawyers Do?**

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Attorneys who have a transactional practice do very different work than litigators. Come hear from attorneys from a variety of practices including transactional lawyers in big firms, small firms, in-house counsel, and government about what their jobs are like. The panel will be moderated by Leslie Hyman, a partner at Pulman, Cappuccio, Pullen & Benson, LLP.

### **"Bar" Luncheon for Class of 2014 Students**

Monday, April 7, 2014

12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Andy Kerr and Sara Dysart Present: State Bar of Texas: Serving Texas Lawyers. Come learn about the services the State Bar of Texas provides to lawyers and the benefits available to you after graduation. Dress code is business casual attire.

## **2014 SPRING JOB FAIRS**

- **March 3 – Deadline to apply for El Paso and Midland/Odessa Virtual Job Fairs**
- March 7 – Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day at TAMUCC
- March 14 – Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg
- March 21 – Houston Legal Job Fair

Stay tuned to the OCS weekly updates for information on how to apply.

## TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is **March 30, 2014**.

<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	<b>March 30</b>

## EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS

Anyone interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the Raba building. **Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.** The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook. For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or (361) 920-3504.

## TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LAW STUDENTS

The **State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)** has produced a quick video about how TLAP can help law students navigate the pressures of law school. It's on the Bar's web page and Twitter Account. Twitter (<https://twitter.com/texasbartoday>); YouTube <http://youtu.be/eubczDDH8Q0>.

## 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.

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

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

The **National Law Review** is hosting its March 2014 Law Student Writing Contest with the winner's article to be published on the National Law Review website, the National Law Forum blog, and included in their October newsletter. For more information please visit their website at <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems a Journal of the University Of Iowa College of Law announces its 2013-2014 **Trandafir International Business** Writing Competition. A \$2,000 cash prize will be awarded. Winning essay will also be published in Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law. Entry deadline is **March 21, 2014**. For more information and contest rules, please see: [http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir\\_competition.html](http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir_competition.html).

Entries for The Symposium XXVII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [www.thesovereigntysymposium.com](http://www.thesovereigntysymposium.com) . Entries must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**.

**NEW** – The **Scholarship Committee of the Amarillo Area Bar Association (AABF)** is awarding \$2,000 scholarships to qualified applicants. Applicants must reside in the area covered by the Amarillo Area Bar Association or have ties to the Texas Panhandle. Applications are available through the AABF office by calling Jo Ann Holt at (806) 371-7226. The deadline for applying is **Tuesday, April 1, 2014**.

The **American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources (ABA-SEER)** is pleased to announce the 2014 Student Writing Competition on Public Land Law and Policy, in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation's Special Institute on Public Land Law, Regulation, and Management scheduled for May 8-9, 2014 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Awards are \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 cash prizes for first, second and third place submissions. Entries 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. Deadline for entries is 5:00 p.m., MT on **April 1, 2014**.

**NEW - Federal Communications Bar Association Foundation (FCBA)** will award scholarships to law students in their second and third-year of study. Awards will be based on financial need of the applicant, and may range from \$2,500 to \$10,000 annually. This is both a

merit and needs-based scholarship. Applicants must demonstrate strength of character, superior academic achievement, and a strong interest in pursuing a career in communications law. Applicants will be selected on the basis of: (1) a demonstrated interest in the communications law field; (2) dependence on financial assistance in order to attend law school; and (3) their law school record. Applications must be received by regular mail or email by **Tuesday, April 1, 2014**.

Defense Research Institute (DRI) announces its annual **Law Student Diversity Scholarship** program open to **incoming second and third-year** African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian and Native American students. Incoming second and third-year female law students are also eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity. Incoming second and third-year law students who also come from backgrounds that would add to the cause of diversity, regardless of race or gender are eligible to apply. The goal of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance to two worthy law students from ABA accredited law schools in order to promote, in a tangible way, the DRI Diversity Statement in Principle. Two scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each will be awarded to applicants who best meet the following criteria: Demonstrated academic excellence, service to the profession, service to the community, service to the cause of diversity. Deadline to apply is **April 19, 2013**. For more information please visit <http://www.dri.org/about>.

The **Law School Admission Council (LSAC)** announces its first LSAC Diversity Committee Writing Competition. Three winners (1L, 2L and 3-4L) will be eligible for cash prizes of \$5,000.00. Submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST on **Thursday, May 1, 2014**. Email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu) for more information.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** announces the 2014 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The Scholarship, traditionally given in the amount of \$5,000, 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. Application deadline is **May 1, 2014**. For more information on this scholarship, please go to the AAJ website at <http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>.

**Foley & Lardner LLP** is pleased to announce their 2014 Technology Law Writing Contest. Submission topics must address **technology law** and meet the criteria and specifications listed at [www.it-lex.org/writing-contest](http://www.it-lex.org/writing-contest). Cash prizes of \$6,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 will be awarded. Deadline to apply is **May 2, 2014**.

The **Intellectual Property Law Section** of the State Bar of Texas announces the 2014 Women and Minority Scholarship. Two \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to a woman and/or minority law student. Any woman or member of a recognized minority group, including but not limited to African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans who intends to practice IP law in the State of Texas, is eligible to apply. The scholarships will be awarded at

the IP Section's meeting during the 2014 State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting held in Austin. Applications must be postmarked no later than **May 12, 2014**.

**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. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2014**. Competition rules are available at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org).

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2014 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 16, 2014**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The creators of the "*Student Award Search Aid*" website are renewing their \$1,000 scholarship for 2014. Please visit <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm> to learn more. The deadline for applications is **May 26, 2014**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the 2014 Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org](http://www.ilstexas.org). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2014**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2014 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to [www.tannenwald.org](http://www.tannenwald.org). Entry deadline is **July 1, 2014**.

The Brett Murphy Law Firm is offering an annual \$2,000 scholarship for law students who are working towards a Juris Doctorate Degree and who have an interest in personal injury law. For information or to apply, go to <http://www.washingtoninjury.com/library/future-leaders-scholarship>. Deadline to apply is **July 15, 2014**.

**Internship Opportunity** – The **2014 Legal Studies Institute** in Washington, DC, sponsored by The Fund for American Studies is now accepting applications from **first and**



**second year law students** who may be interested in spending their summer in DC. The dates are May 22 – August 1, 2014. **Faculty is invited to nominate outstanding students for the program.** Nominated students will receive priority consideration for admission and scholarships. You may nominate students by visiting the link: [www.DCinternships.org/Nominate](http://www.DCinternships.org/Nominate). **March 18, 2014** is the final deadline. Please visit [www.DCinternships.org/LSI](http://www.DCinternships.org/LSI) for more details. Questions may be directed to Colin Parks, Legal Studies Institute Program Manager, at [LEGAL@tfas.org](mailto:LEGAL@tfas.org) or 202.986.0384.

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## 1L REGISTRATION

Dean Mather and other members of the law administration **will meet with first year students to discuss registration procedures and course selection process.** All first year day students **must attend one of the meetings listed below:**

### Tuesday, March 18

12:00 Noon  
LC105

### Wednesday, March 26

10:00 a.m.  
LC105

11:00 a.m.  
LC105

### Tuesday, April 1

12:00 Noon  
LC105

## ELECTION KICKOFF – ST. PADDY’S DAY BAKED GOODS

Women’s Law Association (WLA) is hosting a baked goods day on **March 17, 2014** in the Law Classroom building from **9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for the kick off of our 2014-2015 WLA Board Elections.** This is a great opportunity to come by and get some tasty treats and find out about the positions on the WLA board if you are interested in running for next year. So come by and join for election kickoff on St. Paddy’s Day!

## FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENTS

The **Fourth Court of Appeals** will hear oral arguments in two appeals on **Tuesday, March 18, 2014** at St. Mary’s Law School beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The first case, 04-13-00386-CR *Deshawn Ondrey Williams v. The State of Texas*, will be heard before the following panel of justices: Justice Karen Angelini, Justice Patricia Alvarez and Justice Luz Elena D. Chapa. Appellant Deshawn Ondrey Williams was found guilty by a jury for the offense of terroristic threats against a public servant. In his first issue on appeal, Williams argues the evidence is legally insufficient to prove that the alleged threat was made with the specific intent to place the witness in fear of *imminent* serious bodily injury or death. More specifically, Williams argues that even assuming the alleged facts were accurate, the alleged threat was for an event to occur the following week and, therefore, the threat could not have been imminent. In his second issue, Williams contends that because he was indigent, the trial court erroneously ordered Williams to pay attorneys’ fees.

The second case, 04-13-00326-CR *Benny Alonzo v. The State of Texas*, will begin at 10:30 a.m. and be heard by the panel of: Chief Justice Catherine Stone, Justice Sandee Bryan Marion, and Justice Rebeca C. Martinez. Appellant, Benny Alonzo, appeals his conviction for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon. In two issues on appeal, appellant asserts (1) the trial court erred in denying his motion to suppress, and (2) the evidence is legally insufficient to support his conviction.

**A reception will follow in the Alumni Room at 12:00 p.m.** for presentation of the *Alma Lopez "Women in Law" Leadership Award* and the inaugural *Catherine M. Stone "Rock of Justice" Award*. All students, faculty and staff are welcome. This event is sponsored by the Women's Law Association and Campus Ministry.

### **RESEARCH STUDY OF STUDENTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS**

Michael McCue, J.D., doctoral student at Michigan State University's Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education program needs **second- and third-year law students who have been diagnosed with mental illness for a research study**. Participation in this study may help future law students with mental illness find ways to succeed in law school. **Study participants must be currently enrolled as a 2L or 3L, be diagnosed with a mental illness; and, currently receiving treatment**. Participation in the study is confidential and participants will be identified with a pseudonym. The process consists of three interviews of approximately 1-hour each. The study has been granted IRB approval from Michigan State University. Please contact Mr. McCue, at [mccuemi@msu.edu](mailto:mccuemi@msu.edu) or via phone at 517.391.6594.

### **RESEARCH ASSISTANT NEEDED**

Professor **Wayne Scott** seeks to hire a 2 or 3L research assistant to help him in **preparing a law review article**. Please email [ruarkg@aol.com](mailto:ruarkg@aol.com), telephone 210.431-2271 or stop by his office in Raba, LFB 278.

### **UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON TAX LL.M. PROGRAM**

**Professor Paul Asofsky** of the University of Houston will be on campus to provide information about their **Tax LL.M. Program**. He will meet with interested students **Friday, March 21, 2014, at 12:00 noon in LF 107**. A light lunch will be served. For details, please see Professor Cochran.

### **FIRST ANNUAL PHI DELTA PHI CHILI COOK OFF AND TASTING**

Phi Delta Phi is hosting a **chili cook off in the Alumni Room of the Law Library on Thursday, March 27, 2014**. The contest will be held from 3:00 to 5:00pm. All law students are invited to participate as members of a team or as individuals. Entry fees are \$30 for a team and \$15 for an individual. **Cash prizes will be awarded** for 1st (\$150), 2nd (\$100), and 3rd (\$50) places.

Additionally, students who do not participate in the cook off are encouraged to attend the competition to taste the competitors' chili and purchase raffle tickets (\$5 each) for other prizes.

All money raised through this event will be donated to **Operation Comfort**, a local charity that provides support to service members who have been wounded in Afghanistan or Iraq and are receiving treatment at San Antonio Military Medical Center (formerly Brooke Army Medical Center) and Audie Murphy VA Hospital in San Antonio.

To sign up, please contact Tyler Lowe, [tylerklowe@gmail.com](mailto:tylerklowe@gmail.com) or 214.604.7070.

## **2014 BARRISTER'S BALL**

The **Board of Advocates is pleased to host the 2014 Barrister's Ball**. The event will take place at **The Pearl Stable on April 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** It will be a fun evening of honoring and recognizing St. Mary's advocates and those who have supported advocacy programs. Dinner will be served and music provided by **The Mo-dels**.

**Tickets will go on sale March 17, 2014** and are \$35 for one, \$60 for two, or a reserved table of 10 seats for \$300. The Board of Advocates will be **selling tickets in the Law Classroom building**. For ticket inquiries or any questions, please contact the Barrister's Ball Chairman, Stephanie May, at [StephMay17@gmail.com](mailto:StephMay17@gmail.com).

## **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS**

Are you interested in attending one of our summer **study abroad programs in Innsbruck or China**? Scholarship applications are posted on the law school bulletin boards, in Sr. Grace's office (RABA 106), and with Innsbruck and China faculty. There are two scholarships for students attending the Innsbruck program; the Sarah Thompson Memorial Fund and the Flint Fund. There is one scholarship for students attending the China trip; the China Pioneer Fund. Applications are due to Sr. Grace's office by 5:00 p.m. **March 20, 2014** and the recipients of the awards will be announced April 2, 2014.

## **ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATIONS**

The **Order of Barristers** is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills. The Order – which is open only to third-year law students – provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools. St. Mary's School of Law is permitted to select up to ten new members each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application form from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the faculty Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. **The applications are posted in LFB 270**. The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the **Barristers' Ball** on Friday, April 11, 2014. 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 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 19, 2014.**

### **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 2014. 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 2 pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed 2 years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. **The deadline for applications is 12 noon, Friday, March 21, 2014.** Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

### **40 CANS FOR LENT – FOOD DRIVE**

The **Law Ministry Office** in partnership with **Catholic Charities** is **collecting canned food through April 26, 2014** to help fight hunger in our community. Suggested non-perishable food items include canned tuna/chicken, canned soups, canned vegetables/fruits, peanut butter/jelly, rice/beans, pastas and noodles. Collection barrels are located by the Law Ministry Office and at the Legal & Social Justice Center.

### **LAW LIBRARY OFFERS RARE BOOK ROOM TOURS**

This spring semester, the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library will offer **brief tours of the Rare Book Room** for interested faculty and students. The tours will be led by a librarian and will last 10-15 minutes.

The Library has a small but **outstanding collection of rare law books** and special collections housed in 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. If interested, please contact Ms. Fang Wang, Reference and Special Collection Services Librarian, at 210.431.3435 ext. 1366 or email at [fwang@stmarytx.edu](mailto:fwang@stmarytx.edu) to set up an appointment.

## RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM AND EXHIBITION

The Undergraduate Research Office is currently accepting applications for the **15th Annual StMU Research Symposium and Exhibition** taking place **April 9, 2014, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** in the AACC. ALL St. Mary's faculty, undergraduate, graduate, and **law students are encouraged to apply.** To apply go to <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/research-programs/uro/symposium-and-exhibition/>. **Deadline to apply is Friday, March 28, 2014.** For more information contact Amber Aubone, URO Director, at 210.436.3100 or [aubone@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aubone@stmarytx.edu).

## UPDATE ON PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS (PCP)

### IF YOU...

Received an offer for an UNPAID internship.

Think it's too late to get a SUMMER internship.

Want to secure a FALL internship and start a WORRY-FREE summer!

**COME SEE AMANDA RIVAS at  
Practice Credit Programs (PCP)  
SPRING OFFICE HOURS for PCP  
(Career Services Office)  
Mondays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Schedule a one-on-one meeting that can make sure you find the right fit. [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: 210.431.5712; or in person during office hours.

- POSITIONS STILL AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER
  1. 13<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals (Corpus Christi)
  2. 14<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals (Houston)
  3. District Courts (South Texas)
  4. Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (San Antonio-variety of practice areas)
  5. CentroMed (In House Counsel)
  6. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Austin)
  7. Equal Justice Center (San Antonio)
  8. Federal Public Defender (San Antonio)
  9. City of College Station
  10. Non-profit Legal Services (Immigration/Migrant Workers- Texas/Denver)
  
- Position Now posted for FALL-
  1. Many of those above PLUS—
  2. Legislative Counsel's Office (Austin)
  3. Kinetic Concepts, Inc (In House Counsel- San Antonio)



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/>

Don't forget : **In-House Counsel Externship** for Summer & Fall. Kinetic Concepts, Inc. Externship posted on Symplicity. LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE.

PLAN ahead: The **PCP Externship program (including In House Counsel) requires a MANDATORY** class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class.

Summer Class

Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>; Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

Fall Class

Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

In House Counsel Class

Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**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.*

**2014 PRO BONO PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

<b>FAMILY LAW Texas RioGrande Legal Aid</b>	<b>WILLS CLINIC St. Mary's Center for Legal &amp; Social Justice</b>	<b>VETERANS CLINIC @ Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital</b>
March 18		March 21
April 22	April 15 – WILLS	April 4th or 11th
May 13		May 16
June 10		June 20
July 22	July 15 – WILLS	July 18
August 12		August 15
September 9		September 18
October 28	October 21– WILLS	October 17
November 11		November 21

<b>FAMILY LAW CLINIC</b> <b>Texas RioGrande Legal Aid</b> Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m. 1111 North Main Avenue San Antonio, TX 78212	<b>VETERANS CLINIC</b> <b>Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital</b> Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m. 7400 Merton Minter St. San Antonio, TX 78229
<b>WILLS CLINIC</b> St. Mary's Center for Legal & Social Justice Clinic starts at 5:30 p.m. 2507 N.W. 36 <sup>th</sup> Street San Antonio, TX 78228	

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

Please **RSVP** for all events in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS

**Symplicity (Job Bank and Online Recruiting System) Access:**

<https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>

#### **Alternative Careers Panel**

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Come and meet attorneys who have chosen to use their law degree in an alternative way and learn about various careers you can do with a law degree.

#### **What Do Transactional Lawyers Do?**

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Attorneys who have a transactional practice do very different work than litigators. Come hear from attorneys from a variety of practices including transactional lawyers in big firms, small firms, in-house counsel, and government about what their jobs are like. The panel will be moderated by Leslie Hyman, a partner at Pulman, Cappuccio, Pullen & Benson, LLP.

#### **"Bar" Luncheon for Class of 2014 Students**

Monday, April 7, 2014

12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Andy Kerr and Sara Dysart Present: State Bar of Texas: Serving Texas Lawyers. Come learn about the services the State Bar of Texas provides to lawyers and the benefits available to you after graduation. Dress code is business casual attire.

## 2014 SPRING JOB FAIRS

- March 14 – Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg
- March 21 – Houston Legal Job Fair

Stay tuned to the OCS weekly updates for information on how to apply.

## TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is **March 30, 2014**.

<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	<b>March 30</b>

## COMMENCEMENT 2014 – SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Are you graduating in May? Please see the below link for the schedule of events for Commencement. This information and link is also available on the Law School website at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/currentstudents/graduation2014/>.

## FITNESS CLASSES

Looking to get into shape or stay in shape? Check out the Spring 2014 fitness classes at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation/fitness-classes/>. These classes are available to all students, faculty and staff. Be sure to sign up today!

## EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS

Anyone interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the Raba building. **Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.** The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook. For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or (361) 920-3504.

## TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LAW STUDENTS

The **State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)** has produced a quick video about how TLAP **can help law students** navigate the pressures of law school. It's on the Bar's web page and Twitter Account. Twitter (<https://twitter.com/texasbartoday>); YouTube

<http://youtu.be/eubczDDH8Q0>.

## 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.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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

The **National Law Review** is hosting its March 2014 Law Student Writing Contest with the winner's article to be published on the National Law Review website, the National Law Forum blog, and included in their October newsletter. For more information please visit their website at <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems a Journal of the University Of Iowa College of Law announces its 2013-2014 **Trandafir International Business** Writing Competition. A \$2,000 cash prize will be awarded. Winning essay will also be published in Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law. Entry deadline is **March 21, 2014**. For more information and contest rules, please see: [http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir\\_competition.html](http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir_competition.html).

Entries for The Symposium XXVII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [www.thesovereignty\\_symposium.com](http://www.thesovereignty_symposium.com). Entries must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**.

**NEW** – **Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Writing Competition**, \$1,500 award to

travel to the Section's Annual Meeting (Boston, Massachusetts), and possible publication in the Tort Trial & Insurance Law Journal. Entry deadline is **April 1, 2014**.

The **Scholarship Committee of the Amarillo Area Bar Association** (AABF) is awarding \$2,000 scholarships to qualified applicants. Applicants must reside in the area covered by the Amarillo Area Bar Association or have ties to the Texas Panhandle. Applications are available through the AABF office by calling Jo Ann Holt at (806) 371-7226. The deadline for applying is **Tuesday, April 1, 2014**.

The **American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources** (ABA-SEER) is pleased to announce the 2014 Student Writing Competition on Public Land Law and Policy, in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation's Special Institute on Public Land Law, Regulation, and Management scheduled for May 8-9, 2014 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Awards are \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 cash prizes for first, second and third place submissions. Entries 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. Deadline for entries is 5:00 p.m., MT on **April 1, 2014**.

**Federal Communications Bar Association Foundation (FCBA)** will award scholarships to law students in their second and third-year of study. Awards will be based on financial need of the applicant, and may range from \$2,500 to \$10,000 annually. This is both a merit and needs-based scholarship. Applicants must demonstrate strength of character, superior academic achievement, and a strong interest in pursuing a career in communications law. Applicants will be selected on the basis of: (1) a demonstrated interest in the communications law field; (2) dependence on financial assistance in order to attend law school; and (3) their law school record. Applications must be received by regular mail or email by **Tuesday, April 1, 2014**.

The **Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation Scholarship** is pleased to announce that it will award several law school scholarships to deserving students enrolled in a Texas law school during the 2013-2014 school year. The scholarships will be awarded to students who have high academic performance and demonstrated leadership. Deadline to apply is **April 7, 2014**.

Defense Research Institute (DRI) announces its annual **Law Student Diversity Scholarship** program open to **incoming second and third-year** African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian and Native American students. Incoming second and third-year female law students are also eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity. Incoming second and third-year law students who also come from backgrounds that would add to the cause of diversity, regardless of race or gender are eligible to apply. The goal of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance to two worthy law students from ABA accredited law schools in order to promote, in a tangible way, the DRI Diversity Statement in Principle. Two scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each will be awarded to applicants who best meet the following criteria: Demonstrated academic excellence, service to the profession, service to the community, service to the cause of diversity. Deadline to apply is **April 19, 2013**. For more information please visit <http://www.dri.org/about>.

The **Law School Admission Council** (LSAC) announces its first LSAC Diversity Committee Writing Competition. Three winners (1L, 2L and 3-4L) will be eligible for cash prizes of \$5,000.00. Submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST on **Thursday, May 1, 2014**. Email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu) for more information.

**NEW** – [Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Award Competition](#), \$5,000 cash prize, round-trip airfare and accommodation to attend the Section's Fall Conference in Washington, DC and possible publication in the Administrative and Regulatory Law News or the Administrative Law Review. Entry deadline is May 1, 2014.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice** (AAJ) announces the 2014 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The Scholarship, traditionally given in the amount of \$5,000, 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. Application deadline is **May 1, 2014**. For more information on this scholarship, please go to the AAJ website at <http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>.

**Foley & Lardner LLP** is pleased to announce their 2014 Technology Law Writing Contest. Submission topics must address **technology law** and meet the criteria and specifications listed at [www.it-lex.org/writing-contest](http://www.it-lex.org/writing-contest). Cash prizes of \$6,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 will be awarded. Deadline to apply is **May 2, 2014**.

The **Intellectual Property Law Section** of the State Bar of Texas announces the 2014 Women and Minority Scholarship. Two \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to a woman and/or minority law student. Any woman or member of a recognized minority group, including but not limited to African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans who intends to practice IP law in the State of Texas, is eligible to apply. The scholarships will be awarded at the IP Section's meeting during the 2014 State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting held in Austin. Applications must be postmarked no later than **May 12, 2014**.

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. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2014**. Competition rules are available at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org).

**NEW** – [Energy Law Student Writing Competition](#), \$700 cash prize. Write on any issue relating to energy law. Deadline to apply is **May 16, 2014**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2014 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 16, 2014**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The creators of the “*Student Award Search Aid*” website are renewing their \$1,000 scholarship for 2014. Please visit <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm> to learn more. The deadline for applications is **May 26, 2014**.

**NEW – 11th Annual Law Student Writing Competition**, Award: Publication in the American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law Resolution from the ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence and honorarium. Topic: Domestic violence and the law from a national or international perspective. Deadline for submission is May 30, 2014, 5:00 p.m. EST. No extensions will be granted.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the 2014 Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org](http://www.ilstexas.org). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2014**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2014 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to [www.tannenwald.org](http://www.tannenwald.org). Entry deadline is **July 1, 2014**.

The Brett Murphy Law Firm is offering an annual \$2,000 scholarship for law students who are working towards a Juris Doctorate Degree and who have an interest in personal injury law. For information or to apply, go to <http://www.washingtoninjury.com/library/future-leaders-scholarship>. Deadline to apply is **July 15, 2014**.

**Internship Opportunity** – The **2014 Legal Studies Institute** in Washington, DC, sponsored by The Fund for American Studies is now accepting applications from **first and second year law students** who may be interested in spending their summer in DC. The dates are May 22 – August 1, 2014. **Faculty is invited to nominate outstanding students for the program**. Nominated students will receive priority consideration for admission and scholarships. You may nominate students by visiting the link: [www.DCinternships.org/Nominate](http://www.DCinternships.org/Nominate). **March 18,**

**2014** is the final deadline. Please visit [www.DCinternships.org/LSI](http://www.DCinternships.org/LSI) for more details. Questions may be directed to Colin Parks, Legal Studies Institute Program Manager, at [LEGAL@tfas.org](mailto:LEGAL@tfas.org) or 202.986.0384.



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## 1L REGISTRATION MEETING

Dean Mather and other members of the law administration **will meet with first year students to discuss registration procedures and course selection process.** All first year day students **must attend one of the meetings listed below:**

### **Tuesday, March 18**

12:00 Noon  
LC105

### **Wednesday, March 26**

10:00 a.m.  
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11:00 a.m.  
LC105

### **Tuesday, April 1**

12:00 Noon  
LC105

## SUMMER AND FALL REGISTRATION

Students may register for Summer 2014 and Fall 2014 as noted below. **Students should use the hours earned at the end of the fall 2013** semester to determine when you can register.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on  
March 31 through midnight April 5, 2014 - students with **45 hours or more**

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on  
April 7 through midnight April 12, 2014 - students with **15 hours - 44 hours**

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on  
April 12 through midnight April 19, 2014 - **all year groups**

Please check Gateway for information regarding any holds that might be placed on your online registration screen. If there is a hold, the office that placed the hold is the only authorized office to remove the hold. For any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Catherine Mery 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 Summer and Fall 2014 schedules. To make a course advising appointment, students should contact Patricia Solano at 210.431.4340 or

[academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

All 1Ls who have been required to complete the **2014 Spring 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 Summer and Fall 2014 courses.

### **ELECTION KICKOFF – ST. PADDY’S DAY BAKED GOODS**

Women’s Law Association (WLA) is hosting a baked goods day on **March 17, 2014** in the Law Classroom building from **9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for the kick off of our 2014-2015 WLA Board Elections**. This is a great opportunity to come by and get some tasty treats and find out about the positions on the WLA board if you are interested in running for next year. So come by and join for election kickoff on St. Paddy’s Day!

### **FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENTS**

The **Fourth Court of Appeals** will hear oral arguments in two appeals on **Tuesday, March 18, 2014** at St. Mary’s Law School beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The first case, 04-13-00386-CR *Deshawn Ondrey Williams v. The State of Texas*, will be heard before the following panel of justices: Justice Karen Angelini, Justice Patricia Alvarez and Justice Luz Elena D. Chapa. Appellant Deshawn Ondrey Williams was found guilty by a jury for the offense of terroristic threats against a public servant. In his first issue on appeal, Williams argues the evidence is legally insufficient to prove that the alleged threat was made with the specific intent to place the witness in fear of *imminent* serious bodily injury or death. More specifically, Williams argues that even assuming the alleged facts were accurate, the alleged threat was for an event to occur the following week and, therefore, the threat could not have been imminent. In his second issue, Williams contends that because he was indigent, the trial court erroneously ordered Williams to pay attorneys’ fees.

The second case, 04-13-00326-CR *Benny Alonzo v. The State of Texas*, will begin at 10:30 a.m. and be heard by the panel of: Chief Justice Catherine Stone, Justice Sandee Bryan Marion, and Justice Rebeca C. Martinez. Appellant, Benny Alonzo, appeals his conviction for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon. In two issues on appeal, appellant asserts (1) the trial court erred in denying his motion to suppress, and (2) the evidence is legally insufficient to support his conviction.

**A reception will follow in the Alumni Room at 12:00 p.m.** for presentation of the *Alma Lopez “Women in Law” Leadership Award* and the inaugural *Catherine M. Stone “Rock of Justice” Award*. All students, faculty and staff are welcome. This event is sponsored by the Women’s Law Association and Campus Ministry.

**ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL ANNOUNCES  
VOLUME 46 EDITORIAL BOARD**

The Editorial Board of the *St. Mary's Law Journal* is proud to announce the leadership team for Volume 46:

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Please join in congratulating the incoming Volume 46 Editorial Board.

## **ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL AGAIN RANKS AMONG NATION'S TOP 25**

The latest **Washington & Lee** annual survey of law reviews once again ranks the *St. Mary's Law Journal* **among the best in the nation** in terms of citations by state and federal courts. The *St. Mary's Law Journal* **ranked #25 among 972 law reviews published in the United States**. The *Journal* was cited 68 times by American courts during the period covered by the survey (2006-2013).

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* was also **cited 338 times** in scholarly and professional articles during the survey period, placing it among the **top 35% of the 972 American publications** in that category.

Please congratulate all *St. Mary's Law Journal* members on a job well done!

## **WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION 2014-2015 EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS**

Members of the Women's Law Association (WLA) Executive Board will serve the organization from May 2014 through May 2015 (exception: President-Elect, who will continue on to serve as President May 2015-May 2016).

### Election Timeline

Monday, March 17: Executive Board Application available on TWEN

Monday, March 31: Application due by 5:00 p.m. to President Elect,  
Bianca Frisaura at [bfrisaura@gmail.com](mailto:bfrisaura@gmail.com)

Tuesday-Friday, April 1-4: Campaigning and voting by members only.

Voting ends at noon on April 4

Friday, April 4: Election results will be announced at Half Wit

## **RESEARCH STUDY OF STUDENTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS**

Michael McCue, J.D., doctoral student at Michigan State University's Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education program needs **second- and third-year law students who have been diagnosed with mental illness for a research study**. Participation in this study may help future law students with mental illness find ways to succeed in law school. **Study participants must be currently enrolled as a 2L or 3L, be diagnosed with a mental illness; and, currently receiving treatment**. Participation in the study is confidential and participants will be identified with a pseudonym. The process consists of three interviews of approximately 1-hour each. The study has been granted IRB approval from Michigan State University. Please contact Mr. McCue, at [mccuemi@msu.edu](mailto:mccuemi@msu.edu) or via phone at 517.391.6594.

## RESEARCH ASSISTANT NEEDED

Professor **Wayne Scott** seeks to hire a 2 or 3L research assistant to help him in **preparing a law review article**. Please email [ruarkg@aol.com](mailto:ruarkg@aol.com), telephone 210.431-2271 or stop by his office in Raba, LFB 278.

## UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON TAX LL.M. PROGRAM

**Professor Paul Asofsky** of the University of Houston will be on campus to provide information about their **Tax LL.M. Program**. He will meet with interested students **Friday, March 21, 2014, at 12:00 noon in LF 107**. A light lunch will be served. For details, please see Professor Cochran.

## FIRST ANNUAL PHI DELTA PHI CHILI COOK OFF AND TASTING

Phi Delta Phi is hosting a **chili cook off in the Alumni Room of the Law Library on Thursday, March 27, 2014**. The contest will be held from 3:00 to 5:00pm. All law students are invited to participate as members of a team or as individuals. Entry fees are \$30 for a team and \$15 for an individual. **Cash prizes will be awarded** for 1st (\$150), 2nd (\$100), and 3rd (\$50) places.

Additionally, students who do not participate in the cook off are encouraged to attend the competition to taste the competitors' chili and purchase raffle tickets (\$5 each) for other prizes.

All money raised through this event will be donated to **Operation Comfort**, a local charity that provides support to service members who have been wounded in Afghanistan or Iraq and are receiving treatment at San Antonio Military Medical Center (formerly Brooke Army Medical Center) and Audie Murphy VA Hospital in San Antonio.

To sign up, please contact Tyler Lowe, [tylerklowe@gmail.com](mailto:tylerklowe@gmail.com) or 214.604.7070.

## 2014 BARRISTER'S BALL

The **Board of Advocates is pleased to host the 2014 Barrister's Ball**. The event will take place at **The Pearl Stable on April 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** It will be a fun evening of honoring and recognizing St. Mary's advocates and those who have supported advocacy programs. Dinner will be served and music provided by **The Mo-dels**.

**Tickets will go on sale March 17, 2014** and are \$35 for one, \$60 for two, or a reserved table of 10 seats for \$300. The Board of Advocates will be **selling tickets in the Law Classroom building**. For ticket inquiries or any questions, please contact the Barrister's Ball Chairman, Stephanie May, at [StephMay17@gmail.com](mailto:StephMay17@gmail.com).

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Are you interested in attending one of our summer **study abroad programs in Innsbruck or China**? Scholarship applications are posted on the law school bulletin boards, in Sr. Grace's office (RABA 106), and with Innsbruck and China faculty. There are two scholarships for students attending the Innsbruck program; the Sarah Thompson Memorial Fund and the Flint Fund. There is one scholarship for students attending the China trip; the China Pioneer Fund. Applications are due to Sr. Grace's office by 5:00 p.m. **March 20, 2014** and the recipients of the awards will be announced April 2, 2014.

## ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATIONS

The **Order of Barristers** is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills. The Order – which is open only to third-year law students – provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools. St. Mary's School of Law is permitted to select up to ten new members each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application form from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the faculty Advocacy Committee, LFB 270. **The applications are posted in LFB 270.** The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the **Barristers' Ball** on Friday, April 11, 2014. 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 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 19, 2014.**

## 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 2014. 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.

**Interested students** 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 2 pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed 2 years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. **The deadline for applications is 12 noon, Friday, March 21, 2014.** Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.



## **40 CANS FOR LENT – FOOD DRIVE**

The **Law Ministry Office** in partnership with **Catholic Charities** is **collecting canned food through April 26, 2014** to help fight hunger in our community. Suggested non-perishable food items include canned tuna/chicken, canned soups, canned vegetables/fruits, peanut butter/jelly, rice/beans, pastas and noodles. Collection barrels are located by the Law Ministry Office and at the Legal & Social Justice Center.

## **LAW LIBRARY OFFERS RARE BOOK ROOM TOURS**

This spring semester, the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library will offer **brief tours of the Rare Book Room** for interested faculty and students. The tours will be led by a librarian and will last 10-15 minutes.

The Library has a small but **outstanding collection of rare law books** and special collections housed in 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. If interested, please contact Ms. Fang Wang, Reference and Special Collection Services Librarian, at 210.431.3435 ext. 1366 or email at [fwang@stmarytx.edu](mailto:fwang@stmarytx.edu) to set up an appointment.

## **RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM AND EXHIBITION**

The Undergraduate Research Office is currently accepting applications for the **15th Annual StMU Research Symposium and Exhibition** taking place **April 9, 2014, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** in the AACC. ALL St. Mary's faculty, undergraduate, graduate, and **law students are encouraged to apply.** To apply go to <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/research-programs/uro/symposium-and-exhibition/>. **Deadline to apply is Friday, March 28, 2014.** For more information contact Amber Aubone, URO Director, at 210.436.3100 or [aaubone@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aaubone@stmarytx.edu).

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

### **IF YOU...**

Received an offer for an UNPAID internship.

Think it's too late to get a SUMMER internship.

Want to secure a FALL internship and start a WORRY-FREE summer!

**COME SEE AMANDA RIVAS at  
Practice Credit Programs (PCP)  
SPRING OFFICE HOURS for PCP  
(Career Services Office)**

**Mondays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Schedule a one-on-one meeting that can make sure you find the right fit. [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: 210.431.5712; or in person during office hours.

- **POSITIONS STILL AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER**
  1. 13<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals (Corpus Christi)
  2. 14<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals (Houston)
  3. District Courts (South Texas)
  4. Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (San Antonio-variety of practice areas)
  5. CentroMed (In House Counsel)
  6. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Austin)
  7. Equal Justice Center (San Antonio)
  8. Federal Public Defender (San Antonio)
  9. City of College Station
  10. Non-profit Legal Services (Immigration/Migrant Workers- Texas/Denver)
  
- **Position Now posted for FALL-**
  1. Many of those above PLUS—
  2. Legislative Counsel’s Office (Austin)
  3. Kinetic Concepts, Inc (In House Counsel- San Antonio)

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/>

Don’t forget : **In-House Counsel Externship** for Summer & Fall. Kinetic Concepts, Inc. Externship posted on Symplicity. LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE.

PLAN ahead: The **PCP Externship program (including In House Counsel) requires a MANDATORY** class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class.

Summer Class

Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>; Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

Fall Class

Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

In House Counsel Class

Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

***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.*

**2014-2015 PRO BONO TEAM APPLICATIONS TO BE RELEASED THIS WEEK**  
**Application Timeline**

Wednesday, March 19: Pro Bono Research Assistant AND Pro Bono Student Coordinators Applications will be released and available on Pro Bono Program/Public Service TWEN Page

Friday, April 4: Applications due at 5:00 p.m. to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com)

Thursday, April 10: Interviews

Monday, April 14: 2014-2015 Pro Bono Team will be announced

Wednesday, May 14: Pro Bono Team Orientation

If you have questions about specific clinics, please email the Research Assistant or The Student Coordinators for more information.

**Pro Bono Fellow**

Victoria Bongat – 210.438.6199 – [vbongat@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vbongat@stmarytx.edu)

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## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES PROGRAMS

Please **RSVP** for all events in the Events Section of SYMPPLICITY under WORKSHOPS

**Symplicity (Job Bank and Online Recruiting System) Access:**

<https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>

### **Alternative Careers Panel**

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Come and meet attorneys who have chosen to use their law degree in an alternative way and learn about various careers you can do with a law degree.

### **What Do Transactional Lawyers Do?**

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

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

Lunch will be served.

Attorneys who have a transactional practice do very different work than litigators. Come hear from attorneys from a variety of practices including transactional lawyers in big firms, small firms, in-house counsel, and government about what their jobs are like. The panel will be moderated by Leslie Hyman, a partner at Pulman, Cappuccio, Pullen & Benson, LLP.

### **All Star Sports and Entertainment Law Panel**

Thursday, March 27, 2014

5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Atrium, Law Administration Building

Dinner will be served.

Interested in learning about a career in sports and entertainment law? Do you this area encompasses many areas including labor and employment, torts, intellectual property and even sometimes criminal and family law? Come hear this exciting panel talk about this area of law and all that it entails.

Moderator: Attorney Roberto “R.C.” Rondero De Mosier.

This event is cosponsored by the Black Law Students Association and the Office of Career Services.

### **"Bar" Luncheon for Class of 2014 Students**

Monday, April 7, 2014

12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Andy Kerr and Sara Dysart Present: State Bar of Texas: Serving Texas Lawyers. Come learn about the services the State Bar of Texas provides to lawyers and the benefits available to you after graduation. Dress code is business casual attire.

## HOUSTON LEGAL JOB FAIR

The **Houston Legal Job Fair** will be held on **March 21, 2014**. For more information on this job fair, please contact the Office of Career Services at 210.431.2265 or stop by their office in the Law Library, room 216.

## TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is **March 30, 2014**.

<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	<b>March 30</b>

## COMMENCEMENT 2014 – SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Are you graduating in May? Please see the below link for the schedule of events for Commencement. This information and link is also available on the Law School website at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/currentstudents/graduation2014/>.

## FITNESS CLASSES

Looking to get into shape or stay in shape? Check out the Spring 2014 fitness classes at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation/fitness-classes/>. These classes are available to all students, faculty and staff. Be sure to sign up today!

## EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS

Anyone interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the Raba building. **Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.** The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook. For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or (361) 920-3504.

## TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LAW STUDENTS

The **State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)** has produced a quick video about how TLAP **can help law students** navigate the pressures of law school. It's on the Bar's web page and Twitter Account. Twitter (<https://twitter.com/texasbartoday>); YouTube <http://youtu.be/eubczDDH8Q0>.

## 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.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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

The **National Law Review** is hosting its March 2014 Law Student Writing Contest with the winner's article to be published on the National Law Review website, the National Law Forum blog, and included in their October newsletter. For more information please visit their website at <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems a Journal of the University Of Iowa College of Law announces its 2013-2014 **Trandafir International Business** Writing Competition. A \$2,000 cash prize will be awarded. Winning essay will also be published in Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, a Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law. Entry deadline is **March 21, 2014**. For more information and contest rules, please see: [http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir\\_competition.html](http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/trandafir_competition.html).

Entries for The Symposium XXVII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [www.thesovereigntysymposium.com](http://www.thesovereigntysymposium.com). Entries must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**.

**Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Writing Competition**, \$1,500 award to travel to the Section's Annual Meeting (Boston, Massachusetts), and possible publication in the Tort Trial & Insurance Law Journal. Entry deadline is **April 1, 2014**.

The **Scholarship Committee of the Amarillo Area Bar Association** (AABF) is awarding \$2,000 scholarships to qualified applicants. Applicants must reside in the area covered by the Amarillo Area Bar Association or have ties to the Texas Panhandle. Applications are available through the AABF office by calling Jo Ann Holt at (806) 371-7226. The deadline for applying is **Tuesday, April 1, 2014**.

The **American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources** (ABA-SEER) is pleased to announce the 2014 Student Writing Competition on Public Land Law and Policy, in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation's Special Institute on Public Land Law, Regulation, and Management scheduled for May 8-9, 2014 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Awards are \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 cash prizes for first, second and third place submissions. Entries 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. Deadline for entries is 5:00 p.m., MT on **April 1, 2014**.

**Federal Communications Bar Association Foundation (FCBA)** will award scholarships to law students in their second and third-year of study. Awards will be based on financial need of the applicant, and may range from \$2,500 to \$10,000 annually. This is both a merit and needs-based scholarship. Applicants must demonstrate strength of character, superior academic achievement, and a strong interest in pursuing a career in communications law. Applicants will be selected on the basis of: (1) a demonstrated interest in the communications law field; (2) dependence on financial assistance in order to attend law school; and (3) their law school record. Applications must be received by regular mail or email by **Tuesday, April 1, 2014**.

The **Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation Scholarship** is pleased to announce that it will award several law school scholarships to deserving students enrolled in a Texas law school during the 2013-2014 school year. The scholarships will be awarded to students who have high academic performance and demonstrated leadership. Deadline to apply is **April 7, 2014**.

Defense Research Institute (DRI) announces its annual **Law Student Diversity Scholarship** program open to **incoming second and third-year** African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian and Native American students. Incoming second and third-year female law students are also eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity. Incoming second and third-year law students who also come from backgrounds that would add to the cause of diversity, regardless of race or gender are eligible to apply. The goal of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance to two worthy law students from ABA accredited law schools in order to promote, in a tangible way, the DRI Diversity Statement in Principle. Two scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each will be awarded to applicants who best meet the following criteria: Demonstrated academic excellence, service to the profession, service to the community, service to the cause of diversity. Deadline to apply is **April 19, 2013**. For more information please visit <http://www.dri.org/about>.

The **Law School Admission Council (LSAC)** announces its first LSAC Diversity Committee Writing Competition. Three winners (1L, 2L and 3-4L) will be eligible for cash



prizes of \$5,000.00. Submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST on **Thursday, May 1, 2014**. Email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu) for more information.

**[Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Award Competition](#)**, \$5,000 cash prize, round-trip airfare and accommodation to attend the Section's Fall Conference in Washington, DC and possible publication in the Administrative and Regulatory Law News or the Administrative Law Review. Entry deadline is May 1, 2014.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** announces the 2014 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The Scholarship, traditionally given in the amount of \$5,000, 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. Application deadline is **May 1, 2014**. For more information on this scholarship, please go to the AAJ website at <http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>.

**Foley & Lardner LLP** is pleased to announce their 2014 Technology Law Writing Contest. Submission topics must address **technology law** and meet the criteria and specifications listed at [www.it-lex.org/writing-contest](http://www.it-lex.org/writing-contest). Cash prizes of \$6,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 will be awarded. Deadline to apply is **May 2, 2014**.

**NEW** – 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 2, 2014**. Full rules and writing guidelines are available at <http://www.animallawsection.org/student-writing-competition/>.

The **Intellectual Property Law Section** of the State Bar of Texas announces the 2014 Women and Minority Scholarship. Two \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to a woman and/or minority law student. Any woman or member of a recognized minority group, including but not limited to African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans who intends to practice IP law in the State of Texas, is eligible to apply. The scholarships will be awarded at the IP Section's meeting during the 2014 State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting held in Austin. Applications must be postmarked no later than **May 12, 2014**.

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. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2014**. Competition rules are available at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org).



[Energy Law Student Writing Competition](#), \$700 cash prize. Write on any issue relating to energy law. Deadline to apply is **May 16, 2014**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2014 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 16, 2014**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The creators of the “*Student Award Search Aid*” website are renewing their \$1,000 scholarship for 2014. Please visit <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm> to learn more. The deadline for applications is **May 26, 2014**.

[11th Annual Law Student Writing Competition](#), Award: Publication in the American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law Resolution from the ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence and honorarium. Topic: Domestic violence and the law from a national or international perspective. Deadline for submission is May 30, 2014, 5:00 p.m. EST. No extensions will be granted.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the 2014 Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org](http://www.ilstexas.org). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2014**.

**NEW** – 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 our 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, 2014**.

The **Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2014 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to [www.tannenwald.org](http://www.tannenwald.org). Entry deadline is **July 1, 2014**.

The Brett Murphy Law Firm is offering an annual \$2,000 scholarship for law students who are working towards a Juris Doctorate Degree and who have an interest in personal injury law. For information or to apply, go to <http://www.washingtoninjury.com/library/future-leaders-scholarship>. Deadline to apply is **July 15, 2014**.

**Internship Opportunity** – The **2014 Legal Studies Institute** in Washington, DC, sponsored by The Fund for American Studies is now accepting applications from **first and second year law students** who may be interested in spending their summer in DC. The dates are May 22 – August 1, 2014. **Faculty is invited to nominate outstanding students for the program.** Nominated students will receive priority consideration for admission and scholarships. You may nominate students by visiting the link: [www.DCinternships.org/Nominate](http://www.DCinternships.org/Nominate). **March 18, 2014** is the final deadline. Please visit [www.DCinternships.org/LSI](http://www.DCinternships.org/LSI) for more details. Questions may be directed to Colin Parks, Legal Studies Institute Program Manager, at [LEGAL@tfas.org](mailto:LEGAL@tfas.org) or 202.986.0384.

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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 **Brian Jones** and **Jesse Bolanos**, representing the Petitioner, versus **Sean Luchnick** and **Kassidee Schnee**, representing the Respondent. The finals will be held **Monday, March 24, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.** in the **Nicholas L. Ribis Courtroom (Law Classroom 102)**. We look forward to seeing you there.

BOA would also like to acknowledge the hard work of the following 32 teams that broke into the Double-Octa rounds on Friday, March 21.

#22 Cassy Appelt & Timothy Johnson  
#32 John Duff & Alex Hilliard  
#25 Kayla Gutierrez & Nicole Garza  
#7 Benjamin Mathews & Romeo Rendon  
#80 Ben Carter & Kody Dobecka  
#78 Andres Campion & Matthew Matusek  
#59 Sean Luchnick & Kassidee Schnee  
#52 Melanie Lira & Gabriela Hernandez  
#66 Brian Marks & Craig Langford  
#74 Hillary Garcia & Jennifer Guerrero  
#88 Natalie Karge & Brittney Baldovinos  
#10 Jessica Gonzalez & Shannon Dylan Percy  
#133 Jessica Shawver & Charles Seymour  
#91 Stephen Fields & Jessica Mendicutti  
#95 Joseph Cardenas & Gabriela Marquez  
#16 Renee Ramirez & Karl Luth  
#90 Brian Jones & Jesse Bolanos  
#45 Victoria Cruz & Therese Carter  
#111 Brandon Grable & Stephanie Green  
#113 Melissa Lozano & Stephanie Zaragoza  
#100 Shea Pearson & Robert Moose  
#30 Steven Gravesmill & Rogelio Soto  
#69 Eric Garza & Alicia Grant  
#40 Kathlyn Jones & Alyssa Arriola  
#77 Blake Pierce & Forrest Blackwelder-Bagget

#43 John Ryan & Dominic Selvera  
#103 Dorian Ojeman & Cesar Ornelas  
#82 Clay Payne & Pantea Pourabbas  
#79 Austin Delgado & Matt Gilbert  
#9 Leah Wise & Ignacio Tronocoso  
#57 Brittany Baker & Mallori Carley  
#11 Thomas Pare & Tifini Cigarroa

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

This past weekend, **two mock trial teams represented the law school** at the regional Student Trial Advocacy Competition, in Houston, Texas. This competition, which is one of the nation's premier mock trial competitions, is sponsored by the American Association for Justice (AAJ) (formerly the American Association of Trial Lawyers). Many of the participating law schools were able to enter two teams.

St. Mary's first team of **Leslie Vasquez (3L), Bill Woolsey (2L), Justin Uresti (2L), and Travis Rodriguez (2L)** went undefeated into the break round, sweeping ballots to beat South Texas College of Law and the University of Texas. A loss to the second South Texas team at the competition caused them to break as the #5 team, ultimately missing the advancement to the semifinal round by just one quarter of one point.

The second team of **Joe Patton (3L), Brad Runcie (3L), Jessica Pritchett (2L), and Chandler Bowen (2L)** went undefeated throughout all three preliminary rounds, beating both Baylor teams and Texas State University. They broke as the #1 seeded team into the semifinals, where they defeated the second South Texas College of Law team to advance as the #1 seeded team into the final round. They narrowly lost the championship by a split decision and what ultimately came down to the difference of one point.

Both teams were coached by **Adjunct Professor Nicole Thornbro**. Please join us in congratulating the teams and their coach for an outstanding showing at this regional competition!

## **HISPANIC NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION UVALDO HERRERA MOOT COURT COMPETITION FINALISTS**

The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) held its 19th annual **Uvaldo Herrera Moot Court Competition** contemporaneously with its mid-year meeting this past weekend in Orlando, Florida. With 34 teams participating, the St. Mary's team, consisting of **Marisa Aragon (2L) and Amanda Lopez (3L)**, bested 32 other teams and broke into the finals where they took runner-up spot to the competition winner, Florida Coastal School of Law. The team was coached by **Rosa Maria Gonzalez, J.D. '01**. Congratulations to Marisa and Amanda and their coach Rosie!

## NEGOTIATIONS TEAM IS FINALIST AT NATIONAL COMPETITION

This past weekend, St Mary's School of Law sent two negotiations teams to the **National NBA Negotiation Competition at Fordham in New York**. The competition hosted a total of 32 teams, and both St. Mary's teams broke to final four. The team of Tapash Agarwal (2L) and Zach Stevenson (2L) made it to the semifinals and the second team of Chris Guymon (2L) and Gerald Arismendez (2L) were finalists. Both teams were coached by Dr. Allen Craddock. Please join us in congratulating these four students and their coach, Dr. Craddock, for this outstanding showing at a national negotiations competition.

### 1L REGISTRATION MEETING

Dean Mather and other members of the law administration **will meet with first year students to discuss registration procedures and course selection process**. All first year day students **must attend one of the meetings listed below**:

#### Wednesday, March 26

10:00 a.m.

LC105

11:00 a.m.

LC105

#### Tuesday, April 1

12:00 Noon

LC105

### SUMMER AND FALL REGISTRATION

Students may register for Summer 2014 and Fall 2014 as noted below. **Students should use the hours earned at the end of the fall 2013 semester** to determine when you can register.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on

**March 31 through midnight April 5, 2014** - students with **45 hours or more**

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on

**April 7 through midnight April 12, 2014** - students with **15 hours - 44 hours**

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on

**April 12 through midnight April 19, 2014** - **all year groups**

Please check Gateway for information regarding any holds that might be placed on your online registration screen. If there is a hold, the office that placed the hold is the only authorized office to remove the hold. For any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Catherine Mery 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 Summer and Fall 2014 schedules. To make a course advising appointment, students should contact Patricia Solano at 210.431.4340 or [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

All 1Ls who have been required to complete the **2014 Spring 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 Summer and Fall 2014 courses.

## CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS FOR SCHOOL OF LAW DEAN

Just as a reminder, there are three more candidates for the Dean of the School of Law, scheduled for interview sessions with the St. Mary's University community. You may want to take the time to participate in the sessions for law students, as listed below. The names of the candidates and their current positions are listed below. Candidate resumes are posted online on Gateway. For any questions please contact Associate Dean Victoria Mather at [vmather@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vmather@stmarytx.edu).

- **Monday, March 24**  
Stephen M. Sheppard, Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development  
University of Arkansas, School of Law  
  
1:00 to 1:45 p.m., Law Classroom Building, Room 105
- **Monday, March 31**  
Maria Pabon Lopez, Dean and Judge Adrian G. Duplantier Professor of Law  
Loyola University of New Orleans, College of Law  
  
1:00 to 1:45 p.m., Law Classroom Building, Room 105
- **Thursday, April 3**  
Andrew Strauss, Associate Dean for Faculty and Strategic Initiatives and Professor  
Widener University School of Law  
  
1:00 to 1:45 p.m., Law Classroom Building, Room 105

## EXTERNAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM MOOT COURT, MOCK TRIAL AND NEGOTIATIONS TRY-OUTS NEXT MONTH

During the **first two weeks in April**, the St. Mary's External Advocacy Program will be **conducting interviews to select eligible 2L and 3L students for the moot, mock and negotiations teams**. Selection for an EAP team offers you the opportunity to compete in



advocacy tournaments across the country on behalf of your school, while also **providing you with specialized and personal training by practicing attorneys** that will help you better hone your advocacy skills for both competitions and your future legal career.

**If you are interested** in being considered for any of these teams, please **plan on attending** the BOA Advocacy Panel on **Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. in LC106**. If you are unable to attend on Tuesday, additional information regarding the specific times and requirements for consideration will be forthcoming in the next edition of the *Witan*. If you should have any immediate questions, please feel free to contact adjunct professor and the head coach for St. Mary's External Advocacy Program, Ricky J. Poole at [rpoole@alamocityattorney.com](mailto:rpoole@alamocityattorney.com).

### **INNSBRUCK PROGRAM MEETING**

The spring information meeting for the **2014 Innsbruck Program** will be held on **Wednesday, March 26, 2014 in LC103 at noon**. Pizza and drinks will be served, and questions will be answered. Meet others who are attending, learn about financial aid amounts available for this program, discuss travel and classes. If there is any topic you would like discussed at the meeting, send your request to Prof. Reamey, [greamey@stmarytx.edu](mailto:greamey@stmarytx.edu), or Professor Pomeroy, [cpomeroy@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cpomeroy@stmarytx.edu) or, you can let us know on our Facebook page (St. Mary's Law School Innsbruck Program). The application deadline is almost here, so make your summer plans now!

### **BARBRI BAR TALK**

Please join BarBri for a bar talk on **Thursday, March 27, 2014**. Learn the secrets of the bar exam from an MBE expert and BARBRI lecturer.

Speaker: Chuck Shonholtz, MBE Expert and BARBRI Lecturer

When: Thursday, March 27, 2014

Time: **12:00 p.m.** (session will last about 35 minutes)

Location: **Law Classroom 105**

Lunch will be served

Topics: Tips and strategies provided to ensure success on the bar exam. Discover the importance of knowing where you will stand on the bar exam grading curve. Learn the most effective way to increase your score. Details provided regarding the summer bar prep schedule and what students 3L students can do now to get a head start.

### **FIRST ANNUAL PHI DELTA PHI CHILI COOK OFF AND TASTING**

Phi Delta Phi is hosting a **chili cook off in the Alumni Room of the Law Library** on **Thursday, March 27, 2014**. The contest will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. All law students are invited to participate as members of a team or as individuals. Entry fees are \$30 for a team and \$15 for an individual. **Cash prizes will be awarded** for 1st (\$150), 2nd (\$100), and 3rd (\$50) places.

Additionally, students who do not participate in the cook off are encouraged to attend the competition to taste the competitors' chili and purchase raffle tickets (\$5 each) for other prizes.

All money raised through this event will be donated to **Operation Comfort**, a local charity that provides support to service members who have been wounded in Afghanistan or Iraq and are receiving treatment at San Antonio Military Medical Center (formerly Brooke Army Medical Center) and Audie Murphy VA Hospital in San Antonio.

To sign up, please contact Tyler Lowe, [tylerklowe@gmail.com](mailto:tylerklowe@gmail.com) or 214.604.7070.

### **2014-2015 STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBER ELECTIONS**

Attention 1Ls and 2Ls! **Interested in being a member of the 2014-2015 Student Bar Association?** The below positions are available.

2L Senators (8)  
3L Senators (8)  
2L Honor Court Justice  
3L Honor Court Justice  
American Bar Association Representative\* (1L)  
State Bar of Texas Representative\* (1L)  
San Antonio Young Lawyer's Association Representative\* (1L)  
\*2 year position

E-mail SBA's Special Prosecutor, Stephanie May, at [StephMay17@gmail.com](mailto:StephMay17@gmail.com) **no later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2014.** Elections will take place April 13, 2014.

### **WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION 2014-2015 EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS**

Members of the **Women's Law Association (WLA) Executive Board** will serve the organization from May 2014 through May 2015 (exception: President-Elect, who will continue on to serve as President May 2015-May 2016). Executive Board applications are available on TWEN and are **due Monday, March 31, by 5:00 p.m.** to President Elect, Bianca Frisaura at [bfrisaura@gmail.com](mailto:bfrisaura@gmail.com). Campaigning and voting by members only will be held Tuesday through Friday, April 1-4 and will end at 12:00 p.m. on April 4. Election results will be announced at the spring social "Half Wit."

### **PRACTICING TORT LAW IN TEXAS AND BUILDING A CAREER**

The **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** and the **Defense Counsel of San Antonio (DCSA)** present "**Practicing Tort Law in Texas (and building a career)**" on **Thursday April 3, 2014 in LC105, from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.** The guest speaker will be Mr. Michael H. Bassett, J.D. '87 and Senior Partner of The Bassett Law Firm in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Bassett was a **research assistant** for Professor Vincent R. Johnson, an **Articles Editor** for the *St. Mary's Law Journal*, and a **Briefing Attorney** for Justice Ted Robertson at the Texas Supreme Court. Mr. Bassett heads a nine-attorney law firm. The firm has tried over 300 cases to verdict in counties throughout Texas and across the United States. Litigated cases have focused in areas such as construction law, products liability, transportation, employer liability, premises liability, subrogation, business disputes, contracts, industrial accidents, appeals, commercial disputes, personal injury, and insurance litigation. When he was in law school at St. Mary's, Bassett was a Quarter-Finalist in Walker Moot Court, Winner of the Norvell Moot Court Competition, and a Semi-Finalist in the State Moot Court Competition. He was named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and Who's Who Among Law Students, and was inducted into the Harlan Society (honor for students graduating in the top 10% of their class).

AAJ will give away a \$100 pre-paid debit card as a door prize!

### **WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION SPRING SOCIAL "HALF-WIT"**

Women's Law Association's Spring Social "**Half-Wit**" will be held on **Friday, April 4, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.** (address will be located on the TWEN homepage). This year's Half-Wit theme will be "**Fiesta Toga Party**" so dress up in your best toga and **join us as we celebrate** making it through another semester. Come and find out who your 2014-2015 executive board will be. This is also a great opportunity to unwind and have some fun before we all buckle down for finals. Non-members are welcome for \$5 at the door.

### **2014 JIMI DERRICK CONSTITUTIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

The St. Mary's Board of Advocates will host **the 2014 Jimi Derrick Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition** on **Saturday, April 5, 2014**. 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**. Look for the BOA table in the Law Classroom Building or stop by the BOA Office to sign up.

### **FEDERAL COURT INTERNSHIPS IN McALLEN, TEXAS Summer 2014**

The **Honorable Micaela Alvarez**, federal district court judge in McAllen, Texas, would like to offer **one to three judicial internships** this summer to St. Mary's law students. The internships will last at least six weeks and perhaps as long as the whole summer. The interns will work at the judge's chambers in McAllen, and must arrange their own housing.

Like all federal court internships, these **positions are unpaid. However, a student can earn two pass-fail credits** in exchange for 120 hours of work for the court.

The judge's docket is mainly criminal matters, although there are some civil cases.

Judge Alvarez is flexible about qualifications and will consider students who have completed only one full year of law school and students who are not on law review.

**This is excellent way to build one's resume.** Working for a federal judge is a very good step in starting a career. A judicial internship makes a student look like "a winner." Additional information about judicial internships is available in the current Pre-Graduation Judicial Internships brochure. It is posted in PDF format at the bottom of the Judicial Internship page of the law school website (under Centers and Programs).

If you would like to apply, send a resume by **e-mail to Professor Vincent R. Johnson** ([vjohnson@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vjohnson@stmarytx.edu)) by **noon Monday, April 7, 2014.**

Trevor Hall, a 2012 St. Mary's law graduate, is currently clerking for Judge Micaela Alvarez in a two-year, paid, post-graduation position. Two St. Mary's students interned for Judge Alvarez last summer.

### **5th ANNUAL CJP GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The **Community Justice Program (CJP)** of the San Antonio Bar Association is holding its 5th Annual Golf Tournament on **Thursday, April 17, 2014**, at the **Quarry Golf Club**. **Registration begins at 12:00 p.m.** with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start.

There will also be a BBQ dinner. To sign up as a Team or as an Individual, to participate, or to simply donate, on behalf of yourself or for your organization, please contact Suzanne DeWalt by telephone at (210) 227-8822, ext. 26, or by e-mail at [suzanned@sabar.org](mailto:suzanned@sabar.org). To register online or to download a registration form, please visit the San Antonio Bar Association link at <http://www.sanantoniobar.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=107>.

### **RESEARCH STUDY OF STUDENTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS**

Michael McCue, J.D., doctoral student at Michigan State University's Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education program needs **second- and third-year law students who have been diagnosed with mental illness for a research study**. Participation in this study may help future law students with mental illness find ways to succeed in law school. **Study participants must be currently enrolled as a 2L or 3L, be diagnosed with a mental illness; and, currently receiving treatment.** Participation in the study is confidential and participants will be identified with a pseudonym. The process consists of three interviews of approximately 1-hour each. The study has been granted IRB approval from Michigan State University. Please contact Mr. McCue, at [mccuemi@msu.edu](mailto:mccuemi@msu.edu) or via phone at 517.391.6594.

### **RESEARCH ASSISTANT NEEDED**

Professor **Wayne Scott** seeks to hire a 2 or 3L research assistant to help him in **preparing a law review article**. Please email [ruarkg@aol.com](mailto:ruarkg@aol.com), telephone 210.431-2271 or stop by his office in Raba, LFB 278.

## 2014 BARRISTER'S BALL

The **Board of Advocates** is pleased to host the **2014 Barrister's Ball**. The event will take place at **The Pearl Stable on April 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** It will be a fun evening of honoring and recognizing St. Mary's advocates and those who have supported advocacy programs. Dinner will be served and music provided by **The Mo-dels**.

**Tickets are now on sale in the Law Classroom building** and are \$35 for one, \$60 for two, or a reserved table of 10 seats for \$300. For ticket inquiries or any questions, please contact the Barrister's Ball Chairman, Stephanie May, at [StephMay17@gmail.com](mailto:StephMay17@gmail.com).

## 40 CANS FOR LENT – FOOD DRIVE

The **Law Ministry Office** in partnership with **Catholic Charities** is **collecting canned food through April 26, 2014** to help fight hunger in our community. Suggested non-perishable food items include canned tuna/chicken, canned soups, canned vegetables/fruits, peanut butter/jelly, rice/beans, pastas and noodles. Collection barrels are located by the Law Ministry Office and at the Legal & Social Justice Center.

## LAW LIBRARY OFFERS RARE BOOK ROOM TOURS

This spring semester, the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library will offer **brief tours of the Rare Book Room** for interested faculty and students. The tours will be led by a librarian and will last 10-15 minutes.

The Library has a small but **outstanding collection of rare law books** and special collections housed in 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. If interested, please contact Ms. Fang Wang, Reference and Special Collection Services Librarian, at 210.431.3435 ext. 1366 or email at [fwang@stmarytx.edu](mailto:fwang@stmarytx.edu) to set up an appointment.

## RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM AND EXHIBITION

The Undergraduate Research Office is currently accepting applications for the **15th Annual StMU Research Symposium and Exhibition** taking place **April 9, 2014, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.** in the AACC. ALL St. Mary's faculty, undergraduate, graduate, and **law students are encouraged to apply.** To apply go to <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/research-programs/uro/symposium-and-exhibition/>. **Deadline to apply is Friday, March 28, 2014.** For more information contact Amber Aubone, URO Director, at 210.436.3100 or [aubone@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aubone@stmarytx.edu).

## NEW POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAM (PCP)

### IF YOU...

Received an offer for an UNPAID internship.

Think it's too late to get a SUMMER internship.

Want to secure a FALL internship and start a WORRY-FREE summer!

**COME SEE AMANDA RIVAS at Practice Credit Programs (PCP)  
SPRING OFFICE HOURS for PCP in the Career Services Office  
Mondays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. AND Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Schedule a one-on-one meeting that can make sure you find the right fit. [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: 210.431.5712; or in person during office hours.

- POSITIONS STILL AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER
  1. 13<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals (Corpus Christi)
  2. 14<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals (Houston)
  3. District Courts (South Texas)
  4. Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (San Antonio-variety of practice areas)
  5. CentroMed (In House Counsel)
  6. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Austin)
  7. Equal Justice Center (San Antonio)
  8. Federal Public Defender (San Antonio)
  9. State Bar of Texas (San Antonio)
  10. Non-profit Legal Services (Immigration/Migrant Workers- Texas/Denver)
  11. Kinetic Concepts, Inc (In House Counsel- San Antonio)
  
- POSITIONS NOW POSTED FOR FALL
  1. Many of those above PLUS—
  2. Legislative Counsel's Office (Austin)
  3. EEOC (San Antonio)

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/>

Don't forget : **In-House Counsel Externship** for Summer & Fall. Kinetic Concepts, Inc. Externship posted on Symplicity. LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE.

PLAN ahead: The **PCP Externship program (including In House Counsel) requires a MANDATORY** class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class.

In House Counsel Class  
Summer- Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Summer Class  
Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

Fall Class  
Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

In House Counsel Class  
Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**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.

### **2014-2015 PRO BONO TEAM APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE**

Pro Bono Research Assistant AND Pro Bono Student Coordinators Applications are now available on the Pro Bono Program/Public Service TWEN Page. Applications due at 5:00 p.m. to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com) on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will be held on Thursday, April 10 and on Monday, April 14, the 2014-2015 Pro Bono Team will be announced. Orientation for the Pro Bono Team will be held on Wednesday, May 14. If you have questions about specific clinics, please email the Research Assistant or The Student Coordinators for more information.

#### **Pro Bono Fellow**

Victoria Bongat – 210.438.6199 – [vbongat@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vbongat@stmarytx.edu)

#### **Pro Bono RA**

Julia E. Null – 214.914.2661 – [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com)

#### **Ask-A-Lawyer**

Ashley Graham – 409.659.3161 – [agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu)  
Kevin Bennett – 256.683.9204 – [kevin.bertan.bennett@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.bertan.bennett@gmail.com)

#### **Texas RioGrande Legal Aid – Family law**

Julia E. Null – 214.914.2661 – [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com)  
Cynthia Olson – 210.290.7819 – [colson2@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:colson2@mail.stmarytx.edu)

#### **St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice – Wills**

Rebecca Pitts – 210.332.9704 – [rqpitts@hotmail.com](mailto:rqpitts@hotmail.com)  
Landry Redding – 512.694.6980 – [landryredding@yahoo.com](mailto:landryredding@yahoo.com)

#### **Audie L. Murphy Veterans Hospital – Veterans**

Lisa Germano – 860.922.6356 – [lisabeth.germano@gmail.com](mailto:lisabeth.germano@gmail.com)

Paolo M Nangcas – 832.363.7501 – [paolonangcas@utexas.edu](mailto:paolonangcas@utexas.edu)  
J P Mason – [jpmason0812@gmail.com](mailto:jpmason0812@gmail.com)

**People’s Law School Student Coordinator & Law Ministry Assistant**

Naomi Howard – 512.699.5988 – [hownao@gmail.com](mailto:hownao@gmail.com)  
Olivia Mallary – [olivia.mallary@gmail.com](mailto:olivia.mallary@gmail.com)

**OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES PROGRAMS**

Please **RSVP** for all events in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS  
**Symlicity (Job Bank and Online Recruiting System) Access:**

<https://law-stmarytx-csm.symlicity.com/students/>

**What Do Transactional Lawyers Do?**

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

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

Lunch will be served.

Attorneys who have a transactional practice do very different work than litigators. Come hear from attorneys from a variety of practices including transactional lawyers in big firms, small firms, in-house counsel, and government about what their jobs are like. The panel will be moderated by Leslie Hyman, a partner at Pulman, Cappuccio, Pullen & Benson, LLP.

**All Star Sports and Entertainment Law Panel**

Thursday, March 27, 2014

5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Atrium, Law Administration Building

Dinner will be served.

Interested in learning about a career in sports and entertainment law? Do you this area encompasses many areas including labor and employment, torts, intellectual property and even sometimes criminal and family law? Come hear this exciting panel talk about this area of law and all that it entails.

Moderator: Attorney Roberto “R.C.” Rondero De Mosier.

This event is cosponsored by the Black Law Students Association and the Office of Career Services.

**"Bar" Luncheon for Class of 2014 Students**

Monday, April 7, 2014

12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Andy Kerr and Sara Dysart Present: State Bar of Texas: Serving Texas Lawyers. Come learn about the services the State Bar of Texas provides to lawyers and the benefits available to you after graduation. Dress code is business casual attire.



## TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

The next deadline for the Texas Bar Examination application is **March 30, 2014**.

<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	<b>March 30</b>

## COMMENCEMENT 2014 – SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Are you graduating in May? Please see the below link for the schedule of events for Commencement. This information and link is also available on the Law School website at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/currentstudents/graduation2014/>.

## FITNESS CLASSES

Looking to get into shape or stay in shape? Check out the Spring 2014 fitness classes at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation/fitness-classes/>. These classes are available to all students, faculty and staff. Be sure to sign up today!

## EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS

Anyone interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the Raba building. **Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.** The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook. For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or (361) 920-3504.

## TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LAW STUDENTS

The **State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)** has produced a quick video about how TLAP **can help law students** navigate the pressures of law school. It's on the Bar's web page and Twitter Account. Twitter (<https://twitter.com/texasbartoday>); YouTube <http://youtu.be/eubczDDH8Q0>.

## 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.

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

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

The **National Law Review** is hosting its March 2014 Law Student Writing Contest with the winner's article to be published on the National Law Review website, the National Law Forum blog, and included in their October newsletter. For more information please visit their website at <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

Entries for The Symposium XXVII **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** are now being accepted. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of \$750, \$500 and \$250 will be awarded. Entry criteria and requirements may be found at [www.thesovereignsymposium.com](http://www.thesovereignsymposium.com) . Entries must be received no later than **March 31, 2014**.

**Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Writing Competition**, \$1,500 award to travel to the Section's Annual Meeting (Boston, Massachusetts), and possible publication in the Tort Trial & Insurance Law Journal. Entry deadline is **April 1, 2014**.

The **Scholarship Committee of the Amarillo Area Bar Association** (AABF) is awarding \$2,000 scholarships to qualified applicants. Applicants must reside in the area covered by the Amarillo Area Bar Association or have ties to the Texas Panhandle. Applications are available through the AABF office by calling Jo Ann Holt at (806) 371-7226. The deadline for applying is **Tuesday, April 1, 2014**.

The **American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources** (ABA-SEER) is pleased to announce the 2014 Student Writing Competition on Public Land Law and Policy, in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation's Special Institute on Public Land Law, Regulation, and Management scheduled for May 8-9, 2014 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Awards are \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 cash prizes for first, second and third place

submissions. Entries 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. Deadline for entries is 5:00 p.m., MT on **April 1, 2014**.

**Federal Communications Bar Association Foundation (FCBA)** will award scholarships to law students in their second and third-year of study. Awards will be based on financial need of the applicant, and may range from \$2,500 to \$10,000 annually. This is both a merit and needs-based scholarship. Applicants must demonstrate strength of character, superior academic achievement, and a strong interest in pursuing a career in communications law. Applicants will be selected on the basis of: (1) a demonstrated interest in the communications law field; (2) dependence on financial assistance in order to attend law school; and (3) their law school record. Applications must be received by regular mail or email by **Tuesday, April 1, 2014**.

The **Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation Scholarship** is pleased to announce that it will award several law school scholarships to deserving students enrolled in a Texas law school during the 2013-2014 school year. The scholarships will be awarded to students who have high academic performance and demonstrated leadership. Deadline to apply is **April 7, 2014**.

**NEW** – The Federal Circuit Bar Association will award a \$10,000 scholarship in memory of **Howard T. Markey**, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Law student must show financial need, demonstrated academic promise, and an interest in public service. Timeline to apply is April 1 and midnight EST **April 15, 2014**.

**NEW** – The Federal Circuit Bar Association will award one \$10,000 scholarship in memory of **Helen W. Nies**, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Special consideration for this scholarship include: (a) encouraging the participation of women lawyers in the legal profession, (b) recognizing the contributions of women lawyers to society in general, (c) highlighting academic excellence, (d) addressing need, and (e) advancing the interest of women law students in intellectual property. Timeline to apply is April 1 and midnight EST **April 15, 2014**.

**NEW** – The Federal Circuit Bar Association will award one \$10,000 scholarship in memory of **Giles S. Rich**, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Student must show financial need and reflect academic excellence. Timeline to apply is April 1 and midnight EST **April 15, 2014**.

**NEW** – The Federal Circuit Bar Association will award one \$5,000 scholarship in memory of **William S. Bullinger**, a respected practitioner. The award is based on economic need, although other criteria include academic promise and an interest in the subject matter of the Federal Circuit Court's legal community. Timeline to apply is April 1 and midnight EST **April 15, 2014**.

**NEW** – The Federal Circuit Bar Association will award various scholarships depending on available funds and other factors based on student need. Last year, the Association awarded

three scholarships in the amount of **\$5,000 each** and hopes to be able to donate at least three scholarships this year. Timeline to apply is April 1 and midnight EST **April 15, 2014**.

**NEW** – The Federal Circuit Bar Association is pleased to announce the 2014 **George Hutchinson Writing Competition**. \$3,000 cash prize. Entries may discuss any topic that lies within the procedure, substance, or scope of the jurisdiction of the Court. Deadline to apply is **July 1, 2014**.

Defense Research Institute (DRI) announces its annual **Law Student Diversity Scholarship** program open to **incoming second and third-year** African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian and Native American students. Incoming second and third-year female law students are also eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity. Incoming second and third-year law students who also come from backgrounds that would add to the cause of diversity, regardless of race or gender are eligible to apply. The goal of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance to two worthy law students from ABA accredited law schools in order to promote, in a tangible way, the DRI Diversity Statement in Principle. Two scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each will be awarded to applicants who best meet the following criteria: Demonstrated academic excellence, service to the profession, service to the community, service to the cause of diversity. Deadline to apply is **April 19, 2013**. For more information please visit <http://www.dri.org/about>.

The **Law School Admission Council (LSAC)** announces its first LSAC Diversity Committee Writing Competition. Three winners (1L, 2L and 3-4L) will be eligible for cash prizes of \$5,000.00. Submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST on **Thursday, May 1, 2014**. Email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu) for more information.

[Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Award Competition](#), \$5,000 cash prize, round-trip airfare and accommodation to attend the Section's Fall Conference in Washington, DC and possible publication in the Administrative and Regulatory Law News or the Administrative Law Review. Entry deadline is May 1, 2014.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** announces the 2014 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The Scholarship, traditionally given in the amount of \$5,000, 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. Application deadline is **May 1, 2014**. For more information on this scholarship, please go to the AAJ website at <http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>.

**Foley & Lardner LLP** is pleased to announce their 2014 Technology Law Writing Contest. Submission topics must address **technology law** and meet the criteria and specifications listed at [www.it-lex.org/writing-contest](http://www.it-lex.org/writing-contest). Cash prizes of \$6,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 will be awarded. Deadline to apply is **May 2, 2014**.

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 2, 2014**. Full rules and writing guidelines are available at <http://www.animallawsection.org/student-writing-competition/>.

The **Intellectual Property Law Section** of the State Bar of Texas announces the 2014 Women and Minority Scholarship. Two \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to a woman and/or minority law student. Any woman or member of a recognized minority group, including but not limited to African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans who intends to practice IP law in the State of Texas, is eligible to apply. The scholarships will be awarded at the IP Section's meeting during the 2014 State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting held in Austin. Applications must be postmarked no later than **May 12, 2014**.

**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. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2014**. Competition rules are available at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org).

[Energy Law Student Writing Competition](#), \$700 cash prize. Write on any issue relating to energy law. Deadline to apply is **May 16, 2014**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2014 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 16, 2014**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The creators of the "*Student Award Search Aid*" website are renewing their \$1,000 scholarship for 2014. Please visit <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm> to learn more. The deadline for applications is **May 26, 2014**.

[11th Annual Law Student Writing Competition](#), Award: Publication in the American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law Resolution from the ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence and honorarium. Topic: Domestic violence and the law from a national or international perspective. Deadline for submission is May 30, 2014, 5:00 p.m. EST. No extensions will be granted.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues

and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the 2014 Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org](http://www.ilstexas.org). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2014**.

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 our 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, 2014**.

The **Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2014 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to [www.tannenwald.org](http://www.tannenwald.org). Entry deadline is **July 1, 2014**.

The Brett Murphy Law Firm is offering an annual \$2,000 scholarship for law students who are working towards a Juris Doctorate Degree and who have an interest in personal injury law. For information or to apply, go to <http://www.washingtoninjury.com/library/future-leaders-scholarship>. Deadline to apply is **July 15, 2014**.

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## **ST. MARY'S MOOT COURT WINS FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION NATIONAL COMPETITION**

This past weekend, the St. Mary's External Advocacy Program (EAP) Moot Court Team of **Stephen Bachran** (2L) and **Hannah Cottrill** (2L) traveled to Washington, D.C. to compete in the Seventeenth Annual Federal Bar Association Thurgood A. Marshall Memorial Moot Court Tournament. Stephen and Hannah **bested forty-five other moot court teams from all over the country** (the most ever assembled for this competition) to claim their **first National Title** and the fourth National Championship for St. Mary's EAP Moot Court.

Along the way to their title, Stephen Bachran was recognized as the **Second Best Overall Advocate** in the Preliminary Rounds and Hannah Cottrill received the distinction of **Best Advocate in the Championship Round**.

The competition addresses emerging issues of federal statutory and constitutional law. Judges for the competition included distinguished members of the federal bench and bar from both coasts and everywhere in between, who have made their way to Washington, D.C. for the Federal Bar Association's mid-year meeting. **This is the second time in three years that St. Mary's has won this prestigious national tournament.**

**The team was coached by Mr. Ricky Poole**, head coach of the EAP teams. Please join in congratulating and thanking Mr. Poole and the team for their hard work and dedication in this outstanding achievement.

## **WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION CHIEF JUSTICE ALMA LOPEZ AWARD & CHIEF JUSTICE CATHERINE STONE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

The Women's Law Association would like to extend big congratulations to two of our award winning ladies; **Elizabeth Germano** who received the Chief Justice Catherine Stone "Rock of Justice Award" and **Julia Null** who received the Chief Justice Alma Lopez "Women in Leadership" Award. When you see them around campus, please join us in **congratulating them**.

## **CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS FOR SCHOOL OF LAW DEAN**

Just as a reminder, there are two more candidates for the Dean of the School of Law, scheduled for interview sessions with the St. Mary's University community. You may want to take the time to participate in the sessions for law students, as listed below. The names of the candidates and their current positions are listed below. Candidate resumes are posted online on Gateway. For any questions please contact Associate Dean Victoria Mather at [vmather@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vmather@stmarytx.edu).

- **Monday, March 31**

Maria Pabon Lopez, Dean and Judge Adrian G. Duplantier Professor of Law  
Loyola University of New Orleans, College of Law

1:00 to 1:45 p.m., Law Classroom Building, Room 105

- **Thursday, April 3**

Andrew Strauss, Associate Dean for Faculty and Strategic Initiatives and Professor  
Widener University School of Law

1:00 to 1:45 p.m., Law Classroom Building, Room 105

### **CLINICAL EDUCATION COURSES FOR CREDIT**

**It's not too late to Register for Summer and Fall/Spring – Accepted on a Rolling basis!**

Are you interested in hands-on, real life experiences practicing law, and helping those who otherwise wouldn't receive legal assistance? St. Mary's Law offers three exciting courses in clinical education: **Civil Justice (Open to 2 and 3Ls)**, **Criminal Justice (Open to 3Ls)** and **Immigration/Human Rights (Open to 2 and 3Ls)**. Upload your Student Interest Form and Resume onto the TWEN page – "Clinical Applicants. Summer/Fall/Spring 2014/2015" or drop off a hard copy at the front desk of the CLSJ. Contact person – Marisa Santos, (210) 431-5703, [msantos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:msantos@stmarytx.edu).

### **WLA 2014-2015 BOARD APPLICATIONS DUE TODAY**

Members of the **Women's Law Association (WLA) Executive Board** will serve the organization from May 2014 through May 2015 (exception: President-Elect, who will continue on to serve as President May 2015-May 2016). Executive Board applications are available on TWEN and are **due Monday, March 31, by 5:00 p.m.** to President Elect, Bianca Frisaura at [bfrisaura@gmail.com](mailto:bfrisaura@gmail.com). Campaigning and voting by members only will be held Tuesday through Friday, April 1-4 and will end at 12:00 p.m. on April 4. Election results will be announced at the spring social "Half Wit."

### **ATTENTION 1L & 2LE STUDENTS LAW JOURNAL INFORMATION SESSIONS & HAPPY HOUR**

*The St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 46 Editorial Board is seeking qualified applicants to serve as Staff Writers for the 2014-2015 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 2013 Dean's List should return their acceptance to the *Journal* office by **April 1, 2014**. 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 9.

For more information about the *Journal* and the write-on application process, please join us for a **free lunch and information session on Wednesday, April 2 at noon in LC 105**, or stop by our tables in the classroom building and courtyard during the next few weeks. The *Journal* Editorial Board will also host a **happy hour on Thursday, April 10 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at The Friendly Spot Ice House** for 1L and 2LE students interested in becoming *Journal* Staff Writers. If you have any questions, please contact Meagan McKeown at [meaganmckeown@me.com](mailto:meaganmckeown@me.com).

### ***THE SCHOLAR: ST. MARY'S LAW REVIEW ON RACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE***

The Editorial Board of Volume 17 would like to remind all first and second year law students that the **Staff Writer Application Deadline is MONDAY, April 4, 2014**. Please submit your application on TWEN **by 5:00 p.m.** In order to make a submission on TWEN add the course titled: "Application for Volume 17: The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice 2014-2015 (Full year 2014-2015) - English, Fahim, Torok."

### **EXTERNAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM MOCK TRIAL TRY-OUTS THIS WEEK**

St. Mary's External Advocacy Program (EAP) will be **conducting interviews** this week to **select upcoming 2L and 3L students** for the 2014 - 2015 EAP **Mock Trial Team**. If you would like to have the opportunity to work with skilled practitioners, learn invaluable trial skills and techniques that will serve you throughout your career, and compete all over the country on behalf of your law school, please **access the sign-up sheet on the TWEN** page for "EAP Mock Trial Team" and select a convenient date and time for your interview. Additional information and interview requirements can be found on the TWEN page. If you should have any additional questions, please feel free to contact adjunct professor and Head Coach of the External Advocacy Teams, Ricky J. Poole at [rpoole@alamocityattorney.com](mailto:rpoole@alamocityattorney.com).

### **EXTERNAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM MOOT COURT TRY-OUTS THIS WEEK**

St. Mary's External Advocacy Program (EAP) will be **conducting interviews** beginning this week to **select upcoming 2L students** for the 2014 - 2015 EAP **Moot Court Team**. If you would like to be considered for a position on this nationally recognized team of advocates, 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. Additional information and interview requirements can be found on the TWEN page, 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).

### **SUMMER AND FALL REGISTRATION CONTINUES THIS WEEK**

Students may register for Summer 2014 and Fall 2014 as noted below. **Students should use the hours earned at the end of the fall 2013** semester to determine when you can register.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on

**April 7 through midnight April 12, 2014 - students with 15 hours - 44 hours**

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on

**April 12 through midnight April 19, 2014 - all year groups**

Please check Gateway for information regarding any holds that might be placed on your online registration screen. If there is a hold, the office that placed the hold is the only authorized office to remove the hold. For any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Catherine Mery 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 Summer and Fall 2014 schedules. To make a course advising appointment, students should contact Patricia Solano at 210.431.4340 or [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

All 1Ls who have been required to complete the **2014 Spring 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 Summer and Fall 2014 courses.

## **PRACTICING TORT LAW IN TEXAS AND BUILDING A CAREER**

The **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** and the **Defense Counsel of San Antonio (DCSA)** present “**Practicing Tort Law in Texas (and building a career)**” on **Thursday April 3, 2014 in LC105, from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.** The guest speaker will be Mr. Michael H. Bassett, J.D. '87 and Senior Partner of The Bassett Law Firm in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Bassett was a **research assistant** for Professor Vincent R. Johnson, an **Articles Editor** for the *St. Mary's Law Journal*, and a **Briefing Attorney** for Justice Ted Robertson at the Texas Supreme Court. Mr. Bassett heads a nine-attorney law firm. The firm has tried over 300 cases to verdict in counties throughout Texas and across the United States. Litigated cases have focused in areas such as construction law, products liability, transportation, employer liability, premises liability, subrogation, business disputes, contracts, industrial accidents, appeals, commercial disputes, personal injury, and insurance litigation. When he was in law school at St. Mary's, Bassett was a Quarter-Finalist in Walker Moot Court, Winner of the Norvell Moot Court Competition, and a Semi-Finalist in the State Moot Court Competition. He was named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and Who's Who Among Law Students, and was inducted into the Harlan Society (honor for students graduating in the top 10% of their class).

AAJ will give away a \$100 pre-paid debit card as a door prize!

## WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION SPRING SOCIAL "HALF-WIT"

Women's Law Association's Spring Social "**Half-Wit**" will be held on **Friday, April 4, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.** (address will be located on the TWEN homepage). This year's Half-Wit theme will be "**Fiesta Toga Party**" so dress up in your best toga and **join us as we celebrate** making it through another semester. Come and find out who your 2014-2015 executive board will be. This is also a great opportunity to unwind and have some fun before we all buckle down for finals. Non-members are welcome for \$5 at the door.

## 2014 JIMI DERRICK CONSTITUTIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The St. Mary's Board of Advocates will host **the 2014 Jimi Derrick Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition** on **Saturday, April 5, 2014**. 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**. Look for the BOA table in the Law Classroom Building or stop by the BOA Office to sign up.

## FEDERAL COURT INTERNSHIPS IN McALLEN, TEXAS Summer 2014

The **Honorable Micaela Alvarez**, federal district court judge in McAllen, Texas, would like to offer **one to three judicial internships** this summer to St. Mary's law students. The internships will last at least six weeks and perhaps as long as the whole summer. The interns will work at the judge's chambers in McAllen, and must arrange their own housing.

Like all federal court internships, these **positions are unpaid. However, a student can earn two pass-fail credits** in exchange for 120 hours of work for the court.

The judge's docket is mainly criminal matters, although there are some civil cases.

Judge Alvarez is flexible about qualifications and will consider students who have completed only one full year of law school and students who are not on law review.

**This is excellent way to build one's resume.** Working for a federal judge is a very good step in starting a career. A judicial internship makes a student look like "a winner." Additional information about judicial internships is available in the current Pre-Graduation Judicial Internships brochure. It is posted in PDF format at the bottom of the Judicial Internship page of the law school website (under Centers and Programs).

If you would like to apply, send a resume by **e-mail to Professor Vincent R. Johnson** ([vjohnson@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vjohnson@stmarytx.edu)) **by noon Monday, April 7, 2014.**

Trevor Hall, a 2012 St. Mary's law graduate, is currently clerking for Judge Micaela Alvarez in a two-year, paid, post-graduation position. Two St. Mary's students interned for

Judge Alvarez last summer.

### **FIESTA FAREWELL "ALMOST LAW ALUMNI"**

Join the "Almost Law Alumni" for Fiesta **Farewell** on **Monday, April 12, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. in the Law School Plaza**. All students, faculty and staff are invited. Charles E. Cantú, J.D., M.C.L., LL.M., Dean and St. Mary's University Distinguished South Texas Professor of Law will offer remarks, followed by welcome, service awards, blessing of all third year students and a luncheon. A class graduation picture will follow the luncheon. Please dress appropriate. Pictures will be available for sale.

### **5th ANNUAL CJP GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The **Community Justice Program (CJP)** of the San Antonio Bar Association is holding its 5th Annual Golf Tournament on **Thursday, April 17, 2014**, at the **Quarry Golf Club**. **Registration begins at 12:00 p.m.** with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start.

There will also be a BBQ dinner. To sign up as a Team or as an Individual, to participate, or to simply donate, on behalf of yourself or for your organization, please contact Suzanne DeWalt by telephone at (210) 227-8822, ext. 26, or by e-mail at [suzanned@sabar.org](mailto:suzanned@sabar.org). To register online or to download a registration form, please visit the San Antonio Bar Association link at <http://www.sanantoniobar.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=107>.

### **RESEARCH STUDY OF STUDENTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS**

Michael McCue, J.D., doctoral student at Michigan State University's Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education program needs **second- and third-year law students who have been diagnosed with mental illness for a research study**. Participation in this study may help future law students with mental illness find ways to succeed in law school. **Study participants must be currently enrolled as a 2L or 3L, be diagnosed with a mental illness; and, currently receiving treatment**. Participation in the study is confidential and participants will be identified with a pseudonym. The process consists of three interviews of approximately 1-hour each. The study has been granted IRB approval from Michigan State University. Please contact Mr. McCue, at [mccuemi@msu.edu](mailto:mccuemi@msu.edu) or via phone at 517.391.6594.

### **RESEARCH ASSISTANT NEEDED**

Professor **Wayne Scott** seeks to hire a 2 or 3L research assistant to help him in **preparing a law review article**. Please email [ruarkg@aol.com](mailto:ruarkg@aol.com), telephone 210.431-2271 or stop by his office in Raba, LFB 278.

### **2014 BARRISTER'S BALL**

The **Board of Advocates** is pleased to host the **2014 Barrister's Ball**. The event will

take place at **The Pearl Stable on April 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** It will be a fun evening of honoring and recognizing St. Mary's advocates and those who have supported advocacy programs. Dinner will be served and music provided by **The Mo-dels**.

**Tickets are now on sale in the Law Classroom building** and are \$35 for one, \$60 for two, or a reserved table of 10 seats for \$300. For ticket inquiries or any questions, please contact the Barrister's Ball Chairman, Stephanie May, at [StephMay17@gmail.com](mailto:StephMay17@gmail.com).

### **40 CANS FOR LENT – FOOD DRIVE**

The **Law Ministry Office** in partnership with **Catholic Charities** is **collecting canned food through April 26, 2014** to help fight hunger in our community. Suggested non-perishable food items include canned tuna/chicken, canned soups, canned vegetables/fruits, peanut butter/jelly, rice/beans, pastas and noodles. Collection barrels are located by the Law Ministry Office and at the Legal & Social Justice Center.

### **NEW POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAM (PCP)**

#### **IF YOU...**

Received an offer for an UNPAID internship.

Think it's too late to get a SUMMER internship.

Want to secure a FALL internship and start a WORRY-FREE summer!

**COME SEE AMANDA RIVAS at Practice Credit Programs (PCP)**  
**SPRING OFFICE HOURS for PCP in the Career Services Office**  
**Mondays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. AND Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Schedule a one-on-one meeting that can make sure you find the right fit. [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu); Office phone: 210.431.5712; or in person during office hours.

- **POSITIONS STILL AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER**
  1. 13<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals (Corpus Christi)
  2. 14<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals (Houston)
  3. District Courts (South Texas)
  4. Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (San Antonio-variety of practice areas)
  5. CentroMed (In House Counsel)
  6. Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Austin)
  7. Equal Justice Center (San Antonio)
  8. Federal Public Defender (San Antonio)
  9. State Bar of Texas (San Antonio)
  10. Non-profit Legal Services (Immigration/Migrant Workers- Texas/Denver)
  11. Kinetic Concepts, Inc (In House Counsel- San Antonio)



- **POSITIONS NOW POSTED FOR FALL**
  1. Many of those above PLUS—
  2. Legislative Counsel’s Office (Austin)
  3. EEOC (San Antonio)

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/>

Don’t forget : **In-House Counsel Externship** for Summer & Fall. Kinetic Concepts, Inc. Externship posted on Symplicity. LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE.

PLAN ahead: The **PCP Externship program (including In House Counsel) requires a MANDATORY** class before you start working. The PCP Independent Study Program does NOT require this class.

In House Counsel Class  
Summer- Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Summer Class  
Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

Fall Class  
Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

In House Counsel Class  
Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**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.

### **2014-2015 PRO BONO TEAM APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE**

Pro Bono Research Assistant AND Pro Bono Student Coordinators Applications are now available on the Pro Bono Program/Public Service TWEN Page. Applications due at 5:00 p.m. to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com) on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will be held on Thursday, April 10 and on Monday, April 14, the 2014-2015 Pro Bono Team will be announced. Orientation for the Pro Bono Team will be held on Wednesday, May 14. If you have questions about specific clinics, please email the Research Assistant or The Student Coordinators for more information.

**Pro Bono Fellow**  
Victoria Bongat – 210.438.6199 – [vbongat@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vbongat@stmarytx.edu)



**Pro Bono RA**

Julia E. Null – 214.914.2661 – [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com)

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Ashley Graham – 409.659.3161 – [agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:agraham3@mail.stmarytx.edu)  
Kevin Bennett – 256.683.9204 – [kevin.bertan.bennett@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.bertan.bennett@gmail.com)

**Texas RioGrande Legal Aid – Family law**

Julia E. Null – 214.914.2661 – [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com)  
Cynthia Olson – 210.290.7819 – [colson2@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:colson2@mail.stmarytx.edu)

**St. Mary’s Center for Legal and Social Justice – Wills**

Rebecca Pitts – 210.332.9704 – [rpitts@hotmail.com](mailto:rpitts@hotmail.com)  
Landry Redding – 512.694.6980 – [landryredding@yahoo.com](mailto:landryredding@yahoo.com)

**Audie L. Murphy Veterans Hospital – Veterans**

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**OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES PROGRAMS**

**"Bar" Luncheon for Class of 2014 Students**

Monday, April 7, 2014  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room  
Lunch will be served.

Andy Kerr and Sara Dysart Present: State Bar of Texas: Serving Texas Lawyers. Come learn about the services the State Bar of Texas provides to lawyers and the benefits available to you after graduation. Dress code is business casual attire. Please **RSVP** in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS **Symplicity (Job Bank and Online Recruiting System)**

**Access:** <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>

**TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES**

<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

## COMMENCEMENT 2014 – SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Are you graduating in May? Please see the below link for the schedule of events for Commencement. This information and link is also available on the Law School website at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/currentstudents/graduation2014/>.

### FITNESS CLASSES

Looking to get into shape or stay in shape? Check out the Spring 2014 fitness classes at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation/fitness-classes/>. These classes are available to all students, faculty and staff. Be sure to sign up today!

### EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS

Anyone interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the Raba building. **Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.** The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook. For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or (361) 920-3504.

### TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LAW STUDENTS

The **State Bar's Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)** has produced a quick video about how TLAP **can help law students** navigate the pressures of law school. It's on the Bar's web page and Twitter Account. Twitter (<https://twitter.com/texasbartoday>); YouTube <http://youtu.be/eubczDDH8Q0>.

### 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.

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

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

The **National Law Review** is hosting its March 2014 Law Student Writing Contest with the winner's article to be published on the National Law Review website, the National Law Forum blog, and included in their October newsletter. For more information please visit their website at <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

The **Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation Scholarship** is pleased to announce that it will award several law school scholarships to deserving students enrolled in a Texas law school during the 2013-2014 school year. The scholarships will be awarded to students who have high academic performance and demonstrated leadership. Deadline to apply is **April 7, 2014**.

The Federal Circuit Bar Association will award a \$10,000 scholarship in memory of **Howard T. Markey**, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Law student must show financial need, demonstrated academic promise, and an interest in public service. Timeline to apply is April 1 and midnight EST **April 15, 2014**.

The Federal Circuit Bar Association will award one \$10,000 scholarship in memory of **Helen W. Nies**, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Special consideration for this scholarship include: (a) encouraging the participation of women lawyers in the legal profession, (b) recognizing the contributions of women lawyers to society in general, (c) highlighting academic excellence, (d) addressing need, and (e) advancing the interest of women law students in intellectual property. Timeline to apply is April 1 and midnight EST **April 15, 2014**.

The Federal Circuit Bar Association will award one \$10,000 scholarship in memory of **Giles S. Rich**, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Student must show financial need and reflect academic excellence. Timeline to apply is April 1 and midnight EST **April 15, 2014**.

The Federal Circuit Bar Association will award one \$5,000 scholarship in memory of **William S. Bullinger**, a respected practitioner. The award is based on economic need, although other criteria include academic promise and an interest in the subject matter of the Federal Circuit Court's legal community. Timeline to apply is April 1 and midnight EST **April 15, 2014**.

The Federal Circuit Bar Association will award various scholarships depending on available funds and other factors based on student need. Last year, the Association awarded three scholarships in the amount of **\$5,000 each** and hopes to be able to donate at least three scholarships this year. Timeline to apply is April 1 and midnight EST **April 15, 2014**.

The Federal Circuit Bar Association is pleased to announce the 2014 **George Hutchinson Writing Competition**. \$3,000 cash prize. Entries may discuss any topic that lies within the procedure, substance, or scope of the jurisdiction of the Court. Deadline to apply is **July 1, 2014**.

Defense Research Institute (DRI) announces its annual **Law Student Diversity Scholarship** program open to **incoming second and third-year** African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian and Native American students. Incoming second and third-year female law students are also eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity. Incoming second and third-year law students who also come from backgrounds that would add to the cause of diversity, regardless of race or gender are eligible to apply. The goal of these scholarships is to provide financial assistance to two worthy law students from ABA accredited law schools in order to promote, in a tangible way, the DRI Diversity Statement in Principle. Two scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each will be awarded to applicants who best meet the following criteria: Demonstrated academic excellence, service to the profession, service to the community, service to the cause of diversity. Deadline to apply is **April 19, 2013**. For more information please visit <http://www.dri.org/about>.

**NEW** – **Notre Dame Law School** Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition Call For Papers. The competition is open to all law students. Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics. Entries must be original, unpublished work and must not exceed 50 pages, including notes. Coauthored essays may be submitted. Prize money is \$2,500. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Post Office Box 780, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information, please visit [www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith\\_doheny.pdf](http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf). Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 25, 2014**.

The **Law School Admission Council** (LSAC) announces its first LSAC Diversity Committee Writing Competition. Three winners (1L, 2L and 3-4L) will be eligible for cash prizes of \$5,000.00. Submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST on **Thursday, May 1, 2014**. Email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu) for more information.

[Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Award Competition](#), \$5,000 cash prize, round-trip airfare and accommodation to attend the Section's Fall Conference in Washington, DC and possible publication in the Administrative and Regulatory Law News or the Administrative Law Review. Entry deadline is **May 1, 2014**.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice** (AAJ) announces the 2014 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The Scholarship, traditionally given in the amount of \$5,000, 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. Application deadline is **May 1, 2014**. For more information on this scholarship, please go to the AAJ website at

<http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>.

**Foley & Lardner LLP** is pleased to announce their 2014 Technology Law Writing Contest. Submission topics must address **technology law** and meet the criteria and specifications listed at [www.it-lex.org/writing-contest](http://www.it-lex.org/writing-contest). Cash prizes of \$6,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 will be awarded. Deadline to apply is **May 2, 2014**.

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 2, 2014**. Full rules and writing guidelines are available at <http://www.animallawsection.org/student-writing-competition/>.

The **Intellectual Property Law Section** of the State Bar of Texas announces the 2014 Women and Minority Scholarship. Two \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to a woman and/or minority law student. Any woman or member of a recognized minority group, including but not limited to African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans who intends to practice IP law in the State of Texas, is eligible to apply. The scholarships will be awarded at the IP Section's meeting during the 2014 State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting held in Austin. Applications must be postmarked no later than **May 12, 2014**.

**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. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2014**. Competition rules are available at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org).

[Energy Law Student Writing Competition](#), \$700 cash prize. Write on any issue relating to energy law. Deadline to apply is **May 16, 2014**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2014 Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 16, 2014**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The creators of the "*Student Award Search Aid*" website are renewing their \$1,000 scholarship for 2014. Please visit <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm> to learn more. The deadline for applications is **May 26, 2014**.

[11th Annual Law Student Writing Competition](#), Award: Publication in the American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law Resolution from the ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence and honorarium. Topic: Domestic violence and the law from a

national or international perspective. Deadline for submission is **May 30, 2014, 5:00 p.m. EST**. No extensions will be granted.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the 2014 Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org](http://www.ilstexas.org). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2014**.

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 our 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, 2014**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2014 Tannenwald Writing Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to [www.tannenwald.org](http://www.tannenwald.org). Entry deadline is **July 1, 2014**.

**NEW** – The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce the twenty-first annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing*. This year the stipend for the winner is \$10,000. For contest guidelines and rules, please go to [www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm](http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm). Deadline for submission is **June 6, 2014**.

The Brett Murphy Law Firm is offering an annual \$2,000 scholarship for law students who are working towards a Juris Doctorate Degree and who have an interest in personal injury law. For information or to apply, go to <http://www.washingtoninjury.com/library/future-leaders-scholarship>. Deadline to apply is **July 15, 2014**.

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## WINNER - 2014 JAMES DERRICK III CONSTITUTIONAL LAW DEBATE

Congratulations to Dylan Percy (1L), **winner** of the 2014 James Derrick III Constitutional Law Debate. **Hannah Cottrill (2L)** was runner up and **outstanding 3L** was **Brad Runcie**. Please congratulate these students when you see them on campus.

**The Board of Advocates and Law Ministry** would like to thank the donors and judges for their invaluable time and support of this competition.

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Mr. James Derrick II & Ms. Carrin Patman  
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### Judges

Honorable Patricia Alvarez  
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Honorable Xavier Rodriguez

## HOLIDAY CLASS SCHEDULE

A reminder to students that this week **Friday, April 11** is Oyster Bake and there are no classes scheduled. Good Friday is the following week, **April 18<sup>th</sup>**. Thursday classes are cancelled and Friday classes will meet on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

## ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS GRADUATING IN MAY LAST CHANCE TO SUBMIT FOR PROBONO/PUBLIC SERVICE CERTIFICATE

Are you eligible to receive a ProBono Service Certificate at graduation? Did you have an unpaid internship you did not get credit for? Have you got all of your ProBono and Community Service hours submitted to the ProBono Research Assistant? If you have not, please email [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com) immediately. The deadline has passed; however we still will take them if you send it by **Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**. This is the ABSOLUTE final deadline. Don't miss out if you have earned it. Note: The below list are names of students who will be receiving the certificate at commencement.

### THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE

Deepak Amrik Singh Ahluwalia	Karen Guenther	Ryan Thomas Mery
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M. Andre Anziani	Sean Michael Henricksen	Elizabeth Ann O'Connell
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Nicole Frances Buechler	Hillary Elizabeth Holdsworth	Claire E. Partin
Marco Cepeda	Artessia Katheryn House	Artie Atwell Pennington
Naomi Grace Cobb	Naomi Howard	Rebecca Lynn Pitts
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Leigh Ruby Cutter	Elizabeth Marie Johnson	Kathryn Stapleton
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Christopher Andrew Garcia	Matthew Vincent Leal	Juan Raul Tovar
Elizabeth Genevieve Germano	Amanda Elizabeth López	Hilary Kristina Windecker
Ashley Mishelle Graham	Kathryn Elizabeth McNeil	Zachary Charles Zurek

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS

American Legal Studies – Edmundo De La Garza

International and Comparative Law – Abdallah Hamad S. Aljaser

**FALL 2014 ACADEMIC SCHOLAR APPLICATIONS**

The Office of Academic & Student Affairs is seeking second- and third-year law students to serve as Academic Scholars to teach skills to first-year students during the Fall 2014 semester. This is a paid position.

Prospective Scholars should be conscientious, possess a personal standard of academic excellence, work well with students from diverse educational backgrounds, communicate effectively, and exhibit a desire to teach and learn.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Be currently enrolled at St. Mary’s.
2. Be interested in teaching basic law school skills to a diverse group of 1Ls.
3. Be conscientious and creative.
4. Be able to demonstrate academic achievement.

Please stop by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs in Raba 106 E to pick up an application. For more information, please call Kevin Robinowich, Director of Academic Support, at 210.436.3987.

**Applications are due** in the Office of Academic & Student Affairs by **12:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, April 17, 2014.**

**FIESTA FAREWELL  
“ALMOST LAW ALUMNI”**

Join the “Almost Law Alumni” for Fiesta **Farewell** on **Monday, April 12, 2014** at **12:00 p.m. in the Law School Plaza**. All students, faculty and staff are invited. Charles E. Cantú, J.D., M.C.L., LL.M., Dean and St. Mary’s University Distinguished South Texas Professor of Law will offer remarks, followed by welcome, service awards, blessing of all third year students and a luncheon. A class graduation picture will follow the luncheon. Please dress appropriate.

Pictures will be available for sale.

### **NEED HELP WITH YOUR TAX RETURN?**

**Attention Students:** April 15<sup>th</sup> is fast approaching and if you have not already filed your income tax returns, it is not too late! The last date the St. Mary's University Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will be operating **Sunday, April 13, 2014 from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.** Please bring your ID, Social Security Card, and all relevant tax documents. The VITA program is located at the Center for Legal and Social Justice at 2507 N.W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street, San Antonio, TX 78228.

### **CLINICAL EDUCATION COURSES FOR CREDIT**

**It's not too late to Register for Summer and Fall/Spring – Accepted on a Rolling basis!**

Are you interested in hands-on, real life experiences practicing law, and helping those who otherwise wouldn't receive legal assistance? St. Mary's Law offers three exciting courses in clinical education: **Civil Justice (Open to 2 and 3Ls)**, **Criminal Justice (Open to 3Ls)** and **Immigration/Human Rights (Open to 2 and 3Ls)**. Upload your Student Interest Form and Resume onto the TWEN page – "Clinical Applicants. Summer/Fall/Spring 2014/2015" or drop off a hard copy at the front desk of the CLSJ. Contact person – Marisa Santos, (210) 431-5703, [msantos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:msantos@stmarytx.edu).

### **ATTENTION 1L & 2LE STUDENTS**

#### **LAW JOURNAL INFORMATION SESSION & HAPPY HOUR**

*The St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 46 Editorial Board is seeking qualified applicants to serve as Staff Writers for the 2014-2015 academic year. The *Journal* Editorial Board will host a **happy hour on Thursday, April 10 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at The Friendly Spot Ice House** for 1L and 2LE students interested in becoming *Journal* Staff Writers. If you have any questions, please contact Meagan McKeown at [meaganmckeown@me.com](mailto:meaganmckeown@me.com).

### **SUMMER AND FALL REGISTRATION CONTINUES THIS WEEK**

Students may register for Summer 2014 and Fall 2014 as noted below. **Students should use the hours earned at the end of the fall 2013** semester to determine when you can register.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on

**April 7 through midnight April 12, 2014 - students with 15 hours - 44 hours**

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on

**April 12 through midnight April 19, 2014 - all year groups**

Please check Gateway for information regarding any holds that might be placed on your online registration screen. If there is a hold, the office that placed the hold is the only authorized office to remove the hold. For any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Catherine Mery at

[cmary@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmary@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 Summer and Fall 2014 schedules. To make a course advising appointment, students should contact Patricia Solano at 210.431.4340 or [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

All 1Ls who have been required to complete the **2014 Spring 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 Summer and Fall 2014 courses.

## FEDERAL COURT INTERNSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE TODAY AT NOON Summer 2014

The **Honorable Micaela Alvarez**, federal district court judge in McAllen, Texas, would like to offer **one to three judicial internships** this summer to St. Mary's law students. The internships will last at least six weeks and perhaps as long as the whole summer. The interns will work at the judge's chambers in McAllen, and must arrange their own housing.

Like all federal court internships, these **positions are unpaid. However, a student can earn two pass-fail credits** in exchange for 120 hours of work for the court.

The judge's docket is mainly criminal matters, although there are some civil cases.

Judge Alvarez is flexible about qualifications and will consider students who have completed only one full year of law school and students who are not on law review.

**This is excellent way to build one's resume.** Working for a federal judge is a very good step in starting a career. A judicial internship makes a student look like "a winner." Additional information about judicial internships is available in the current Pre-Graduation Judicial Internships brochure. It is posted in PDF format at the bottom of the Judicial Internship page of the law school website (under Centers and Programs).

If you would like to apply, send a resume by **e-mail to Professor Vincent R. Johnson** ([vjohnson@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vjohnson@stmarytx.edu)) **by noon Monday, April 7, 2014.**

Trevor Hall, a 2012 St. Mary's law graduate, is currently clerking for Judge Micaela Alvarez in a two-year, paid, post-graduation position. Two St. Mary's students interned for Judge Alvarez last summer.

## 2014 BARRISTER'S BALL

The **Board of Advocates** is pleased to host the **2014 Barrister's Ball**. The event will take place at **The Pearl Stable on April 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** It will be a fun evening of honoring and recognizing St. Mary's advocates and those who have supported advocacy programs. Dinner will be served and music provided by **The Mo-dels**.

**Tickets are now on sale in the Law Classroom building** and are \$35 for one, \$60 for two, or a reserved table of 10 seats for \$300. For ticket inquiries or any questions, please contact the Barrister's Ball Chairman, Stephanie May, at [StephMay17@gmail.com](mailto:StephMay17@gmail.com).

## CELEBRATING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK April 13-19, 2014

The Law Library staff is conducting activities for the **National Library Week**, an annual national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the United States. The **National Library Week is April 13-19, 2014** and the theme is **Lives Change at Your Library**. During this week-long celebration, the library staff will host different activities daily, including movie trivia questions, book display, rare book room tours, and the library's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremony and reception.

**All students are invited** to take part in this weeklong celebration. Participants will be entered into drawings of prizes including a library carrel, movie tickets, and thumb drives. A detailed schedule will be displayed at the Law Library entrance. For questions, please contact Ms. Fang Wang, Reference and Special Collection Services Librarian, Email: [fwang@stmarytx.edu](mailto:fwang@stmarytx.edu).

## 5th ANNUAL CJP GOLF TOURNAMENT

The **Community Justice Program (CJP)** of the San Antonio Bar Association is holding its 5th Annual Golf Tournament on **Thursday, April 17, 2014**, at the **Quarry Golf Club**. **Registration begins at 12:00 p.m.** with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start.

There will also be a BBQ dinner. To sign up as a Team or as an Individual, to participate, or to simply donate, on behalf of yourself or for your organization, please contact Suzanne DeWalt by telephone at (210) 227-8822, ext. 26, or by e-mail at [suzanned@sabar.org](mailto:suzanned@sabar.org). To register online or to download a registration form, please visit the San Antonio Bar Association link at <http://www.sanantoniobar.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=107>.

## RESEARCH STUDY OF STUDENTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

Michael McCue, J.D., doctoral student at Michigan State University's Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education program needs **second- and third-year law students who have been diagnosed with mental illness for a research study**. Participation in this study may help future law students with mental illness find ways to succeed in law school. **Study participants must be**

**currently enrolled as a 2L or 3L, be diagnosed with a mental illness; and, currently receiving treatment.** Participation in the study is confidential and participants will be identified with a pseudonym. The process consists of three interviews of approximately 1-hour each. The study has been granted IRB approval from Michigan State University. Please contact Mr. McCue, at [mccuemi@msu.edu](mailto:mccuemi@msu.edu) or via phone at 517.391.6594.

### **RESEARCH ASSISTANT NEEDED**

Professor **Wayne Scott** seeks to hire a 2 or 3L research assistant to help him in **preparing a law review article.** Please email [ruarkg@aol.com](mailto:ruarkg@aol.com), telephone 210.431-2271 or stop by his office in Raba, LFB 278.

### **40 CANS FOR LENT – FOOD DRIVE**

The **Law Ministry Office** in partnership with **Catholic Charities** is **collecting canned food through April 26, 2014** to help fight hunger in our community. Suggested non-perishable food items include canned tuna/chicken, canned soups, canned vegetables/fruits, peanut butter/jelly, rice/beans, pastas and noodles. Collection barrels are located by the Law Ministry Office and at the Legal & Social Justice Center.

### **POSITIONS STILL AVAILABLE FOR PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAM (PCP) Summer and Fall Externships Available!**

See **AMANDA RIVAS** at Practice Credit Programs (PCP)  
SPRING OFFICE HOURS for PCP in the Career Services Office  
Mondays 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. AND Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

- SUMMER Positions still looking for applicants!
  1. 14<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals (Houston)
  2. District Courts (RGV)
  3. Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (San Antonio-variety of practice areas)
  4. Equal Justice Center (San Antonio)
  5. Federal Public Defender (San Antonio)
  6. South Texas Civil Rights Project (RGV)
  7. Kinetic Concepts, Inc (In House Counsel- San Antonio)
  8. Bexar County Juvenile Probation (In House Counsel- San Antonio)
  
- FALL positions still looking for applicants!
  1. Legislative Counsel's Office (Austin)
  2. EEOC (San Antonio)
  3. Federal Public Defender (San Antonio)
  4. Bexar County Juvenile Probation (In House Counsel- San Antonio)
  5. MALDEF (San Antonio)
  6. Family Violence Prevention Services (San Antonio)
  7. Texas Civil Rights Project (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/>

Apply Immediately — **In-House Counsel Externship at KCI** for Summer.

The **PCP Externship program (including In House Counsel) requires a MANDATORY class.** Contact Amanda Rivas with any questions about the program or class at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu).

In House Counsel Class  
Summer- Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Summer Class  
Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

Fall Class  
Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

In House Counsel Class  
Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**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 PROGRAM**

### **"Bar" Luncheon for Class of 2014 Students**

Monday, April 7, 2014

12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Andy Kerr and Sara Dysart Present: State Bar of Texas: Serving Texas Lawyers. Come learn about the services the State Bar of Texas provides to lawyers and the benefits available to you after graduation. Dress code is business casual attire. Please **RSVP** in the Events Section of SYMPPLICITY under WORKSHOPS **Symplicity (Job Bank and Online Recruiting System)**

**Access:** <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>

## **COMMENCEMENT 2014 – SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Are you graduating in May? Please see the below link for the schedule of events for Commencement. This information and link is also available on the Law School website at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/currentstudents/graduation2014/>.

## TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

Deadlines are strictly enforced

<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

## FITNESS CLASSES

Looking to get into shape or stay in shape? Check out the Spring 2014 fitness classes at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation/fitness-classes/>. These classes are available to all students, faculty and staff. Be sure to sign up today!

## EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS

Anyone interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott's "Bible Class". The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the Raba building. **Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.** The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook. For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or (361) 920-3504.

## TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LAW STUDENTS

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**Notre Dame Law School** Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition Call For Papers. The competition is open to all law students. Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics. Entries must be original, unpublished work and must not exceed 50 pages, including notes. Coauthored essays may be submitted. Prize money is \$2,500. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Post Office Box 780, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information, please visit [www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith\\_doheny.pdf](http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf). Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 25, 2014**.

The **Law School Admission Council** (LSAC) announces its first LSAC Diversity Committee Writing Competition. Three winners (1L, 2L and 3-4L) will be eligible for cash prizes of \$5,000.00. Submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST on **Thursday, May 1, 2014**. Email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu) for more information.

[Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Award Competition](#), \$5,000 cash prize, round-trip airfare and accommodation to attend the

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The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice** (AAJ) announces the 2014 Mike Eidson Scholarship. The Scholarship, traditionally given in the amount of \$5,000, 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. Application deadline is **May 1, 2014**. For more information on this scholarship, please go to the AAJ website at <http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm>.

**Foley & Lardner LLP** is pleased to announce their 2014 Technology Law Writing Contest. Submission topics must address **technology law** and meet the criteria and specifications listed at [www.it-lex.org/writing-contest](http://www.it-lex.org/writing-contest). Cash prizes of \$6,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 will be awarded. Deadline to apply is **May 2, 2014**.

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 2, 2014**. Full rules and writing guidelines are available at <http://www.animallawsection.org/student-writing-competition/>.

The **Intellectual Property Law Section** of the State Bar of Texas announces the 2014 Women and Minority Scholarship. Two \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to a woman and/or minority law student. Any woman or member of a recognized minority group, including but not limited to African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans, and Native Americans who intends to practice IP law in the State of Texas, is eligible to apply. The scholarships will be awarded at the IP Section's meeting during the 2014 State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting held in Austin. Applications must be postmarked no later than **May 12, 2014**.

**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. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by midnight (EDST) on **May 15, 2014**. Competition rules are available at [www.laborandemploymentcollege.org](http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org).

[Energy Law Student Writing Competition](#), \$700 cash prize. Write on any issue relating to energy law. Deadline to apply is **May 16, 2014**.

The **International Association of Defense Counsel** invites you to participate in its 2014

Legal Writing Contest. First prize, \$2,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Deadline for articles is **May 16, 2014**. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms can be found at <http://www.iadclaw.org/publications/contest.aspx>.

The creators of the "*Student Award Search Aid*" website are renewing their \$1,000 scholarship for 2014. Please visit <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm> to learn more. The deadline for applications is **May 26, 2014**.

[11th Annual Law Student Writing Competition](#), Award: Publication in the American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law Resolution from the ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence and honorarium. Topic: Domestic violence and the law from a national or international perspective. Deadline for submission is **May 30, 2014, 5:00 p.m. EST**. No extensions will be granted.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVII **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered to attend the symposium on June 4-5, 2014 at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. There is no formal application form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the 2014 Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org](http://www.ilstexas.org). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2014**.

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 our 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, 2014**.

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The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce the twenty-first annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing*. This year the stipend for the winner is \$10,000. For contest guidelines and rules, please go to [www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm](http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm). Deadline for submission is **June 6, 2014**.

The Brett Murphy Law Firm is offering an annual \$2,000 scholarship for law students who are working towards a Juris Doctorate Degree and who have an interest in personal injury law. For information or to apply, go to <http://www.washingtoninjury.com/library/future-leaders-scholarship>. Deadline to apply is **July 15, 2014**.

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## **FIESTA FAREWELL "ALMOST LAW ALUMNI"**

Join the "Almost Law Alumni" for Fiesta **Farewell** on **Monday, April 14, 2014 at 12:00 noon in the Law School Plaza**. All students, faculty and staff are invited. Charles E. Cantú, J.D., M.C.L., LL.M., Dean and St. Mary's University Distinguished South Texas Professor of Law will offer remarks, followed by welcome, service awards, blessing of all third year students and a luncheon. A class graduation picture will follow the luncheon. Please dress appropriate. Pictures will be available for sale.

## **GOOD FRIDAY CLASS SCHEDULE**

St. Mary's University will be **closed on Friday, April 18** in observance of **Good Friday**. **Friday classes WILL MEET on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**. Thursday classes are cancelled.

## **2014 CHINA PIONEER FUND RECIPIENTS**

Congratulations to **Kody Dobecka, Olivia Mallary and Brittani Booker**, all 1Ls who are the recipients of the 2014 China Pioneer Fund. Law Ministry thanks everyone for their participation.

## **LAWYERING THROUGH THE YEARS Defense Counsel of San Antonio Student Chapter – Networking Event**

Defense Counsel of San Antonio Student Chapter is hosting "**Lawyering Through the Years**" networking event. The event will be a panel discussion followed by a reception for judges, attorneys, and students. Members and non-members are invited to attend **Tuesday, April 15, 2014 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served.

## **5TH ANNUAL CJP GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The **Community Justice Program (CJP)** of the San Antonio Bar Association is holding its 5th Annual Golf Tournament on **Thursday, April 17, 2014**, at the **Quarry Golf Club**. **Registration begins at 12:00 p.m.** with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start.

There will also be a BBQ dinner. To sign up as a Team or as an Individual, to participate, or to simply donate, on behalf of yourself or for your organization, please contact Suzanne DeWalt by telephone at (210) 227-8822, ext. 26, or by e-mail at [suzanned@sabar.org](mailto:suzanned@sabar.org). To register online or to download a registration form, please visit the San Antonio Bar Association link at <http://www.sanantoniobar.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=107>.



## FALL 2014 ACADEMIC SCHOLAR APPLICATIONS

The Office of Academic & Student Affairs is seeking second- and third-year law students to serve as Academic Scholars to teach skills to first-year students during the Fall 2014 semester. This is a paid position.

Prospective Scholars should be conscientious, possess a personal standard of academic excellence, work well with students from diverse educational backgrounds, communicate effectively, and exhibit a desire to teach and learn.

### QUALIFICATIONS

1. Be currently enrolled at St. Mary's.
2. Be interested in teaching basic law school skills to a diverse group of 1Ls.
3. Be conscientious and creative.
4. Be able to demonstrate academic achievement.

Please stop by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs in Raba 106 E to pick up an application. For more information, please call Kevin Robinowich, Director of Academic Support, at 210.436.3987.

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### CLINICAL EDUCATION COURSES FOR CREDIT

**It's not too late to Register for Summer and Fall/Spring – Accepted on a Rolling basis!**

Are you interested in hands-on, real life experiences practicing law, and helping those who otherwise wouldn't receive legal assistance? St. Mary's Law offers three exciting courses in clinical education: **Civil Justice (Open to 2 and 3Ls)**, **Criminal Justice (Open to 3Ls)** and **Immigration/Human Rights (Open to 2 and 3Ls)**. Upload your Student Interest Form and Resume onto the TWEN page – "Clinical Applicants. Summer/Fall/Spring 2014/2015" or drop off a hard copy at the front desk of the CLSJ. Contact person – Marisa Santos, (210) 431-5703, [msantos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:msantos@stmarytx.edu).

### LAST WEEK TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER AND FALL COURSES

Students may register for Summer 2014 and Fall 2014 as noted below. **Students should use the hours earned at the end of the fall 2013** semester to determine when you can register.

Beginning at 8:00 a.m. on

**April 12 through midnight April 19, 2014 - all year groups**

Please check Gateway for information regarding any holds that might be placed on your online registration screen. If there is a hold, the office that placed the hold is the only authorized

office to remove the hold. For any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Catherine Mery 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 Summer and Fall 2014 schedules. To make a course advising appointment, students should contact Patricia Solano at 210.431.4340 or [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

All 1Ls who have been required to complete the **2014 Spring 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 Summer and Fall 2014 courses.

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

It's not too late for **SUMMER** externships!  
Don't forget to think about your **FALL** experiences!

### **Contact AMANDA RIVAS**

Schedule a one-on-one meeting. [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) ; Office phone: 210.431.5712

#### **Office Hours**

**Mondays 10:00 a.m. – Noon**

**Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**(@ Career Services Office)**

- SUMMER positions:
  1. Kinetic Concepts, Inc. a.k.a KCI (In House Counsel)
  2. V.A. Audie Murphy- MedMal/Torts- (San Antonio)
  3. Equal Justice Center- Employment law- (San Antonio)
  4. Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (San Antonio-tax, property, others)
  5. 14th Court of Appeals (Houston)
  6. District Courts (South Texas)
  7. Federal Public Defender (San Antonio)
  8. Bexar County Juvenile Probation (In House Counsel- San Antonio)
  
- FALL positions:
  1. MALDEF (San Antonio)
  2. Legislative Counsel's Office (Austin)
  3. Kinetic Concepts, Inc (In House Counsel- San Antonio)
  4. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission a.k.a. EEOC (San Antonio)
  5. Bexar County Juvenile Probation (In House Counsel- San Antonio)

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 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)

In House Counsel Class  
Summer- Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Summer Class  
Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

Fall Class  
Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

In House Counsel Class  
Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

***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.*

### **CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK April 13-19, 2014**

The Law Library staff is conducting activities for **National Library Week**, an annual national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the United States. **National Library Week is April 13-19** and the theme is **Lives Change at Your Library**. During this week-long celebration, library staff will host different activities daily, including movie trivia questions, book display, rare book room tours, and the library's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremony and reception.

**All students are invited** to take part in this weeklong celebration. Participants will be entered into drawings of prizes including a library carrel, movie tickets, and thumb drives. A detailed schedule will be displayed at the Law Library entrance. For questions, please contact Ms. Fang Wang, Reference and Special Collection Services Librarian, Email: [fwang@stmarytx.edu](mailto:fwang@stmarytx.edu).

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Professor **Wayne Scott** seeks to hire a 2 or 3L research assistant to help him in **preparing a law review article**. Please email [ruarkg@aol.com](mailto:ruarkg@aol.com), telephone 210.431-2271 or stop by his office in Raba, LFB 278.

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Are you graduating in May? Please see the below link for the schedule of events for Commencement. This information and link is also available on the Law School website at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/currentstudents/graduation2014/>.

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Deadlines are strictly enforced

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July	November 30	January 30	March 30

## ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m., Mass at the Lord's Supper, Guadalupe Chapel  
Good Friday, April 18, 3:00 p.m., Good Friday Service, Guadalupe Chapel  
Saturday Vigil, April 19, 8:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel  
Easter Sunday, April 20, 11:00 a.m., Guadalupe Chapel

## FITNESS CLASSES

Looking to get into shape or stay in shape? Check out the Spring 2014 fitness classes at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation/fitness-classes/>. These classes are

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The Honorable T. John Ward American Inn of Court is proud to offer the **Franklin Jones, Jr. Memorial Scholarship** for law students from the Eastern District of Texas. Financial award is \$7,500. For more information and an application, please go to <http://www.innsocourt.org/inns/tjohnwardinn/>. Applications will be accepted through **April 17, 2014**.

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**PRACTICE CREDIT PROGRAMS (PCP)**

It's not too late for **SUMMER** externships!  
Don't forget to think about your **FALL** experiences!

**Contact AMANDA RIVAS**

Schedule a one-on-one meeting. [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) ; Office phone: 210.431.5712

**Office Hours**

**Mondays 10:00 a.m. – Noon**

**Thursdays 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**(@ Career Services Office)**

- SUMMER positions:
  1. Kinetic Concepts, Inc. a.k.a KCI (In House Counsel)
  2. V.A. Audie Murphy- MedMal/Torts- (San Antonio)
  3. Equal Justice Center- Employment law- (San Antonio)
  4. Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (San Antonio-tax, property, others)
  5. 14th Court of Appeals (Houston)
  6. District Courts (South Texas)
  7. Federal Public Defender (San Antonio)
  8. Bexar County Juvenile Probation (In House Counsel- San Antonio)
  
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  3. Kinetic Concepts, Inc (In House Counsel- San Antonio)
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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 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)

In House Counsel Class  
Summer- Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Summer Class  
Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

Fall Class  
Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

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Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

***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.*

### **LAST WEEK TO DONATE 40 CANS FOR LENT – FOOD DRIVE**

The **Law Ministry Office** in partnership with **Catholic Charities** is **collecting canned food through April 26, 2014** to help fight hunger in our community. Suggested non-perishable food items include canned tuna/chicken, canned soups, canned vegetables/fruits, peanut butter/jelly, rice/beans, pastas and noodles. Collection barrels are located by the Law Ministry Office and at the Legal & Social Justice Center.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF GRADUATION APPAREL**

The Graduation Center will distribute hoods, tams and gowns on **Tuesday, April 29, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the Atrium** of the Law Administration Building. If you are graduating in May, and have not ordered your gown or if you need to make alternate arrangements to pick up your gown, please contact the **Graduation Center directly at 210.829.7393**. The School of Law does not issue graduation apparel.

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Are you graduating in May? Please see the below link for the schedule of events for Commencement. This information and link is also available on the Law School website at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/academics/law/currentstudents/graduation2014/>.

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Michael McCue, J.D., doctoral student at Michigan State University's Higher Adult, and Lifelong Education program needs **second- and third-year law students who have been diagnosed with mental illness for a research study**. Participation in this study may help future law students with mental illness find ways to succeed in law school. **Study participants must be**

**currently enrolled as a 2L or 3L, be diagnosed with a mental illness; and, currently receiving treatment.** Participation in the study is confidential and participants will be identified with a pseudonym. The process consists of three interviews of approximately 1-hour each. The study has been granted IRB approval from Michigan State University. Please contact Mr. McCue, at [mccuemi@msu.edu](mailto:mccuemi@msu.edu) or via phone at 517.391.6594.

### RESEARCH ASSISTANT NEEDED

Professor **Wayne Scott** seeks to hire a 2 or 3L research assistant to help him in **preparing a law review article.** Please email [ruarkg@aol.com](mailto:ruarkg@aol.com), telephone 210.431-2271 or stop by his office in Raba, LFB 278.

### TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION FILING DEADLINES

Deadlines are strictly enforced

<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

### FITNESS CLASSES

Looking to get into shape or stay in shape? Check out the Spring 2014 fitness classes at <https://www.stmarytx.edu/campuslife/activities/recreation/fitness-classes/>. These classes are available to all students, faculty and staff. Be sure to sign up today!

### EXPOSITORY BIBLE CLASS

Anyone interested in learning the methodology and mechanics of the Bible are invited to attend Professor Jeffrey Addicott’s “Bible Class”. The classes are free and open to the public. Bible classes are held in the small conference room at the **Center for Terrorism Law** in the Raba building. **Time: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday.** The classes cover individual books of the Bible using categorical, theological, and analytical teaching. Bring a pen and notebook. For more information contact Evan Anders at [evananders13@gmail.com](mailto:evananders13@gmail.com) or (361) 920-3504.

### TEXAS LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LAW STUDENTS

The **State Bar’s Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP)** has produced a quick video about how TLAP **can help law students** navigate the pressures of law school. It’s on the Bar’s web page and Twitter Account. Twitter (<https://twitter.com/texasbartoday>); YouTube <http://youtu.be/eubczDDH8Q0>.

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  6. District Courts (South Texas)
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The **Law School Admission Council** (LSAC) announces its first LSAC Diversity Committee Writing Competition. Three winners (1L, 2L and 3-4L) will be eligible for cash prizes of \$5,000.00. Submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST on **Thursday, May 1, 2014**. Email [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu) for more information.

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The **Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas** annually awards up to three (3) \$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 by no later than **June 1, 2014**.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce the twenty-first annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing*. This year the stipend for the winner is \$10,000. For contest guidelines and rules, please go to [www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm](http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm). Deadline for submission is **June 6, 2014**.

The **Baker Donelson Diversity Scholarship** is now available. Baker Donelson will award three scholarships to diverse law students who will complete their first year of law school by June 2014. Recipients will be awarded a six-week, salaried 2L Summer Associate position for the summer of 2015 in one of our Firm’s offices. Additionally, each recipient will be awarded \$10,000 which will be paid prior to the student's third year of law school to help defray the cost of law school tuition and related expenses. For complete eligibility criteria, instructions, and to apply for the Scholarship Program please visit: [www.bakerdonelson.com/diversity-scholarship-diversity-practices](http://www.bakerdonelson.com/diversity-scholarship-diversity-practices). Application deadline is **June 10, 2014**.

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form. For further information please telephone (405) 556-9371 or email [sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net](mailto:sovereignty.symposium@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **May 31, 2014**.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the 2014 Texas Law Student Legal Writing Contest. Entries should address any area of international law. First place entry will be awarded \$1,000 and \$500 for second place. For more information please go to [www.ilstexas.org](http://www.ilstexas.org). Entries must be received by **May 31, 2014**.

The **Tax Section of the State Bar of Texas** annually awards up to three (3) \$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 by no later than **June 1, 2014**.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce the twenty-first annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing*. This year the stipend for the winner is \$10,000. For contest guidelines and rules, please go to [www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm](http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm). Deadline for submission is **June 6, 2014**.

The **Baker Donelson Diversity Scholarship** is now available. Baker Donelson will award three scholarships to diverse law students who will complete their first year of law school by June 2014. Recipients will be awarded a six-week, salaried 2L Summer Associate position for the summer of 2015 in one of our Firm's offices. Additionally, each recipient will be awarded \$10,000 which will be paid prior to the student's third year of law school to help defray the cost of law school tuition and related expenses. For complete eligibility criteria, instructions, and to apply for the Scholarship Program please visit: [www.bakerdonelson.com/diversity-scholarship-diversity-practices](http://www.bakerdonelson.com/diversity-scholarship-diversity-practices). Application deadline is **June 10, 2014**.

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 our 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, 2014**.

The Federal Circuit Bar Association is pleased to announce the 2014 **George Hutchinson Writing Competition**. \$3,000 cash prize. Entries may discuss any topic that lies within the procedure, substance, or scope of the jurisdiction of the Court. Deadline to apply is **July 1, 2014**.

The **Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2014 Tannenwald Writing

Competition. The subject may be on any federal or state tax topic. First prize is \$5,000; second prize is \$2,500; and third prize is \$1,500. For competition rules, please go to [www.tannenwald.org](http://www.tannenwald.org). Entry deadline is **July 1, 2014**.

The Brett Murphy Law Firm is offering an annual \$2,000 scholarship for law students who are working towards a Juris Doctorate Degree and who have an interest in personal injury law. For information or to apply, go to <http://www.washingtoninjury.com/library/future-leaders-scholarship>. Deadline to apply is **July 15, 2014**.