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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 Judge Israel Ramon, 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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**Deadline to waive** the Student Health Insurance is **August 29, 2012**. 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 4, 2012 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.



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The Pro Bono/Community Service Program provides current law students with opportunities to work with licensed attorneys and other professionals committed to serving members of the community with free legal information and services. In addition to helping fill a great need, students gain first-hand, practical experience while establishing professional ties with the legal community. Students who volunteer and report at least **50 hours** of qualified legal-related work, and/or community service are eligible for the **Pro Bono Service Certificate** at their graduation ceremony.

Volunteer opportunities consist of public clinics, outreach programs, and special events in various legal areas. Our opportunities give you a chance to use other talents to help those in need.

### Fall 2012 Pro Bono Clinics and Events Schedule\*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>August</b></p> <p><b>Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Univision Radio Deferred Action Workshop</li></ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>October</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Wills Clinic from 5:30-8:00pm</li></ul> <p><b>Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Veteran's Clinic from 2:00-4:00pm</li></ul> <p><b>Tuesday, October 23<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Wesley Clinic from 5:30-8:00pm</li></ul> <p><b>Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ask-A-Lawyer Clinic from 5:30-8:00pm</li></ul>
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*\*Additional Pro Bono & Community Service Events are likely to come up throughout the semester so add us on TWEN to stay updated!*

Questions may be directed to the Pro Bono and Public Interest Research Assistant, Elizabeth O. Gutierrez, at [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com).

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzalez 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.piaba.org](http://www.piaba.org). Select Law Students. Submission deadline is **September 10, 2012**.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of General Counsel (OGC) is pleased to announce they are now accepting applications for their *Legal Honors Program* 2013-2014. For more information please visit their website at [www.hud.gov/offices/ogc](http://www.hud.gov/offices/ogc). Deadline to apply is **September 28, 2012**.

**DISH Network L.L.C.**, a subsidiary of DISH Network Corporation announces its topic for their second annual DISH Best in Class eDiscovery Legal Research and Writing Competition. The 2012 competition will ask students to address the question: “Under what standard should a court subject an employee’s non-business personal computing activities (e.g., social media, documents stored on a personal computer, and/or personal email accounts) to civil discovery involving her or his employer? The author of the first-place selection will receive \$2,500 cash award. Two runners-up will be selected and will each receive a \$1,000 cash award. Complete rules and additional information can be found at [www.dishediscovery.com](http://www.dishediscovery.com). Contest submissions are due by **October 13, 2012**.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2012 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 2012, and papers scheduled for publication in 2012 or 2013 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 16, 2012**.

**The American Indian Law Review** (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2012-2013. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law or indigenous peoples. 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, 2013**.

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## **LARRY G. HYDEN MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION**

The **Board of Advocates** (BOA) would like to invite all students to sign up and participate in our first internal competition of the year – the **Larry G. Hyden Mock Trial Competition**. Not on an EAP team? Only a 1L? No problem. This is a great opportunity to sharpen your advocacy skills and test your knowledge on the rules of evidence.

Competing is limited to 2L's and 3L's, but ALL students are welcome to help out as a time-keeper, bailiff, or witness. This is a great opportunity for 1L's to experience advocacy first hand, meet new upperclassmen, and earn BOA points.

The important competition dates are as follows:

- Problem sent out/competitor's meeting: Friday, 9/7
- Prelim Rounds: Monday, 9/10 through Wednesday, 9/12
- Quarters: Monday, 9/17
- Semi-finals: Wednesday, 9/19
- Finals: Friday, 9/21

First and second place teams will receive a scholarship.

Questions? Volunteer? Compete? Come by the BOA table or BOA Office in Raba.

## **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A RESEARCH FELLOW AT THE CENTER FOR TERRORISM LAW?**

Research Fellows research a variety of topics including: defining terrorism, cyberterrorism, congressional powers, civil liberty concerns, executive powers, bioterrorism, weapons of mass destruction, cooperative law enforcement, Department of Defense responsibilities, the law of war, domestic surveillance, information assurance, information security, habeas corpus, public access to information, etc.

Fellows enjoy the autonomy to determine research workloads and participate in individual and group research projects. Fellows also assist the Center in hosting our annual conference. Come join a great team.

**WHO:** Calling all 2Ls

**WHERE:** Come by the Center (Raba building in the hallway near the Office of Academic and Student Affairs and lower level elevator) and fill out an interest form. After completing a form, applicants will be contacted by a Senior Fellow with information regarding the application packet.

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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.piaba.org](http://www.piaba.org). Select Law Students. Submission deadline is **September 10, 2012**.

**The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of General Counsel (OGC)** is pleased to announce they are now accepting applications for their *Legal Honors Program* 2013-2014. For more information please visit their website at [www.hud.gov/offices/ogc](http://www.hud.gov/offices/ogc). Deadline to apply is **September 28, 2012**.

**DISH Network L.L.C.**, a subsidiary of DISH Network Corporation announces its topic for their second annual DISH Best in Class eDiscovery Legal Research and Writing Competition. The 2012 competition will ask students to address the question: "Under what standard should a court subject an employee's non-business personal computing activities (e.g., social media, documents stored on a personal computer, and/or personal email accounts) to civil discovery involving her or his employer? The author of the first-place selection will receive \$2,500 cash award. Two runners-up will be selected and will each receive a \$1,000 cash award. Complete

rules and additional information can be found at [www.dishediscovery.com](http://www.dishediscovery.com). Contest submissions are due by **October 13, 2012**.


Each year, **Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA)** awards a \$1,000 scholarship to one minority student at each Texas law school. The scholarship promotes diversity in the legal profession by assisting members of minority populations within the bar to: (1) enter the legal profession; and (2) participate in the programs and activities of TYLA and the State Bar of Texas. The application deadline is **October 15, 2012**. The scholarship awards are distributed before the Spring semester. More information is available on the TYLA website at <http://www.tyla.org/tyla/index.cfm/resources/law-students1/scholarships/>.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc. (ASECA)** is pleased to announce their 2012 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 2012, and papers scheduled for publication in 2012 or 2013 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 16, 2012**.


**NEW** – **College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers** announces its 2012 Writing Competition. The scope of permissible topics is broad, i.e., any aspect of workers' compensation law. Students are encouraged to present on a public policy issue, a critique of a leading case or doctrine; or a comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For complete rules please visit [http://cwclawyers.org/2012\\_Writing\\_Competition\\_Rules.pdf](http://cwclawyers.org/2012_Writing_Competition_Rules.pdf). Deadline to apply is **January 15, 2013**.

**The American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2012-2013. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law or indigenous peoples. 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, 2013**.

## AT&T SCHOLARSHIP



### “Class Outline”



How do I pay for law school or even *JUST* my books...?!

I could....

- ~~Stop buying stuff~~
- ~~Sell my car~~
- ~~Stop eating?~~
- **GET A SCHOLARSHIP & enhance my resume!!**



How do I get a Scholarship?!

- ...??!!

**NEED A SCHOLARSHIP?**

For more information including eligibility & scholarship requirements E-mail Elizabeth O. Gutierrez at [ElizabethOGutierrez@gmail.com](mailto:ElizabethOGutierrez@gmail.com)

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**RESEARCH ASSISTANT NEEDED**

**Professor Schlueter** is looking for a **research assistant** to work on writing projects during this academic year, including several evidence texts and materials on military criminal justice. If you are interested in assisting him, please contact him at your earliest convenience.

**ATTENTION SPRING 2012 BOA COMPETITION FINALISTS**

If you were a finalist in any **Board of Advocates competition** or advanced in the 1L moot court competition and you did not attend Barrister's Ball, your award has been placed in your box. Please check your box as soon as possible.

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**Research Fellows** research a variety of topics including: defining terrorism, cyberterrorism, congressional powers, civil liberty concerns, executive powers, bioterrorism, weapons of mass destruction, cooperative law enforcement, Department of Defense responsibilities, the law of war, domestic surveillance, information assurance, information security, habeas corpus, public access to information, etc.

Fellows enjoy the autonomy to determine research workloads and participate in individual and group research projects. Fellows also assist the Center in hosting our annual conference. Come join a great team.

**Who:** Calling all 2Ls

**Where:** Come by the Center (Raba building in the hallway near the Office of Academic and Student Affairs and lower level elevator) and fill out an interest form. After completing a form, applicants will be contacted



by a Senior Fellow with information regarding the application packet.

**Deadline:** *Extended through September 21*  
(week after docket call)

**Questions?** Visit us in the Center or call 210.431.2219.

### **FAMILY DAY RSVP INFORMATION**

*“Life with Your Law Student”*

Saturday, September 22, 2012

Location: St. Mary’s University School of Law - Law Classroom Building

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

*Seating is limited.* Please make your reservation by **September 18, 2012** by emailing the following information to [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

- Name of Attendee(s):
- Name of law student you are affiliated with:
- Address:
- City/State:
- Phone Number:
- Email Address:

ALL LOVED ONES OF FIRST YEAR LAW STUDENTS SHOULD ATTEND.

\*The Law School is not equipped to provide child care. Please plan accordingly.

Questions? Contact the Office of Academic and Student Affairs at 210-431-4340.

### **CLASS OF 2013 - APPLICATION FOR DEGREE CARDS**

The 3L student boxes have all 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 2012, May 2013, or August 2013** [August graduates are considered with the 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, September 28**. If you intend to graduate but did not receive a card in your student box, you can pick one up from her office, Law Administration building, room 121.

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.

## **LARRY G. HYDEN MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION**

The **Board of Advocates** (BOA) would like to invite all students to sign up and participate in their first internal competition of the year – the **Larry G. Hyden Mock Trial Competition**. Not on an EAP team? Only a 1L? No problem. This is a great opportunity to sharpen your advocacy skills and test your knowledge on the rules of evidence.

Competing is limited to 2L's and 3L's, but ALL students are welcome to help out as a time-keeper, bailiff, or witness. This is a great opportunity for 1L's to experience advocacy first hand, meet new upperclassmen, and earn BOA points.

The important competition dates are as follows:

- Problem sent out/competitor's meeting: Friday, 9/7
- Prelim Rounds: Monday, 9/10 through Wednesday, 9/12
- Quarters: Monday, 9/17
- Semi-finals: Wednesday, 9/19
- Finals: Friday, 9/21

First and second place teams will receive a scholarship.

Questions? Volunteer? Compete? Come by the BOA table or BOA Office in Raba.

## **CALL FOR BAILIFFS & MARSHALS**

The **2012 Lone Star Classic®** will be held on **October 11th, 12th, and 13th** in San Antonio, Texas. 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, it will take place 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 Andrew Jones, Vice-Chair of the BOA 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 11th and 12th, in the Bexar County Courthouse, Probate Court 2. The teams will break to semi-final rounds on the morning of Saturday, October 13th. The final round will take place on that same day, the afternoon

of the 13th. 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:

Andrew Jones  
Vice-Chair, Board of Advocates  
Law Faculty Bldg., Room 104  
St. Mary's University  
School of Law  
San Antonio, Texas 78228  
(210) 436-3286  
ajones18@mail.stmarytx.edu

## **WOUNDED WARRIOR 8K RACE AT MCALLISTER PARK**

The **Military Law Association (MLA)** plans to field a team at the **Wounded Warrior Project 8K Race** at McAllister Park on **Saturday, September 16, 2012**. Race registration requires a \$99 per-person fundraising commitment which is due to the Wounded Warrior Project by October 16, 2012. The MLA is working toward helping participating students meet their fundraising goals through MLA sponsored events. Participating students will receive one-hour of community service for participation in the race and then appropriate hours for their participation in the organization and execution of the fundraiser. **Online registration deadline is September 13, 2012**, but race day registration is available. To register for the race or for more details on the Wounded Warrior Project, please go to <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/wwwp-8k-runs/san-antonio.aspx>. For general information about the MLA participation, please contact one of the MLA officers.

## **1L FINGERPRINTING**

**L1 Identity Solutions** will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners (BLE) on **Tuesday, November 6 and Wednesday 7, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. both days** in **LF206**. 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.

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Students who wish to start a new Registered Student Organization at the Law School for

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### **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**.

### **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 will still be able to attend the event; we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

#### **2012-13 Government Honors & Internship Handbook Mini Session**

Tuesday, September 4, 2012

12:00 – 12:15 p.m.

Office of Career Services, Room 216, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library

The 2012-13 Government Honors & Internship Handbook is LIVE! Come learn about how this resource can help you search for jobs in the federal and some state government agencies. You will learn tips and ideas for using this resource. This year's user name is *ranger* and the password is *cookies*. We will have ranger cookies on hand for a snack at the program. Come try some!

#### **Career Opportunities and Academic Tips for LL.M. Students**

Sponsored by the Offices of Career Services and Academic and Student Affairs

Thursday, September 6, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Do not know how to brief a case or outline for class? Not sure how to tailor your resume or draft a cover letter? Unsure about the bar exam process? Be sure to attend this informative session that will cover these topics and many more. If you need access to Symplicity please contact the Office of Career Services.

**Recharge with Symplicity**

Thursday, September 13, 2012

12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Not a pro with Symplicity? Need a refresher? We will go over how to use Job Postings, Events, Uploading Documents, Applying for On Campus Interviews and many more features. Come for some lunch and bring your questions.

**NAVY JAG CORP Information Session**

Thursday, September 13, 2012

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Dinner will be served.

Come hear from a current NAVY JAG officer about the benefits of being a NAVY JAG. You will learn about the application and commissioning process and also learn about NAVY JAG internships. The NAVY does not conduct interviews on campus so if you are interested in learning about the NAVY, do not miss this opportunity!

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

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Wednesday, September 19, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

This program will help you jumpstart your career 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
- Preparing to study for and take the bar exam

And much more.

**FBI Information Session**

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Mirella Rodriguez, San Antonio Recruiter for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) will be here to talk about internship and permanent positions within their agency.

## Why I Chose a Small Firm?

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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 and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzalez 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.piaba.org](http://www.piaba.org). Select Law Students. Submission deadline is **September 10, 2012**.

**The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of General Counsel (OGC)** is pleased to announce they are now accepting applications for their *Legal Honors Program* 2013-2014. For more information please visit their website at [www.hud.gov/offices/ogc](http://www.hud.gov/offices/ogc). Deadline to apply is **September 28, 2012**.

**DISH Network L.L.C.**, a subsidiary of DISH Network Corporation announces its topic for their second annual DISH Best in Class eDiscovery Legal Research and Writing Competition. The 2012 competition will ask students to address the question: "Under what standard should a court subject an employee's non-business personal computing activities (e.g., social media, documents stored on a personal computer, and/or personal email accounts) to civil discovery involving her or his employer? The author of the first-place selection will receive \$2,500 cash award. Two runners-up will be selected and will each receive a \$1,000 cash award. Complete rules and additional information can be found at [www.dishediscovery.com](http://www.dishediscovery.com). Contest submissions are due by **October 13, 2012**.

Each year, **Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA)** awards a \$1,000 scholarship to one minority student at each Texas law school. The scholarship promotes diversity in the legal profession by assisting members of minority populations within the bar to: (1) enter the legal profession; and (2) participate in the programs and activities of TYLA and the State Bar of Texas. The application deadline is **October 15, 2012**. The scholarship awards are distributed before the Spring semester. More information is available on the TYLA website at <http://www.tyla.org/tyla/index.cfm/resources/law-students1/scholarships/>.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc. (ASECA)** is pleased to announce their 2012 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 2012, and papers scheduled for publication in 2012 or 2013 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 16, 2012**.

**College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers** announces its 2012 Writing Competition. The scope of permissible topics is broad, i.e., any aspect of workers' compensation law. Students are encouraged to present on a public policy issue, a critique of a leading case or doctrine; or a comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For complete rules please visit [http://cwclawyers.org/2012\\_Writing\\_Competition\\_Rules.pdf](http://cwclawyers.org/2012_Writing_Competition_Rules.pdf). Deadline to apply is **January 15, 2013**.

**The American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2012-2013. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law or indigenous peoples. 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, 2013**.

## AT&T SCHOLARSHIP

**"Class Outline"**

How do I pay for law school or even *JUST* my books...?!

I could....

- ~~Stop buying stuff~~
- ~~Sell my car~~
- ~~Stop eating?~~
- **GET A SCHOLARSHIP & enhance my resume!!**

How do I get a Scholarship?!

- ...??!!

**NEED A SCHOLARSHIP?**

For more information including eligibility & scholarship requirements E-mail Elizabeth O. Gutierrez at [ElizabethOGutierrez@gmail.com](mailto:ElizabethOGutierrez@gmail.com)

- By Wednesday September 5, 2012 -

Illustrations include two piggy banks, a cow labeled 'MOO COW', and a stick figure running with a sign that says 'help me!'.

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## ATTENTION FIRST-YEAR ENTERING STUDENTS

All **first-year entering students**, who have NOT picked their free leather portfolio, please stop by the Admissions office to do so. They are located in room 110 in the Law Administration building. Remember to bring your St. Mary's student ID card.

## STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The **National Association of Law Students with Disabilities** (NALSWD) is an affiliate organization under the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities and is seeking to reach and serve all law students who have a disability. **Interested students** are invited to visit their website at [www.nalswd.org](http://www.nalswd.org) to explore opportunities to get involved with NALSWD, join the e-mail listserv, find information about scholarships and other resources, and learn about upcoming events and career opportunities. Students are invited to take a look at their Publications page which contains their newly launched *Best Practices Guide for Law Schools* and other helpful material. Students may also register online at <http://www.nalswd.org/membership.php>.

## EVENT SET-UPS FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** for student organizations 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**.

## DOCKET CALL

The Student Bar Association (SBA) will host **Docket Call** on, **Thursday, September 13, 2012 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Law Plaza Courtyard**. Docket Call allows students the opportunity to get to know the on-campus student organizations. Food and drink will be provided and there will be a Happy Hour afterwards at Fatso's sponsored by the San Antonio Young Lawyers Association and the SBA. Also, if Registered Student Organizations would like a table, please contact Celenne Beck at [celenne.beck@gmail.com](mailto:celenne.beck@gmail.com).

## IT'S STUDY SCHEDULE WEEK! WEEK OF 9/10/2012 — 9/14/2012

Over the course of this semester, the **Office of Academic and Student Affairs** will announce a weekly theme. These themes are timed to help keep you on track by focusing on important aspects of your study process.

This week, you should **look at your weekly study schedule**. If you have already made a study schedule this is the time to review it carefully and determine what is and what is not working. **If you have not made a study schedule** and you are feeling a bit behind, you should make one before the end of the week. If you have any questions or would like a copy of our helpful study schedule template and handout, stop by our office in Raba 106.

### **ACADEMIC SCHOLAR SESSIONS**

Attention all 1Ls! **Academic Scholar sessions have begun**. Don't miss out on the opportunity to attend your assigned Academic Scholar sessions where an upper level law student will help you perfect the skills you need to succeed in law school. Each weekly session will cover a set topic and offer an opportunity to get trustworthy tips and advice. You can find your assigned Academic Scholar and their meeting time and location by checking the list posted on the bulletin board in the Law Classroom Building. Also, be sure to sign up for your Academic Scholar's TWEN course.

### **ASK-A-LAWYER CLINIC**

Volunteer for this semester's first **Ask-A-Lawyer Clinic** at the St. Mary's School of Law Center for Legal & Social Justice \*(CLSJ).

The Clinic will take place this week **Thursday, September 13, 2012**. Stop by after "Docket Call" anytime between 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. and start earning Pro Bono Hours! The dress is casual to business casual as you will be networking with local attorneys, but don't sweat the dress code— just come over and help.

Law student volunteers are needed to interview individuals about various legal issues. Licensed attorneys will be available to students for consultation about the legal issues presented. Participants are offered legal information, and if necessary, referrals to legal aid, or to other attorneys who will work on a sliding scale payment plan or possibly take pro bono cases (for free).

\*The CLSJ is located at 2507 NW 36<sup>th</sup> Street, San Antonio, Texas, 78228 (about a block from the NW 36<sup>th</sup> & Bangor entrance closest to the Law School, immediately on the right just past Woodlawn).

You can sign up to volunteer on the **Pro Bono / Community Service TWEN page**, or just drop in if you get a chance, and YES we love 1L volunteers!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Elizabeth O. Gutierrez at [ElizabethOGutierrez@gmail.com](mailto:ElizabethOGutierrez@gmail.com).

### **COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROGRAM (CJP) VETERANS' LEGAL CLINIC Friday, September 14, 2012**

The *CJP Veterans' Legal Clinic* is looking for law student volunteers from any class year for **Friday, September 14, 2012**, from **2:00 - 4:00 p.m.** The clinic is held at the Audie L.

Murphy Veterans Hospital, 7400 Merton Minter St., which is less than 15 minutes from campus. This is a great opportunity to attend because they cover a wide range of legal issues - from simple wills to criminal matters, from medical malpractice to child support. Many of the same lawyers return every month, so you get to meet San Antonio lawyers who are dedicated to serving the city's veterans within their area of specialization. The dress code is at least business casual since you will be interacting with judges, attorneys and potential clients. If you are interested in participating, **please sign up on the Pro Bono TWEN page** and plan to arrive around 1:30 p.m. If you can arrive a little earlier to help set up, please contact one of the Student Coordinators: Richard Gindhart via e-mail at [gindharttrjr@yahoo.com](mailto:gindharttrjr@yahoo.com) or Lisa Germano via e-mail at [lisabeth.germano@gmail.com](mailto:lisabeth.germano@gmail.com).

### **ATTENTION SPRING 2012 BOA COMPETITION FINALISTS**

If you were a finalist in any **Board of Advocates competition** or advanced in the 1L moot court competition and you did not attend Barrister's Ball, your award has been placed in your box. Please check your box as soon as possible.

### **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A RESEARCH FELLOW AT THE CENTER FOR TERRORISM LAW?**

**Research Fellows** research a variety of topics including: defining terrorism, cyberterrorism, congressional powers, civil liberty concerns, executive powers, bioterrorism, weapons of mass destruction, cooperative law enforcement, Department of Defense responsibilities, the law of war, domestic surveillance, information assurance, information security, habeas corpus, public access to information, etc.

Fellows enjoy the autonomy to determine research workloads and participate in individual and group research projects. Fellows also assist the Center in hosting our annual conference. Come join a great team.

- Who:** Calling all 2Ls
- Where:** Come by the Center (Raba building in the hallway near the Office of Academic and Student Affairs and lower level elevator) and fill out an interest form. After completing a form, applicants will be contacted by a Senior Fellow with information regarding the application packet.
- Deadline:** *Extended through September 21, 2012.* (week after docket call).
- Questions?** Visit us in the Center or call 210.431.2219.

## FAMILY DAY RSVP INFORMATION

*“Life with Your Law Student”*

Saturday, September 22, 2012

St. Mary’s University School of Law - Law Classroom Building

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

*Seating is limited.* Please make your reservation by **September 18, 2012** by emailing the following information to [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

- Name of Attendee(s):
- Name of law student you are affiliated with:
- Address:
- City/State:
- Phone Number:
- Email Address:

ALL LOVED ONES OF FIRST YEAR LAW STUDENTS SHOULD ATTEND.

\*The Law School is not equipped to provide child care. Please plan accordingly.  
Questions? Contact the Office of Academic and Student Affairs at 210-431-4340.

## CLASS OF 2013 — APPLICATION FOR DEGREE CARDS

The 3L student boxes have all 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 2012, May 2013, or August 2013** [August graduates are considered with the 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, September 28**. If you intend to graduate but did not receive a card in your student box, you can pick one up from her office, Law Administration building, room 121.

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.

## CALL FOR BAILIFFS & MARSHALS

The **2012 Lone Star Classic®** will be held on **October 11-13, 2012** in San Antonio, Texas. 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, it will take place 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 Andrew Jones, Vice-Chair of the BOA 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 11th and 12th, in the Bexar County Courthouse, Probate Court 2. The teams will break to **semi-final rounds** on the morning of Saturday, October 13th. The **final round** will take place on that same day, the afternoon of the 13th. 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:

Andrew Jones  
Vice-Chair, Board of Advocates  
Law Faculty Bldg., Room 104  
St. Mary's University  
School of Law  
San Antonio, Texas 78228  
(210) 436-3286  
ajones18@mail.stmarytx.edu

## **WOUNDED WARRIOR 8K RACE AT MCALLISTER PARK**

The **Military Law Association (MLA)** plans to field a team at the **Wounded Warrior Project 8K Race** at McAllister Park on **Sunday, September 16, 2012**. Race registration requires a \$99 per-person fundraising commitment which is due to the Wounded Warrior Project by October 16, 2012. The MLA is working toward helping participating students meet their fundraising goals through MLA sponsored events. Participating students will receive one-hour of community service for participation in the race and then appropriate hours for their participation in the organization and execution of the fundraiser. **Online registration deadline is September 11, 2012**, but race day registration is available. To register for the race or for more details on the Wounded Warrior Project, please go to <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/wwp-8k-runs/san-antonio.aspx>. For general information about the MLA participation, please contact one of the MLA officers.



## **CAN YOU TELL WHEN YOU ARE BEING LIED TO?**

**Military Law Association** as part of their fall speaker series presents Professor Allen Craddock, a Juris Doctorate and Ph.D. in Social Psychology. As founder of [www.LieQ.com](http://www.LieQ.com), Dr. Craddock explores the science of lie detection and interrogation techniques. Come join us on **Monday, September 17, 2012 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.** or **Tuesday, September 18, 2012 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.** in the **Law Alumni Room**. Those in attendance may also enter into a free drawing to win a distinguished book sponsored by your MLA. Don't forget to stop by the MLA table at Docket Call or check us out on Facebook!

## **ABA SECTION OF ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND RESOURCES 20<sup>TH</sup> SECTION FALL MEETING**

The **ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Law Summit** will host its 20<sup>th</sup> Section Fall Meeting **October 10-13, 2012** at the Hilton Austin Hotel, in Austin, Texas. Join them for many student events at their fall meeting. Meet seasoned lawyers, SEER Guide, and be paired up with a Section leader to show you the ropes and introduce you to others. For more information and to register, please visit [www.ambar.org/EnvironFM](http://www.ambar.org/EnvironFM) and look for "Law Students." For questions, contact Noemi Alvarez at 312.988.5625. Scholarships are available through September 12.

## **1L FINGERPRINTING**

**L1 Identity Solutions** will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners (BLE) on **Tuesday, November 6 and Wednesday 7, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. both days** in **LF206**. 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.

## **ARE YOU STARTING A NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATION?**

Students who wish to start a new Registered Student Organization at the Law School for the Fall 2012 semester must contact the Office of Academic and Student Affairs as soon as possible. The date for submission of all required paperwork to start an RSO for this semester is **September 20, 2012**. You may reach this Office at 210.431.4340 or at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

## **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 will still be able to attend the event; we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

**Recharge with Symplicity**

Thursday, September 13, 2012

12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Not a pro with Symplicity? Need a refresher? We will go over how to use Job Postings, Events, Uploading Documents, Applying for On Campus Interviews and many more features. Come for some lunch and bring your questions.

**NAVY JAG CORP Information Session**

Thursday, September 13, 2012

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Dinner will be served.

Come hear from a current NAVY JAG officer about the benefits of being a NAVY JAG. You will learn about the application and commissioning process and also learn about NAVY JAG internships. The NAVY does not conduct interviews on campus so if you are interested in learning about the NAVY, do not miss this opportunity!

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

Sponsored by the Offices of Career Services and Academic and Student Affairs

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

This program will help you jumpstart your career 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
- Preparing to study for and take the bar exam and much more.

**FBI Information Session**

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Mirella Rodriguez, San Antonio Recruiter for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) will be here to talk about internship and permanent positions within their agency.

**Why I Chose a Small Firm?**

Wednesday, September 26, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Come hear from alumni who are practicing in a small firm. They will talk about what it is like to practice at a small firm, why they chose to do so, and how you too can succeed in a small firm.

### **ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY CATHOLIC LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

Come join Law Ministry for our First General Meeting on **Monday, September 24, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room**. STMS is a student organization that focuses on strengthening our Catholic faith by providing spiritual fellowship and also providing networking opportunities with the Catholic legal community here in San Antonio. Learn about our exciting calendar for the Fall Semester, meet Ministry Staff and learn how you can get involved with the ministry offices. All are welcome to attend. Lunch will be served.

Later that evening on **Monday, September 24, at 5:30 p.m. in the Atrium** (Law Administration Building), we will be hosting **Judge Victor Negron** who will be speaking on the “**5 Non-Negotiables**.” Join us for an engaging discussion on how to balance these “non-negotiables” and the Catholic faith while working in the legal world. All are welcome to attend. Dinner will be served.

### **FLINT FEST**

Learn about St. Mary’s exciting Innsbruck program while enjoying homebrewed beer and barbeque at **Professor Richard Flint’s house, 108 West Mulberry Avenue on Friday, September 28, 2012, 6:30 p.m.** It will be a fun reunion for past Innsbruck participants and a great introduction for those who are interested in attending in the future. Hope to see you there!

### **BEXAR COUNTY COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION’S 2012 LEGISLATIVE/JUDICIAL RECEPTION**

Please join the Bexar County Court Reporters Association’s (BCCRA) for the 2012 Legislative/Judicial Reception on **Thursday, September 20, 2012, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** at the **Cadillac Bar & Restaurant, 212 S. Flores Street, 78205**. Tickets are \$10.00 each to attend.

### **MINISTRY SERVICES**

For students interested in Confirmation, classes will begin on **Monday, September 10, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.** in the **University Ministry Lounge** and will be continuing every Monday thereafter. For more information please contact **Irene Quesnot** at **[iquesnot@stmarytx.edu](mailto:iquesnot@stmarytx.edu)**. Mass times for those interested in attending service at either of our two beautiful chapels on campus are as follows:

Weekday Eucharistic Celebrations – 12:15 p.m., in Chapel of Assumption  
Sunday – 11:00 a.m., in Chapel of Assumption  
Sunday – 9:00 p.m., in Guadalupe Chapel

## PRO BONO CLINICS/COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Pro Bono/Community Service Program provides current law students with opportunities to work with licensed attorneys and other professionals committed to serving members of the community with free legal information and services. In addition to helping fill a great need, students gain first-hand, practical experience while establishing professional ties with the legal community. Students who volunteer and report at least **50 hours** of qualified legal-related work, and/or community service are eligible for the **Pro Bono Service Certificate** at their graduation ceremony. Volunteer opportunities consist of public clinics, outreach programs, and special events in various legal areas. Our opportunities give you a chance to use other talents to help those in need.

### FALL 2012 PRO BONO / COMMUNITY SERVICE CLINICS AND EVENTS\*

#### September

##### **Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid (TRLA) Clinic  
*from 5:30-8:00pm*

##### **Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Ask-a-Lawyer Clinic *from 5:30-8:00pm*

##### **Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Veteran's Clinic *from 2:00-4:00pm*

##### **Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Wounded Warrior Project 8K at 9:00am at McAllister Park \*Deadline to register online 9/11; Race Day registration also available

##### **Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- Naturalization Clinic hosted by Catholic Charities Archdiocese of San Antonio *from 9:00am – 2:00pm at the Guadalupe Community Center located at:*
  1. 1801 W. Cesar Chavez Blvd. San Antonio, Texas 78207
  2. \*Law students are not required to volunteer the entire day

##### **Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

- Special Education Clinic *from 5:30-8:00pm*

#### October

##### **Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Border Outreach Trip to Laredo or Eagle Pass, Texas

##### **Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Wills Clinic *from 5:30-8:00pm*

##### **Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Veteran's Clinic *from 2:00-4:00pm*

##### **Tuesday, October 23<sup>th</sup>**

- Wesley Clinic *from 5:30-8:00pm*  
*Note: Wesley Clinics will temporarily be held at TRLA*

##### **Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

- Ask-A-Lawyer Clinic *from 5:30-8:00pm*

#### November

##### **Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

- TRLA Clinic *from 5:30-8:00pm*

##### **Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Veteran's Clinic *from 2:00-4:00pm*

Learn more about each opportunity by adding the **Pro Bono/Community Service** page on **TWEN**, clicking on the tabs on the left, and using the sign-up sheets to volunteer. Be sure to track, record, and submit your hours on TWEN via the Hours DropBox, by e-mail to **StMarysProBono@gmail.com**, or in person to the Pro Bono Services Division Research Assistant, Law Library Carrel #101. The Service Hours Tracking Form can be found on the Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN page, our board in the Law Classroom Building, or the Law Library carrel #101.

*\*Additional Pro Bono & Community Service Events are likely to come up throughout the semester so add us on TWEN to stay updated!*

Questions may be directed to the Pro Bono and Public Interest Research Assistant, Elizabeth O. Gutierrez, at **StMarysProBono@gmail.com**. Do you have questions regarding Pro Bono or Community Service Hours or events? Yes?... then YOU'RE IN LUCK! Be sure to stop at the Pro Bono table **Thursday, September 13th** at "Docket Call" to learn more about tracking and submitting hours, upcoming events, the Pro Bono Service Certificate, or any other burning questions you may have.

### SAVE THE DATE - RATTLER WEEKENDS

Date	Event
Friday, September 14, 2012	Rattler Shuttle: The Outlets at San Marcos
Saturday, September 22, 2012	Beach Clean Up @ Port Aransas
Saturday, September 29, 2012	ISSS World Cup Competition

For more information, contact the Student Activities & Transition Programs at [studentactivities@stmarytx.edu](mailto:studentactivities@stmarytx.edu) or at 210.436.3714.

### FALL 2012 INTRAMURAL SCHEDULE

	Registration Due	Play Starts
Table Tennis, Badminton, and Tennis	September 13 <sup>th</sup>	September 17 <sup>th</sup>
Swim Meet	September 20 <sup>th</sup>	September 24 <sup>th</sup>

Team Fee applies to all sports. For questions or to register please contact the Intramural Office at 210.431.5046 or email Leah Bowen at [lbowen1@stmarytx.edu](mailto:lbowen1@stmarytx.edu).

### POSTING NOTICES

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

- ❖ In the *Witan* to [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu) by 12:00 p.m. on 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.

### **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 and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzalez at [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu).

**The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Office of General Counsel (OGC)** is pleased to announce they are now accepting applications for their *Legal Honors Program* 2013-2014. For more information please visit their website at [www.hud.gov/offices/ogc](http://www.hud.gov/offices/ogc). Deadline to apply is **September 28, 2012**.

**DISH Network L.L.C.**, a subsidiary of DISH Network Corporation announces its topic for their second annual DISH Best in Class eDiscovery Legal Research and Writing Competition. The 2012 competition will ask students to address the question: “Under what standard should a court subject an employee’s non-business personal computing activities (e.g., social media, documents stored on a personal computer, and/or personal email accounts) to civil discovery involving her or his employer? The author of the first-place selection will receive \$2,500 cash award. Two runners-up will be selected and will each receive a \$1,000 cash award. Complete rules and additional information can be found at [www.dishediscovery.com](http://www.dishediscovery.com). Contest submissions are due by **October 13, 2012**.

Each year, **Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA)** awards a \$1,000 scholarship to one minority student at each Texas law school. The scholarship promotes diversity in the legal profession by assisting members of minority populations within the bar to: (1) enter the legal profession; and (2) participate in the programs and activities of TYLA and the State Bar of Texas. The application deadline is **October 15, 2012**. The scholarship awards are distributed

before the Spring semester. More information is available on the TYLA website at <http://www.tyla.org/tyla/index.cfm/resources/law-students1/scholarships/>.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc. (ASECA)** is pleased to announce their 2012 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 2012, and papers scheduled for publication in 2012 or 2013 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 16, 2012**.

**NEW** - Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP is pleased to announce the 2012-2013 Diversity Scholars Award of \$3,000 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/firm-news-210.html>. Completed applications must be received by **November 28, 2012**.

**NEW** - **The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM)** presents its 2013 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 [www.aclm.org](http://www.aclm.org) or email [info@aclm.org](mailto:info@aclm.org). Deadline is **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. Recipients will receive \$5,000 payable for the Fall semester of their second or third-year of law school. Please visit [www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity) for details of this scholarship. Applications are now being accepted through **January 7, 2013**.

**College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers** announces its 2012 Writing Competition. The scope of permissible topics is broad, i.e., any aspect of workers' compensation law. Students are encouraged to present on a public policy issue, a critique of a leading case or doctrine; or a comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For complete rules please visit [http://cwclawyers.org/2012\\_Writing\\_Competition\\_Rules.pdf](http://cwclawyers.org/2012_Writing_Competition_Rules.pdf). Deadline to apply is **January 15, 2013**.

**The American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2012-2013. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law or indigenous peoples. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information please go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2013**.

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**ZZ TOP, "LA FUTURA"**  
Review by Professor John Teeter

**La Futura** is ZZ Top's first album since 2003's underappreciated Mescalero and I'll hit you with the bad news first—there ain't an original lick to be heard and at times it's as clunky and repetitive as a bloated, bald-headed professor trying to cut the rug at a high school reunion. But who really cares? **Taken as a whole**, it is a gooey, crunchy, delicious mudslide of an album, less ten separate tunes than an extended jam by Billy Gibbons and Jimi didn't lie when he said the boy could play guitar. Healing and hypnotic riffs and a few solos you'll definitely remember. My personal favorite is "Over You," the thinking man's guide to heartbreak and dissolution, but several other songs give it a run for the money and **La Futura is like the best brisket**—fatty, juicy, and a **key ingredient** in all that makes life worth living.

**KUDOS**

Kudos to **Nick Guinn**, 3L who has been elected to the position of **Vice-Chair** of the **American Bar Association's Law Student Division**. This is the highest position a law student may serve on within the national organization. As Vice-Chair, Nick serves on the executive board of the division as well as chairs the division's membership committee, among other responsibilities. St. Mary's Law School is proud to be represented on the national level and hopes to continue promoting great leadership.

**CAN YOU TELL WHEN YOU ARE BEING LIED TO?**

**Military Law Association** as part of their fall speaker series presents Professor Allen Craddock, a Juris Doctorate and Ph.D. in Social Psychology. As founder of [www.LieQ.com](http://www.LieQ.com), Dr. Craddock explores the science of lie detection and interrogation techniques. Join us **Monday, September 17, 2012 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.** or tomorrow **Tuesday, September 18, 2012 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.** in the **Law Alumni Room**. Those in attendance may also enter into a free drawing to win a distinguished book sponsored by your MLA.

**CRIMINAL LAW ASSOCIATION**

Join the **Criminal Law Association** as they welcome **Keith Hampton**, J.D., '89. Keith will be on campus to discuss criminal justice and his experiences practicing criminal law. The event will be held in the **Alumni Room**, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library at **2:30 p.m.** on **Tuesday, September 18, 2012**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**NATURALIZATION CEREMONY**

Experience **St. Mary's first ever Naturalization Ceremony** on **Wednesday, September 19, 2012 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.** in the University Center, **Conference Room A**. Audience members will have the opportunity to watch approximately forty people be recognized

as citizens of the United States. This official ceremony will be led by Judge Primomo, other members of the U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services Office, as well as various members of the St. Mary's community. Light refreshments will be served for attendees.

### **ATTENTION FIRST-YEAR ENTERING STUDENTS**

All **first-year entering students**, who have NOT picked up their free leather portfolio, please stop by the Admissions office to do so. The Admissions office is located in room 110 in the Law Administration building. Remember to bring your St. Mary's student ID card.

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

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** for student organizations 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**.

### **THE INSTITUTE FOR CHINESE LAW AND BUSINESS May 26 – June 28, 2013**

The law school's **study abroad program in China**, the Institute for Chinese Law and Business, will be held in Beijing, China during May 26 – June 28, 2013. Professors Bob Hu and Vincent R. Johnson, co-directors of the Institute, **welcome all students** to discuss the program with them. A formal brochure will be distributed when ready, and information sessions with students will be conducted later this semester. The below is a summary of courses to be offered next summer:

**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.

**International Intellectual Property Law** (2 credit hours, Professors Ann Bartow and Robert Hu) 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** (2 credit hours, 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.

**Comparative Tort Law** (1 credit hour, Professors Yan Zhu and Vincent R. Johnson)

explores similarities and differences between the Chinese and American tort law. The course will discuss basic principles (e.g., liability based on fault, strict liability, vicarious liability, defenses based on the plaintiff's conduct), topics of particular concern to businesses (e.g., products liability, respondent superior), and enforcement-related issues (e.g., insurance, contingent fees, open courts.)

**International Commercial Arbitration** (1 credit hour, Professor TBD) investigates – with particular reference to international problems – the history of commercial arbitration, the arbitrability of commercial subject matters, arbitration agreements and their characteristics, applicable rules and procedures, along with enforcement and judicial review of awards.

### **ACADEMIC SCHOLAR SESSIONS**

Attention all 1Ls! **Academic Scholar sessions have begun.** Don't miss out on the opportunity to attend your assigned Academic Scholar sessions where an upper level law student will help you perfect the skills you need to succeed in law school. Each weekly session will cover a set topic and offer an opportunity to get trustworthy tips and advice. You can find your assigned Academic Scholar and their meeting time and location by checking the list posted on the bulletin board in the Law Classroom Building. Also, be sure to sign up for your Academic Scholar's TWEN course.

### **ATTENTION PHI DELTA PHI MEMBERS**

The Fall general club meeting will be held this week **Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in the Alumni Room.** Please join us to discuss events, ideas, and goals for the year. Those in attendance will receive a benefit at the upcoming September 27<sup>th</sup> social. Please refer to the **bulletin board in the Law Classroom building** for a complete list of upcoming events.

### **BEXAR COUNTY COURT REPORTERS ASSOCIATION'S 2012 LEGISLATIVE/JUDICIAL RECEPTION**

Please join the Bexar County Court Reporters Association's (BCCRA) for their 2012 Legislative/Judicial Reception on **Thursday, September 20, 2012, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** at the **Cadillac Bar & Restaurant, 212 S. Flores Street, 78205.** Tickets are \$10.00 each to attend.

### **ARE YOU STARTING A NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATION?**

Students who wish to start a new Registered Student Organization at the Law School for the Fall 2012 semester must contact the Office of Academic and Student Affairs as soon as possible. The date for submission of all required paperwork to start an RSO for this semester is **September 20, 2012.** You may reach this Office at 210.431.4340 or at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

## FAMILY DAY RSVP INFORMATION

*“Life with Your Law Student”*

**Saturday, September 22, 2012**

St. Mary's University School of Law - Law Classroom Building

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

*Seating is limited.* Please make your reservation by **September 18, 2012** by emailing the following information to [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

- Name of Attendee(s):
- Name of law student you are affiliated with:
- Address:
- City/State:
- Phone Number:
- Email Address:

ALL LOVED ONES OF FIRST YEAR LAW STUDENTS SHOULD ATTEND.

\*The Law School is not equipped to provide child care. Please plan accordingly.  
Questions? Contact the Office of Academic and Student Affairs at 210-431-4340.

## STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The **National Association of Law Students with Disabilities** (NALSWD) is an affiliate organization under the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities and is seeking to reach and serve all law students who have a disability. **Interested students** are invited to visit their website at [www.nalswd.org](http://www.nalswd.org) to explore opportunities to get involved with NALSWD, join the e-mail listserv, find information about scholarships and other resources, and learn about upcoming events and career opportunities. Students are invited to take a look at their Publications page which contains their newly launched *Best Practices Guide for Law Schools* and other helpful material. Students may also register online at <http://www.nalswd.org/membership.php>.

## CLASS OF 2013 — APPLICATION FOR DEGREE CARDS

The 3L student boxes have all 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 2012, May 2013, or August 2013** [August graduates are considered with the 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, September 28**. If you intend to graduate but did not receive a card in your student box, you can pick one up from her office, Law Administration building, room 121.

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.

### **CALL FOR BAILIFFS & MARSHALS**

The **2012 Lone Star Classic®** will be held on **October 11-13, 2012** in San Antonio, Texas. 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, it will take place 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 Andrew Jones, Vice-Chair of the BOA 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 11th and 12th, in the Bexar County Courthouse, Probate Court 2. The teams will break to **semi-final rounds** on the morning of Saturday, October 13th. The **final round** will take place on that same day, the afternoon of the 13th. 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:

Andrew Jones  
Vice-Chair, Board of Advocates  
Law Faculty Bldg., Room 104  
St. Mary's University  
School of Law  
San Antonio, Texas 78228  
210.436.3286  
[ajones18@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:ajones18@mail.stmarytx.edu)

## ABA SECTION OF ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND RESOURCES 20<sup>TH</sup> SECTION FALL MEETING

The **ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Law Summit** will host its 20<sup>th</sup> Section Fall Meeting **October 10-13, 2012** at the Hilton Austin Hotel, in Austin, Texas. Join them for many student events at their fall meeting. Meet seasoned lawyers, SEER Guide, and be paired up with a Section leader to show you the ropes and introduce you to others. For more information and to register, please visit [www.ambar.org/EnvironFM](http://www.ambar.org/EnvironFM) and look for “Law Students.” For questions, contact Noemi Alvarez at 312.988.5625. Scholarships are available through September 12.

### 1L FINGERPRINTING

**L1 Identity Solutions** will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners (BLE) on **Tuesday, November 6 and Wednesday, November 7, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. both days** in **LF206**. 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.

### OCS MINI GROUP CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS

Interested in a particular area of law? Not sure how to get started on your career plan for that area? **Sign up** for one of our mini group career counseling sessions. **Space is limited**; only 5 students to a group. The session will discuss job search strategies in the below listed fields of law. Please note these sessions last about 30-minutes to one hour. The sessions are designed to give you ideas of places to intern, CLEs to attend, and bar associations to join to gain experience in these areas, and help launch your careers. This is not a session to have your resume or cover letter reviewed.

- Estate and Probate – Barrett Shipp, September 26, at 1:30 p.m.
- Family Law – Ana Novoa, October 3 at 1:00 p.m.
- Criminal Defense – Stephanie Stevens, October 10 at 1:00 p.m.
- Public Interest – Al Kauffman, October 17 at 1:00 p.m.
- Solo Practice – Geary Reamey, October 24 at 1:00 p.m.
- Immigration Law – Lee Teran, October 31 at 2:00 p.m.
- Oil and Gas – Laura Burney, October 31 at 4:00 p.m.
- Federal Government – David Schlueter, November 7 at 1:00 p.m.

All sessions will be held in the Office of Career Services, Room 216 in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. To sign up for a slot email Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu). All slots are first come first serve. We will create a wait list after the slots are filled and add more sessions as needed. Stay tuned for more sessions to be added.

## 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 will still be able to attend the event; we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

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

Sponsored by the Offices of Career Services and Academic and Student Affairs

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

This program will help you jumpstart your career 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
- Preparing to study for and take the bar exam and much more.

### **FBI Information Session**

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Mirella Rodriguez, San Antonio Recruiter for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) will be here to talk about internship and permanent positions within their agency. **THIS SESSION IS OPEN TO 1Ls.** If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu) and RSVP in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops.

### **Why I Chose a Small Firm?**

Wednesday, September 26, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Come hear from alumni who are practicing in a small firm. They will talk about what it is like to practice at a small firm, why they chose to do so, and how you too can succeed in a small firm.

### **Internships? Externships? Everything You Need to Know about the Practice Credit Program**

Wednesday, October 3, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.



Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Program, will discuss the many ways to receive credit for your unpaid jobs. Learn about the different options available for your unpaid work and whether the externship program is the right fit for you.

### **Construction Law Lunch**

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

The Office of Career Services is hosting a free luncheon meeting of The Construction Law Section of the San Antonio Bar Association. The section will present information about the practice area and how find jobs in this area. If you are truly interested in construction law and wish to attend, please go to <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> and upload a resume to the Documents tab and RSVP by going to the Events tab and click on Workshops. Resumes and RSVPs must be in the system **no later than Thursday, October 11**. We will forward the resumes to be electronically distributed to section members before the event. Business attire is required for this event. Last year the events our office had with the section resulted in jobs so please join us for an hour of terrific networking.

## **ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY CATHOLIC LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

Come join Law Ministry for our First General Meeting on **Monday, September 24, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room**. STMS is a student organization that focuses on strengthening our Catholic faith by providing spiritual fellowship and also providing networking opportunities with the Catholic legal community here in San Antonio. Learn about our exciting calendar for the Fall Semester, meet Ministry Staff and learn how you can get involved with the ministry offices. All are welcome to attend. Lunch will be served.

Later that evening on **Monday, September 24, at 5:30 p.m. in the Atrium** (Law Administration Building), we will be hosting **Judge Victor Negron** who will be speaking on the “**5 Non-Negotiables**.” Join us for an engaging discussion on how to balance these “non-negotiables” and the Catholic faith while working in the legal world. All are welcome to attend. Dinner will be served.

## **FLINT FEST**

Learn about St. Mary’s exciting Innsbruck program while enjoying homebrewed beer and barbeque at **Professor Richard Flint’s house, 108 West Mulberry Avenue on Friday, September 28, 2012, 6:30 p.m.** It will be a fun reunion for past Innsbruck participants and a great introduction for those who are interested in attending in the future. Hope to see you there!

## FALL 2012 PRO BONO / COMMUNITY SERVICE CLINICS AND EVENTS\*

The **Pro Bono/Community Service Program** provides current law students with opportunities to work with licensed attorneys and other professionals committed to serving members of the community with free legal information and services. In addition to helping fill a great need, students gain first-hand, practical experience while establishing professional ties with the legal community. Students who volunteer and report at least **50-hours** of qualified legal-related work, and/or community service are eligible for the **Pro Bono Service Certificate** at their graduation ceremony. Volunteer opportunities consist of public clinics, outreach programs, and special events in various legal areas. Our opportunities give you a chance to use other talents to help those in need.

### September

#### **Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- Naturalization Clinic hosted by Catholic Charities Archdiocese of San Antonio from \*9:00am – 2:00pm at the *Guadalupe Community Center located at:*
  1. 1801 W. Cesar Chavez Blvd. San Antonio, Texas 78207
  2. \*Law students are not required to volunteer the entire day

#### **Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

- Special Education Clinic from 5:30-8:00pm

### October

#### **Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Wills Clinic from 5:30-8:00pm

#### **Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Veteran's Clinic from 2:00-4:00pm

### **Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Border Outreach Trip to Laredo or Eagle Pass, Texas

#### **Tuesday, October 23<sup>th</sup>**

- Wesley Clinic from 5:30-8:00pm  
*Note: Wesley Clinics will temporarily be held at TRLA*

#### **Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

- Ask-A-Lawyer Clinic from 5:30-8:00pm

### November

#### **Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

- TRLA Clinic from 5:30-8:00pm

#### **Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Veteran's Clinic from 2:00-4:00pm

Learn more about each opportunity by adding the **Pro Bono/Community Service** page on **TWEN**, clicking on the tabs on the left, and using the sign up sheets to volunteer. Be sure to track, record, and submit your hours on TWEN via the Hours DropBox, by e-mail to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com), or in person to the Pro Bono Services Division Research Assistant, Law Library Carrel #101. The Service Hours Tracking Form can be found on the Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN page, our board in the Law Classroom Building, or the Law Library carrel #101. \*Additional Pro Bono & Community Service Events are likely to come up throughout the semester so add us on TWEN to stay updated! Questions may be directed to the Pro Bono and Public Interest Research Assistant, Elizabeth O. Gutierrez, at [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com).

## MINISTRY SERVICES

For students interested in Confirmation, classes will meet in the **University Ministry Lounge** every Monday. For more information please contact **Irene Quesnot** at [iquesnot@stmarytx.edu](mailto:iquesnot@stmarytx.edu). Mass times for those interested in attending service at either of our two beautiful chapels on campus are as follow:

Weekday Eucharistic Celebrations – 12:15 p.m., in Chapel of Assumption  
Sunday – 11:00 a.m., in Chapel of Assumption  
Sunday – 9:00 p.m., in Guadalupe Chapel

## SAVE THE DATE - RATTLER WEEKENDS

Date	Event
Saturday, September 22, 2012	Beach Clean Up @ Port Aransas
Saturday, September 29, 2012	ISSS World Cup Competition

For more information, contact the Student Activities & Transition Programs at [studentactivities@stmarytx.edu](mailto:studentactivities@stmarytx.edu) or at 210.436.3714.

## FALL 2012 INTRAMURAL SCHEDULE

	Registration Due	Play Starts
Swim Meet	September 20 <sup>th</sup>	September 24 <sup>th</sup>

Team Fee applies for this event. For questions or to register please contact the Intramural Office at 210.431.5046 or email Leah Bowen at [lbowen1@stmarytx.edu](mailto:lbowen1@stmarytx.edu).

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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, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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

**The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of General Counsel (OGC)** is pleased to announce they are now accepting applications for their *Legal Honors Program* 2013-2014. For more information please visit their website at [www.hud.gov/offices/ogc](http://www.hud.gov/offices/ogc). Deadline to apply is **September 28, 2012**.

**DISH Network L.L.C.**, a subsidiary of DISH Network Corporation announces its topic for their second annual DISH Best in Class eDiscovery Legal Research and Writing Competition. The 2012 competition will ask students to address the question: "Under what standard should a court subject an employee's non-business personal computing activities (e.g., social media, documents stored on a personal computer, and/or personal email accounts) to civil discovery involving her or his employer? The author of the first-place selection will receive \$2,500 cash award. Two runners-up will be selected and will each receive a \$1,000 cash award. Complete rules and additional information can be found at [www.dishediscovery.com](http://www.dishediscovery.com). Contest submissions are due by **October 13, 2012**.

**NEW** – The **National Law Review** (NLR) Fall 2012 Law Student Writing Competition is accepting article submissions for publication in the March issue of the NLR. Suggested topics are in Immigration Law and Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform. For guidelines please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>. Submission deadline is **October 15, 2012**.

Each year, **Texas Young Lawyers Association** (TYLA) awards a \$1,000 scholarship to one minority student at each Texas law school. The scholarship promotes diversity in the legal profession by assisting members of minority populations within the bar to: (1) enter the legal profession; and (2) participate in the programs and activities of TYLA and the State Bar of Texas. The application deadline is **October 15, 2012**. The scholarship awards are distributed before the Spring semester. More information is available on the TYLA website at <http://www.tyla.org/tyla/index.cfm/resources/law-students1/scholarships/>.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc. (ASECA)** is pleased to announce their 2012 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 2012, and papers scheduled for publication in 2012 or 2013 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 16, 2012**.

**NEW** – The Richard Linn American Inn of Court is proud to offer the **Mark T. Banner Scholarship** for law students. This scholarship is part of The Richard Linn American Inn of Court's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers of high ethics, civility and professionalism, and especially those from diverse backgrounds. Recipients of the Mark T. Banner Scholarship will receive an amount anticipated to be at least \$5,000 payable during the Fall semester of their second- or third-year of law school. Please visit [www.linninn.org](http://www.linninn.org) for more information. Deadline to apply is **November 16, 2012**.

**Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP** is pleased to announce the 2012-2013 Diversity Scholars Award of \$3,000 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/firm-news-210.html>. Completed applications must be received by **November 28, 2012**.

**The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM)** presents its 2013 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 [www.aclm.org](http://www.aclm.org) or email [info@aclm.org](mailto:info@aclm.org). Deadline is **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. Recipients will receive \$5,000 payable for the Fall semester of their second or third-year of law school. Please visit [www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity) for details of this scholarship. Applications are now being accepted through **January 7, 2013**.

**College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers** announces its 2012 Writing Competition. The scope of permissible topics is broad, i.e., any aspect of workers' compensation law. Students are encouraged to present on a public policy issue, a critique of a leading case or doctrine; or a comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For complete rules please visit [http://cwclawyers.org/2012\\_Writing\\_Competition\\_Rules.pdf](http://cwclawyers.org/2012_Writing_Competition_Rules.pdf). Deadline to apply is **January 15, 2013**.

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## CLASS OF 2013 — APPLICATION FOR DEGREE CARDS

The 3L student boxes have all 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 2012, May 2013, or August 2013** [August graduates are considered with the 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, September 28**. If you intend to graduate but did not receive a card in your student box, you can pick one up from her office, Law Administration building, room 121.

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.

### IT'S OUTLINING WEEK Week of 9/24/2012 – 9/28/2012

Over the course of this semester, the **Office of Academic and Student Affairs** will announce a weekly theme. These themes are timed to **help keep you on track** by focusing on important aspects of your study process.

This week, you should **look at your outlines**. If you have already started your outlines this is the time to review them carefully and determine what is working and what is not. If you have not made an outline for a particular course and you are feeling a bit behind, **you should get started before the end of the week**. If you have any questions or would like help in determining whether you are **outlining correctly**, stop by our office in Raba 106.

### FLINT FEST

Learn about St. Mary's exciting Innsbruck program while enjoying homebrewed beer and barbeque at **Professor Richard Flint's** house, **108 West Mulberry Avenue on Friday, September 28, 2012, 6:30 p.m.** It will be a fun reunion for past Innsbruck participants and a great introduction for those who are interested in attending in the future. Hope to see you there!

### TOWN HALL MEETINGS

We will have **town hall meetings** with Dean Cantú and Associate Deans Mather and Valencia on **Monday, October 1 at noon** and at **5:00 p.m.** in Law Classroom 103. Refreshments will be served.



## **ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY CATHOLIC LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

Come join Law Ministry for our First General Meeting on **Monday, September 24, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room**. STMS is a student organization that focuses on strengthening our Catholic faith by providing spiritual fellowship and also providing networking opportunities with the Catholic legal community here in San Antonio. Learn about our exciting calendar for the Fall Semester, meet Ministry Staff and learn how you can get involved with the ministry offices. All are welcome to attend. Lunch will be served.

Later that evening on **Monday, September 24, at 5:30 p.m. in the Atrium**, Law Administration Building, we will be hosting **Judge Victor Negron** who will be speaking on the “**5 Non-Negotiables**.” Join us for an engaging discussion on how to balance these “non-negotiables” and the Catholic faith while working in the legal world. All are welcome to attend. Dinner will be served.

### **MILITARY LAW ASSOCIATION FALL KICK-OFF**

Interested in the Military? Are you a Veteran? Want to know more about Military JAGS? Support someone in the military? Come join us for our fall kick-off! The Military Law Association (MLA) will be presenting all of the various opportunities to get involved in this year. If you want to become a member, MLA would love to have you; just remember to bring your \$20 dues and let us know your t-shirt size.

When: **Monday, September 24, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.** in LF 107 or  
**Tuesday, September 25, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.** in Alumni Room

### **2L/3L LUNCHEON**

Attention all second and third-year students. Come learn what is happening at St. Mary's School of Law on **Tuesday, September 25, 2012, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. in the Raba Building** Foyer. Come early while food lasts and get information on Career Services, Pro-Bono, Red Mass, Law Ministry Opportunities and more. For more information, email Sister Grace Walle at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu). This event is sponsored by Law Ministry.

### **LEXIS-NEXIS TRAINING ON ADVANCED SEARCHES**

Attention 2 and 3Ls. Do you need to refine your researching skills? LexisNexis is will host 2 training sessions on **Advanced Searching**. The topic addressed will be: Which is better, Natural Language or Terms & Connectors? Join us on **Thursday, September 27, 2012** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. The first session is **11:00 - 11:40 a.m.** and the second session is **12:00 - 12:40 p.m.** Both sessions include **FREE lunch**.

## 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 15-16, 2012 at the Westin Austin at the Domain 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 Associate Dean Victoria Mather no later than this week Thursday, September 27, 2012, 5:00 p.m.** Details about the conference can be found at [www.tha.org/lawconf](http://www.tha.org/lawconf).

## 1L FINGERPRINTING

**L1 Identity Solutions** will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners (BLE) on **Tuesday, November 6 and Wednesday, November 7, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. both days** in **LF206**. Instructions for the registration process, has been emailed to all first year entering students. **Please check your St. Mary's Student Email** account for more details on the 1L Fingerprinting process. Any questions about the fingerprinting sessions should be directed to 1L Identity Solutions or your Licensure Analyst at the Board of Law Examiners office.

## JOIN THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

The **American Bar Association** can help you meet the challenges of law school and also prepare you 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.

## **THE INSTITUTE FOR CHINESE LAW AND BUSINESS**

### **May 26 – June 28, 2013**

The law school's **study abroad program in China**, the Institute for Chinese Law and Business, will be held in Beijing, China during May 26 – June 28, 2013. Professors Bob Hu and Vincent R. Johnson, co-directors of the Institute, **welcome all students** to discuss the program with them. A formal brochure will be distributed when ready, and information sessions with students will be conducted later this semester. The below is a summary of courses to be offered next summer:

**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.

**International Intellectual Property Law** (2 credit hours, Professors Ann Bartow and Robert Hu) 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** (2 credit hours, 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.

**Comparative Tort Law** (1 credit hour, Professors Yan Zhu and Vincent R. Johnson) explores similarities and differences between the Chinese and American tort law. The course will discuss basic principles (e.g., liability based on fault, strict liability, vicarious liability, defenses based on the plaintiff's conduct), topics of particular concern to businesses (e.g., products liability, respondent superior), and enforcement-related issues (e.g., insurance, contingent fees, open courts.)

**International Commercial Arbitration** (1 credit hour, Professor TBD) investigates – with particular reference to international problems – the history of commercial arbitration, the arbitrability of commercial subject matters, arbitration agreements and their characteristics, applicable rules and procedures, along with enforcement and judicial review of awards.

### **ACADEMIC SCHOLAR SESSIONS**

Attention all 1Ls! **Academic Scholar sessions have begun.** Don't miss out on the opportunity to attend your assigned Academic Scholar sessions where an upper level law student will help you perfect the skills you need to succeed in law school. Each weekly session will cover a set topic and offer an opportunity to get trustworthy tips and advice. You can find your assigned Academic Scholar and their meeting time and location by checking the list posted on the bulletin board in the Law Classroom Building. Also, be sure to sign up for your Academic Scholar's TWEN course.

## STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The **National Association of Law Students with Disabilities** (NALSWD) is an affiliate organization under the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities and is seeking to reach and serve all law students who have a disability. **Interested students** are invited to visit their website at [www.nalswd.org](http://www.nalswd.org) to explore opportunities to get involved with NALSWD, join the e-mail listserv, find information about scholarships and other resources, and learn about upcoming events and career opportunities. Students are invited to take a look at their Publications page which contains their newly launched *Best Practices Guide for Law Schools* and other helpful material. Students may also register online at <http://www.nalswd.org/membership.php>.

## CALL FOR BAILIFFS & MARSHALS

The **2012 Lone Star Classic®** will be held on **October 11-13, 2012** in San Antonio, Texas. 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, it will take place 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 Andrew Jones, Vice-Chair of the BOA 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 11th and 12th, in the Bexar County Courthouse, Probate Court 2. The teams will break to **semi-final rounds** on the morning of Saturday, October 13th. The **final round** will take place on that same day, the afternoon of the 13th. 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: Andrew Jones, Vice-Chair, Board of Advocates, Law Faculty Bldg., Room 104, St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas 78228, 210.436.3286, [ajones18@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:ajones18@mail.stmarytx.edu).

## ABA SECTION OF ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND RESOURCES 20<sup>TH</sup> SECTION FALL MEETING

The **ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Law Summit** will host its 20<sup>th</sup> Section Fall Meeting **October 10-13, 2012** at the Hilton Austin Hotel, in Austin, Texas. Join them for many student events at their fall meeting. Meet seasoned lawyers, SEER Guide, and be paired up with a Section leader to show you the ropes and introduce you to others. For more information and to register, please visit [www.ambar.org/EnvironFM](http://www.ambar.org/EnvironFM) and look for “Law Students.” For questions, contact Noemi Alvarez at 312.988.5625. Scholarships are available through September 12.

### OCS MINI GROUP CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS

Interested in a particular area of law? Not sure how to get started on your career plan for that area? **Sign up** for one of our mini group career counseling sessions. **Space is limited**; only 5 students to a group. The session will discuss job search strategies in the below listed fields of law. Please note these sessions last about 30-minutes to one hour. The sessions are designed to give you ideas of places to intern, CLEs to attend, and bar associations to join to gain experience in these areas, and help launch your careers. This is not a session to have your resume or cover letter reviewed.

Estate and Probate – Barrett Shipp, September 26, at 1:30 p.m.

Family Law – Ana Novoa, October 3 at 1:00 p.m.

Criminal Defense – Stephanie Stevens, October 10 at 1:00 p.m.

Public Interest – Al Kauffman, October 17 at 1:00 p.m.

Solo Practice – Geary Reamey, October 24 at 1:00 p.m.

Immigration Law – Lee Teran, October 31 at 2:00 p.m.

Oil and Gas – Laura Burney, October 31 at 4:00 p.m.

Federal Government – David Schlueter, November 7 at 1:00 p.m.

All sessions will be held in the **Office of Career Services, Room 216** in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. To sign up for a slot email Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu). All slots are first come first serve. We will create a wait list after the slots are filled and add more sessions as needed. Stay tuned for more sessions to be added.

### 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 will still be able to attend the event; we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

#### **FBI Information Session**

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Mirella Rodriguez, San Antonio Recruiter for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) will be here to talk about internship and permanent positions within their agency. **THIS SESSION IS OPEN TO 1Ls.** If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu) and RSVP in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops.

### **Why I Chose a Small Firm?**

Wednesday, September 26, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Come hear from alumni who are practicing in a small firm. They will talk about what it is like to practice at a small firm, why they chose to do so, and how you too can succeed in a small firm.

### **Internships? Externships? Everything You Need to Know about the Practice Credit Program**

Wednesday, October 3, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Program, will discuss the many ways to receive credit for your unpaid jobs. Learn about the different options available for your unpaid work and whether the externship program is the right fit for you.

### **Construction Law Lunch**

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

The Office of Career Services is hosting a free luncheon meeting of The Construction Law Section of the San Antonio Bar Association. The section will present information about the practice area and how find jobs in this area. If you are truly interested in construction law and wish to attend, please go to <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> and upload a resume to the Documents tab and RSVP by going to the Events tab and click on Workshops. Resumes and RSVPs must be in the system **no later than Thursday, October 11**. We will forward the resumes to be electronically distributed to section members before the event. Business attire is required for this event. Last year the events our office had with the section resulted in jobs so please join us for an hour of terrific networking.

### **Texas Access to Justice and Legal Services Information Session**

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Topics include practicing as a legal aid attorney, internship opportunities through the Texas Access to Justice Commission and the State Bar of Texas, and the Student Loan Repayment Assistance Program. If you are interested in working as a public interest attorney do not miss this event.

### **Diverse Law Student Opportunities Luncheon**

Sponsored by the Offices of Career Services and Academic and Student Affairs

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

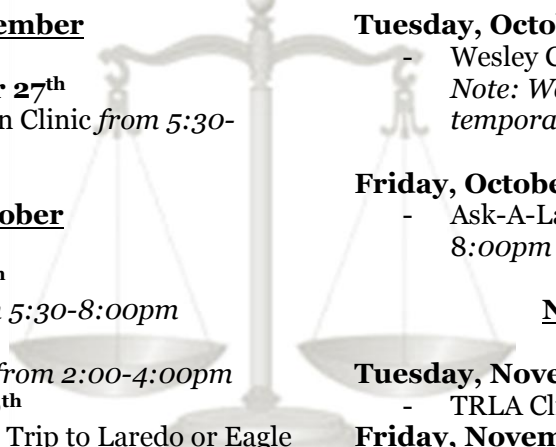
Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Open to all students. 1Ls may RSVP by emailing Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu). Don't miss this chance to learn about career opportunities and services provided to the Diverse Student Population at St. Mary's School of Law. During this meeting the Office of Career Services will discuss important interview opportunities, job/internship fairs, and pipeline programs along with their respective requirements and deadlines. The Office of Academic and Student Affairs will provide a number of opportunities available to help Law Students improve their grades, understanding of the law, and preparedness for the Texas Bar Exam.

### **FALL 2012 PRO BONO / COMMUNITY SERVICE CLINICS AND EVENTS\***

The **Pro Bono/Community Service Program** provides current law students with opportunities to work with licensed attorneys and other professionals committed to serving members of the community with free legal information and services. In addition to helping fill a great need, students gain first-hand, practical experience while establishing professional ties with the legal community. Students who volunteer and report at least **50-hours** of qualified legal-related work, and/or community service are eligible for the **Pro Bono Service Certificate** at their graduation ceremony. Volunteer opportunities consist of public clinics, outreach programs, and special events in various legal areas. Our opportunities give you a chance to use other talents to help those in need.



<b><u>September</u></b>	<b>Tuesday, October 23<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup></b> - Special Education Clinic from 5:30-8:00pm	- Wesley Clinic from 5:30-8:00pm <i>Note: Wesley Clinics will temporarily be held at TRLA</i>
<b><u>October</u></b>	<b>Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup></b> - Wills Clinic from 5:30-8:00pm	- Ask-A-Lawyer Clinic from 5:30-8:00pm
<b>Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup></b> - Veteran's Clinic from 2:00-4:00pm	<b><u>November</u></b>
<b>Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup></b> - Border Outreach Trip to Laredo or Eagle Pass, Texas	<b>Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup></b> - TRLA Clinic from 5:30-8:00pm
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Learn more about each opportunity by adding the **Pro Bono/Community Service** page on **TWEN**, clicking on the tabs on the left, and using the sign up sheets to volunteer. Be sure to track, record, and submit your hours on TWEN via the Hours DropBox, by e-mail to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com), or in person to the Pro Bono Services Division Research Assistant, Law Library Carrel #101. The Service Hours Tracking Form can be found on the Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN page, our board in the Law Classroom Building, or the Law Library carrel #101. *\*Additional Pro Bono & Community Service Events are likely to come up throughout the semester so add us on TWEN to stay updated!* Questions may be directed to the Pro Bono and Public Interest Research Assistant, Elizabeth O. Gutierrez, at [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com).

### MINISTRY SERVICES

For students interested in Confirmation, classes will meet in the **University Ministry Lounge** every Monday. For more information please contact **Irene Quesnot** at [iquesnot@stmarytx.edu](mailto:iquesnot@stmarytx.edu). Mass times for those interested in attending service at either of our two beautiful chapels on campus are as follow:

Weekday Eucharistic Celebrations – 12:15 p.m., in Chapel of Assumption  
 Sunday – 11:00 a.m., in Chapel of Assumption  
 Sunday – 9:00 p.m., in Guadalupe Chapel

### SAVE THE DATE - RATTLER WEEKENDS

Date	Event
Saturday, September 29, 2012	ISSS World Cup Competition

For more information, contact the Student Activities & Transition Programs at [studentactivities@stmarytx.edu](mailto:studentactivities@stmarytx.edu) or at 210.436.3714.

### EVENT SET-UPS FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** for student organizations 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**.

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**The American Indian Law Review** (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2012-2013. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law or indigenous peoples. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information please go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2013**.

**NEW** – The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its sixth 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 more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition>. Deadline for submissions is **February 11, 2013**.

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The **Board of Advocates** would like to congratulate **Brand Strey** and **Travis Baskin** for winning this year's competition. The team of David Rodriguez and Leslie Vasquez were runners up, and **Strey was awarded Best Speaker** for the final round.

The Board would also like to **thank all student advocates** for participating in this year's competition, as well as those volunteering their time to help judge, witness, and bailiff. We look forward to another great competition next year.

**There will be one more on-campus advocacy competition** this semester - the Negotiations Competition. Please pencil **November 5-7** on your calendar. More details will be announced at a later date.

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If you are in the Law Classroom Building or in Raba while classes are in session, please be considerate of the students who are in class and **keep the noise level in the hall to a minimum**. Your fellow students thank you!

## HOW TO SUCCEED ON FINAL EXAMS

Come and hear **Professor David Epstein** on **Monday, October 1, 2012, 11:00 - 11:30 a.m., Law Classroom 101**. He will give a lecture that will help you master the keys to better exam writing. This lecture is open to all St. Mary's students. This event is sponsored by Barbri and the Office of Academic and Student Affairs.

## RESEARCH WORKSHOPS

Teaching research beyond the first year classroom is important to a successful law school experience and practice. The law library faculty has prepared some short classes to help students use library resources or conduct research. Two presentations will take place this semester. All students are invited to attend.

**Topic:** Resources to Help Research Papers

**Date:** Wednesday, October 3, 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.

**Location:** Room 217 in Law Library

**Presenter:** Mike Martinez Jr., Head of Student Services ([mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu))

**Topic:** Online Legal Research Outside of Lexis and Westlaw

**Date:** Wednesday, October 17, 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.

**Location:** Room 217 in Law Library

**Presenter:** Wilhelmina Randtke, Electronic Services Librarian ([wrandtke@stmarytx.edu](mailto:wrandtke@stmarytx.edu))

## **1L FINGERPRINTING**

**L1 Identity Solutions** will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners (BLE) on **Tuesday, November 6 and Wednesday, November 7, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. both days** in **LF206**. Instructions for the registration process, has been emailed to all first year entering students. **Please check your St. Mary's Student Email** account for more details on the 1L Fingerprinting process. Any questions about the fingerprinting sessions should be directed to 1L Identity Solutions or your Licensure Analyst at the Board of Law Examiners office.

## **OUTDOOR BARBEQUE FOR CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL**

Professors Johnson and Hu, invite you to an **outdoor barbeque** for **Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival** celebration. The event will be held on **Saturday, October 6, 2012, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** at **124 West Gramercy Place**, San Antonio, Texas 78212, (home of Professor Vincent Johnson).

The 2013 **Institute on Chinese Law and Business** will be held in Beijing, China, from May 26 to June 29, 2013. To learn more about the program, you are invited to come and talk with professors and students who have attended the program. Students are welcome to bring a guest. Please **RSVP to Ms. Maribel Garcia** ([mgarcia38@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mgarcia38@stmarytx.edu)) no later than Thursday, October 4. In case of rain, please call 210.410.3562 to confirm the event.

## **CALL FOR BAILIFFS & MARSHALS**

The **2012 Lone Star Classic®** will be held on **October 11-13, 2012** in San Antonio, Texas. 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, it will take place 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 Andrew Jones, Vice-Chair of the BOA 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 11th and 12th, in the Bexar County Courthouse, Probate Court 2. The teams will break to **semi-final rounds** on the morning of Saturday, October 13th. The **final round** will take place on that same day, the afternoon of the 13th. 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: Andrew Jones, Vice-Chair, Board of Advocates, Law Faculty Bldg., Room 104, St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas 78228, 210.436.3286, [ajones18@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:ajones18@mail.stmarytx.edu).

## **ABA SECTION OF ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND RESOURCES 20<sup>TH</sup> SECTION FALL MEETING**

The **ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources Law Summit** will host its 20<sup>th</sup> Section Fall Meeting **October 10-13, 2012** at the Hilton Austin Hotel, in Austin, Texas. Join them for many student events at their fall meeting. Meet seasoned lawyers, SEER Guide, and be paired up with a Section leader to show you the ropes and introduce you to others. For more information and to register, please visit [www.ambar.org/EnvironFM](http://www.ambar.org/EnvironFM) and look for "Law Students." For questions, contact Noemi Alvarez at 312.988.5625. Scholarships are available through September 12.

## **OCS MINI GROUP CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS**

Interested in a particular area of law? Not sure how to get started on your career plan for that area? **Sign up** for one of our mini group career counseling sessions. **Space is limited**; only 5 students to a group. The session will discuss job search strategies in the below listed fields of law. Please note these sessions last about 30-minutes to one hour. The sessions are designed to give you ideas of places to intern, CLEs to attend, and bar associations to join to gain experience in these areas, and help launch your careers. This is not a session to have your resume or cover letter reviewed.

Family Law – Ana Novoa, October 3 at 1:00 p.m.  
Criminal Defense – Stephanie Stevens, October 10 at 1:00 p.m.  
Public Interest – Al Kauffman, October 17 at 1:00 p.m.  
Solo Practice – Geary Reamey, October 24 at 1:00 p.m.  
Immigration Law – Lee Teran, October 31 at 2:00 p.m.  
Oil and Gas – Laura Burney, October 31 at 4:00 p.m.



Federal Government – David Schlueter, November 14 at 1:00 p.m.

All sessions will be held in the **Office of Career Services, Room 216** in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. To sign up for a slot email Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu). All slots are first come first serve. We will create a wait list after the slots are filled and add more sessions as needed. Stay tuned for more sessions to be added.

### **ACADEMIC SCHOLAR SESSIONS**

Attention all 1Ls! **Academic Scholar sessions have begun.** Don't miss out on the opportunity to attend your assigned Academic Scholar sessions where an upper level law student will help you perfect the skills you need to succeed in law school. Each weekly session will cover a set topic and offer an opportunity to get trustworthy tips and advice. You can find your assigned Academic Scholar and their meeting time and location by checking the list posted on the bulletin board in the Law Classroom Building. Also, be sure to sign up for your Academic Scholar's TWEN course.

### **THE INSTITUTE FOR CHINESE LAW AND BUSINESS May 26 – June 28, 2013**

The law school's **study abroad program in China**, the Institute for Chinese Law and Business, will be held in Beijing, China during May 26 – June 28, 2013. Professors Bob Hu and Vincent R. Johnson, co-directors of the Institute, **welcome all students** to discuss the program with them. A formal brochure will be distributed when ready, and information sessions with students will be conducted later this semester. The below is a summary of courses to be offered next summer:

**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.

**International Intellectual Property Law** (2 credit hours, Professors Ann Bartow and Robert Hu) 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** (2 credit hours, 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.

**Comparative Tort Law** (1 credit hour, Professors Yan Zhu and Vincent R. Johnson) explores similarities and differences between the Chinese and American tort law. The course will discuss basic principles (e.g., liability based on fault, strict liability, vicarious liability, defenses based on the plaintiff's conduct), topics of particular concern to businesses (e.g., products

liability, respondent superior), and enforcement-related issues (e.g., insurance, contingent fees, open courts.)

**International Commercial Arbitration** (1 credit hour, Professor TBD) investigates – with particular reference to international problems – the history of commercial arbitration, the arbitrability of commercial subject matters, arbitration agreements and their characteristics, applicable rules and procedures, along with enforcement and judicial review of awards.

## **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

The **National Association of Law Students with Disabilities** (NALSWD) is an affiliate organization under the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities and is seeking to reach and serve all law students who have a disability. **Interested students** are invited to visit their website at [www.nalswd.org](http://www.nalswd.org) to explore opportunities to get involved with NALSWD, join the e-mail listserv, find information about scholarships and other resources, and learn about upcoming events and career opportunities. Students are invited to take a look at their Publications page which contains their newly launched *Best Practices Guide for Law Schools* and other helpful material. Students may also register online at <http://www.nalswd.org/membership.php>.

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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 will still be able to attend the event; we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

### **Internships? Externships? Everything You Need to Know about the Practice Credit Program**

Wednesday, October 3, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Program, will discuss the many ways to receive credit for your unpaid jobs. Learn about the different options available for your unpaid work and whether the externship program is the right fit for you.

### **Construction Law Lunch**

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

The Office of Career Services is hosting a free luncheon meeting of The Construction Law Section of the San Antonio Bar Association. The section will present information about the

practice area and how find jobs in this area. If you are truly interested in construction law and wish to attend, please go to <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> and upload a resume to the Documents tab and RSVP by going to the Events tab and click on Workshops. Resumes and RSVPs must be in the system **no later than Thursday, October 11**. We will forward the resumes to be electronically distributed to section members before the event. Business attire is required for this event. Last year the events our office had with the section resulted in jobs so please join us for an hour of terrific networking.

### **Texas Access to Justice and Legal Services Information Session**

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Topics include practicing as a legal aid attorney, internship opportunities through the Texas Access to Justice Commission and the State Bar of Texas, and the Student Loan Repayment Assistance Program. If you are interested in working as a public interest attorney do not miss this event.

### **Diverse Law Student Opportunities Luncheon**

Sponsored by the Offices of Career Services and Academic and Student Affairs

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

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Law Alumni Room

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Open to all students. 1Ls may RSVP by emailing Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu). Don't miss this chance to learn about career opportunities and services provided to the Diverse Student Population at St. Mary's School of Law. During this meeting the Office of Career Services will discuss important interview opportunities, job/internship fairs, and pipeline programs along with their respective requirements and deadlines. The Office of Academic and Student Affairs will provide a number of opportunities available to help Law Students improve their grades, understanding of the law, and preparedness for the Texas Bar Exam.

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### October

#### **Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Wills Clinic from 5:30-8:00pm

#### **Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Veteran's Clinic from 2:00-4:00pm

#### **Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Border Outreach Trip to Laredo or Eagle Pass, Texas

#### **Tuesday, October 23<sup>th</sup>**

- Wesley Clinic from 5:30-8:00pm  
*Note: Wesley Clinics will temporarily be held at TRLA*

#### **Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

- Ask-A-Lawyer Clinic from 5:30-8:00pm

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## MINISTRY SERVICES

For students interested in Confirmation, classes will meet in the **University Ministry**

Lounge every Monday. For more information please contact **Irene Quesnot** at [iquesnot@stmarytx.edu](mailto:iquesnot@stmarytx.edu). Mass times for those interested in attending service at either of our two beautiful chapels on campus are as follow:

Weekday Eucharistic Celebrations – 12:15 p.m., in Chapel of Assumption  
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Sunday – 9:00 p.m., in Guadalupe Chapel

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The **American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM)** presents its 2013 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 [www.aclm.org](http://www.aclm.org) or email [info@aclm.org](mailto:info@aclm.org). Deadline is **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. Recipients will receive

\$5,000 payable for the Fall semester of their second or third-year of law school. Please visit [www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity) for details of this scholarship. Applications are now being accepted through **January 7, 2013**.

The **Federal Bar Association** Section of Taxation hosts its annual Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition. Full and part-time J.D., and LL.M. students are eligible to apply. Winning authors receive \$2000 (first place) or \$1000 (second place) and a trip to the FBA's Annual Tax Law Conference in Washington, D.C. For more information please visit [www.fedbar.org](http://www.fedbar.org). Paper must be postmarked by **January 7, 2013**.

**College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers** announces its 2012 Writing Competition. The scope of permissible topics is broad, i.e., any aspect of workers' compensation law. Students are encouraged to present on a public policy issue, a critique of a leading case or doctrine; or a comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For complete rules please visit [http://cwclawyers.org/2012\\_Writing\\_Competition\\_Rules.pdf](http://cwclawyers.org/2012_Writing_Competition_Rules.pdf). Deadline to apply is **January 15, 2013**.

**The American Indian Law Review** (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2012-2013. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law or indigenous peoples. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information please go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2013**.

**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 third annual International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. Deadline for submissions is **Thursday, January 31, 2013** by 12:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. For detailed competition rules, please visit [http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/student\\_ihl\\_writing\\_competition.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/student_ihl_writing_competition.cfm)

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its sixth 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 more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition>. Deadline for submissions is **February 11, 2013**.

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## THE AMERICA INVENTS ACT: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

The **Technology and Intellectual Property Law Association** presents the "*The America Invents Act: What You Should Know*" by Cameron Smith. Presentation and meeting of the Tech & IP will be held at **12:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, October 9, 2012** in the **Alumni Room** of the Sarita Kennedy East Law Library. Come and learn what major changes are taking place and what it means for the practice of IP law in the US. Lunch will be provided.

## FLU VACCINE DRIVE

The Student Health Center will have a **Flu Vaccine Drive** for students, faculty and staff on **Thursday, October 11, 2012, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.** in the law administration building **Atrium**. The cost is \$20. Faculty and staff may pay by check or cash. Students will be billed to their account or health insurance plan. **Please bring your Rattler or picture ID.** Also, there will be a 20-minute wait after the injection to ensure you don't have an allergic reaction. For additional information, you may contact the Student Health Center at 210.436.3506.

## MEET THE LL.M.s, DISCOVER NEW CONTINENTS AND EXCHANGE IDEAS BETWEEN DIFFERENT CULTURES

The LL.M. students are honored to invite all faculty, law students and administrative staff to their long journey between countries and their cultures. The *journey* will take place on **Tuesday, October 16, 2012, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the Sarita Kennedy East Law Library, Law Alumni Room.** Food will be served. Professors Chenglin (Gary) Liu and Robert L. Summers, Jr. will give a talk about their experience on working with international students. We look forward to seeing you there. For more information, please contact event coordinator, Mrs. Maria Markou at [maria.ch.markou@gmail.com](mailto:maria.ch.markou@gmail.com). "*Every one of us has in him a continent of undiscovered character. Blessed is he who acts the Columbus to his own soul.*" ~ Unknown.

## INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION DISCUSSION

On **Wednesday, October 17, 2012**, the **International Law Association** will host NASA officials, Col. Randy Bresnik, Astronaut, and Rebecca Bresnik, Assistant Chief – International Matters, for a discussion entitled "**Legal Structure Governing Space and Into the Future.**" The event will be held in Law Faculty Building, room 202, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. All law students are invited to attend.

## TEXAS BAR EXAM: MULTIPLE CHOICE WORKSHOP

Learn how to apply your knowledge the way the MBE portion of the bar exam will test it. You will get:

1. General Overview with strategy on how to approach questions

2. 3-hour live lecture covering the most heavily-tested MBE topics
3. Question-based review with practice questions and answer explanations

**Date:** Saturday, October 20, 2012  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.  
**Location:** Law Classroom Building, Room 104  
**Tuition:** \$95. First 45 students that enroll pay only \$45. Financial aid is available.

To enroll in this workshop or for more information, please contact Patricia Solano at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.4340.

### **ATTENTION ALL JD/MBA STUDENTS**

Are you looking to fulfill your elective requirement for the MBA program but aren't sure what course to take? How about spending your **Spring Break in India** and getting credit for it. This 3-hour course will take place March 7 – 17, 2013 and will consist of visiting and networking with local business and government officials in Delhi, Hyderabad, and Algra.

For more information please attend one of the weekly information **sessions in October** from **3:30 – 5:00 p.m.** in the **Business School Alkek Building, room 250**. The meetings will be held on Wednesdays, October 10th, 17th, 22nd, and 31<sup>st</sup> or you may email Professor Padmanabhan at [ppadmanabhan1@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ppadmanabhan1@stmarytx.edu). Enrollment is limited.

### **RESEARCH WORKSHOP**

Teaching research beyond the first year classroom is important to a successful law school experience and practice. The law library faculty has prepared a short class to help students use library resources or conduct research. All students are invited to attend this next class.

**Topic:** Online Legal Research Outside of Lexis and Westlaw  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 17, 12:00 – 12:45 p.m.  
**Location:** Room 217 in Law Library  
**Presenter:** Wilhelmina Randtke, Electronic Services Librarian ([wrandtke@stmarytx.edu](mailto:wrandtke@stmarytx.edu))

### **NATIONAL DEPRESSION SCREENING DAY**

**Thursday, October 11, 2012 is National Depression Screening Day.** If you or someone you care about may be suffering from depression, the screening tools available at <http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org> may provide valuable information about this disease. Counseling help is available on campus to students at Student Psychological and Testing Services. You can contact them at 210.436.3135.

**INTERSESSION FALL 2012 REGISTRATION  
INTERSESSION SPRING 2013 REGISTRATION  
SPRING 2013 REGISTRATION**

Students who have **EARNED** at least 60 credit hours at the **end of spring 2012** will begin online registration for fall 2012 intersession courses, spring 2013 intersession and regular session courses for spring 2013

**8:00 a.m., October 22 through midnight October 27, 2012.**

Students who have **EARNED** at least 18 credit hours at the **end of spring 2012** will begin online registration for fall 2012 intersession courses, spring 2013 intersession and regular session courses for spring 2013

**8:00 a.m., October 29 through midnight November 3, 2012.**

**All Students** will have the opportunity to make changes to both fall 2012 intersession and spring 2013 courses online

**8:00 a.m. November 5 through midnight November 10, 2012.**

Sign onto gateway at <http://gateway.stmarytx.edu> for online registration.

Credit hours for the fall 2012 are not earned hours and won't be considered earned until after grades have been posted for the fall 2012 semester.

**Clarification:** Not all law students attend summer school so the calculation of hours is based on hours earned at the end of spring 2012. Calculate the number of hours earned before the beginning of the fall semester. If summer courses were taken they will count toward the hours earned. The point that was trying to be made....do not use the fall hours as part of the calculation of hours earned. Hours in the fall semester are attempted hours until grades are posted.

You may check for any holds that might have been placed on your registration account by going to Gateway. **If there is a hold, registration is locked out until the hold is resolved.** If it is a business office hold, contact them at [businessoffice@stmarytx.edu](mailto:businessoffice@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436.3731.

Please note: **1L Students** who began fall 2012 will be **automatically registered** for the spring 2013 semester. **However, if a hold is placed on your account, registration will be blocked until the hold is resolved.**

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

**1L FINGERPRINTING**

**L1 Identity Solutions** will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners (BLE) on **Tuesday, November 6 and Wednesday, November 7, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. both days in LF206.** Instructions for

the registration process, has been emailed to all first year entering students. **Please check your St. Mary's Student Email** account for more details on the 1L Fingerprinting process. Any questions about the fingerprinting sessions should be directed to 1L Identity Solutions or your Licensure Analyst at the Board of Law Examiners office.

### **CALL FOR BAILIFFS & MARSHALS**

The **2012 Lone Star Classic®** will be held on **October 11 – 13, 2012** in San Antonio, Texas. 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, it will take place 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 Andrew Jones, Vice-Chair of the BOA 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 11th and 12th, in the Bexar County Courthouse, Probate Court 2. The teams will break to **semi-final rounds** on the morning of Saturday, October 13th. The **final round** will take place on that same day, the afternoon of the 13th. 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: Andrew Jones, Vice-Chair, Board of Advocates, Law Faculty Bldg., Room 104, St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas 78228, 210.436.3286, [ajones18@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:ajones18@mail.stmarytx.edu).

### **OCS MINI GROUP CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS**

Interested in a particular area of law? Not sure how to get started on your career plan for that area? **Sign up** for one of our mini group career counseling sessions. **Space is limited**; only 5 students to a group. The session will discuss job search strategies in the below listed fields of law. Please note these sessions last about 30-minutes to one hour. The sessions are designed to give you ideas of places to intern, CLEs to attend, and bar associations to join to gain experience in these areas, and help launch your careers. This is not a session to have your resume or cover letter reviewed.

**Criminal Defense – Stephanie Stevens, October 10 at 1:00 p.m.**

Public Interest – Al Kauffman, October 17 at 1:00 p.m.

Solo Practice – Geary Reamey, October 24 at 1:00 p.m.

Immigration Law – Lee Teran, October 31 at 2:00 p.m.

Oil and Gas – Laura Burney, October 31 at 4:00 p.m.

Federal Government – David Schlueter, November 14 at 1:00 p.m.

All sessions will be held in the **Office of Career Services, Room 216** in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. To sign up for a slot email Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu). All slots are first come first serve. We will create a wait list after the slots are filled and add more sessions as needed. Stay tuned for more sessions to be added.

**THE INSTITUTE FOR CHINESE LAW AND BUSINESS  
May 26 – June 28, 2013**

The law school's **study abroad program in China**, the Institute for Chinese Law and Business, will be held in Beijing, China during May 26 – June 28, 2013. Professors Bob Hu and Vincent R. Johnson, co-directors of the Institute, **welcome all students** to discuss the program with them. A formal brochure will be distributed when ready, and information sessions with students will be conducted later this semester. The below is a summary of courses to be offered next summer:

**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.

**International Intellectual Property Law** (2 credit hours, Professors Ann Bartow and Robert Hu) 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** (2 credit hours, 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.

**Comparative Tort Law** (1 credit hour, Professors Yan Zhu and Vincent R. Johnson) explores similarities and differences between the Chinese and American tort law. The course will discuss basic principles (e.g., liability based on fault, strict liability, vicarious liability, defenses based on the plaintiff's conduct), topics of particular concern to businesses (e.g., products liability, respondent superior), and enforcement-related issues (e.g., insurance, contingent fees, open courts.)

**International Commercial Arbitration** (1 credit hour, Professor TBD) investigates – with particular reference to international problems – the history of commercial arbitration,

the arbitrability of commercial subject matters, arbitration agreements and their characteristics, applicable rules and procedures, along with enforcement and judicial review of awards.

## 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 will still be able to attend the event; we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

### **Construction Law Lunch**

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

The Office of Career Services is hosting a free luncheon meeting of The Construction Law Section of the San Antonio Bar Association. The section will present information about the practice area and how find jobs in this area. If you are truly interested in construction law and wish to attend, please go to <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> and upload a resume to the Documents tab and RSVP by going to the Events tab and click on Workshops. Resumes and RSVPs must be in the system **no later than Thursday, October 11**. We will forward the resumes to be electronically distributed to section members before the event. Business attire is required for this event. Last year the events our office had with the section resulted in jobs so please join us for an hour of terrific networking.

### **Legal Services and Texas Access to Justice Information Session**

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

12:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be provided by the State Bar of Texas, St. Mary's Student Division.

Interested in getting paid to do great legal work this summer? Want to learn more about public interest law? Then don't miss this event. Topics include information about what it is like practicing as a legal aid attorney, internship opportunities through the Texas Access to Justice Commission and the State Bar of Texas, and the Student Loan Repayment Assistance Program. Speakers include: Amanda Rivas, Moderator; Cathryn Ibarra, State Bar of Texas; Jonathan Ryan, RAICES and Camilla Cutbirth, current St. Mary's Student and Access to Justice Internship Program participant. Please RSVP in the Events Section of Symplicity, under the Events tab and then click on Workshops. First year students can attend to learn more about the Texas Access to Justice Commission Summer Internships. First years can RSVP to Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu)

### **Diverse Law Student Opportunities Luncheon**

Sponsored by the Offices of Career Services and Academic and Student Affairs

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Open to all students. 1Ls may RSVP by emailing Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu).

Don't miss this chance to learn about career opportunities and services provided to the Diverse Student Population at St. Mary's School of Law. During this meeting the Office of Career Services will discuss important interview opportunities, job/internship fairs, and pipeline programs along with their respective requirements and deadlines. The Office of Academic and Student Affairs will provide a number of opportunities available to help Law Students improve their grades, understanding of the law, and preparedness for the Texas Bar Exam.

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

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

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 local in-house attorneys.

### **Practice Area Fair**

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Door prizes will be awarded each hour. 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. Students are not expected to stay the entire time. Stop in for free giveaways and handouts and meet alumni.

### **Recharge with Symplicity**

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Law Administration Atrium

Lunch will be served.

Not a pro with Symplicity? Need a refresher? We will go over how to use Job Postings, Events, Uploading Documents, Applying for On Campus Interviews and many more features. Come for some lunch and bring your questions!

## **ACADEMIC SCHOLAR SESSIONS**

Attention all 1Ls! **Academic Scholar sessions have begun.** Don't miss out on the opportunity



to attend your assigned Academic Scholar sessions where an upper level law student will help you perfect the skills you need to succeed in law school. Each weekly session will cover a set topic and offer an opportunity to get trustworthy tips and advice. You can find your assigned Academic Scholar and their meeting time and location by checking the list posted on the bulletin board in the Law Classroom Building. Also, be sure to sign up for your Academic Scholar's TWEN course.

## FALL 2012 PRO BONO / COMMUNITY SERVICE CLINICS AND EVENTS\*

The **Pro Bono/Community Service Program** provides current law students with opportunities to work with licensed attorneys and other professionals committed to serving members of the community with free legal information and services. In addition to helping fill a great need, students gain first-hand, practical experience while establishing professional ties with the legal community. Students who volunteer and report at least **50-hours** of qualified legal-related work, and/or community service are eligible for the **Pro Bono Service Certificate** at their graduation ceremony. Volunteer opportunities consist of public clinics, outreach programs, and special events in various legal areas. Our opportunities give you a chance to use other talents to help those in need.

### October

#### **Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Wills Clinic from 5:30-8:00pm

#### **Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Veteran's Clinic from 2:00-4:00pm

#### **Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Border Outreach Trip to Laredo or Eagle Pass, Texas

#### **Tuesday, October 23<sup>th</sup>**

- Wesley Clinic from 5:30-8:00pm  
*Note: Wesley Clinics will temporarily be held at TRLA*

#### **Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

- Ask-A-Lawyer Clinic from 5:30-8:00pm

### November

#### **Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

- TRLA Clinic from 5:30-8:00pm

#### **Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Veteran's Clinic from 2:00-4:00pm

Learn more about each opportunity by adding the **Pro Bono/Community Service** page on **TWEN**, clicking on the tabs on the left, and using the sign up sheets to volunteer. Be sure to track, record, and submit your hours on TWEN via the Hours DropBox, by e-mail to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com), or in person to the Pro Bono Services Division Research Assistant, Law Library Carrel #101. The Service Hours Tracking Form can be found on the Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN page, our board in the Law Classroom Building, or the Law Library carrel #101. *\*Additional Pro Bono & Community Service Events are likely to come up throughout the semester so add us on TWEN to stay updated!* Questions may be directed to the Pro Bono and Public Interest Research Assistant, Elizabeth O. Gutierrez, at [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com).

## JOIN THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

The **American Bar Association** can help you meet the challenges of law school and also prepare you 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.

## BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Bible study classes with Professor Addicott are ongoing this semester. The Bible classes are non-denominational and expository in nature. Instruction is based on the original languages of Scripture, on a line-by-line basis in the context of historical reality and categorical doctrines. Professor Addicott was trained for 30 years under the direct ministry of R. B. Thieme, Jr. (1918-2009). Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law for details.

## MINISTRY SERVICES

For students interested in Confirmation, classes will meet in the **University Ministry Lounge** every Monday. For more information please contact **Irene Quesnot** at [iquesnot@stmarytx.edu](mailto:iquesnot@stmarytx.edu). Mass times for those interested in attending service at either of our two beautiful chapels on campus are as follow:

Weekday Eucharistic Celebrations – 12:15 p.m., in Chapel of Assumption  
Sunday – 11:00 a.m., in Chapel of Assumption  
Sunday – 9:00 p.m., in Guadalupe Chapel

## STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The **National Association of Law Students with Disabilities** (NALSWD) is an affiliate organization under the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities and is seeking to reach and serve all law students who have a disability. Interested students are invited to visit their website at [www.nalswd.org](http://www.nalswd.org) to explore opportunities to get involved with NALSWD, join the e-mail listserv, find information about scholarships and other resources, and learn about

upcoming events and career opportunities. Students are invited to take a look at their Publications page which contains their newly launched *Best Practices Guide for Law Schools* and other helpful material. Students may also register online at <http://www.nalswd.org/membership.php>.

### **NOISE LEVEL**

If you are in the Law Classroom Building or in Raba while classes are in session, please be considerate of the students who are in class and **keep the noise level in the hall to a minimum**. Your fellow students thank you!

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

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** for student organizations 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 and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzalez at [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu).

**DISH Network L.L.C.**, a subsidiary of DISH Network Corporation announces its topic for their second annual DISH Best in Class eDiscovery Legal Research and Writing Competition. The 2012 competition will ask students to address the question: "Under what standard should a court subject an employee's non-business personal computing activities (e.g., social media, documents stored on a personal computer, and/or personal email accounts) to civil discovery involving her or his employer? The author of the first-place selection will receive \$2,500 cash award. Two runners-up will be selected and will each receive a \$1,000 cash award. Complete rules and additional information can be found at [www.dishediscovery.com](http://www.dishediscovery.com). Contest submissions are due by **October 13, 2012**.

The **National Law Review** (NLR) Fall 2012 Law Student Writing Competition is accepting article submissions for publication in the March issue of the NLR. Suggested topics

are in Immigration Law and Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform. For guidelines please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>. Submission deadline is **October 15, 2012**.

Each year, **Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA)** awards a \$1,000 scholarship to one minority student at each Texas law school. The scholarship promotes diversity in the legal profession by assisting members of minority populations within the bar to: (1) enter the legal profession; and (2) participate in the programs and activities of TYLA and the State Bar of Texas. The application deadline is **October 15, 2012**. The scholarship awards are distributed before the Spring semester. More information is available on the TYLA website at <http://www.tyla.org/tyla/index.cfm/resources/law-students1/scholarships/>.

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc. (ASECA)** is pleased to announce their 2012 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 2012, and papers scheduled for publication in 2012 or 2013 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 16, 2012**.

The Richard Linn American Inn of Court is proud to offer the **Mark T. Banner Scholarship** for law students. This scholarship is part of The Richard Linn American Inn of Court's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers of high ethics, civility and professionalism, and especially those from diverse backgrounds. Recipients of the Mark T. Banner Scholarship will receive an amount anticipated to be at least \$5,000 payable during the Fall semester of their second- or third-year of law school. Please visit [www.linninn.org](http://www.linninn.org) for more information. Deadline to apply is **November 16, 2012**.

**Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP** is pleased to announce the 2012-2013 Diversity Scholars Award of \$3,000 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/firm-news-210.html>. Completed applications must be received by **November 28, 2012**.

**The Center for Alcohol Policy** is accepting submissions for their Fifth Annual Essay Contest. Write a response to "If a country were starting alcohol regulation from scratch, what regulatory framework would you advise it to create and why?" Prizes are \$5,000, 2,500 and 1,000. For more information visit [www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org](http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org). All entries must be received by **December 14, 2012**.

**The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM)** presents its 2013 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 [www.aclm.org](http://www.aclm.org) or email [info@aclm.org](mailto:info@aclm.org). Deadline is **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. Recipients will receive \$5,000 payable for the Fall semester of their second or third-year of law school. Please visit [www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity) for details of this scholarship. Applications are now being accepted through **January 7, 2013**.

The **Federal Bar Association** Section of Taxation hosts its annual Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition. Full and part-time J.D., and LL.M. students are eligible to apply. Winning authors receive \$2000 (first place) or \$1000 (second place) and a trip to the FBA's Annual Tax Law Conference in Washington, D.C. For more information please visit [www.fedbar.org](http://www.fedbar.org). Paper must be postmarked by **January 7, 2013**.

**College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers** announces its 2012 Writing Competition. The scope of permissible topics is broad, i.e., any aspect of workers' compensation law. Students are encouraged to present on a public policy issue, a critique of a leading case or doctrine; or a comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For complete rules please visit [http://cwclawyers.org/2012\\_Writing\\_Competition\\_Rules.pdf](http://cwclawyers.org/2012_Writing_Competition_Rules.pdf). Deadline to apply is **January 15, 2013**.

**The American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2012-2013. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law or indigenous peoples. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information please go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2013**.

**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 third annual International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. Deadline for submissions is **Thursday, January 31, 2013** by 12:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. For detailed competition rules, please visit [http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/student\\_ihl\\_writing\\_competition.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/student_ihl_writing_competition.cfm)

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its sixth 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 more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition>. Deadline for submissions is **February 11, 2013**.

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## 2012 LONE STAR CLASSIC®-RESULTS

This past weekend the Law School hosted the **2012 Lone Star Classic**, an invitational mock trial competition. This year sixteen teams competed: Baylor, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Cumberland, Denver, Emory, Faulkner, Florida Coastal, Fordham, Georgia State, Houston, Loyola of Los Angeles, Michigan State, South Texas, Stetson, and Texas. Cumberland, Faulkner, Georgia State and Loyola advanced to the semifinal rounds. In the final round, Faulkner beat Georgia State for the national championship.

The three finals judges, **Judge Patrick Higginbotham, Mr. John Murphy, First Assistant United States Attorney, and Ms. Donna Coltharp, Supervising Attorney in the Office of the Federal Public Defender** complimented the two teams on their outstanding advocacy skills.

This year's competition was conducted by the **Lone Star Classic Committee**--Professor Dave Schlueter, Director, Ms. Marcie Trevino and Ms. Morgan Stanley, Associate Directors, Professor Ramona Lampley, and Mr. John Craig, and Mr. Andrew Jones, Committee members. The **Board of Advocates** spent countless hours working on the Classic and helping insure that it ran smoothly and efficiently. Without their support and participation we could not have run the competition. In addition, a number of **law faculty** served as judges in the preliminary rounds. The Classic is truly a law school effort to showcase the Law School and its advocacy programs. The Lone Star Classic Committee thanks **Dean Cantú, Assistant Dean Al Hartman, the Law Alumni Association**, and the **Law Administration** for their support and the nearly 90 members of the **bench and the bar** and nearly 40 **law students** who served as judges, bailiffs, marshals for this year's competition.

### EVENING (THIRD SEMESTER) FIRST YEAR REGISTRATION MEETING

**Evening 1Ls in their third semester** should attend a registration information meeting on **Monday, October 22, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in LC 101**. Professor Cochran and Dean Mather will present information about registration, course selection, core requirements, the Texas bar exam and more. All evening 1Ls are encouraged to attend.

### LAW STUDENT TAX PREPARATION/TAX LAW OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER

**Schedule C Preparer/Student Attorney:** St. Mary's Civil Justice Clinic has been designated a Student Tax Clinic Program (STCP) by the IRS and the United States Tax Court. We have a limited number of spots available in the Civil Justice Clinic for students to work in the area of federal taxation. Specifically, students will prepare Schedule C tax returns for small businesses in the community throughout the tax season by appointment. Students will also receive a federal tax controversy case where they will act as the attorney for a client involved in a



dispute with the IRS. Eligible students must have completed a law school level course in Federal Income Tax. Time commitment is approximately twenty hours per week throughout the semester, including training/class time. Students will be permitted to set their own schedules outside of class time. Students will receive 4 credits hours for their participation and a grade.

**St. Mary's VITA Volunteer:** The VITA Program offers free tax help to low-to moderate-income people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. As a certified volunteer, you will prepare tax returns on Saturdays during the tax season at the Center for Legal and Social Justice. Training begins in January. Working with VITA is a great way to help the community while receiving hands on training and experience in this field! Law students earn pro bono hours for their service.

**If you are interested in either program, please email Nicole Monsibais at [nmonsibais@stmarytx.edu](mailto:nmonsibais@stmarytx.edu).**

### **MEET THE LL.M.s, DISCOVER NEW CONTINENTS AND EXCHANGE IDEAS BETWEEN DIFFERENT CULTURES**

The LL.M. students are honored to invite all faculty, law students and administrative staff to their long journey between countries and their cultures. The *journey* will take place on **Tuesday, October 16, 2012, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the Sarita Kennedy East Law Library, Law Alumni Room.** Food will be served. Professors Chenglin (Gary) Liu and Robert L. Summers, Jr. will give a talk about their experience on working with international students. We look forward to seeing you there. For more information, please contact event coordinator, Mrs. Maria Markou at [maria.ch.markou@gmail.com](mailto:maria.ch.markou@gmail.com). *"Every one of us has in him a continent of undiscovered character. Blessed is he who acts the Columbus to his own soul."* ~ Unknown.

### **INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION DISCUSSION LEGAL STRUCTURES GOVERNING SPACE**

**On Wednesday, October 17, 2012, the International Law Association will host NASA officials, Col. Randy Bresnik, Astronaut, and Rebecca Bresnik, Assistant Chief – International Matters, for a discussion entitled "Legal Structures Governing Space." The event will be held in the Atrium of the Business School's Alkek Building (please note the room change), 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served and all law students are invited to attend.**

### **RESEARCH WORKSHOP**

Teaching research beyond the first year classroom is important to a successful law school experience and practice. The law library faculty has prepared a short class to help students use library resources or conduct research. All students are invited to attend this next class.

Topic: **Online Legal Research Outside of Lexis and Westlaw**

Date: **Wednesday, October 17, 12:00 – 12:45 p.m.**  
Location: **Room 217 in Law Library**  
Presenter: **Wilhelmina Randtke, Electronic Services Librarian**  
**([wrandtke@stmarytx.edu](mailto:wrandtke@stmarytx.edu))**

### **TEXAS BAR EXAM: MULTIPLE CHOICE WORKSHOP**

Learn how to apply your knowledge the way the MBE portion of the bar exam will test it.  
You will get:

1. General Overview with strategy on how to approach questions
2. 3-hour live lecture covering the most heavily-tested MBE topics
3. Question-based review with practice questions and answer explanations

**Date:** Saturday, October 20, 2012  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.  
**Location:** Law Classroom Building, Room 104  
**Tuition:** \$95. First 45 students that enroll pay only \$45. Financial aid is available.

To enroll in this workshop or for more information, please contact Patricia Solano at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.4340.

### **CJP WESLEY CLINIC**

All students are invited to volunteer at the CJP Wesley Clinic at **Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc., 1111 N. Main Ave., San Antonio, TX, 78212** on **Tuesday, October 23, 2012** from **5:30 - 8:00 p.m.** This event will provide an opportunity to **shadow attorney's with real cases and clients**, to speak with and **get to know judges**, and to **gain legal experience** in general. The dress code is at least **business casual** (you will be rubbing elbows with judges and attorneys who could someday give you **great job references or offers**, after all) and remember to **show up a half an hour early (you will receive credit for your volunteer hours)**. There will be **pizza, snacks, and other refreshments** (the perks keep piling up). Thanks again for volunteering for a great cause and remember to bring your volunteer form, or ask for one when you arrive. For more information or questions please contact Trey Cammack at [tcammack3@yahoo.com](mailto:tcammack3@yahoo.com).

### **RED MASS**

**Red Mass** is the blessing on the judicial and legal academic year. This year, Red Mass will be held on **Thursday, October 25, 2012** at the **San Fernando Cathedral** in downtown San Antonio at **6:00 p.m.** There will be a solemn procession of representatives from legal organizations, judiciary, university administration and law school faculty prior to the start of Mass. This solemn procession and the asking for blessings on the judicial year is an ancient tradition begun in Europe. St. Mary's University School of Law along with the Catholic Lawyers

Guild has hosted Red Mass for the past 60 years. People of all faiths are welcome to attend. **A reception will follow the Mass** at the Plaza Club in Frost Bank Tower.

### **BOO BASH**

**Boo Bash** is an opportunity for children and families of law students, faculty and staff to join in a **Halloween festival** with games, prizes and trick or treating on **Friday, October 26, 2012** from **4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** in the **Law Plaza**. Children from area shelters are also invited to participate in the fun. Student Bar Association first year senators coordinate the event and law student organizations assist. All volunteers are welcome. **Class sections compete and prizes are awarded** to the section who donates the most candy, healthy snacks or fishing pond items.

### **HISPANIC FEST**

Please join the **Hispanic Law Student Association (HLSA)** in celebrating Hispanic heritage at its **12th annual Hispanic Fest**. Food, drinks, music, and fun await you. Tickets are \$10 if you buy them early, \$15 at the door, and are FREE for paid HLSA members. Ticket proceeds benefit the HLSA Scholarship Fund. Hispanic Fest will be held **October 26, 2012**, from **7:00 - 11:00 p.m.** at Dean Valencia's home. For more information or questions, check out the event page on Facebook, <http://www.facebook.com/events/238617719597036/>

### **ATTENTION ALL JD/MBA STUDENTS**

Are you looking to fulfill your elective requirement for the MBA program but aren't sure what course to take? How about spending your **Spring Break in India** and getting credit for it. This 3-hour course will take place March 7 – 17, 2013 and will consist of visiting and networking with local business and government officials in Delhi, Hyderabad, and Algra.

For more information please attend one of the weekly information **sessions in October** from **3:30 – 5:00 p.m.** in the **Business School Alkek Building, room 250**. The meetings will be held on Wednesdays, October 17th, 22nd, and 31<sup>st</sup> or you may email Professor Padmanabhan at [ppadmanabhan1@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ppadmanabhan1@stmarytx.edu). Enrollment is limited.

### **INTERSESSION FALL 2012 REGISTRATION INTERSESSION SPRING 2013 REGISTRATION SPRING 2013 REGISTRATION**

Students who have **EARNED** at least 60 credit hours at the **end of spring 2012** will begin online registration for fall 2012 intersession courses, spring 2013 intersession and regular session courses for spring 2013

**8:00 a.m., October 22 through midnight October 27, 2012.**

Students who have **EARNED** at least 18 credit hours at the **end of spring 2012** will

begin online registration for fall 2012 intersession courses, spring 2013 intersession and regular session courses for spring 2013

**8:00 a.m., October 29 through midnight November 3, 2012.**

**All Students** will have the opportunity to make changes to both fall 2012 intersession and spring 2013 courses online

**8:00 a.m. November 5 through midnight November 10, 2012.**

Sign onto gateway at <http://gateway.stmarytx.edu> for online registration.

Credit hours for the fall 2012 are not earned hours and won't be considered earned until after grades have been posted for the fall 2012 semester.

**Clarification:** Not all law students attend summer school so the calculation of hours is based on hours earned at the end of spring 2012. Calculate the number of hours earned before the beginning of the fall semester. If summer courses were taken they will count toward the hours earned. The point that was trying to be made....do not use the fall hours as part of the calculation of hours earned. Hours in the fall semester are attempted hours until grades are posted.

You may check for any holds that might have been placed on your registration account by going to Gateway. **If there is a hold, registration is locked out until the hold is resolved.** If it is a business office hold, contact them at [businessoffice@stmarytx.edu](mailto:businessoffice@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436.3731.

Please note: **1L Students** who began fall 2012 will be **automatically registered** for the spring 2013 semester. **However, if a hold is placed on your account, registration will be blocked until the hold is resolved.**

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

## **1L FINGERPRINTING**

**L1 Identity Solutions** will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners (BLE) on **Tuesday, November 6 and Wednesday, November 7, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. both days** in **LF206**. Instructions for the registration process, has been emailed to all first year entering students. **Please check your St. Mary's Student Email** account for more details on the 1L Fingerprinting process. Any questions about the fingerprinting sessions should be directed to 1L Identity Solutions or your Licensure Analyst at the Board of Law Examiners office.

## **OCS MINI GROUP CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS**

Interested in a particular area of law? Not sure how to get started on your career plan for that area? **Sign up** for one of our mini group career counseling sessions. **Space is limited**; only 5 students to a group. The session will discuss job search strategies in the below listed fields of

law. Please note these sessions last about 30-minutes to one hour. The sessions are designed to give you ideas of places to intern, CLEs to attend, and bar associations to join to gain experience in these areas, and help launch your careers. This is not a session to have your resume or cover letter reviewed.

**Public Interest – Al Kauffman, October 17 at 1:00 p.m.**

Solo Practice – Geary Reamey, October 24 at 1:00 p.m.

Immigration Law – Lee Teran, October 31 at 2:00 p.m.

Oil and Gas – Laura Burney, October 31 at 4:00 p.m.

Federal Government – David Schlueter, November 14 at 1:00 p.m.

All sessions will be held in the **Office of Career Services, Room 216** in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. To sign up for a slot email Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu). All slots are first come first serve. We will create a wait list after the slots are filled and add more sessions as needed. Stay tuned for more sessions to be added.

## **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 will still be able to attend the event; we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

### **Construction Law Lunch**

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

The Office of Career Services is hosting a free luncheon meeting of The Construction Law Section of the San Antonio Bar Association. The section will present information about the practice area and how find jobs in this area. If you are truly interested in construction law and wish to attend, please go to <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> and upload a resume to the Documents tab and RSVP by going to the Events tab and click on Workshops. Resumes and RSVPs must be in the system **no later than Thursday, October 11**. We will forward the resumes to be electronically distributed to section members before the event. Business attire is required for this event. Last year the events our office had with the section resulted in jobs so please join us for an hour of terrific networking.

### **Legal Services and Texas Access to Justice Information Session**

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

12:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be provided by the State Bar of Texas, St. Mary's Student Division.

Interested in getting paid to do great legal work this summer? Want to learn more about public

interest law? Then don't miss this event. Topics include information about what it is like practicing as a legal aid attorney, internship opportunities through the Texas Access to Justice Commission and the State Bar of Texas, and the Student Loan Repayment Assistance Program. Speakers include: Amanda Rivas, Moderator; Cathryn Ibarra, State Bar of Texas; Jonathan Ryan, RAICES and Camilla Cutbirth, current St. Mary's Student and Access to Justice Internship Program participant. Please RSVP in the Events Section of Symplicity, under the Events tab and then click on Workshops. First year students can attend to learn more about the Texas Access to Justice Commission Summer Internships. First years can RSVP to Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu)

### **Diverse Law Student Opportunities Luncheon**

Sponsored by the Offices of Career Services and Academic and Student Affairs

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served.

Open to all students. 1Ls may RSVP by emailing Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu). Don't miss this chance to learn about career opportunities and services provided to the Diverse Student Population at St. Mary's School of Law. During this meeting the Office of Career Services will discuss important interview opportunities, job/internship fairs, and pipeline programs along with their respective requirements and deadlines. The Office of Academic and Student Affairs will provide a number of opportunities available to help Law Students improve their grades, understanding of the law, and preparedness for the Texas Bar Exam.

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

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

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 local in-house attorneys.

### **Practice Area Fair**

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Door prizes will be awarded each hour. 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. Students are not expected to stay the entire time. Stop in for free giveaways and handouts and meet alumni.

## Recharge with Symplicity

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Law Administration Atrium

Lunch will be served.

Not a pro with Symplicity? Need a refresher? We will go over how to use Job Postings, Events, Uploading Documents, Applying for On Campus Interviews and many more features. Come for some lunch and bring your questions!

## ACADEMIC SCHOLAR SESSIONS

Attention all 1Ls! **Academic Scholar sessions have begun.** Don't miss out on the opportunity to attend your assigned Academic Scholar sessions where an upper level law student will help you perfect the skills you need to succeed in law school. Each weekly session will cover a set topic and offer an opportunity to get trustworthy tips and advice. You can find your assigned Academic Scholar and their meeting time and location by checking the list posted on the bulletin board in the Law Classroom Building. Also, be sure to sign up for your Academic Scholar's TWEN course.

## FALL 2012 PRO BONO / COMMUNITY SERVICE CLINICS AND EVENTS\*

The **Pro Bono/Community Service Program** provides current law students with opportunities to work with licensed attorneys and other professionals committed to serving members of the community with free legal information and services. In addition to helping fill a great need, students gain first-hand, practical experience while establishing professional ties with the legal community. Students who volunteer and report at least **50-hours** of qualified legal-related work, and/or community service are eligible for the **Pro Bono Service Certificate** at their graduation ceremony. Volunteer opportunities consist of public clinics, outreach programs, and special events in various legal areas. Our opportunities give you a chance to use other talents to help those in need.

### October

#### **Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Wills Clinic *from 5:30-8:00pm*

#### **Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Veteran's Clinic *from 2:00-4:00pm*

#### **Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Border Outreach Trip to Laredo or Eagle Pass, Texas

#### **Tuesday, October 23<sup>th</sup>**

- Wesley Clinic *from 5:30-8:00pm*  
*Note: Wesley Clinics will temporarily be held at TRLA*

#### **Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

- Ask-A-Lawyer Clinic *from 5:30-8:00pm*

### November

#### **Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

- TRLA Clinic *from 5:30-8:00pm*

#### **Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Veteran's Clinic *from 2:00-4:00pm*

Learn more about each opportunity by adding the **Pro Bono/Community Service** page on TWEN, clicking on the tabs on the left, and using the sign up sheets to volunteer. Be sure to track, record, and submit your hours on TWEN via the Hours DropBox, by e-mail to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com), or in person to the Pro Bono Services Division Research Assistant, Law Library Carrel #101. The Service Hours Tracking Form can be found on the Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN page, our board in the Law Classroom Building, or the Law Library carrel #101. *\*Additional Pro Bono & Community Service Events are likely to come up throughout the semester so add us on TWEN to stay updated!* Questions may be directed to the Pro Bono and Public Interest Research Assistant, Elizabeth O. Gutierrez, at [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com).

## JOIN THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

The **American Bar Association** can help you meet the challenges of law school and also prepare you 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.

## BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Bible study classes with Professor Addicott are ongoing this semester. The Bible classes are non-denominational and expository in nature. Instruction is based on the original languages of Scripture, on a line-by-line basis in the context of historical reality and categorical doctrines. Professor Addicott was trained for 30 years under the direct ministry of R. B. Thieme, Jr. (1918-2009). Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law for details.

## MINISTRY SERVICES

For students interested in Confirmation, classes will meet in the **University Ministry Lounge** every Monday. For more information please contact **Irene Quesnot** at [iquesnot@stmarytx.edu](mailto:iquesnot@stmarytx.edu). Mass times for those interested in attending service at either of our two beautiful chapels on campus are as follow:



Weekday Eucharistic Celebrations – 12:15 p.m., in Chapel of Assumption  
Sunday – 11:00 a.m., in Chapel of Assumption  
Sunday – 9:00 p.m., in Guadalupe Chapel

## **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

The **National Association of Law Students with Disabilities** (NALSWD) is an affiliate organization under the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities and is seeking to reach and serve all law students who have a disability. Interested students are invited to visit their website at [www.nalswd.org](http://www.nalswd.org) to explore opportunities to get involved with NALSWD, join the e-mail listserv, find information about scholarships and other resources, and learn about upcoming events and career opportunities. Students are invited to take a look at their Publications page which contains their newly launched *Best Practices Guide for Law Schools* and other helpful material. Students may also register online at <http://www.nalswd.org/membership.php>.

## **NOISE LEVEL**

If you are in the Law Classroom Building or in Raba while classes are in session, please be considerate of the students who are in class and **keep the noise level in the hall to a minimum**. Your fellow students thank you!

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

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** for student organizations 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 and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzalez at [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu).

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc. (ASECA)** is pleased to announce their 2012 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 2012, and papers scheduled for publication in 2012 or 2013 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 16, 2012**.

The Richard Linn American Inn of Court is proud to offer the **Mark T. Banner Scholarship** for law students. This scholarship is part of The Richard Linn American Inn of Court's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers of high ethics, civility and professionalism, and especially those from diverse backgrounds. Recipients of the Mark T. Banner Scholarship will receive an amount anticipated to be at least \$5,000 payable during the Fall semester of their second- or third-year of law school. Please visit [www.linninn.org](http://www.linninn.org) for more information. Deadline to apply is **November 16, 2012**.

**Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP** is pleased to announce the 2012-2013 Diversity Scholars Award of \$3,000 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/firm-news-210.html>. Completed applications must be received by **November 28, 2012**.

**The Center for Alcohol Policy** is accepting submissions for their Fifth Annual Essay Contest. Write a response to "If a country were starting alcohol regulation from scratch, what regulatory framework would you advise it to create and why?" Prizes are \$5,000, 2,500 and 1,000. For more information visit [www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org](http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org). All entries must be received by **December 14, 2012**.

**The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM)** presents its 2013 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 [www.aclm.org](http://www.aclm.org) or email [info@aclm.org](mailto:info@aclm.org). Deadline is **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. Recipients will receive \$5,000 payable for the Fall semester of their second or third-year of law school. Please visit [www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity) for details of this scholarship. Applications are now being accepted through **January 7, 2013**.

The **Federal Bar Association** Section of Taxation hosts its annual Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition. Full and part-time J.D., and LL.M. students are eligible to apply. Winning authors receive \$2000 (first place) or \$1000 (second place) and a trip to the FBA's Annual Tax Law Conference in Washington, D.C. For more information please visit

[www.fedbar.org](http://www.fedbar.org). Paper must be postmarked by **January 7, 2013**.

**College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers** announces its 2012 Writing Competition. The scope of permissible topics is broad, i.e., any aspect of workers' compensation law. Students are encouraged to present on a public policy issue, a critique of a leading case or doctrine; or a comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For complete rules please visit [http://cwclawyers.org/2012\\_Writing\\_Competition\\_Rules.pdf](http://cwclawyers.org/2012_Writing_Competition_Rules.pdf). Deadline to apply is **January 15, 2013**.

**The American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2012-2013. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law or indigenous peoples. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information please go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2013**.

**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 third annual International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. Deadline for submissions is **Thursday, January 31, 2013** by 12:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. For detailed competition rules, please visit [http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/student\\_ihl\\_writing\\_competition.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/student_ihl_writing_competition.cfm)

**NEW** - The **Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara** is offering Medical and Graduate (including law) Student Scholarships. Applicants must have graduated from a high school in Santa Barbara County, California. For more information please visit [www.sbscholarship.org](http://www.sbscholarship.org). Deadline to apply is January 31, 2013.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its sixth 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 more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition>. Deadline for submissions is **February 11, 2013**.

**NEW** - The **Center for Human Rights at Trinity Law School** announces its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual writing competition. The Center provides exceptional research and educational opportunities for the promotion and understanding of international human rights. The topic for this year's writing competition is "The Evolving Tension between the Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Religion, and Hate Speech and Blasphemy Laws." First place will award \$3,000, second place \$1,000 and third place \$500. Submissions are due on or before **March 25, 2013**. For further information please visit: <http://www.tls.edu/writing-competition>.

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**RED MASS  
THE MOST SPLENDID PUBLIC EVENT  
OF THE LAW SCHOOL YEAR**

Please join us as we celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> annual **Red Mass** on **Thursday, October 25, 2012, 6:00 p.m., San Fernando Cathedral**. The Cathedral is located at 115 Main Plaza, San Antonio, Texas, 78205 (downtown, across from the Bexar County Courthouse and Cadena-Reeves Justice Center).

The **Most Reverend Oscar Cantú, S.T.L.**, Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio, will be the principal presider and homilist. Reflections will be given by President Mengler.

**Red Mass** is the solemn votive Mass of the Holy Spirit that marks the beginning of the judicial year. Judges, lawyers and officials of all faiths attend Red Mass to invoke God's blessings and guidance on the administration of justice. A legal and judicial tradition since the reign of King Edward III in the early 14<sup>th</sup> century, Red Mass marks the opening of the court term. The first Red Mass in the United States was celebrated in 1928. San Antonio revived the tradition 60 years ago. Red Mass tradition is coordinated annually by the St. Mary's University School of Law, Catholic Lawyers Guild of San Antonio, and representatives from San Antonio **legal organizations, judiciary and state legislature.**

**COURSE REGISTRATION BEGINS THIS WEEK**

Students who have **EARNED** at least 60 credit hours at the **end of spring 2012** will begin online registration for fall 2012 intersession courses, spring 2013 intersession and regular session courses for spring 2013

**8:00 a.m., October 22 through midnight October 27, 2012.**

Students who have **EARNED** at least 18 credit hours at the **end of spring 2012** will begin online registration for fall 2012 intersession courses, spring 2013 intersession and regular session courses for spring 2013

**8:00 a.m., October 29 through midnight November 3, 2012.**

**All Students** will have the opportunity to make changes to both fall 2012 intersession and spring 2013 courses online

**8:00 a.m. November 5 through midnight November 10, 2012.**

Sign onto gateway at <http://gateway.stmarytx.edu> for online registration.

Credit hours for the fall 2012 are not earned hours and won't be considered earned until after grades have been posted for the fall 2012 semester.

**Clarification:** Not all law students attend summer school so the calculation of hours is based on hours earned at the end of spring 2012. Calculate the number of hours earned before

the beginning of the fall semester. If summer courses were taken they will count toward the hours earned. The point that was trying to be made....do not use the fall hours as part of the calculation of hours earned. Hours in the fall semester are attempted hours until grades are posted.

You may check for any holds that might have been placed on your registration account by going to Gateway. **If there is a hold, registration is locked out until the hold is resolved.** If it is a business office hold, contact them at [businessoffice@stmarytx.edu](mailto:businessoffice@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436.3731.

Please note: **1L Students** who began fall 2012 will be **automatically registered** for the spring 2013 semester. **However, if a hold is placed on your account, registration will be blocked until the hold is resolved.**

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

### **BAR PREP CLASSES**

Space is still available in the 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. Bar Preparation classes. If you are taking the Texas bar in July 2013 and would like a seat in one of these classes, please come by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs or email [ktullos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ktullos@stmarytx.edu).

### **BOO BASH**

**Boo Bash** is an opportunity for children and families of law students, faculty and staff to join in a **Halloween festival** with games, prizes and trick or treating on **Friday, October 26, 2012** from **4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** in the **Law Plaza**. Children from area shelters are also invited to participate in the fun. Student Bar Association first year senators coordinate the event and law student organizations assist. All volunteers are welcome. **Class sections compete and prizes are awarded** to the section who donates the most candy, healthy snacks or fishing pond items.

### **HISPANIC FEST**

Please join the **Hispanic Law Student Association (HLSA)** in celebrating Hispanic heritage at its **12th annual Hispanic Fest**. Food, drinks, music, and fun await you. Tickets are \$10 if you buy them early, \$15 at the door, and are FREE for paid HLSA members. Ticket proceeds benefit the HLSA Scholarship Fund. Hispanic Fest will be held **October 26, 2012**, from **7:00 - 11:00 p.m.** at Dean Valencia's home. For more information or questions, check out the event page on Facebook, <http://www.facebook.com/events/238617719597036/>.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

We have quite a collection of cups, books, clothes and more that may belong to you. Lost item(s) may be found in the Dean's suite in the Law Administration building, the Law Library Circulation Desk or in Raba, second floor. Please stop in to reclaim your belongings.

## CJP WESLEY CLINIC

All students are invited to volunteer at the CJP Wesley Clinic at **Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc., 1111 N. Main Ave., San Antonio, TX, 78212** on **Tuesday, October 23, 2012** from **5:30 - 8:00 p.m.** This event will provide an opportunity to **shadow attorney's with real cases and clients**, to speak with and **get to know judges**, and to **gain legal experience** in general. The dress code is at least **business casual** (you will be rubbing elbows with judges and attorneys who could someday give you **great job references or offers**, after all) and remember to **show up a half an hour early (you will receive credit for your volunteer hours)**. There will be **pizza, snacks, and other refreshments** (the perks keep piling up). Thanks again for volunteering for a great cause and remember to bring your volunteer form, or ask for one when you arrive. For more information or questions please contact Trey Cammack at [tcammack3@yahoo.com](mailto:tcammack3@yahoo.com).

## UPDATES TO EXAMSOFT TESTING SOFTWARE

Recently there have been significant changes to ExamSoft and its compatibility with Mac computers. ExamSoft is compatible only with the below operating systems and **cannot** be used on virtual operating systems such as Microsoft's Virtual Machine, Parallels, VMware, VMware Fusion or any other virtual environments:

- PC: Windows XP (32bit), Windows Vista, and Windows 7
- Mac: 10.6 (Snow Leopard), 10.7 (Lion), and 10.8 (Mountain Lion).

***PLEASE NOTE: Any version prior to Snow Leopard is no longer supported by this software. Students need to upgrade their computer systems or check with Computer Administration regarding their laptop checkout program.***

If ExamSoft requests any updates after the initial install, students are asked to update their software **as soon as possible before the exam period** November 27 - December 10, 2012. If you require any assistance, please contact Computer Administration at 210.431-6721, [lawtech@stmarytx.edu](mailto:lawtech@stmarytx.edu), or stop in Room 101B in the Raba building 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, or Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## LAW STUDENT TAX PREPARATION/TAX LAW OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER

**Schedule C Preparer/Student Attorney:** St. Mary's Civil Justice Clinic has been designated a Student Tax Clinic Program (STCP) by the IRS and the United States Tax Court. We have a limited number of spots available in the Civil Justice Clinic for students to work in the area of federal taxation. Specifically, students will prepare Schedule C tax returns for small businesses in the community throughout the tax season by appointment. Students will also receive a federal tax controversy case where they will act as the attorney for a client involved in a dispute with the IRS. Eligible students must have completed a law school level course in Federal



Income Tax. Time commitment is approximately twenty hours per week throughout the semester, including training/class time. Students will be permitted to set their own schedules outside of class time. Students will receive 4 credits hours for their participation and a grade.

**St. Mary's VITA Volunteer:** The VITA Program offers free tax help to low-to moderate-income people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. As a certified volunteer, you will prepare tax returns on Saturdays during the tax season at the Center for Legal and Social Justice. Training begins in January. Working with VITA is a great way to help the community while receiving hands on training and experience in this field! Law students earn pro bono hours for their service.

**If you are interested in either program, please email Nicole Monsibais at [nmonsibais@stmarytx.edu](mailto:nmonsibais@stmarytx.edu).**

### **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR SECOND YEAR STUDENTS**

The **San Antonio Bar Auxiliary Foundation** will present a second year student at St. Mary's with the Olive Trueheart Scholarship.

This scholarship is for :

- a second year student
- with at least a B average (must be 3.0 or above) and
- demonstrates financial need

The law school will select the recipient and the check for \$2500 will be presented on March 26, 2013. 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**.

### **ST. MARY'S LAW 2012 NEGOTIATIONS COMPETITION**

The **Board of Advocates** is pleased to announce **St. Mary's Law 2012 Negotiations Competition**. First rounds of the competition will begin on **Monday, November 5** and **Wednesday, November 7** at **6:00 p.m.** The **Final round** is scheduled for **November 9**. Look for the Board of Advocates table in the Law Classroom building to sign up. For more information, please visit our website located on the St. Mary's Law homepage under Advocacy Programs <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=advocacyPrograms> or "Like" St. Mary's Law - Board of Advocates on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/>.

### **SOUTH TEXAS VETERANS HEALTH SYSTEM PATIENT DINNER AND GAME NIGHT**

**South Texas Veterans Health System Patient Dinner and Game Night, Wednesday,**

**October 24, 2012, 4:30 p.m.** The Military Law Association (MLA), with gracious financial assistance from the Student Bar Association (SBA), will be hosting a dinner for patients and their families in the Polytrauma Clinic. Students are invited to volunteer to set up, serve, chat, play games, and interact with the patients and their families. According to the Volunteer Coordinator at the VA, a good time is always had by all. The signup sheet with full details will be posted on the MLA TWEN page. Participation will be limited to the first 15 volunteers. Contact Ms. Julia Neely via the MLA TWEN Email Option for more details.

### **ATTENTION ALL JD/MBA STUDENTS**

Are you looking to fulfill your elective requirement for the MBA program but aren't sure what course to take? How about spending your **Spring Break in India** and getting credit for it. This 3-hour course will take place March 7 – 17, 2013 and will consist of visiting and networking with local business and government officials in Delhi, Hyderabad, and Algra.

For more information please attend one of the weekly information **sessions in October** from **3:30 – 5:00 p.m.** in the **Business School Alkek Building, room 250**. The meetings will be held on Wednesday, October 22nd, and 31<sup>st</sup> or you may email Professor Padmanabhan at [ppadmanabhan1@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ppadmanabhan1@stmarytx.edu). Enrollment is limited.

### **ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL OPEN HOUSE "WE'RE NOT THAT SCARY!!!"**

Come to the *Journal's* Open House on **Halloween** from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. to see what it's like being a Board Member as well as learn the process to become a 2d Year Staff Writer.

We'll have plenty of food, special "punch," and a slew of non-scary *Law Journal* goodies. You may be asking, what exactly is the *St. Mary's Law Journal*. It's the most cited law journal on campus, and is in the top 2% of most cited law reviews in the entire country. Further, we've been cited by the United States Supreme Court, Texas Supreme Court, and over 30 other State supreme courts.

Further, last year, three *Journal* members comprised the top five graduating positions, two-years ago all but two of the top ranked graduates were *Journal* members, and the year before, the top four ranked graduates were all *Journal* members. Finally, each year over the past several years, *Journal* has had a graduate clerk for the Supreme Court of Texas.

See, we're not that scary!

### **FIRST ANNUAL CULTURAL CARNIVAL**

Did you know that there are **students from 38 different countries** studying at St. Mary's University? Many of those countries are represented at the **law school's LL.M. program**. The

office of International Student and Scholar Services would like to invite you to the **first annual Cultural Carnival** on **Thursday, November 8, 2012** from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the **Quad** (outside of Subway). Come out and enjoy free food, entertainment, and an opportunity to win prizes to local international restaurants. Email [iss@stmarytx.edu](mailto:iss@stmarytx.edu) if you have any questions about the event. Hope to see you there!

### **VETERANS' STAND DOWN**

**Veterans' Stand Down, 8: 00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Friday, November 9, 2012.** The Center for Legal and Social Justice will host a booth at the Veteran's Day Stand Down and we will hand out information about the legal services the CLSJ provides. Many of the veterans attending the Stand Down are homeless, and we provide small gift packages with toiletry sized items such as: toothpaste; toothbrushes; combs; soap; shampoo; deodorant; bandages; anti-bacterial hand gel; etc. Monetary donations are most helpful as we usually shop for uniform items and prepare the gift bags at the CLSJ. However, we also welcome donations of the actual toiletry sized items. Volunteer opportunities exist to table for toiletry and monetary donations prior to the stand down, to aid in assembling the gift bags the week of the stand down, and to man the booth during the stand down. Signup sheets for the table and the event will be posted on the MLA TWEN page. Contact Lisa Germano at [lisabeth.germano@gmail.com](mailto:lisabeth.germano@gmail.com) for more details.

### **VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY**

**Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony, 4:30 p.m. to complete, Monday, November 12, 2012.** TSgt Morgan Maul can use all hands available to organize and execute this year's Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony. All Veterans, Retirees, Active Duty, Reservist and other Service Members are encouraged to wear their uniforms, unit t-shirts or other insignia to raise awareness of their presence in the law school community. All MLA members - past and present - are encouraged to wear their MLA shirts, or the unit shirts of their friends and family, to show their support for the Service Members. Contact TSgt Morgan Maul via the MLA TWEN E-mail Option to volunteer or to get further information.

### **TEXAS RIOGRANDE LEGAL AIDE FAMILY LAW CLINIC**

**Texas RioGrande Legal Aid Family Law Clinic, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 13, 2012.** Sign up on the Pro Bono TWEN site to volunteer for the opportunity to work with attorneys on family law issues. The majority of cases are simple divorces, but these may entail issues of notice, service of process, and other civil procedure questions. If you are a Spanish speaker, you may have an opportunity to work as an interpreter. Contact Ms. Julia Neely or Mr. Matt Blyth through the Pro Bono TWEN Email Option for more details.

### **1L FINGERPRINTING**

**L1 Identity Solutions** will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners (BLE) on **Tuesday, November 6 and**

**Wednesday, November 7, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. both days in LF206.** Instructions for the registration process, has been emailed to all first year entering students. **Please check your St. Mary's Student Email** account for more details on the 1L Fingerprinting process. Any questions about the fingerprinting sessions should be directed to 1L Identity Solutions or your Licensure Analyst at the Board of Law Examiners office.

### **OCS MINI GROUP CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS**

Interested in a particular area of law? Not sure how to get started on your career plan for that area? **Sign up** for one of our mini group career counseling sessions. **Space is limited;** only 5 students to a group. The session will discuss job search strategies in the below listed fields of law. Please note these sessions last about 30-minutes to one hour. The sessions are designed to give you ideas of places to intern, CLEs to attend, and bar associations to join to gain experience in these areas, and help launch your careers. This is not a session to have your resume or cover letter reviewed.

**Solo Practice – Geary Reamey, October 24 at 1:00 p.m.**

Immigration Law – Lee Teran, October 31 at 2:00 p.m.

Oil and Gas – Laura Burney, October 31 at 4:00 p.m.

Federal Government – David Schlueter, November 14 at 1:00 p.m.

All sessions will be held in the **Office of Career Services, Room 216** in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. To sign up for a slot email Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu). All slots are first come first serve. We will create a wait list after the slots are filled and add more sessions as needed. Stay tuned for more sessions to be added.

### **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 will still be able to attend the event; we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

#### **Legal Services and Texas Access to Justice Information Session**

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

12:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be provided by the State Bar of Texas, St. Mary's Student Division.

Interested in getting paid to do great legal work this summer? Want to learn more about public interest law? Then don't miss this event. Topics include information about what it is like practicing as a legal aid attorney, internship opportunities through the Texas Access to Justice Commission and the State Bar of Texas, and the Student Loan Repayment Assistance Program. Speakers include: Amanda Rivas, Moderator; Cathryn Ibarra, State Bar of Texas; Jonathan Ryan, RAICES and Camilla Cutbirth, current St. Mary's Student and Access to Justice Internship

Program participant. Please RSVP in the Events Section of Symplicity, under the Events tab and then click on Workshops. First year students can attend to learn more about the Texas Access to Justice Commission Summer Internships. First years can RSVP to Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu)

### **Luncheon with the President-elect of the State Bar of Texas**

(Sponsored by the Offices of Career Services and Academic and Student Affairs and the Black Law Students Association)

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served!

Open to all students! 1Ls can RSVP by emailing Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu).

Lisa M. Tatum, President-elect of the State Bar of Texas will be coming to speak to students on a variety of topics including her background and experiences in law school both academically and professionally. She will also talk about her practice as a lawyer and advice for students as they embark on their career after law school. She will provide information on networking and how to achieve success during and after law school. Don't miss this exciting event!

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

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

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 local in-house attorneys.

### **Practice Area Fair**

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Door prizes will be awarded each hour. 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. Students are not expected to stay the entire time. Stop in for free giveaways and handouts and meet alumni.

### **Recharge with Symplicity**

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Law Administration Atrium

Lunch will be served.

Not a pro with Symplicity? Need a refresher? We will go over how to use Job Postings, Events, Uploading Documents, Applying for On Campus Interviews and many more features. Come for some lunch and bring your questions!

## **FALL 2012 PRO BONO / COMMUNITY SERVICE CLINICS AND EVENTS\***

The **Pro Bono/Community Service Program** provides current law students with opportunities to work with licensed attorneys and other professionals committed to serving members of the community with free legal information and services. In addition to helping fill a great need, students gain first-hand, practical experience while establishing professional ties with the legal community. Students who volunteer and report at least **50-hours** of qualified legal-related work, and/or community service are eligible for the **Pro Bono Service Certificate** at their graduation ceremony. Volunteer opportunities consist of public clinics, outreach programs, and special events in various legal areas. Our opportunities give you a chance to use other talents to help those in need.

### **October**

#### **Tuesday, October 23<sup>th</sup>**

- Wesley Clinic *from 5:30-8:00 p.m.*

*Note: Wesley Clinics will temporarily be held at TRLA*

#### **Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

- Ask-A-Lawyer Clinic *from 5:30-8:00 p.m.*

### **November**

#### **Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

- TRLA Clinic *from 5:30-8:00 p.m.*

#### **Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Veteran's Clinic *from 2:00-4:00 p.m.*

Learn more about each opportunity by adding the **Pro Bono/Community Service** page on **TWEN**, clicking on the tabs on the left, and using the sign up sheets to volunteer. Be sure to track, record, and submit your hours on TWEN via the Hours DropBox, by e-mail to [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com), or in person to the Pro Bono Services Division Research Assistant, Law Library Carrel #101. The Service Hours Tracking Form can be found on the Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN page, our board in the Law Classroom Building, or the Law Library carrel #101. *\*Additional Pro Bono & Community Service Events are likely to come up throughout the semester so add us on TWEN to stay updated!* Questions may be directed to the Pro Bono and Public Interest Research Assistant, Elizabeth O. Gutierrez, at [StMarysProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysProBono@gmail.com).

## **JOIN THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

The **American Bar Association** can help you meet the challenges of law school and also prepare you 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.

### **ACADEMIC SCHOLAR SESSIONS**

Attention 1Ls! Academic Scholar sessions have begun. Don't miss out on the opportunity to attend your assigned Academic Scholar sessions where an upper level law student will help you perfect the skills you need to succeed in law school. Each weekly session will cover a set topic and offer an opportunity to get trustworthy tips and advice. You can find your assigned Academic Scholar and their meeting time and location by checking the list posted on the bulletin board in the Law Classroom building. Also, be sure to sign up for your Academic Scholar's TWEN course.

### **BIBLE STUDY CLASSES**

Bible study classes with Professor Addicott are ongoing this semester. The Bible classes are non-denominational and expository in nature. Instruction is based on the original languages of Scripture, on a line-by-line basis in the context of historical reality and categorical doctrines. Professor Addicott was trained for 30 years under the direct ministry of R. B. Thieme, Jr. (1918-2009). Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law for details.

### **MINISTRY SERVICES**

For students interested in Confirmation, classes will meet in the **University Ministry Lounge** every Monday. For more information please contact **Irene Quesnot** at [iquesnot@stmarytx.edu](mailto:iquesnot@stmarytx.edu). Mass times for those interested in attending service at either of our two beautiful chapels on campus are as follow:

Weekday Eucharistic Celebrations – 12:15 p.m., in Chapel of Assumption  
Sunday – 11:00 a.m., in Chapel of Assumption  
Sunday – 9:00 p.m., in Guadalupe Chapel

## STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The **National Association of Law Students with Disabilities** (NALSWD) is an affiliate organization under the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities and is seeking to reach and serve all law students who have a disability. Interested students are invited to visit their website at [www.nalswd.org](http://www.nalswd.org) to explore opportunities to get involved with NALSWD, join the e-mail listserv, find information about scholarships and other resources, and learn about upcoming events and career opportunities. Students are invited to take a look at their Publications page which contains their newly launched *Best Practices Guide for Law Schools* and other helpful material. Students may also register online at <http://www.nalswd.org/membership.php>.

## NOISE LEVEL

If you are in the Law Classroom Building or in Raba while classes are in session, please be considerate of the students who are in class and **keep the noise level in the hall to a minimum**. Your fellow students thank you!

## EVENT SET-UPS FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** for student organizations 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 and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzalez at [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu).

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2012 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 2012, and papers scheduled for publication in 2012 or 2013 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 16, 2012**.

The Richard Linn American Inn of Court is proud to offer the **Mark T. Banner Scholarship** for law students. This scholarship is part of The Richard Linn American Inn of Court's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers of high ethics, civility and professionalism, and especially those from diverse backgrounds. Recipients of the Mark T. Banner Scholarship will receive an amount anticipated to be at least \$5,000 payable during the Fall semester of their second- or third-year of law school. Please visit [www.linninn.org](http://www.linninn.org) for more information. Deadline to apply is **November 16, 2012**.

**Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP** is pleased to announce the 2012-2013 Diversity Scholars Award of \$3,000 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/firm-news-210.html>. Completed applications must be received by **November 28, 2012**.

**The Center for Alcohol Policy** is accepting submissions for their Fifth Annual Essay Contest. Write a response to "If a country were starting alcohol regulation from scratch, what regulatory framework would you advise it to create and why?" Prizes are \$5,000, 2,500 and 1,000. For more information visit [www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org](http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org). All entries must be received by **December 14, 2012**.

**The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM)** presents its 2013 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 [www.aclm.org](http://www.aclm.org) or email [info@aclm.org](mailto:info@aclm.org). Deadline is **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. Recipients will receive \$5,000 payable for the Fall semester of their second or third-year of law school. Please visit [www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity) for details of this scholarship. Applications are now being accepted through **January 7, 2013**.

The **Federal Bar Association** Section of Taxation hosts its annual Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition. Full and part-time J.D., and LL.M. students are eligible to apply. Winning authors receive \$2000 (first place) or \$1000 (second place) and a trip to the FBA's Annual Tax Law Conference in Washington, D.C. For more information please visit [www.fedbar.org](http://www.fedbar.org). Paper must be postmarked by **January 7, 2013**.

**College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers** announces its 2012 Writing Competition. The scope of permissible topics is broad, i.e., any aspect of workers' compensation law. Students are encouraged to present on a public policy issue, a critique of a leading case or

doctrine; or a comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For complete rules please visit [http://cwclawyers.org/2012\\_Writing\\_Competition\\_Rules.pdf](http://cwclawyers.org/2012_Writing_Competition_Rules.pdf). Deadline to apply is **January 15, 2013**.

**The American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2012-2013. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law or indigenous peoples. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information please go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2013**.

**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 third annual International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. Deadline for submissions is **Thursday, January 31, 2013** by 12:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. For detailed competition rules, please visit [http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/student\\_ihl\\_writing\\_competition.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/student_ihl_writing_competition.cfm)

The **Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara** is offering Medical and Graduate (including law) Student Scholarships. Applicants must have graduated from a high school in Santa Barbara County, California. For more information please visit [www.sbscholarship.org](http://www.sbscholarship.org). Deadline to apply is January 31, 2013.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its sixth 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 more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition>. Deadline for submissions is **February 11, 2013**.

The **Center for Human Rights at Trinity Law School** announces its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual writing competition. The Center provides exceptional research and educational opportunities for the promotion and understanding of international human rights. The topic for this year's writing competition is "The Evolving Tension between the Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Religion, and Hate Speech and Blasphemy Laws." First place will award \$3,000, second place \$1,000 and third place \$500. Submissions are due on or before **March 25, 2013**. For further information please visit: <http://www.tls.edu/writing-competition>.

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## **MOOT COURT TEAMS SHINE AT MACK KIDD ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

The St. Mary's Moot Court team of **Stephen Bachran** (2L) and **Marisa Resendez** (2L) reached the Finals of the **2012 Mack Kidd Administrative and Public Law Moot Court Competition**, held in Austin this past weekend. They placed second after a hard fought round against Baylor before a distinguished panel from the Third Court of Appeals. Stephen was also recognized as the winner of the competition's Best Brief Award, as well as the Runner-Up Best Oralist.

**Brad Wheeler** (2L) and **Naomi Howard** (2L) reached the semi-finals at the competition, making St. Mary's the only school to have both of its teams still competing in the Final Four. This was the first external competition for all four of these students. We are extremely proud of each of them. Please join us in congratulating Stephen, Marisa, Brad and Naomi and their coach, Ricky Poole, for their success and in thanking them for their hard work and dedication to St. Mary's.

## **MOCK TRIAL TEAM REACHES QUARTER FINALS AT NATC**

This past weekend, a mock trial team of **Carlos Ocampo** (3L), **Jason Rogers** (3L), **Dante Dominguez** (2L), and **Marshall Ramirez** (2L) competed at the **National Trial Advocacy Competition** (NATC), hosted by Michigan State School of Law. Of the 26 schools competing, our team **ranked in the top eight teams** following the preliminary rounds and advanced to the quarter finals where they were defeated by a team from John Marshall School of Law. The team was coached by Daryl Harris. Please join us in congratulating and thanking Carlos, Jason, Dante, and Marshall, and their coach, for their hard work and strong showing at this national competition.

## **THANK YOU SBA**

**Thank you** to the **Student Bar Association (SBA)** first year senators for their contributions to the Law Schools annual **Halloween Boo Bash**. **Section C** brought in the most candy and supply donations with **Section A** as a close second. Thank you also to all volunteers who came out and helped make Boo Bash a success.

## **THANK YOU THEMIS**

Many thanks to **Themis Bar Review** for providing a free 1/3 Multistate Bar Examination to the students in the Bar Preparation Class. This test was a great opportunity for our students to practice their MBE skills.

## SUSAN D. REED, DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO SPEAK TODAY

The **Women's Law Association** is pleased to present the Honorable District Attorney Susan D. Reed on **Monday, October 29, 2012, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**. D.A. Reed will be discussing her journey in becoming District Attorney, the challenges she faced during that journey, as well as how she balances her exciting career with other important parts of her life. Food will be served. Join us for an engaging and exciting afternoon.

## COURSE REGISTRATION CONTINUES THIS WEEK

Students who have **EARNED** at least 18 credit hours at the **end of spring 2012** will begin online registration for fall 2012 intersession courses, spring 2013 intersession and regular session courses for spring 2013

**8:00 a.m., October 29 through midnight November 3, 2012.**

**All Students** will have the opportunity to make changes to both fall 2012 intersession and spring 2013 courses online

**8:00 a.m., November 5 through midnight November 10, 2012.**

Sign onto gateway at <http://gateway.stmarytx.edu> for online registration.

Credit hours for the fall 2012 are not earned hours and won't be considered earned until after grades have been posted for the fall 2012 semester.

**Clarification:** Not all law students attend summer school so the calculation of hours is based on hours earned at the end of spring 2012. Calculate the number of hours earned before the beginning of the fall semester. If summer courses were taken they will count toward the hours earned. The point that was trying to be made....do not use the fall hours as part of the calculation of hours earned. Hours in the fall semester are attempted hours until grades are posted.

You may check for any holds that might have been placed on your registration account by going to Gateway. **If there is a hold, registration is locked out until the hold is resolved.** If it is a business office hold, contact them at [businessoffice@stmarytx.edu](mailto:businessoffice@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436.3731.

Please note: **1L Students** who began fall 2012 will be **automatically registered** for the spring 2013 semester. **However, if a hold is placed on your account, registration will be blocked until the hold is resolved.**

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

## INTERESTED IN JESSUP?

St. Mary's will be **selecting a team to represent the Law School** in the prestigious Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. Details regarding the competition are available at <http://www.ilsa.org/jessup>.

Candidates should be self-motivated and possess an interest in international law. If you are interested in adding your name to a distinguished list of advocates, please submit a resume and writing sample to Professor Robert L. Summers, [rsummers@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rsummers@stmarytx.edu), and Adjunct Professor Marion Reilly, [marionmreilly@gmail.com](mailto:marionmreilly@gmail.com), by Wednesday, October 31st. Tryouts will be held November 5-7, 2012 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. and you will select a time after submitting your resume and writing sample. Sample oral arguments, briefings, and the problem will be distributed to all interested participants.

Please direct any questions regarding the competition and tryouts to Marion Reilly, [marionmreilly@gmail.com](mailto:marionmreilly@gmail.com), (925) 980-9998.

Now in its 54th 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 the factual and legal consequences of climate change on statehood, migration, and sovereign lending. 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.

## THE FISHER FORUM

All students, faculty and the public are enthusiastically invited to attend **The Fisher Forum**, to be held on **Thursday, November 1, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**. The event will be a lively discussion of the issue raised in *Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin*, to wit, the consideration of race in the university admissions process. Speakers will include George Rodriguez, founder of the South Texas Political Alliance and opponent of affirmative action, and Leo Barnes, U.T. Austin's Associate Vice President of Legal Affairs who worked first-hand on the *Fisher* case. Light refreshments will be served. This event is sponsored by the **American Constitution Society**, the **Black Law Students Association**, the **Women's Law Association**, the **Hispanic Law Students Association**, and *The Scholar: Law Review on Race and Social Justice*.

## BAR PREP CLASSES

Space is still available in the 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. Bar Preparation classes. If you are taking the Texas bar in July 2013 and would like a seat in one of these classes, please come by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs or email [ktullos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ktullos@stmarytx.edu).

## ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL OPEN HOUSE "WE'RE NOT THAT SCARY!!!"

Come to the *Journal's* Open House on **Halloween** from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. to see what it's like being a Board Member as well as learn the process to become a 2d Year Staff Writer.

We'll have plenty of food, special "punch," and a slew of non-scary *Law Journal* goodies. You may be asking, what exactly is the *St. Mary's Law Journal*. It's the most cited law journal on campus, and is in the top 2% of most cited law reviews in the entire country. Further, we've been cited by the United States Supreme Court, Texas Supreme Court, and over 30 other State supreme courts.

Further, last year, three *Journal* members comprised the top five graduating positions, two-years ago all but two of the top ranked graduates were *Journal* members, and the year before, the top four ranked graduates were all *Journal* members. Finally, each year over the past several years, *Journal* has had a graduate clerk for the Supreme Court of Texas.

See, we're not that scary!

## 1L EXAM PREPARATION WORKSHOP

Organized by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs – Professor Reamey, Professor Johnson, and Professor Burney will provide their **tips and advice relating to law school exam preparation and performance**. The workshop will be held on **Monday, November 5, 2012**, LC 102 and 103 from **11:00 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.** All 1Ls are encouraged to attend.

## DECEMBER 2012 COMPLETION OF LEGAL STUDIES HOODING CEREMONY

The **December 2012 Completion of Legal Studies Hooding Ceremony** will be held on **Saturday, December 8, 2012** in the **Ribis Courtroom** (rooms 101-102-103) at **1:30 p.m.** The ceremony will include guest speakers, welcome from the Law Alumni Association, "Hooding Ceremony" and "Roll Call" of names with personal congratulations, blessing and a group photograph. A reception will follow at a local restaurant (TBD). Students participating in the ceremony are asked to arrive no later than 12:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.



## ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

Join us on this special time of remembrance to observe **All Saints Day** on **Thursday, November 1, 2012, 12:00 p.m.**, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library **Alumni Room**. The Mass will end in time for 12:30 classes. Lunch will be provided following the service. All St. Mary's faculty, staff and students are invited.

## OIL, GAS AND ENERGY RESOURCES LAW SOCIETY

The Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Society is pleased to announce their upcoming events. First, **Mr. Ryan Murphy** from the Law Offices of Ryan Murphy has agreed to speak to us at **12:00 p.m.** on **November 7, 2012** in **LC 103**. Mr. Murphy will give a talk about his experiences since he left St. Mary's as well as what it's like to have a solo oil and gas practice in San Antonio. Mr. Murphy is also heavily involved in the local landman association, and would be a great contact for anyone wishing to practice oil and gas locally.

Our second event, **Mr. Allen Cummings** has agreed to speak to us at **11:30 a.m.** on **November 12** in the **Alumni Room**. Mr. Cummings is a titan of the industry having worked for large oil and gas companies, large law firms and now he has his own firm. Mr. Cummings has been published many times over and speaks at CLE events all over the state. Mr. Cummings will be offering his unique perspective of having worked on all sides of the industry. Food and drinks will be provided at both events.

## 1L FINGERPRINTING

**L1 Identity Solutions** will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners (BLE) on **Tuesday, November 6 and Wednesday, November 7, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. both days** in **LF206**. Instructions for the registration process, has been emailed to all first year entering students. **Please check your St. Mary's Student Email** account for more details on the 1L Fingerprinting process. Any questions about the fingerprinting sessions should be directed to 1L Identity Solutions or your Licensure Analyst at the Board of Law Examiners office.

## LOST AND FOUND

We have quite a collection of cups, books, clothes and more that may belong to you. Lost item(s) may be found in the Dean's suite in the Law Administration building, the Law Library Circulation Desk or in Raba, second floor. Please stop in to reclaim your belongings.

## UPDATES TO EXAMSOFT TESTING SOFTWARE

Recently there have been significant changes to ExamSoft and its compatibility with Mac computers. ExamSoft is compatible only with the below operating systems and **cannot** be used on virtual operating systems such as Microsoft's Virtual Machine, Parallels, VMware, VMware

Fusion or any other virtual environments:

- PC: Windows XP (32bit), Windows Vista, and Windows 7
- Mac: 10.6 (Snow Leopard), 10.7 (Lion), and 10.8 (Mountain Lion).

***PLEASE NOTE: Any version prior to Snow Leopard is no longer supported by this software. Students need to upgrade their computer systems or check with Computer Administration regarding their laptop checkout program.***

If ExamSoft requests any updates after the initial install, students are asked to update their software **as soon as possible before the exam period** November 27 - December 10, 2012. If you require any assistance, please contact Computer Administration at 210.431-6721, [lawtech@stmarytx.edu](mailto:lawtech@stmarytx.edu), or stop in Room 101B in the Raba building 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, or Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### **LAW STUDENT TAX PREPARATION/TAX LAW OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER**

**Schedule C Preparer/Student Attorney:** St. Mary's Civil Justice Clinic has been designated a Student Tax Clinic Program (STCP) by the IRS and the United States Tax Court. We have a limited number of spots available in the Civil Justice Clinic for students to work in the area of federal taxation. Specifically, students will prepare Schedule C tax returns for small businesses in the community throughout the tax season by appointment. Students will also receive a federal tax controversy case where they will act as the attorney for a client involved in a dispute with the IRS. Eligible students must have completed a law school level course in Federal Income Tax. Time commitment is approximately twenty hours per week throughout the semester, including training/class time. Students will be permitted to set their own schedules outside of class time. Students will receive 4 credits hours for their participation and a grade.

**St. Mary's VITA Volunteer:** The VITA Program offers free tax help to low-to moderate-income people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. As a certified volunteer, you will prepare tax returns on Saturdays during the tax season at the Center for Legal and Social Justice. Training begins in January. Working with VITA is a great way to help the community while receiving hands on training and experience in this field! Law students earn pro bono hours for their service.

**If you are interested in either program, please email Nicole Monsibais at [nmonsibais@stmarytx.edu](mailto:nmonsibais@stmarytx.edu) or telephone 210.438.6198.**

### **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR SECOND YEAR STUDENTS**

The **San Antonio Bar Auxiliary Foundation** will present a second year student at St. Mary's with the Olive Trueheart Scholarship.

This scholarship is for :

- a second year student
- with at least a B average (must be 3.0 or above) and
- demonstrates financial need

The law school will select the recipient and the check for \$2500 will be presented on March 26, 2013. 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**.

### **2012 WAYNE & MAXINE SCOTT NEGOTIATIONS COMPETITION**

The **St. Mary's Board of Advocates** is pleased to host the **2012 Wayne & Maxine Scott Negotiations Competition**. First rounds of the competition will begin on **Monday, November 5** and **Wednesday, November 7** at **5:45 p.m.** The **Final round** is scheduled for **November 9**. Look for the Board of Advocates table in the Law Classroom building to sign up. For more information, please visit our website located on the St. Mary's Law homepage under Advocacy Programs <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=advocacyPrograms> or "Like" St. Mary's Law - Board of Advocates on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/>.

### **ATTENTION ALL JD/MBA STUDENTS**

Are you looking to fulfill your elective requirement for the MBA program but aren't sure what course to take? How about spending your **Spring Break in India** and getting credit for it. This 3-hour course will take place March 7 – 17, 2013 and will consist of visiting and networking with local business and government officials in Delhi, Hyderabad, and Algra.

For more information please attend meeting on Wednesday, **October 31, 2012** from **3:30 – 5:00 p.m.** in the **Business School Alkek Building, room 250** or you may email Professor Padmanabhan at [ppadmanabhan1@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ppadmanabhan1@stmarytx.edu). Enrollment is limited.

### **FIRST ANNUAL CULTURAL CARNIVAL**

Did you know that there are **students from 38 different countries** studying at St. Mary's University? Many of those countries are represented at the **law school's LL.M. program**. The office of International Student and Scholar Services would like to invite you to the **first annual Cultural Carnival** on **Thursday, November 8, 2012** from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the **Quad** (outside of Subway). Come out and enjoy free food, entertainment, and an opportunity to win prizes to local international restaurants. Email [iss@stmarytx.edu](mailto:iss@stmarytx.edu) if you have any questions about the event. Hope to see you there!

## **VETERANS' STAND DOWN**

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## **OCS MINI GROUP CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS**

Interested in a particular area of law? Not sure how to get started on your career plan for that area? **Sign up** for one of our mini group career counseling sessions. **Space is limited;** only 5 students to a group. The session will discuss job search strategies in the below listed fields of law. Please note these sessions last about 30-minutes to one hour. The sessions are designed to give you ideas of places to intern, CLEs to attend, and bar associations to join to gain experience in these areas, and help launch your careers. This is not a session to have your resume or cover letter reviewed.

**Immigration Law – Lee Teran, October 31 at 2:00 p.m.**

Oil and Gas – Laura Burney, October 31 at 4:00 p.m.

Federal Government – David Schlueter, November 14 at 1:00 p.m.

All sessions will be held in the **Office of Career Services, Room 216** in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. To sign up for a slot email Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu). All slots are first come first serve. We will create a wait list after the slots are filled and add more sessions as needed. Stay tuned for more sessions to be added.

## **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 will still be able to attend the event; we just ask that you do not eat until after the program concludes.

### **Luncheon with the President-elect of the State Bar of Texas**

(Sponsored by the Offices of Career Services and Academic and Student Affairs and the Black Law Students Association)

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Lunch will be served!

Open to all students! 1Ls can RSVP by emailing Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu). Lisa M. Tatum, President-elect of the State Bar of Texas will be coming to speak to students on a variety of topics including her background and experiences in law school both academically and professionally. She will also talk about her practice as a lawyer and advice for students as they embark on their career after law school. She will provide information on networking and how to achieve success during and after law school. Don't miss this exciting event!

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

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

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 local in-house attorneys.

### **Practice Area Fair**

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Law Alumni Room

Door prizes will be awarded each hour. 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. Students are not expected to stay the entire time. Stop in for free giveaways and handouts and meet alumni.

### **Recharge with Symplicity**

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Law Administration Atrium

Lunch will be served.

Not a pro with Symplicity? Need a refresher? We will go over how to use Job Postings, Events, Uploading Documents, Applying for On Campus Interviews and many more features. Come for some lunch and bring your questions!

## **FALL 2012 PRO BONO / COMMUNITY SERVICE CLINICS AND EVENTS**

The **Pro Bono/Community Service Program** provides current law students with opportunities to work with licensed attorneys and other professionals committed to serving members of the community with free legal information and services. In addition to helping fill a great need, students gain first-hand, practical experience while establishing professional ties with the legal community.

The next two events will be held as noted below:

- Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, TRLA Clinic from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Clinic from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Students who volunteer and report at least **50-hours** of qualified legal-related work, and/or community service are eligible for the **Pro Bono Service Certificate** at their graduation ceremony. Volunteer opportunities consist of public clinics, outreach programs, and special events in various legal areas. Learn more about each opportunity by adding the **Pro Bono/Community Service** page on **TWEN**, clicking on the tabs on the left, and using the sign up sheets to volunteer. Be sure to track, record, and submit your hours on TWEN via the Hours DropBox, by e-mail to [StMarvsProBono@gmail.com](mailto:StMarvsProBono@gmail.com), or in person to the Pro Bono Services Division Research Assistant, Law Library Carrel #101. The Service Hours Tracking Form can be found on the Pro Bono/Community Service TWEN page, our board in the Law Classroom Building, or the Law Library carrel #101.

**TEXAS ACCESS TO JUSTICE (TAJ)  
ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK**  
Corpus Christi, Texas  
March 10-15, 2013

This Spring Break, travel to Corpus Christi to provide legal assistance to people who

can't afford a lawyer. **All expenses are paid** & you'll have opportunities to **network with law students & lawyers**. As the St. Mary's contact person for TAJ, email **Amanda Rivas** at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) for an application or more information about the St. Mary's trip. To view and print the general application and find more information, go to: [www.texasatj.org/ProBonoSpringBreak](http://www.texasatj.org/ProBonoSpringBreak). Please send applications to **Amanda Rivas** at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu). **Applications are due December 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

## JOIN THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

The **American Bar Association** can help you meet the challenges of law school and also prepare you 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.

## BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Bible study classes with Professor Addicott are ongoing this semester. The Bible classes are non-denominational and expository in nature. Instruction is based on the original languages of Scripture, on a line-by-line basis in the context of historical reality and categorical doctrines. Professor Addicott was trained for 30 years under the direct ministry of R. B. Thieme, Jr. (1918-2009). Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law for details.

## MINISTRY SERVICES

For students interested in Confirmation, classes will meet in the **University Ministry Lounge** every Monday. For more information please contact **Irene Quesnot** at [iquesnot@stmarytx.edu](mailto:iquesnot@stmarytx.edu). Mass times for those interested in attending service at either of our two beautiful chapels on campus are as follow:

Weekday Eucharistic Celebrations – 12:15 p.m., in Chapel of Assumption  
Sunday – 11:00 a.m., in Chapel of Assumption  
Sunday – 9:00 p.m., in Guadalupe Chapel

## STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The **National Association of Law Students with Disabilities** (NALSWD) is an affiliate organization under the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities and is seeking to reach and serve all law students who have a disability. Interested students are invited to visit their website at [www.nalswd.org](http://www.nalswd.org) to explore opportunities to get involved with NALSWD, join the e-mail listserv, find information about scholarships and other resources, and learn about upcoming events and career opportunities. Students are invited to take a look at their Publications page which contains their newly launched *Best Practices Guide for Law Schools* and other helpful material. Students may also register online at <http://www.nalswd.org/membership.php>.

## NOISE LEVEL

If you are in the Law Classroom Building or in Raba while classes are in session, please be considerate of the students who are in class and **keep the noise level in the hall to a minimum**. Your fellow students thank you!

## EVENT SET-UPS FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** for student organizations 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 and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzalez at [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu).

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2012 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 2012, and papers scheduled for publication in 2012 or 2013 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 16, 2012**.

The Richard Linn American Inn of Court is proud to offer the **Mark T. Banner Scholarship** for law students. This scholarship is part of The Richard Linn American Inn of Court's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers of high ethics, civility and professionalism, and especially those from diverse backgrounds. Recipients of the Mark T. Banner Scholarship will receive an amount anticipated to be at least \$5,000 payable during the Fall semester of their second- or third-year of law school. Please visit [www.linninn.org](http://www.linninn.org) for more information. Deadline to apply is **November 16, 2012**.

**Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP** is pleased to announce the 2012-2013 Diversity Scholars Award of \$3,000 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/firm-news-210.html>. Completed applications must be received by **November 28, 2012**.

**The Center for Alcohol Policy** is accepting submissions for their Fifth Annual Essay Contest. Write a response to "If a country were starting alcohol regulation from scratch, what regulatory framework would you advise it to create and why?" Prizes are \$5,000, 2,500 and 1,000. For more information visit [www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org](http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org). All entries must be received by **December 14, 2012**.

**The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM)** presents its 2013 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 [www.aclm.org](http://www.aclm.org) or email [info@aclm.org](mailto:info@aclm.org). Deadline is **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. Recipients will receive \$5,000 payable for the Fall semester of their second or third-year of law school. Please visit [www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity) for details of this scholarship. Applications are now being accepted through **January 7, 2013**.

The **Federal Bar Association** Section of Taxation hosts its annual Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition. Full and part-time J.D., and LL.M. students are eligible to apply. Winning authors receive \$2000 (first place) or \$1000 (second place) and a trip to the FBA's Annual Tax Law Conference in Washington, D.C. For more information please visit [www.fedbar.org](http://www.fedbar.org). Paper must be postmarked by **January 7, 2013**.

**College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers** announces its 2012 Writing Competition. The scope of permissible topics is broad, i.e., any aspect of workers' compensation law. Students are encouraged to present on a public policy issue, a critique of a leading case or

doctrine; or a comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For complete rules please visit [http://cwclawyers.org/2012\\_Writing\\_Competition\\_Rules.pdf](http://cwclawyers.org/2012_Writing_Competition_Rules.pdf). Deadline to apply is **January 15, 2013**.

**The American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2012-2013. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law or indigenous peoples. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information please go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2013**.

**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 third annual International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. Deadline for submissions is **Thursday, January 31, 2013** by 12:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. For detailed competition rules, please visit [http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/student\\_ihl\\_writing\\_competition.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/student_ihl_writing_competition.cfm)

The **Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara** is offering Medical and Graduate (including law) Student Scholarships. Applicants must have graduated from a high school in Santa Barbara County, California. For more information please visit [www.sbscholarship.org](http://www.sbscholarship.org). Deadline to apply is January 31, 2013.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its sixth 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 more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition>. Deadline for submissions is **February 11, 2013**.

The **Center for Human Rights at Trinity Law School** announces its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual writing competition. The topic for this year's writing competition is "The Evolving Tension between the Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Religion, and Hate Speech and Blasphemy Laws." First place will award \$3,000, second place \$1,000 and third place \$500. Submissions are due on or before **March 25, 2013**. For further information please visit: <http://www.tls.edu/writing-competition>.

**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 5:00 p.m. EDST, **May 15, 2013**. Competition rules may be found on the below listed website. <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/products/Writing%20Competition.aspx>.

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This past weekend, three teams from St. Mary's competed at the **2012-2013 ABA Regional Negotiation Competition** held at Tulane University School of Law in New Orleans, Louisiana. The team of **Jenny Zarka** and **Naomi Howard** placed 12th out of 24, the team of **John Craig** and **David Kilgore** placed 7th out of 24, and the team of **Andrew Jones** and **Hallye Casey** were finalists in the competition. They were coached by **Dr. Allen Craddock**. Please join us in congratulating and thanking these students and Dr. Craddock for their strong showings at Tulane in New Orleans and for representing St. Mary's in an outstanding fashion!

## **1L EXAM PREPARATION WORKSHOP**

Organized by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs – Professor Reamey, Professor Johnson, and Professor Burney will provide their **tips and advice relating to law school exam preparation and performance**. The workshop will be held on **Monday, November 5, 2012**, LC 102 and 103 from **11:00 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.** All 1Ls are encouraged to attend.

## **ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ELECTION WATCH PARTY**

Join us **Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**, at the **Quarry Hofbrau, 7310 Jones Maltsberger, San Antonio, Texas 78209** at **6:00 p.m.** as we gather to watch the polls come in and see who will be making, changing, and ruling on the laws over the next few years. Drinks and appetizers will be provided. This bi-partisan event is **open to all law students, faculty and staff** and is hosted by: Democratic Law Students Association, Hispanic Law Students Association, Women's Law Students Association, Black Law Students Association, Phi Alpha Delta, Longhorn Bar, and Student Animal League Defense Fund (SALDF) Association.

## **1L FINGERPRINTING**

**L1 Identity Solutions** will conduct the **fingerprinting for all first-year law students** for the Declaration of Intent for the Board of Law Examiners (BLE) on **Tuesday, November 6 and Wednesday, November 7, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. both days in LF206**. Instructions for the registration process, has been emailed to all first year entering students. **Please check your St. Mary's Student Email** account for more details on the 1L Fingerprinting process. Any questions about the fingerprinting sessions should be directed to 1L Identity Solutions or your Licensure Analyst at the Board of Law Examiners office.

## **NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATION WELCOME MEETING J. REUBEN CLARK LAW SOCIETY**

The J. Reuben Clark Law Society (JRCLS) will hold a **welcome meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** in **Law Library room 217** for any law students

interested in finding out more about this new organization on campus. **Lunch will be provided.**

JRCLS is a large international organization with many attorneys and law students all over the world. To find out more about the organization as a whole, please visit: [www.jrcls.org](http://www.jrcls.org).

Mission Statement of JRCLS: *We affirm the strength brought to the law by a lawyer's personal religious conviction. We strive through public service and professional excellence to promote fairness and virtue founded upon the rule of law.*

Please join us over lunch to find out more!

## **COURSE REGISTRATION CONTINUES THIS WEEK**

**All students** have the opportunity to make changes to both fall 2012 intersession and spring 2013 courses online beginning at **8:00 a.m., Monday, November 5 through midnight November 10, 2012.** Sign onto gateway at <http://gateway.stmarytx.edu> for online registration.

Credit hours for the fall 2012 are not earned hours and won't be considered earned until after grades have been posted for the fall 2012 semester.

**Clarification:** Not all law students attend summer school so the calculation of hours is based on hours earned at the end of spring 2012. Calculate the number of hours earned before the beginning of the fall semester. If summer courses were taken they will count toward the hours earned. The point that was trying to be made....do not use the fall hours as part of the calculation of hours earned. Hours in the fall semester are attempted hours until grades are posted.

You may check for any holds that might have been placed on your registration account by going to Gateway. **If there is a hold, registration is locked out until the hold is resolved.** If it is a business office hold, contact them at [businessoffice@stmarytx.edu](mailto:businessoffice@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436.3731.

Please note: **1L Students** who began fall 2012 will be **automatically registered** for the spring 2013 semester. **However, if a hold is placed on your account, registration will be blocked until the hold is resolved.**

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

## **FIRST ANNUAL CULTURAL CARNIVAL**

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event. Hope to see you there!

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

The Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Society are pleased to announce their upcoming events. First, **Mr. Ryan Murphy** from the Law Offices of Ryan Murphy will speak at **12:00 p.m.** on **November 7, 2012** in **LC 103**. Mr. Murphy will give a talk about his experiences since he left St. Mary's as well as what it is like to have a solo oil and gas practice in San Antonio. Mr. Murphy is also heavily involved in the local landman association, and would be a great contact for anyone wishing to practice oil and gas locally.

The second event will be **Mr. Allen Cummings**, who will speak at **11:30 a.m.** on **November 12, 2012** in the **Alumni Room**. Mr. Cummings is a titan of the industry having worked for large oil and gas companies, large law firms and now he has his own firm. Mr. Cummings has been published many times over and speaks at CLE events all over the state. Mr. Cummings will be offering his unique perspective of having worked on all sides of the industry. Food and drinks will be provided at both events.

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**ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY**  
**How to Balance Faith in the Legal Profession**

St. Thomas More Society will be hosting an exciting and engaging discussion panel **Monday, November 12, 2012 , 5:00 -6:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**, titled – **“How to Balance Faith in the Legal Profession.”** Some of our distinguished panelists include, Dean Ana Novoa, Honorable Judge Scott Roberts and Ms. Lisette C. Lange, President of Catholic Lawyers’ Guild. The event will be facilitated by recent alum, Mrs. Allison Stewart Ellis. Please join us for some stimulating dialogue and the opportunity to meet many distinguished legal advocates from the San Antonio community. All students, faculty and staff are welcome. Dinner will be served.

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## LOST AND FOUND

We have quite a collection of cups, books, clothes and more that may belong to you. Lost item(s) may be found in the Dean's suite in the Law Administration building, the Law Library Circulation Desk or in Raba, second floor. Please stop in to reclaim your belongings.

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- Mac: 10.6 (Snow Leopard), 10.7 (Lion), and 10.8 (Mountain Lion).

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If ExamSoft requests any updates after the initial install, students are asked to update their software **as soon as possible before the exam period** November 27 - December 10, 2012. If you require any assistance, please contact Computer Administration at 210.431-6721, [lawtech@stmarytx.edu](mailto:lawtech@stmarytx.edu), or stop in Room 101B in the Raba building 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, or Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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- a second year student
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- demonstrates financial need

The law school will select the recipient and the check for \$2500 will be presented on March 26, 2013. 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.**

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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:

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- Discover your passion through free and affordable special interest groups with webinars and networking events.
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## **BIBLE STUDY CLASSES**

Bible study classes with Professor Addicott are ongoing this semester. The Bible classes are non-denominational and expository in nature. Instruction is based on the original languages of Scripture, on a line-by-line basis in the context of historical reality and categorical doctrines. Professor Addicott was trained for 30 years under the direct ministry of R. B. Thieme, Jr. (1918-2009). Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law for details.

## **MINISTRY SERVICES**

For students interested in Confirmation, classes will meet in the **University Ministry Lounge** every Monday. For more information please contact **Irene Quesnot** at [iquesnot@stmarytx.edu](mailto:iquesnot@stmarytx.edu). Mass times for those interested in attending service at either of our two beautiful chapels on campus are as follow:

Weekday Eucharistic Celebrations – 12:15 p.m., in Chapel of Assumption  
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### **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

The **National Association of Law Students with Disabilities** (NALSWD) is an affiliate organization under the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities and is seeking to reach and serve all law students who have a disability. Interested students are invited to visit their website at [www.nalswd.org](http://www.nalswd.org) to explore opportunities to get involved with NALSWD, join the e-mail listserv, find information about scholarships and other resources, and learn about upcoming events and career opportunities. Students are invited to take a look at their Publications page which contains their newly launched *Best Practices Guide for Law Schools* and other helpful material. Students may also register online at <http://www.nalswd.org/membership.php>.

### **NOISE LEVEL**

If you are in the Law Classroom Building or in Raba while classes are in session, please be considerate of the students who are in class and **keep the noise level in the hall to a minimum**. Your fellow students thank you!

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**Work Order requests for event set-ups** for student organizations 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 and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzalez at [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu).

The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2012 Securities Law Writing Competition. First prize is \$5,000,

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The Richard Linn American Inn of Court is proud to offer the **Mark T. Banner Scholarship** for law students. This scholarship is part of The Richard Linn American Inn of Court's commitment to fostering the development of intellectual property lawyers of high ethics, civility and professionalism, and especially those from diverse backgrounds. Recipients of the Mark T. Banner Scholarship will receive an amount anticipated to be at least \$5,000 payable during the Fall semester of their second- or third-year of law school. Please visit [www.linninn.org](http://www.linninn.org) for more information. Deadline to apply is **November 16, 2012**.

**Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP** is pleased to announce the 2012-2013 Diversity Scholars Award of \$3,000 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/firm-news-210.html>. Completed applications must be received by **November 28, 2012**.

**The Center for Alcohol Policy** is accepting submissions for their Fifth Annual Essay Contest. Write a response to "If a country were starting alcohol regulation from scratch, what regulatory framework would you advise it to create and why?" Prizes are \$5,000, 2,500 and 1,000. For more information visit [www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org](http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org). All entries must be received by **December 14, 2012**.

**The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM)** presents its 2013 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 [www.aclm.org](http://www.aclm.org) or email [info@aclm.org](mailto:info@aclm.org). Deadline is **January 4, 2013**.

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The **Federal Bar Association** Section of Taxation hosts its annual Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition. Full and part-time J.D., and LL.M. students are eligible to apply. Winning authors receive \$2000 (first place) or \$1000 (second place) and a trip to the FBA's Annual Tax Law Conference in Washington, D.C. For more information please visit [www.fedbar.org](http://www.fedbar.org). Paper must be postmarked by **January 7, 2013**.

**College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers** announces its 2012 Writing Competition. The scope of permissible topics is broad, i.e., any aspect of workers' compensation law. Students are encouraged to present on a public policy issue, a critique of a leading case or doctrine; or a comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For complete rules please visit [http://cwclawyers.org/2012\\_Writing\\_Competition\\_Rules.pdf](http://cwclawyers.org/2012_Writing_Competition_Rules.pdf). Deadline to apply is **January 15, 2013**.

**NEW** - **Jackson Lewis LLP and IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law's Institute for Law and the Workplace** will co-sponsor the 2012-2013 Louis Jackson National Student Writing Competition in Employment and Labor Law. The competition is open to all students who have completed or are currently taking courses in employment or labor law. One top honors award of \$3,000 and two \$1,000 awards will be presented to the top three entries. In addition to the cash awards, the top three entries will be published on the *Institute for Law and the Workplace* website. For more information, please contact Professor Martin H. Malin at [mmalin@kentlaw.iit.edu](mailto:mmalin@kentlaw.iit.edu) or visit [www.kentlaw.edu/academics/plel/LouisJacksonNWC.html](http://www.kentlaw.edu/academics/plel/LouisJacksonNWC.html). The deadline for submission is **January 22, 2013**.

**NEW** - The **Public Justice Foundation**, announces the 2013 Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice essay contest. A \$5,000 cash award will be given to the author of the winning essay. The 2013 topic is *Is Democracy for Sale?* Intent-to-enter submission deadline is **January 31, 2013**. Essay submission deadline is March 31, 2013. For contest details please visit <http://publicjustice.net/news-events/awards/hogansmoger-essay-contest>.

**The American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2012-2013. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law or indigenous peoples. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information please go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2013**.

**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 third annual International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. Deadline for submissions is **Thursday, January 31, 2013** by 12:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. For detailed competition rules, please visit [http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/student\\_ihl\\_writing\\_competition.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/student_ihl_writing_competition.cfm)

The **Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara** is offering Medical and Graduate (including law) Student Scholarships. Applicants must have graduated from a high school in Santa Barbara County, California. For more information please visit [www.sbscholarship.org](http://www.sbscholarship.org). Deadline to apply is January 31, 2013.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its sixth 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 more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition>. Deadline for submissions is **February 11, 2013**.

The **Center for Human Rights at Trinity Law School** announces its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual writing competition. The topic for this year's writing competition is "The Evolving Tension between the Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Religion, and Hate Speech and Blasphemy Laws." First place will award \$3,000, second place \$1,000 and third place \$500. Submissions are due on or before **March 25, 2013**. For further information please visit: <http://www.tls.edu/writing-competition>.

**The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law** announces their annual law student writing competition. Entries may address any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the American labor and employment bar. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. EDST, **May 15, 2013**. Competition rules may be found on the below listed website. <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/products/Writing%20Competition.aspx>.



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Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Society is pleased to present **Mr. Allen Cummings**, who will speak at **11:30 a.m.** on **November 12, 2012** in the **Alumni Room**. Mr. Cummings is a titan of the industry having worked for large oil and gas companies, large law firms and now he has his own firm. Mr. Cummings has been published many times over and speaks at CLE events all over the state. Mr. Cummings will be offering his unique perspective of having worked on all sides of the industry. All students and faculty are invited to attend. Food and drinks will be provided.

## **VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY**

**Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony, 4:30 p.m. to complete, Monday, November 12, 2012.** TSgt Morgan Maul can use all hands available to organize and execute this year's Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony. All Veterans, Retirees, Active Duty, Reservist and other Service Members are encouraged to wear their uniforms, unit t-shirts or other insignia to raise awareness of their presence in the law school community. All MLA members - past and present - are encouraged to wear their MLA shirts, or the unit shirts of their friends and family, to show their support for the Service Members. Contact TSgt Morgan Maul via the MLA TWEN E-mail Option to volunteer or to get further information.

## **ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY** **How to Balance Faith in the Legal Profession**

St. Thomas More Society will be hosting an exciting and engaging discussion panel **Monday, November 12, 2012 , 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**, titled – **“How to Balance Faith in the Legal Profession.”** Some of our distinguished panelists include, Dean Ana Novoa, Honorable Judge Scott Roberts and Ms. Lisette C. Lange, President of Catholic Lawyers’ Guild. The event will be facilitated by recent alum, Mrs. Allison Stewart Ellis. Please join us for some stimulating dialogue and the opportunity to meet many distinguished legal advocates from the San Antonio community. All students, faculty and staff are welcome. Dinner will be served.

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**Texas RioGrande Legal Aid Family Law Clinic, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 13, 2012.** Sign up on the Pro Bono TWEN site to volunteer for the opportunity to work with attorneys on family law issues. The majority of cases are simple divorces, but these may entail issues of notice, service of process, and other civil procedure questions. If you are a Spanish speaker, you may have an opportunity to work as an interpreter. Contact Ms. Julia Neely or Mr. Matt Blyth through the Pro Bono TWEN Email Option for more details.

## ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

**The Women's Law Association Annual Silent Auction** benefitting Hispanas Unidas will take place **8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 15, 2012 in the Law Alumni room**. The auction will feature door prizes and refreshments. Auction items range in value and are suitable for any budget. Raffle tickets for an iPad (16GB, Wi-Fi, a \$499 value) are available now from WLA members for \$5 each, and will also be sold at the event. Credit cards are accepted. The silent auction is open to all students, faculty, and the public and we look forward to support from our law school community for this worthy charity. If you have an item you would like to donate, please contact Sarah Anne Lishman ([slishman@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:slishman@mail.stmarytx.edu)) to arrange for pick up.

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The **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc.** (ASECA) is pleased to announce their 2012 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 2012, and papers scheduled for publication in 2012 or 2013 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 16, 2012**.

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**Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP** is pleased to announce the 2012-2013 Diversity Scholars Award of \$3,000 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/firm-news-210.html>. Completed applications must be received by **November 28, 2012**.

**The Center for Alcohol Policy** is accepting submissions for their Fifth Annual Essay Contest. Write a response to “If a country were starting alcohol regulation from scratch, what regulatory framework would you advise it to create and why?” Prizes are \$5,000, 2,500 and 1,000. For more information visit [www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org](http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org). All entries must be received by **December 14, 2012**.

**The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM)** presents its 2013 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 [www.aclm.org](http://www.aclm.org) or email [info@aclm.org](mailto:info@aclm.org). Deadline is **January 4, 2013**.

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The **Federal Bar Association** Section of Taxation hosts its annual Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition. Full and part-time J.D., and LL.M. students are eligible to apply. Winning authors receive \$2000 (first place) or \$1000 (second place) and a trip to the FBA’s Annual Tax Law Conference in Washington, D.C. For more information please visit [www.fedbar.org](http://www.fedbar.org). Paper must be postmarked by **January 7, 2013**.

**College of Workers’ Compensation Lawyers** announces its 2012 Writing Competition. The scope of permissible topics is broad, i.e., any aspect of workers’ compensation law. Students are encouraged to present on a public policy issue, a critique of a leading case or doctrine; or a comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For complete rules please visit [http://cwclawyers.org/2012\\_Writing\\_Competition\\_Rules.pdf](http://cwclawyers.org/2012_Writing_Competition_Rules.pdf). Deadline to apply is **January 15, 2013**.

**Jackson Lewis LLP and IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law’s Institute for Law and the Workplace** will co-sponsor the 2012-2013 Louis Jackson National Student Writing Competition in Employment and Labor Law. The competition is open to all students who have completed or are currently taking courses in employment or labor law. One top honors award of

\$3,000 and two \$1,000 awards will be presented to the top three entries. In addition to the cash awards, the top three entries will be published on the *Institute for Law and the Workplace* website. For more information, please contact Professor Martin H. Malin at [mmalin@kentlaw.iit.edu](mailto:mmalin@kentlaw.iit.edu) or visit [www.kentlaw.edu/academics/plel/LouisJacksonNWC.html](http://www.kentlaw.edu/academics/plel/LouisJacksonNWC.html). The deadline for submission is **January 22, 2013**.

The **Public Justice Foundation**, announces the 2013 Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice essay contest. A \$5,000 cash award will be given to the author of the winning essay. The 2013 topic is *Is Democracy for Sale?* Intent-to-enter submission deadline is **January 31, 2013**. Essay submission deadline is March 31, 2013. For contest details please visit <http://publicjustice.net/news-events/awards/hogansmoger-essay-contest>.

The **American Indian Law Review** (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2012-2013. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law or indigenous peoples. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information please go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2013**.

**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 third annual International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. Deadline for submissions is **Thursday, January 31, 2013** by 12:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. For detailed competition rules, please visit [http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/student\\_ihl\\_writing\\_competition.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/student_ihl_writing_competition.cfm)

The **Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara** is offering Medical and Graduate (including law) Student Scholarships. Applicants must have graduated from a high school in Santa Barbara County, California. For more information please visit [www.sbscholarship.org](http://www.sbscholarship.org). Deadline to apply is **January 31, 2013**.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its sixth 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 more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition>. Deadline for submissions is **February 11, 2013**.

The **Center for Human Rights at Trinity Law School** announces its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual writing competition. The topic for this year's writing competition is "The Evolving Tension between the Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Religion, and Hate Speech and Blasphemy Laws." First place will award \$3,000, second place \$1,000 and third place \$500. Submissions are due on or before **March 25, 2013**. For further information please visit: <http://www.tls.edu/writing-competition>.

**NEW** - Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers is pleased to announce its 2013 Brief-Writing Award Competition. The Scribes Brief-Writing Committee solicits winning briefs from national moot-court competitions and selects the finest of those winning briefs. The winning author will be recognized at the Scribes annual meeting held during the ABA's meeting in San Francisco on August 9, 2013. For information on how submit a brief, please go visit <http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/2012-2013%20Brief%20Letter%20Web.pdf>. Deadline to submit briefs is **April 19, 2013**.

**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 5:00 p.m. EDST, **May 15, 2013**. Competition rules may be found on the below listed website. <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/products/Writing%20Competition.aspx>.

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The **Board of Advocates** would like to congratulate **Hallye Casey** and **Gus Elizondo** for winning this year's competition. The team of Juan Castro and Allison Williams were finalists and our congratulations go out to them as well for being such worthy adversaries.

The Board also congratulates the semi-finalist teams of Francesca Howland and Stephanie May and Amanda Batsche and Patrick Woods. In addition, the Board would like to **thank all student advocates** for participating in this year's competition, as well as those volunteering their time to help judge, witness, and bailiff.

This year's competition was very special because Adjunct Negotiations Professor **Dr. Allen Craddock** established an endowment fund to honor Professor Wayne Scott and his wife, Maxine, for their tireless efforts to support St. Mary's advocacy program and to recognize Professor Scott's critical role in directing the Alternative Dispute Resolution program at the law school. Although St. Mary's Law School has held the negotiations competition for many years, **this was the inaugural year of what will henceforth be known as the Wayne & Maxine Scott Negotiations Competition.** It was an honor to have Professor Scott serve on this year's panel of three judges that included Professors Genevieve Herbert-Fajardo and Gaylia Brunson. The Board looks forward to many more years of outstanding negotiating under the Wayne & Maxine Scott Negotiations Competition banner.

And finally, **the Board would like to recognize the Law Alumni Association** for donating this year's awards of \$750 to the winning team and \$250 to the finalist team. The Law Alumni Association continues to support advocacy on campus and the Board is grateful for their support.

There will be no more on-campus advocacy competitions this semester – BUT tabling for the **Federal Bar Association Moot Court Competition, January. 28 - February 1, 2013**, has begun. Please sign up your two-member team now. This competition is a great kick-start to the Spring advocacy season. More details will be announced at a later date.

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Campus Ministry will host a Thanksgiving Dinner Benefit on **Monday, November 19, 2012** beginning at **12:15 p.m.** in the **Raba Foyer**. All proceeds from the sale will go directly to the Hurricane Sandy victims in the northeast. Please come out and support this worthy cause. Give thanks for your fortunate circumstances with your donation for a meal to contribute to those less fortunate this season. All faculty, staff and students are invited.

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*Looking to gain LEGAL EXPERIENCE and get ACADEMIC CREDIT?*

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PLAN AHEAD: **NOTE: The externship program requires a MANDATORY class before you start working.**

**Spring Class: Friday, January 11th**

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Class details: Externship program ONLY!

Time - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Place - Center for Legal and Social Justice

2507 N.W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street – (just off campus)

Lunch is provided.

Pre-Class reading is required. Contact Amanda Rivas

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**\*\*For U.S. Attorney and Federal Public Defender Internships, contact Professor Schmolesky.\*\***

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**The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law** announces their annual law student writing competition. Entries may address any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the American labor and employment bar. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. EDST, **May 15, 2013**. Competition rules may be found on the below listed website. <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/products/Writing%20Competition.aspx>.

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## COMPLETION OF LEGAL STUDIES HOODING CEREMONY

The **December 2012 Completion of Legal Studies Hooding Ceremony** will be held on **Saturday, December 8, 2012** in the **Ribis Courtroom** (law classrooms 101-102-103) at **1:30 p.m.** The ceremony will include guest speakers, welcome from the Law Alumni Association, "Hooding Ceremony" and "Roll Call" of names with personal congratulations, blessing and a group photograph. A reception will follow at Lisa's Mexican Restaurant, 815 Bandera Road, 78228. Students participating in the ceremony are asked to arrive no later than 12:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Center for Legal and Social Justice will host their annual celebration, **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, in recognition of St. Mary's Law School's commitment to justice. Join us on **Friday, December 14, 2012** at 12:00 p.m. Father Tim Eden, S.M. will preside and a fiesta lunch will follow. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## INTERNSHIPS/EXTERNSHIPS SPRING 2013 OR SUMMER 2013

### **ACT NOW!!**

*Looking to gain LEGAL EXPERIENCE and get ACADEMIC CREDIT?*

If you're interested in a Spring or Summer Practice Credit Program (a.k.a. internship/externship), **START NOW** by finding a **non-profit or government job\*** (unpaid) on Symplicity or using your own contacts.

Employers have already started posting their openings for Spring and Summer positions! Check out Symplicity now or use your own contact to secure an eligible position. (Contact Amanda Rivas at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) for eligibility questions.)

READ about the **Practice Credit Externship** (1,2, or 3 credits) and **Practice Credit Independent Study Programs** (1 or 2 credits) at the link below:

<http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=practiceCredit#home>

PLAN AHEAD: **NOTE: The externship program requires a MANDATORY class before you start working.**

**Spring Class: Friday, January 11th**

**Summer Classes: Saturday, May 11th** (Sum I or II); **Friday, June 8th** (Sum II only)

Class details: Externship program ONLY!

Time - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Place - Center for Legal and Social Justice

2507 N.W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street – (just off campus)

Lunch is provided.

Pre-Class reading is required. Contact Amanda Rivas

([arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu)) for information on the class workbook and a short pre-class reading assignment that needs to be picked up before class.

*DISCLAIMER: 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. So you may want to attend the class even if you are not formally registered and you are still trying to solidify a placement.*

**\*\*For U.S. Attorney and Federal Public Defender Internships, contact Professor Schmolesky.\*\***

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You may refer to the Law Library web page <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/library/index.php> to view hours of operation.

The construction scheduled to take place in the Law Classroom building will not affect access to the law library. Additionally, **bar takers may continue to have a carrel** in the library, which has been the library's policy to support recent graduates studying for the bar exam. This is true for students taking either the February or July bar exam. If you wish to have a carrel for bar study, please see the library staff at the Circulation Desk.

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Recently there have been significant changes to ExamSoft and its compatibility with Mac computers. ExamSoft is compatible only with the below operating systems and **cannot** be used on virtual operating systems such as Microsoft's Virtual Machine, Parallels, VMware, VMware Fusion or any other virtual environments:

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- Mac: 10.6 (Snow Leopard), 10.7 (Lion), and 10.8 (Mountain Lion).

***PLEASE NOTE: Any version prior to Snow Leopard is no longer supported by this software. Students need to upgrade their computer systems or check with Computer Administration regarding their laptop checkout program.***

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you require any assistance, please contact Computer Administration at 210.431-6721, [lawtech@stmarytx.edu](mailto:lawtech@stmarytx.edu), or stop in Room 101B in the Raba building 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, or Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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For students interested in Confirmation, classes will meet in the **University Ministry Lounge** every Monday. For more information please contact **Irene Quesnot** at [iquesnot@stmarytx.edu](mailto:iquesnot@stmarytx.edu). Mass times for those interested in attending service at either of our two beautiful chapels on campus are as follow:

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The **December 2012 Completion of Legal Studies Hooding Ceremony** will be held on **Saturday, December 8, 2012** in the **Ribis Courtroom** (law classrooms 101-102-103) at **1:30 p.m.** The ceremony will include guest speakers, welcome from the Law Alumni Association, "Hooding Ceremony" and "Roll Call" of names with personal congratulations, blessing and a group photograph. A reception will follow at Lisa's Mexican Restaurant, 815 Bandera Road, 78228. Students participating in the ceremony are asked to arrive no later than 12:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

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The Center for Legal and Social Justice will host their annual celebration, **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, in recognition of St. Mary's Law School's commitment to justice. Join us on **Friday, December 14, 2012** at 12:00 p.m. Father Tim Eden, S.M. will preside and a fiesta lunch will follow. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Class details: Externship program ONLY!

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Place - Center for Legal and Social Justice

2507 N.W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street – (just off campus)

Lunch is provided.

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**\*\*For U.S. Attorney and Federal Public Defender Internships, contact Professor Schmolesky.\*\***

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March 10-15, 2013  
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This Spring Break, travel to Corpus Christi to provide legal assistance to people who can't afford a lawyer. **All expenses are paid** & you'll have opportunities to **network with law students & lawyers.** As the St. Mary's contact person for TAJ, email **Amanda Rivas** at

[arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) for an application or more information about the St. Mary's trip. To view and print the general application and find more information, go to: [www.texasatj.org/ProBonoSpringBreak](http://www.texasatj.org/ProBonoSpringBreak). Please send applications to **Amanda Rivas** at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu). **Applications are due December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

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Construction of two new classrooms in the Law Classroom building will begin in summer 2013. As a result, the law classroom building will be closed during the summer. However, the **Sarita Kenedy East Law Library will remain open** and keep regular hours during the summer. You may refer to the Law Library web page <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/library/index.php> to view hours of operation.

The construction scheduled to take place in the Law Classroom building will not affect access to the law library. Additionally, **bar takers may continue to have a carrel** in the library, which has been the library's policy to support recent graduates studying for the bar exam. This is true for students taking either the February or July bar exam. If you wish to have a carrel for bar study, please see the library staff at the Circulation Desk.

### **TAX PREPARATION OPPORTUNITY FOR LAW STUDENTS DURING THE SPRING SEMESTER**

**St. Mary's VITA Volunteer:** The VITA Program offers free tax help to low-to moderate-income people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. As a **certified volunteer**, you will prepare tax returns on Saturdays during the tax season at the Center for Legal and Social Justice. **Training begins in January.** Working with VITA is a great way to help the community while receiving hands on training and experience in this field. Law students earn pro bono hours for their service.

**If you are interested in the VITA program, please email Nicole Monsibais at [nmonsibais@stmarytx.edu](mailto:nmonsibais@stmarytx.edu).**

### **LOST AND FOUND**

We have quite a collection of cups, books, clothes and more that may belong to you. Lost item(s) may be found in the Dean's suite in the Law Administration building, the Law Library Circulation Desk or in Raba, second floor. Please stop in to claim your belongings.

### **JOIN THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

The **American Bar Association** can help you meet the challenges of law school and also prepare you 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.

### **BIBLE STUDY CLASSES**

Bible study classes with Professor Addicott are ongoing this semester. The Bible classes are non-denominational and expository in nature. Instruction is based on the original languages of Scripture, on a line-by-line basis in the context of historical reality and categorical doctrines. Professor Addicott was trained for 30 years under the direct ministry of R. B. Thieme, Jr. (1918-2009). Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law for details.

### **MINISTRY SERVICES**

For students interested in Confirmation, classes will meet in the **University Ministry Lounge** every Monday. For more information please contact **Irene Quesnot** at [iquesnot@stmarytx.edu](mailto:iquesnot@stmarytx.edu). Mass times for those interested in attending service at either of our two beautiful chapels on campus are as follow:

Weekday Eucharistic Celebrations – 12:15 p.m., in Chapel of Assumption  
Sunday – 11:00 a.m., in Chapel of Assumption  
Sunday – 9:00 p.m., in Guadalupe Chapel

### **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

The **National Association of Law Students with Disabilities** (NALSWD) is an affiliate organization under the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities and is seeking to reach and serve all law students who have a disability. Interested students are invited to visit their website at [www.nalswd.org](http://www.nalswd.org) to explore opportunities to get involved with NALSWD, join the e-mail listserv, find information about scholarships and other resources, and learn about upcoming events and career opportunities. Students are invited to take a look at their Publications page which contains their newly launched *Best Practices Guide for Law Schools* and other helpful material. Students may also register online at <http://www.nalswd.org/membership.php>.



## NOISE LEVEL

If you are in the Law Classroom Building or in Raba while classes are in session, please be considerate of the students who are in class and **keep the noise level in the hall to a minimum**. Your fellow students thank you!

## EVENT SET-UPS FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** for student organizations 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 and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzalez at [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu).

The **Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas** will provide four scholarships to the **Annual Litigation Update** course which is sponsored by TexasBarCLE and the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas. 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. The Litigation Update Course will be held at the Four Seasons in Austin, Texas, on January 10-11, 2013. Applications must be received by 2:00 p.m., **Friday, December 14, 2012**. Visit <http://www.texasbarcle.com/CLE/AABuy1.asp?sProductType=EV&IID=11735> for more information.

**The Center for Alcohol Policy** is accepting submissions for their Fifth Annual Essay Contest. Write a response to "If a country were starting alcohol regulation from scratch, what regulatory framework would you advise it to create and why?" Prizes are \$5,000, 2,500 and 1,000. For more information visit [www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org](http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org). All entries must be received by **December 14, 2012**.

**The American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM)** presents its 2013 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 [www.aclm.org](http://www.aclm.org) or email [info@aclm.org](mailto:info@aclm.org). Deadline is **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. Recipients will receive \$5,000 payable for the Fall semester of their second or third-year of law school. Please visit [www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity](http://www.bannerwitcoff.com/diversity) for details of this scholarship. Applications are now being accepted through **January 7, 2013**.

The **Federal Bar Association** Section of Taxation hosts its annual Donald C. Alexander Tax Law Writing Competition. Full and part-time J.D., and LL.M. students are eligible to apply. Winning authors receive \$2000 (first place) or \$1000 (second place) and a trip to the FBA's Annual Tax Law Conference in Washington, D.C. For more information please visit [www.fedbar.org](http://www.fedbar.org). Paper must be postmarked by **January 7, 2013**.

The **Michigan State University College of Law**, Journal of Business & Securities Law is now accepting submissions for the Elliot A. Spoon Business Law writing competition. Articles should be on any current topic concerning business or securities law. Prize is \$500 and your article will be published in the MSU College of Law Journal of Business & Securities Law. All inquiries and questions should be directed to: Zach Brown - [jbsl@law.msu.edu](mailto:jbsl@law.msu.edu). Deadline to enter is **January 7, 2013**.

The ABA Business Law Section is sponsoring its **27th annual Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest** to encourage and reward law student writings on a business law subject of general and current interest. First Place: \$2,500, second place, \$1,000 and third place, \$500. All winners will receive subsidized attendance to the Section Spring Meeting in Washington, DC. All winners will also be invited and subsidized to attend the Section Spring Meeting, April 4-6, 2013 in Washington, DC to receive their award at the Section Luncheon. Click [here](#) to download a cover form to be included with your entry. For more information go to [ambar.org/BLstudentwriting](http://ambar.org/BLstudentwriting). All entries must be submitted **electronically** on or before **January 11, 2013**.

**College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers** announces its 2012 Writing Competition. The scope of permissible topics is broad, i.e., any aspect of workers' compensation law. Students are encouraged to present on a public policy issue, a critique of a leading case or doctrine; or a comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. For complete rules please visit [http://cwclawyers.org/2012\\_Writing\\_Competition\\_Rules.pdf](http://cwclawyers.org/2012_Writing_Competition_Rules.pdf). Deadline to apply is **January 15, 2013**.

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announces its 2013 Hartrick Scholar writing competition. Students enrolled in law school as of December 2012, and seeking a *juris doctor* degree, are eligible to submit an article for consideration in the IEL Hartrick Scholar competition. The general subject for this year's competition is any topic related to energy development. For more information and guidelines please visit <http://www.cailaw.org/iel/index.html>. The article must be submitted no later than **January 15, 2013**.

**Jackson Lewis LLP and IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law's Institute for Law and the Workplace** will co-sponsor the 2012-2013 Louis Jackson National Student Writing Competition in Employment and Labor Law. The competition is open to all students who have completed or are currently taking courses in employment or labor law. One top honors award of \$3,000 and two \$1,000 awards will be presented to the top three entries. In addition to the cash awards, the top three entries will be published on the *Institute for Law and the Workplace* website. For more information, please contact Professor Martin H. Malin at [mmalin@kentlaw.iit.edu](mailto:mmalin@kentlaw.iit.edu) or visit [www.kentlaw.edu/academics/plel/LouisJacksonNWC.html](http://www.kentlaw.edu/academics/plel/LouisJacksonNWC.html). The deadline for submission is **January 22, 2013**.

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St. Mary's is allowed to enter one team of two advocates to the 2013 SAYLA Mock Trial Tournament. The Board of Advocates will select the team that will represent St. Mary's based on an application process. All teams interested in representing St. Mary's must submit an application to the Board of Advocates Office no later than Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Please e-mail [toddahunterjr@yahoo.com](mailto:toddahunterjr@yahoo.com) for an electronic copy of the application.

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This application is separate from the official tournament application, which can be found at <http://www.sayla.org/trial-skills> along with additional competition details. You will be asked to fill out SAYLA's separate application if you are selected to compete. The competition will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2013.

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Law School is stressful, so be sure and take advantage of the resources available to you to handle that stress. Check out the link to the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program at [www.texasbar.com](http://www.texasbar.com), 1.800.343.TLAP or call Student Psychological and Testing Services at 210.436.3135.

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**DISCLAIMER:** *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. So you may want to attend the class even if you are not formally registered and you are still trying to*

*solidify a placement.*

\*\*For U.S. Attorney and Federal Public Defender Internships, contact Professor Schmolesky. \*\*

For questions please contact: Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) or 210. 431.5712  
Center for Legal and Social Justice

## **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

### **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**

We hope the holiday season finds you happy, healthy, well-rested ... and eager to start the 2013 tax season! If so, we encourage you join us at St. Mary's once again as we provide tax preparation assistance to our surrounding community. Last year **St. Mary's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** volunteers prepared approximately 950 returns and secured \$1.7 million in refunds for local individuals and families. Please help us **complete our goal of 1,100 returns** while gaining valuable skills, volunteer hours, and goodwill.

Training dates this year are as follows:

Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> – Intermediate/Advanced  
Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> – Volunteer Basic & Basic re-certification, Intermediate/Advanced  
Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – Volunteer Basic & Basic re-certification, Intermediate/Advanced  
Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – New Volunteer Basic & Basic re-certification  
Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Intermediate/Advanced  
Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> – New Volunteer Basic

Just a reminder to please sign up for one (1) basic eight (8) hour training session (**new** volunteers) or one (1) basic recertification four (4) hour session (**returning** volunteers). Of course, you may also sign up for additional training at the intermediate/advanced levels.

Sign up for training at the St. Mary's VITA website <http://stmarytxvita.org>. \*This is a new website, so you will first need to register by entering your email address, creating a password, and completing the registration page. Then logout, and return to enter the site as a returning user. You may wish to bookmark the page since you will use it during the tax season to sign up for volunteer dates.

\* If you have trouble signing up at the website, please email [vitalvolunteer@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vitalvolunteer@stmarytx.edu) and tell us which training date or dates you wish to attend.

Training will be held in the Alkek building on the St. Mary's University campus. Our trainers will provide everything from the materials to lunch so just worry about bringing yourself (and friends). Campus map link: <http://www.stmarytx.edu/map/>.



Training may also be completed online at <https://www.linklearncertification.com/d/>. If you go this route, you must also register at the St. Mary's website and bring us your test certificates in order to volunteer at the St. Mary's site.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at [vitalvolunteer@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vitalvolunteer@stmarytx.edu). See you at training!

## **SAVE THE DATE - SPRING JOB FAIRS**

Mark your calendar for the below Spring Job Fairs:

- Public Service Career Day in Austin – January 31 and February 1, 2013
- Metroplex Legal Job Fair in Dallas/Fort Worth – February 15, 2013
- Austin Legal Job Fair in Austin – February 22, 2013
- El Paso Virtual Job Fair – applications due March 5, 2013
- Midland/Odessa Virtual Job Fair – applications due March 5, 2013
- Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day in Corpus Christi – March 8, 2013
- Houston Legal Job Fair in Houston – March 15, 2013
- Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg – March 22, 2013

More information on these job fairs will be available later this month. If you are interested in the Public Service Career Day, El Paso, Midland/Odessa and Valley Job Fairs, please go to <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> to register.

The Metroplex, Austin, Corpus and Houston Job Fairs will be handled through St. Mary's Symplicity at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

## **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES (OCS) – SPRING 2013 PROGRAMMING**

Please RSVP for all programs in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS.

### **Spring Recruitment and Symplicity Information Session**

Wednesday, January 16, 2013

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 if you are still looking for a summer or permanent job.

### **Interview Skills Workshop**

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

Come learn valuable tips on how to prepare for interviews from alumni who regularly interview and mentor students. This is great preparation for Public Service Days, Spring Job Fairs and Spring on Campus Recruitment. Speakers are:

- Aldo Salazar; DLG Luce LLP
- Barrett Ship; Heinrichs & De Gennaro, P.C.
- Tom Bagby; Tom Bagby Law Firm, PLLC

### **“What I Did Last Summer” Panel**

Wednesday, January 30, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

The OCS and the SBA are sponsoring a panel to highlight to 1Ls various types of positions they can obtain for their summer after their first year. We 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.

### **Solo Practice Academy: Law Practice Management**

Monday, February 4, 2013

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

Refreshments will be served.

This will kick off a series of programs that center around issues which solo practitioners need to be aware of as they start their own practice. The first session will be on law practice management and will cover many of the topics such as Business Plan for Solo Practice, Entity Formation: SOS filing, Articles of Incorporation, Operating Agreement, tax-id, Budgets, Establishing bank accounts, Professional Liability Insurance, Satisfaction of CLE requirements, Occupation Tax, Bar Dues, Getting Business, Choosing a practice area, Billing Software, Which bar associations and groups to join? Self-assessment: Do you really want to be a solo?, Staying lean: Keeping the lid on overhead, and Books and Resources.

### **Networking Is For Everyone: Beyond “Working the Room”**

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Make your own Nacho Bar will be offered.

Effective networking is an invaluable skill that, when done right, has the potential to be exponentially beneficial throughout your career span. This program is an interactive and innovative approach to what is largely considered a somewhat dreaded process. We will take a look at individual style differences and discuss effective strategies for each. The key to making networking sustainable is self-awareness and a strategy that works for YOU. Strategies that apply both online and in person will be covered. Michelle Nash, Talent Development Director for The Shannon Group in Washington, DC will present this program. She has presented nationally to law schools and law firms. This program is sponsored by Themis Bar Review.

### **Careers in International Law**

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

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

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 from law school to become international lawyers. Learn 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.

### **Military JAG Panel**

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

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

Dinner will be served.

This program will provide students with information and experiences from most JAG branches of the military. It will be co sponsored by the Military Law Students Association and OCS.

### **Alternative Careers Panel**

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

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

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.

### **WLA and BCWBA Speed Networking Event**

Thursday, February 21, 2013

4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Refreshments will be served.

The Women's Law Association, Bexar County Women's Bar Association and the OCS present Speed-Networking. You've heard of speed-dating? Join us for a fun evening of networking and building connections with attorneys. Business attire is a must as you will meet attorneys from many different areas of practice. Come and take advantage of the opportunity to mix and mingle with essential contacts. In order to attend this event you must RSVP in the Events section of Symplicity under Workshops. Space is limited, sign-up now. This event is open to all students. The first hour from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. will be speed networking. The second hour from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. will be a networking reception.

### **Solo Practice Academy: Cost Effective Legal Research for Solo Practitioners**

Monday, February 25, 2013

4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Law Library Room 217

Refreshments will be served.

This is the second session of our Solo Practice Academy series. It will go through Cost Effective

Legal Research techniques for solo practitioners who do not have full and unlimited access to Westlaw and Lexis in their practices.

### **Patent Law Information Session**

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

The OCS and the Technology and Intellectual Property Student Group are sponsoring this session. Practicing Law Institute's (PLI) Director of Law School Relations and a Director of their Patent Bar Review Course, Mark Dighton, will be visiting our campus from New York City to discuss the patent bar exam and considerations for taking the exam as well as some information about the patent career field. Topics for discussion include:

- The latest info on the Patent Bar Exam
- Who is eligible to take the exam
- How it works, now that it's on computer
- When you should take it (you don't need to...and probably shouldn't...wait until you graduate)
- How and when the new Rules' changes coming out of the Patent Office will impact the Exam
- Recommendations on when and how to study for this very difficult exam
- Scholarships to PLI's other IP programs will also be discussed

### **LAW LIBRARY TO REMAIN OPEN SUMMER 2013**

Construction of two new classrooms in the Law Classroom building will begin in summer 2013. As a result, the law classroom building will be closed during the summer. However, the **Sarita Kenedy East Law Library will remain open** and keep regular hours during the summer. You may refer to the Law Library web page <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/library/index.php> to view hours of operation.

The construction scheduled to take place in the Law Classroom building will not affect access to the law library. Additionally, **bar takers may continue to have a carrel** in the library, which has been the library's policy to support recent graduates studying for the bar exam. This is true for students taking either the February or July bar exam. If you wish to have a carrel for bar study, please see the library staff at the Circulation Desk.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

We have quite a collection of cups, books, clothes and more that may belong to you. Lost item(s) may be found in the Dean's suite in the Law Administration building, the Law Library Circulation Desk or in Raba, second floor. Please stop in to claim your belongings.

## JOIN THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

The **American Bar Association** can help you meet the challenges of law school and also prepare you 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.

## MINISTRY SERVICES

Below is the schedule for liturgy and worship services.

Eucharistic Celebrations at Chapel of Assumption

M/W/F – 12:15 p.m.

T/Thu – 12:30 p.m.

Sunday – 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

## STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The **National Association of Law Students with Disabilities** (NALSWD) is an affiliate organization under the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities and is seeking to reach and serve all law students who have a disability. Interested students are invited to visit their website at [www.nalswd.org](http://www.nalswd.org) to explore opportunities to get involved with NALSWD, join the e-mail listserv, find information about scholarships and other resources, and learn about upcoming events and career opportunities. Students are invited to take a look at their Publications page which contains their newly launched *Best Practices Guide for Law Schools* and other helpful material. Students may also register online at <http://www.nalswd.org/membership.php>.

## NOISE LEVEL

If you are in the Law Classroom Building or in Raba while classes are in session, please be considerate of the students who are in class and **keep the noise level in the hall to a minimum**. Your fellow students thank you!

## EVENT SET-UPS FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** for student organizations 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 and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzalez 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 2012-2013 Louis Jackson National Student Writing Competition in Employment and Labor Law. The competition is open to all students who have completed or are currently taking courses in employment or labor law. One top honors award of \$3,000 and two \$1,000 awards will be presented to the top three entries. In addition to the cash awards, the top three entries will be published on the *Institute for Law and the Workplace* website. For more information, please contact Professor Martin H. Malin at [mmalin@kentlaw.iit.edu](mailto:mmalin@kentlaw.iit.edu) or visit [www.kentlaw.edu/academics/plel/LouisJacksonNWC.html](http://www.kentlaw.edu/academics/plel/LouisJacksonNWC.html). The deadline for submission is **January 22, 2013**.

**Epstein Becker & Green, P.C.**, a national firm engaged in the practice of health care and life sciences law, is pleased to announce its Fifteenth 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 25, 2013**.

The **Public Justice Foundation**, announces the 2013 Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice essay contest. A \$5,000 cash award will be given to the author of the winning essay. The 2013 topic is *Is Democracy for Sale?* Essay submission deadline is March 31, 2013. For contest details please visit <http://publicjustice.net/news-events/awards/hogansmoger-essay-contest>. Intent-to-enter submission deadline is **January 31, 2013**.

**The American Indian Law Review (AILR)** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2012-2013. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law

or indigenous peoples. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information please go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2013**.

**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 third annual International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. Deadline for submissions is **Thursday, January 31, 2013** by 12:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. For detailed competition rules, please visit [http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/student\\_ihl\\_writing\\_competition.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/student_ihl_writing_competition.cfm).

The **Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara** is offering Medical and Graduate (including law) Student Scholarships. Applicants must have graduated from a high school in Santa Barbara County, California. For more information please visit [www.sbscholarship.org](http://www.sbscholarship.org). Deadline to apply is **January 31, 2013**.

The 2013 **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 prize of \$5,000. Postmark deadline for entries is **February 22, 2013**. For more information or to enroll, please visit <http://bit.ly/Levit2013>.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its sixth 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 more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition>. Deadline for submissions is **February 11, 2013**.

The **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 2013 Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar. The seminar is designed for attorneys and other professionals seeking a basic knowledge of municipal bond law and related municipal finance issues. The seminar will be held April 17-19, 2013 at the Swissotel Chicago in Chicago, Illinois. The 2013 seminar brochure and details will be available on the NABL website ([www.nabl.org](http://www.nabl.org)) in early February. [Click here](#) to view the 2012 seminar brochure. Please take a few minutes to review the [application and seminar information](#). **Completed applications are due no later than February 28, 2013**. For specific questions please contact [Linda Wyman](#), NABL Chief Operating Officer at (202) 503-3300.

The **Center for Human Rights at Trinity Law School** announces its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual writing competition. The topic for this year's writing competition is "The Evolving Tension between the Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Religion, and Hate Speech and Blasphemy Laws." First place will award \$3,000, second place \$1,000 and third place \$500. Submissions are due on or before **March 25, 2013**. For further information please visit: <http://www.tls.edu/writing-competition>.

**NEW** - Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. One full scholarship to attend the Sovereignty Symposium will be offered in her memory. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues by an application letter. There is no application form. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to enter is **April 1, 2013**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2013 Brief-Writing Award Competition. The Scribes Brief-Writing Committee solicits winning briefs from national moot-court competitions and selects the finest of those winning briefs. The winning author will be recognized at the Scribes annual meeting held during the ABA's meeting in San Francisco on August 9, 2013. For information on how submit a brief, please go visit <http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/2012-2013%20Brief%20Letter%20Web.pdf>. Deadline to submit a brief is **April 19, 2013**.

**NEW** - Entries for The Symposium XXVI **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) or contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**.

**NEW - National Association of Women Lawyers** is seeking entries for its 2012-13 Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law. Cash prize of \$500 will be awarded for first-place essay. Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**. Guidelines are at <http://nawl.timberlakepublishing.com/files/2013National%20Association%20of%20Women%20Lawyers%20Selma%20Moidel.pdf>.

**The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law** announces their annual law student writing competition. Entries may address any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the American labor and employment bar. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. EDST, **May 15, 2013**. Rules may be found at <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/products/Writing%20Competition.aspx>.

**NEW** - Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. 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 contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **June 4, 2013**.

**NEW - The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship**



and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2013 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, 2013**.

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## WELCOME BACK LUNCH

Law Ministry will host a “**welcome back**” lunch for all law students. Join Sister Grace for a **taco lunch** (first come, first served), in the Raba Lounge and receive information about exciting opportunities happening this semester and in the summer. This includes: **Alternative Spring Break, Innsbruck Summer Program** and the **Institute on Chinese Law and Business Program**. Lunch for **1Ls is on Wednesday, January 23, 12:00 – 12:50 p.m.** Lunch for **2 and 3Ls** will be held on **Thursday, January 24, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.** Questions? Email [stmaryslawministry@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryslawministry@gmail.com).

## 2013 SAYLA MOCK TRIAL TOURNAMENT

St. Mary’s is allowed to enter one team of two advocates to the 2013 SAYLA Mock Trial Tournament. The Board of Advocates will select the team that will represent St. Mary’s based on an application process. All teams interested in representing St. Mary’s must submit an application to the Board of Advocates Office no later than **Thursday, January 24, 2013** at 5:00 p.m. Please e-mail [toddahunterjr@yahoo.com](mailto:toddahunterjr@yahoo.com) for an electronic copy of the application.

Only one application will be accepted per two-person team. Teams must turn in their application to the Board of Advocates Office located on the first floor of the Raba Building.

This application is separate from the official tournament application, which can be found at <http://www.sayla.org/trial-skills> along with additional competition details. You will be asked to fill out SAYLA’s separate application if you are selected to compete. The competition will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2013.

**IMPORTANT:** The packet for the competition will likely be released prior to January 24<sup>th</sup>. Please be prepared to compete if you are selected by the Board of Advocates.

## MILITARY LAW ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for the **Military Law Association’s (MLA) first general meeting** of the semester. The meeting will be held from **12:30-1:30 p.m.** on **Wednesday, January 30, 2013** in the **Atrium**. The MLA Board is excited to announce all the events scheduled for this semester, including an upcoming patient dinner night, JAG Panel, Long Mile, and much more. See you then.

## THE AT&T EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE AWARD FOR A 2L OR 3L STUDENT

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. Deadline for submission for the spring 2013 semester is Monday, **February 4, 2013**. Applications can be found on the ProBono TWEN page under Scholarships or contact RA Julia Null at [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com) for more information.

## **DEFENSE COUNCIL OF SAN ANTONIO - STUDENT CHAPTER**

Defense Council of San Antonio (DCSA) Student Chapter **is a new organization on campus** looking to sign up members. The **objectives of DCSA Student Chapter** include encouraging cooperation and exchange of information among the members of the DCSA Student Chapter, maintaining liaisons and sponsoring cooperative efforts with local public and professional organizations regarding common issues, connecting students with members of the local bar and bench, and raising student awareness to issues affecting the judicial system.

The DCSA Student Chapter **will be hosting an on campus reception** for the sitting Bexar County Judges on **February 26, 2013 in the Alumni Room at 5:30 p.m.** This event will be a fantastic opportunity for students to meet the judges as well as a great networking opportunity with members of the local bar. There will also be a panel comprised of several of the judges being honored where they will briefly discuss topics of their choosing and field questions from students.

DCSA Student Chapter is also proud to sponsor a **unique mentorship program which will pair students with practicing attorneys**. Students will have the opportunity to attend hearings downtown with the attorneys, be introduced to the judges, and obtain firsthand knowledge of what it is to practice law.

We are looking forward to establishing a connection between law students and judges on campus and in the community. If you are interested in membership please keep an eye out for us on campus or contact us at [DCSAstudentchapter@gmail.com](mailto:DCSAstudentchapter@gmail.com). Also feel free to direct any questions to Brandon Strey ([bstrey@gmail.com](mailto:bstrey@gmail.com)), Alexa Smith ([asmith33@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:asmith33@mail.stmarytx.edu)), or Gregg Gallian ([gregg\\_gallian@yahoo.com](mailto:gregg_gallian@yahoo.com)). Dues for the Spring semester are \$15 which go towards supporting the Judicial Reception and the Mentorship Program.

## **SELF-CARE IN LAW SCHOOL**

Law School is stressful, so be sure and take advantage of the resources available to you to handle that stress. Check out the link to the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program at [www.texasbar.com](http://www.texasbar.com), 1.800.343.TLAP or call Student Psychological and Testing Services at 210.436.3135.

## **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. This scholarship is for a second year student, with at least a B average (must be 3.0 or above) and demonstrate financial need. The law school will select the recipient and the check for \$2500 will be presented on March 26, 2013. 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**.

### **INTERNSHIPS/EXTERNSHIPS SPRING 2013 OR SUMMER 2013**

*Looking to gain LEGAL EXPERIENCE and get ACADEMIC CREDIT?*

**ACT NOW!**

If you are interested in a Spring or Summer Practice Credit Program (a.k.a internship/externship), **START NOW** by finding a **non-profit or government job\*** (unpaid) on Symplicity or by using your own contacts.

Employers have already started posting their openings for Spring and Summer positions. Check out Symplicity now or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. (For eligibility questions, please contact Amanda Rivas at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu).)

Spring/Summer opportunities posted on Symplicity NOW include:

- Youth Rights/Education Law - TRLA
- Manufactured Housing Issues - TRLA
- Tax Law - TRLA
- Med-Mal Experience - Audie Murphy V.A. Legal Department
- Juvenile Law - Bexar County Probation
- Worker's Compensation - Office of Injured Employees

READ about the **Practice Credit Externship** (1, 2, or 3 credits) and **Practice Credit Independent Study Programs** (1 or 2 credits) at

<http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=practiceCredit#home>

PLAN AHEAD: **NOTE: The externship program requires a MANDATORY class before you start working. Summer Classes: Saturday, May 11th (Sum I or II) or Friday, June 7th (Sum II only).**

Class details: Externship program ONLY!

Time - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Place - Center for Legal and Social Justice  
2507 N.W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street – (just off campus)

Lunch is provided.

Pre-Class reading is required. Contact Amanda Rivas ([arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu)) for information on the class workbook and a short pre-class reading assignment that needs to be picked up before class.

***DISCLAIMER:** 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. So you may want to attend the class even if you are not formally registered and you are still trying to solidify a placement.*

\*\* For U.S. Attorney and Federal Public Defender Internships, contact Professor Schmolesky. \*\*

For questions please contact: Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) or 210. 431.5712  
Center for Legal and Social Justice

## **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

### **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**

We hope the holiday season finds you happy, healthy, well-rested... and eager to start the 2013 tax season! If so, we encourage you join us at St. Mary's once again as we provide tax preparation assistance to our surrounding community. Last year **St. Mary's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** volunteers prepared approximately 950 returns and secured \$1.7 million in refunds for local individuals and families. Please help us **complete our goal of 1,100 returns** while gaining valuable skills, volunteer hours, and goodwill.

Training dates this year are as follows:

Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – New Volunteer Basic & Basic re-certification  
Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Intermediate/Advanced  
Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> – New Volunteer Basic

Just a reminder to please sign up for one (1) basic eight (8) hour training session (**new** volunteers) or one (1) basic recertification four (4) hour session (**returning** volunteers). Of course, you may also sign up for additional training at the intermediate/advanced levels.

Sign up for training at the St. Mary's VITA website <http://stmarytxvita.org>. \*This is a new website, so you will first need to register by entering your email address, creating a password, and completing the registration page. Then logout, and return to enter the site as a returning user. You may wish to bookmark the page since you will use it during the tax season to sign up for volunteer dates.

\*If you have trouble signing up at the website, please email [vitavolunteer@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vitavolunteer@stmarytx.edu) and tell us which training date or dates you wish to attend.

Training will be held in the Alkek building on the St. Mary's University campus. Our trainers will provide everything from the materials to lunch so just worry about bringing yourself (and friends). Campus map link: <http://www.stmarytx.edu/map/>.

Training may also be completed online at <https://www.linklearncertification.com/d/>. If you go this route, you must also register at the St. Mary's website and bring us your test certificates in order to volunteer at the St. Mary's site.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at [vitavolunteer@stmarytx.edu](mailto:vitavolunteer@stmarytx.edu). See you at training!

### **SAVE THE DATE - SPRING JOB FAIRS**

Mark your calendar for the below Spring Job Fairs:

- Public Service Career Day in Austin – January 31 and February 1, 2013
- Metroplex Legal Job Fair in Dallas/Fort Worth – February 15, 2013
- Austin Legal Job Fair in Austin – February 22, 2013
- El Paso Virtual Job Fair – applications due March 5, 2013
- Midland/Odessa Virtual Job Fair – applications due March 5, 2013
- Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day in Corpus Christi – March 8, 2013
- Houston Legal Job Fair in Houston – March 15, 2013
- Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg – March 22, 2013

More information on these job fairs will be available later this month. If you are interested in the Public Service Career Day, El Paso, Midland/Odessa and Valley Job Fairs, please go to <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> to register.

The Metroplex, Austin, Corpus and Houston Job Fairs will be handled through St. Mary's Symplicity at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

### **OCS MINI GROUP CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS**

**Domestic Violence - Julia Raney Rodriguez and Meghan Kempf will lead a session at noon on January 28, 2013**

**Criminal Defense - Prof. Stephanie Stevens will lead the session at noon on March 25, 2013**

Stay tuned for more dates for the following areas of law:



- Family Law
- Estate and Probate
- Oil and Gas
- Public Interest
- Criminal Prosecution

To sign up for a slot, email Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu). All slots are a first come first serve basis. We will create a wait list after the slots are filled and add more sessions as needed.

## **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES (OCS) – SPRING 2013 PROGRAMMING**

Please RSVP for all programs in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS.

### **Interview Skills Workshop**

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

Come learn valuable tips on how to prepare for interviews from alumni who regularly interview and mentor students. This is great preparation for Public Service Days, Spring Job Fairs and Spring on Campus Recruitment. Speakers are:

- Aldo Salazar; DLG Luce LLP
- Barrett Ship; Heinrichs & De Gennaro, P.C.
- Tom Bagby; Tom Bagby Law Firm, PLLC

### **“What I Did Last Summer” Panel**

Wednesday, January 30, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

The OCS and the SBA are sponsoring a panel to highlight to 1Ls various types of positions they can obtain for their summer after their first year. We 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.

### **Solo Practice Academy: Law Practice Management**

Monday, February 4, 2013

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

Refreshments will be served.

This will kick off a series of programs that center around issues which solo practitioners need to be aware of as they start their own practice. The first session will be on law practice management and will cover many of the topics such as Business Plan for Solo Practice, Entity Formation: SOS filing, Articles of Incorporation, Operating Agreement, tax-id, Budgets, Establishing bank

accounts, Professional Liability Insurance, Satisfaction of CLE requirements, Occupation Tax, Bar Dues, Getting Business, Choosing a practice area, Billing Software, Which bar associations and groups to join? Self-assessment: Do you really want to be a solo?, Staying lean: Keeping the lid on overhead, and Books and Resources.

### **Networking Is For Everyone: Beyond “Working the Room”**

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Make your own Nacho Bar will be offered.

Effective networking is an invaluable skill that, when done right, has the potential to be exponentially beneficial throughout your career span. This program is an interactive and innovative approach to what is largely considered a somewhat dreaded process. We will take a look at individual style differences and discuss effective strategies for each. The key to making networking sustainable is self-awareness and a strategy that works for YOU. Strategies that apply both online and in person will be covered. Michelle Nash, Talent Development Director for The Shannon Group in Washington, DC will present this program. She has presented nationally to law schools and law firms. This program is sponsored by Themis Bar Review.

### **Careers in International Law**

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

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

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 from law school to become international lawyers. Learn 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.

### **Military JAG Panel**

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

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

Dinner will be served.

This program will provide students with information and experiences from most JAG branches of the military. It will be co sponsored by the Military Law Students Association and OCS.

### **Alternative Careers Panel**

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

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

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.

### **WLA and BCWBA Speed Networking Event**

Thursday, February 21, 2013

4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Refreshments will be served.

The Women's Law Association, Bexar County Women's Bar Association and the OCS present Speed-Networking. You've heard of speed-dating? Join us for a fun evening of networking and building connections with attorneys. Business attire is a must as you will meet attorneys from many different areas of practice. Come and take advantage of the opportunity to mix and mingle with essential contacts. In order to attend this event you must RSVP in the Events section of Symplicity under Workshops. Space is limited, sign-up now. This event is open to all students. The first hour from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. will be speed networking. The second hour from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. will be a networking reception.

### **Solo Practice Academy: Cost Effective Legal Research for Solo Practitioners**

Monday, February 25, 2013

4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Law Library Room 217

Refreshments will be served.

This is the second session of our Solo Practice Academy series. It will go through Cost Effective Legal Research techniques for solo practitioners who do not have full and unlimited access to Westlaw and Lexis in their practices.

### **Patent Law Information Session**

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

The OCS and the Technology and Intellectual Property Student Group are sponsoring this session. Practicing Law Institute's (PLI) Director of Law School Relations and a Director of their Patent Bar Review Course, Mark Dighton, will be visiting our campus from New York City to discuss the patent bar exam and considerations for taking the exam as well as some information about the patent career field. Topics for discussion include:

- The latest info on the Patent Bar Exam
- Who is eligible to take the exam
- How it works, now that it's on computer
- When you should take it (you don't need to...and probably shouldn't...wait until you graduate)
- How and when the new Rules' changes coming out of the Patent Office will impact the Exam
- Recommendations on when and how to study for this very difficult exam
- Scholarships to PLI's other IP programs will also be discussed

## LAW LIBRARY TO REMAIN OPEN SUMMER 2013

Construction of two new classrooms in the Law Classroom building will begin in summer 2013. As a result, the law classroom building will be closed during the summer. However, the **Sarita Kenedy East Law Library will remain open** and keep regular hours during the summer. You may refer to the Law Library web page <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/library/index.php> to view hours of operation.

The construction scheduled to take place in the Law Classroom building will not affect access to the law library. Additionally, **bar takers may continue to have a carrel** in the library, which has been the library's policy to support recent graduates studying for the bar exam. This is true for students taking either the February or July bar exam. If you wish to have a carrel for bar study, please see the library staff at the Circulation Desk.

## LOST AND FOUND

We have quite a collection of cups, books, clothes and more that may belong to you. Lost item(s) may be found in the Dean's suite in the Law Administration building, the Law Library Circulation Desk or in Raba, second floor. Please stop in to claim your belongings.

## JOIN THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

The **American Bar Association** can help you meet the challenges of law school and also prepare you 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.

## MINISTRY SERVICES

Below is the schedule for liturgy and worship services.

Eucharistic Celebrations at Chapel of Assumption

M/W/F – 12:15 p.m.  
T/Thu – 12:30 p.m.  
Sunday – 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

## **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

The **National Association of Law Students with Disabilities** (NALSWD) is an affiliate organization under the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities and is seeking to reach and serve all law students who have a disability. Interested students are invited to visit their website at [www.nalswd.org](http://www.nalswd.org) to explore opportunities to get involved with NALSWD, join the e-mail listserv, find information about scholarships and other resources, and learn about upcoming events and career opportunities. Students are invited to take a look at their Publications page which contains their newly launched *Best Practices Guide for Law Schools* and other helpful material. Students may also register online at <http://www.nalswd.org/membership.php>.

## **NOISE LEVEL**

If you are in the Law Classroom Building or in Raba while classes are in session, please be considerate of the students who are in class and **keep the noise level in the hall to a minimum**. Your fellow students thank you!

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

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** for student organizations 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 and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzalez 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 Fifteenth 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 25, 2013**.

The **Public Justice Foundation**, announces the 2013 Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice essay contest. A \$5,000 cash award will be given to the author of the winning essay. The 2013 topic is *Is Democracy for Sale?* Essay submission deadline is March 31, 2013. For contest details please visit <http://publicjustice.net/news-events/awards/hogansmoger-essay-contest>. Intent-to-enter submission deadline is **January 31, 2013**.

The **American Indian Law Review** (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2012-2013. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law or indigenous peoples. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information please go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2013**.

**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 third annual International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. Deadline for submissions is **Thursday, January 31, 2013** by 12:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. For detailed competition rules, please visit [http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/student\\_ihl\\_writing\\_competition.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/student_ihl_writing_competition.cfm).

The **Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara** is offering Medical and Graduate (including law) Student Scholarships. Applicants must have graduated from a high school in Santa Barbara County, California. For more information please visit [www.sbscholarship.org](http://www.sbscholarship.org). Deadline to apply is **January 31, 2013**.

The 2013 **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 prize of \$5,000. Postmark deadline for entries is **February 22, 2013**. For more information or to enroll, please visit <http://bit.ly/Levit2013>.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its sixth 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 more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition>. Deadline for submissions is **February 11, 2013**.

The **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 2013 Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar. The seminar is designed for attorneys and other professionals seeking a basic

knowledge of municipal bond law and related municipal finance issues. The seminar will be held April 17-19, 2013 at the Swissotel Chicago in Chicago, Illinois. The 2013 seminar brochure and details will be available on the NABL website ([www.nabl.org](http://www.nabl.org)) in early February. [Click here](#) to view the 2012 seminar brochure. Please take a few minutes to review the [application and seminar information](#). **Completed applications are due no later than February 28, 2013.** For specific questions please contact [Linda Wyman](#), NABL Chief Operating Officer at (202) 503-3300.

The **Center for Human Rights at Trinity Law School** announces its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual writing competition. The topic for this year's writing competition is "The Evolving Tension between the Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Religion, and Hate Speech and Blasphemy Laws." First place will award \$3,000, second place \$1,000 and third place \$500. Submissions are due on or before **March 25, 2013**. For further information please visit: <http://www.tls.edu/writing-competition>.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. One full scholarship to attend the Sovereignty Symposium will be offered in her memory. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues by an application letter. There is no application form. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to enter is **April 1, 2013**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2013 Brief-Writing Award Competition. The Scribes Brief-Writing Committee solicits winning briefs from national moot-court competitions and selects the finest of those winning briefs. The winning author will be recognized at the Scribes annual meeting held during the ABA's meeting in San Francisco on August 9, 2013. For information on how submit a brief, please go visit <http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/2012-2013%20Brief%20Letter%20Web.pdf>. Deadline to submit a brief is **April 19, 2013**.

Entries for The Symposium XXVI **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) or contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**.

**National Association of Women Lawyers** is seeking entries for its 2012-13 Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law. Cash prize of \$500 will be awarded for first-place essay. Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**. Guidelines are at <http://nawl.timberlakepublishing.com/files/2013National%20Association%20of%20Women%20Lawyers%20Selma%20Moidel.pdf>.

**The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law** announces their annual law student writing competition. Entries

may address any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the American labor and employment bar. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. EDST, **May 15, 2013**. Rules may be found at <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/products/Writing%20Competition.aspx>.

**NEW** - The **American College of Employee Benefits Counsel** is pleased to announce the Ninth Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. Papers must deal with employee benefit topics. Cash prizes will be awarded for up to two winning papers. Deadline is June 1, 2013. For competition rules please go to [www.acebc.com](http://www.acebc.com).

**NEW** - LexisNexis Matthew Bender is pleased to announce the Fourteenth Annual James William Moore Federal Practice Award. The award is intended to recognize outstanding scholarship in federal and civil practice and procedure. Articles must be postmarked by June 3, 2013. Eligibility requirements can be found at <http://bit.ly/Moore-2013>.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. 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 contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **June 4, 2013**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2013 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, 2013**.



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## KUDOS

Kudos to **Anietie Akpan**, 3L recipient of the **2013 Marianist Heritage Student Award**. Anietie is a research assistant for Sister Grace Walle, Law Ministry. She has achieved academic success as well as demonstrated excellence in lay leadership, building community, and service for the common good. Anietie is active in the Women's Law Association, editorial board of the *Scholar*, BALSAs and St. Thomas More Society. She is also involved with University Ministry and played an integral role at Red Mass. She also had an article published in Today's Catholic about Red Mass, which included her interview of President Mengler regarding his Red Mass commentary. Anietie is the fourth law student to receive this award.

## DIGITAL REPOSITORY BY THE LIBRARY IS OPEN

The library is pleased to announce that a new service, Digital Repository, is ready for your visit at <http://www.stmarylaw.org>. The repository is a digital collection of locally produced contents, such as articles from the *Scholar*, *Law Notes*, the *Witan*, the library newsletter, and other law school publications. In the near future, we hope to add faculty writings and other contents to this collection. The library staff has worked on this project for the last couple of years. We are delighted that this has finally been completed. Your comments and suggestions are welcome as we continue to improve this service. For questions or comments please contact Wilhelmina Randtke, Electronic Services Librarian, at [wrandtke@stmarytx.edu](mailto:wrandtke@stmarytx.edu).

## MILITARY LAW ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

**Military Law Association** (MLA) will hold its first general meeting this week **Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.** in the **Atrium**. The MLA Board will be going over the many events planned for the semester. Please join us as lots of exciting things are in the works. See you then.

## THE EXONERATED AND WRONGFULLY CONVICTED WORKSHOP

The **San Antonio Institute for Social Justice** invites you to a free workshop, "**The Exonerated and Wrongfully Convicted.**" Documentary Title: Juan Melendez-6446, followed by reflections from Sam Millsap, Former District Attorney of San Antonio, Adjunct, St. Mary's University School of Law and Roger Barnes, Sociology Professor at the University of the Incarnate Word. The workshop will be held **Saturday, February 2, 2013** from **1:00 - 4:00 p.m.** at St. Mary's University, **AT&T Center, Room 108**. Coordinators are Bro. Brian Halderman, SM and Katherine Hess. Three social work ethics CEU'S will be awarded. The San Antonio Institute for Social Justice provides a series of social justice workshops using the Public Social Policies of the National Association of Social Workers as a reference of discussion.

## **THE AT&T EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE AWARD FOR A 2L OR 3L STUDENT**

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. Deadline for submission for the spring 2013 semester is Monday, **February 4, 2013**. Applications can be found on the ProBono TWEN page under Scholarships or contact RA Julia Null at [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com) for more information.

### **DEFENSE COUNSEL OF SAN ANTONIO - STUDENT CHAPTER**

Defense Counsel of San Antonio (DCSA) Student Chapter is a new organization on campus looking for members. The Student Chapter of DCSA aims to get students involved with members of the local bar and bench. The DCSA will host a **reception for Judges**, on campus in the **Alumni Room on February 26, 2013 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** where the judges will lead a panel discussion followed by a reception and students will be able to engage with local attorneys and the judges. Additionally, DCSA Student Chapter will be implementing a **mentorship program** between member attorneys and students, where the attorneys will take students to hearings and introduce them to the judges. Dues for the semester will be \$15. If you are interested in membership or have questions, please email DCSAStudentChapter@gmail.com or contact the officers directly: Brandon Strey ([bstrey@gmail.com](mailto:bstrey@gmail.com)), Alexa Smith ([asmith33@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:asmith33@mail.stmarytx.edu)), or Gregg Gillian ([Gregg\\_Gillian@yahoo.com](mailto:Gregg_Gillian@yahoo.com)).

### **CAREER SERVICES WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU**

How may we better serve you? Please take this brief online survey to let us know. <https://law-stmarytx-csm.1simplicity.com/surveys/2013OCSSStudentSurvey>.

### **ABA LAW STUDENT DIVISION 2013-2014 LEADERSHIP TEAM**

The **ABA Law Student Division** has numerous leadership positions available either by election or appointment. Among the many opportunities and benefits, ABA Law Student Division leadership will provide you with:

- The opportunity to work with law student leaders across the country, including SBA Presidents, ABA Representatives, national law student organization leaders, as well as licensed attorneys and judges;
- The opportunity to participate in roundtables, debates, and discussions addressing law student issues and concerns;

- The ability to foster your leadership, diplomacy, and project management skills; and
- The opportunity to create policy and present legal education issues that affect law students regionally and nationally.

Join the ABA Law Student Division 2013-2014 Leadership Team. Deadline is **Friday, February 1, 2013 (11:59pm)**. Visit <http://ambar.org/lSDLleadership> for the specific eligibility requirements, nomination/application forms, deadlines, and delivery instructions.

### **CALLING ALL RUNNERS AND WALKERS**

The **Military Law Association (MLA)** will host its third annual **Long Mile 5K/10K** on **Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** The race will begin and end at the Alumni Athletic & Convocation Center on campus. The course will be a scenic and safe jaunt through campus, and will stay open until the last participant crosses the finish line. The event is open to the public, and will be family friendly, so please invite your friends and family to participate. Walkers are welcome in the 5K event. The race is the MLA's main fundraiser to benefit the Fisher Houses in San Antonio. The three Fisher Houses offer a home-away-from-home for families whose loved ones are receiving treatment at a military hospital. The MLA is also looking for volunteers to staff the race and cheer on our participants. Race registration is now open on [active.com](http://active.com), and volunteer sign up is available on the MLA TWEN page. For additional information, please contact Matt Blyth at [matt.blyth@gmail.com](mailto:matt.blyth@gmail.com) or Lisa Germano at [lisabeth.germano@gmail.com](mailto:lisabeth.germano@gmail.com).

### **SELF-CARE IN LAW SCHOOL**

Law School is stressful, so be sure and take advantage of the resources available to you to handle that stress. Check out the link to the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program at [www.texasbar.com](http://www.texasbar.com), 1.800.343.TLAP or call Student Psychological and Testing Services at 210.436.3135.

### **INTERNSHIPS/EXTERNSHIPS SPRING 2013 OR SUMMER 2013**

*Looking to gain LEGAL EXPERIENCE and get ACADEMIC CREDIT?*

**ACT NOW!**

If you are interested in a Spring or Summer Practice Credit Program (a.k.a. internship/externship), **START NOW** by finding a **non-profit or government job\*** (unpaid) on Symplicity or by using your own contacts.

Employers have already started posting their openings for Spring and Summer positions. Check out Symplicity now or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. (For eligibility questions, please contact Amanda Rivas at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu).)

Spring/Summer opportunities posted on Symplicity NOW include:

- Youth Rights/Education Law - TRLA
- Manufactured Housing Issues - TRLA
- Tax Law - TRLA
- Med-Mal Experience - Audie Murphy V.A. Legal Department
- Juvenile Law - Bexar County Probation
- Worker's Compensation - Office of Injured Employees

READ about the **Practice Credit Externship** (1, 2, or 3 credits) and **Practice Credit Independent Study Programs** (1 or 2 credits) at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=practiceCredit#home>

PLAN AHEAD: **NOTE: The externship program requires a MANDATORY class before you start working. Summer Classes: Saturday, May 11th (Sum I or II) or Friday, June 7th (Sum II only).**

Class details: Externship program ONLY!  
 Time - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
 Place - Center for Legal and Social Justice  
 2507 N.W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street – (just off campus)  
 Lunch is provided.

Pre-Class reading is required. Contact Amanda Rivas ([arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu)) for information on the class workbook and a short pre-class reading assignment that needs to be picked up before class.

***DISCLAIMER:** 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. So you may want to attend the class even if you are not formally registered and you are still trying to solidify a placement.*

\*\* For U.S. Attorney and Federal Public Defender Internships, contact Professor Schmolesky. \*\*

For questions please contact: Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs, [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu) or 210. 431.5712  
 Center for Legal and Social Justice

### **SAVE THE DATE - SPRING JOB FAIRS**

Mark your calendar for the below Spring Job Fairs:

- **Public Service Career Day in Austin – January 31 and February 1, 2013**
- Metroplex Legal Job Fair in Dallas/Fort Worth – February 15, 2013
- Austin Legal Job Fair in Austin – February 22, 2013

- El Paso Virtual Job Fair – applications due March 5, 2013
- Midland/Odessa Virtual Job Fair – applications due March 5, 2013
- Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day in Corpus Christi – March 8, 2013
- Houston Legal Job Fair in Houston – March 15, 2013
- Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg – March 22, 2013

More information on these job fairs will be available later this month. If you are interested in the Public Service Career Day, El Paso, Midland/Odessa and Valley Job Fairs, please go to <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> to register.

The Metroplex, Austin, Corpus and Houston Job Fairs will be handled through St. Mary's Symplicity at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

### **OCS MINI GROUP CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS**

**Domestic Violence - Julia Raney Rodriguez and Meghan Kempf will lead a session at noon on January 28, 2013**

**Criminal Defense - Prof. Stephanie Stevens will lead the session at noon on March 25, 2013**

Stay tuned for more dates for the following areas of law:

- Family Law
- Estate and Probate
- Oil and Gas
- Public Interest
- Criminal Prosecution

To sign up for a slot, email Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu). All slots are a first come first serve basis. A wait list will be created after the slots are filled and more sessions will be added as needed.

### **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES (OCS) – SPRING 2013 PROGRAMMING**

Please RSVP for all programs in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS.

#### **“What I Did Last Summer” Panel**

Wednesday, January 30, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

The OCS and the SBA are sponsoring a panel to highlight to 1Ls various types of positions they can obtain for their summer after their first year. We 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.

### **Solo Practice Academy: Law Practice Management**

Monday, February 4, 2013

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

Refreshments will be served.

This will kick off a series of programs that center around issues which solo practitioners need to be aware of as they start their own practice. The first session will be on law practice management and will cover many of the topics such as Business Plan for Solo Practice, Entity Formation: SOS filing, Articles of Incorporation, Operating Agreement, tax-id, Budgets, Establishing bank accounts, Professional Liability Insurance, Satisfaction of CLE requirements, Occupation Tax, Bar Dues, Getting Business, Choosing a practice area, Billing Software, Which bar associations and groups to join? Self-assessment: Do you really want to be a solo?, Staying lean: Keeping the lid on overhead, and Books and Resources.

### **Networking Is For Everyone: Beyond “Working the Room”**

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Make your own Nacho Bar will be offered.

Effective networking is an invaluable skill that, when done right, has the potential to be exponentially beneficial throughout your career span. This program is an interactive and innovative approach to what is largely considered a somewhat dreaded process. We will take a look at individual style differences and discuss effective strategies for each. The key to making networking sustainable is self-awareness and a strategy that works for YOU. Strategies that apply both online and in person will be covered. Michelle Nash, Talent Development Director for The Shannon Group in Washington, DC will present this program. She has presented nationally to law schools and law firms. This program is sponsored by Themis Bar Review.

### **Careers in International Law**

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

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

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 from law school to become international lawyers. Learn 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.

### **Military JAG Panel**

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

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

Dinner will be served.

This program will provide students with information and experiences from most JAG branches of the military. It will be co sponsored by the Military Law Students Association and OCS.



### **Alternative Careers Panel**

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

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

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.

### **WLA and BCWBA Speed Networking Event**

Thursday, February 21, 2013

4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Refreshments will be served.

The Women's Law Association, Bexar County Women's Bar Association and the OCS present Speed-Networking. You've heard of speed-dating? Join us for a fun evening of networking and building connections with attorneys. Business attire is a must as you will meet attorneys from many different areas of practice. Come and take advantage of the opportunity to mix and mingle with essential contacts. In order to attend this event you must RSVP in the Events section of Symplicity under Workshops. Space is limited, sign-up now. This event is open to all students. The first hour from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. will be speed networking. The second hour from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. will be a networking reception.

### **Solo Practice Academy: Cost Effective Legal Research for Solo Practitioners**

Monday, February 25, 2013

4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Law Library Room 217

Refreshments will be served.

This is the second session of our Solo Practice Academy series. It will go through Cost Effective Legal Research techniques for solo practitioners who do not have full and unlimited access to Westlaw and Lexis in their practices.

### **Patent Law Information Session**

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

The OCS and the Technology and Intellectual Property Student Group are sponsoring this session. Practicing Law Institute's (PLI) Director of Law School Relations and a Director of their Patent Bar Review Course, Mark Dighton, will be visiting our campus from New York City to discuss the patent bar exam and considerations for taking the exam as well as some information about the patent career field. Topics for discussion include:

- The latest info on the Patent Bar Exam
- Who is eligible to take the exam
- How it works, now that it's on computer
- When you should take it (you don't need to...and probably shouldn't...wait until you graduate)

- How and when the new Rules' changes coming out of the Patent Office will impact the Exam
- Recommendations on when and how to study for this very difficult exam
- Scholarships to PLI's other IP programs will also be discussed

### **LAW LIBRARY TO REMAIN OPEN SUMMER 2013**

Construction of two new classrooms in the Law Classroom building will begin in summer 2013. As a result, the law classroom building will be closed during the summer. However, the **Sarita Kenedy East Law Library will remain open** and keep regular hours during the summer. You may refer to the Law Library web page <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/library/index.php> to view hours of operation.

The construction scheduled to take place in the Law Classroom building will not affect access to the law library. Additionally, **bar takers may continue to have a carrel** in the library, which has been the library's policy to support recent graduates studying for the bar exam. This is true for students taking either the February or July bar exam. If you wish to have a carrel for bar study, please see the library staff at the Circulation Desk.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

We have quite a collection of cups, books, clothes and more that may belong to you. Lost item(s) may be found in the Dean's suite in the Law Administration building, the Law Library Circulation Desk or in Raba, second floor. Please stop in to claim your belongings.

### **JOIN THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

The **American Bar Association** can help you meet the challenges of law school and also prepare you 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.

## MINISTRY SERVICES

Liturgy and Eucharistic Celebrations are held at Chapel of Assumption as follows:

M/W/F – 12:15 p.m.

T/Thu – 12:30 p.m.

Sunday – 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

## STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The **National Association of Law Students with Disabilities** (NALSWD) is an affiliate organization under the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities and is seeking to reach and serve all law students who have a disability. Interested students are invited to visit their website at [www.nalswd.org](http://www.nalswd.org) to explore opportunities to get involved with NALSWD, join the e-mail listserv, find information about scholarships and other resources, and learn about upcoming events and career opportunities. Students are invited to take a look at their Publications page which contains their newly launched *Best Practices Guide for Law Schools* and other helpful material. Students may also register online at <http://www.nalswd.org/membership.php>.

## NOISE LEVEL

If you are in the Law Classroom Building or in Raba while classes are in session, please be considerate of the students who are in class and **keep the noise level in the hall to a minimum**. Your fellow students thank you!

## EVENT SET-UPS FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** for student organizations 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 and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzalez at [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu).

The **Public Justice Foundation**, announces the 2013 Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice essay contest. A \$5,000 cash award will be given to the author of the winning essay. The 2013 topic is *Is Democracy for Sale?* Essay submission deadline is March 31, 2013. For contest details please visit <http://publicjustice.net/news-events/awards/hogansmoger-essay-contest>. Intent-to-enter submission deadline is **January 31, 2013**.

The **American Indian Law Review** (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition for 2012-2013. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law or indigenous peoples. First place will be awarded \$1,000 and publication of paper in the AILR. Second place is \$500 and third place is \$250. For more information please go to <http://www.ailr.net/writecomp>. Deadline to apply is **6:00 p.m. EST, January 31, 2013**.

**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 third annual International Humanitarian Law Student writing competition. Deadline for submissions is **Thursday, January 31, 2013** by 12:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. For detailed competition rules, please visit [http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/student\\_ihl\\_writing\\_competition.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/student_ihl_writing_competition.cfm).

The **Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara** is offering Medical and Graduate (including law) Student Scholarships. Applicants must have graduated from a high school in Santa Barbara County, California. For more information please visit [www.sbscholarship.org](http://www.sbscholarship.org). Deadline to apply is **January 31, 2013**.

The 2013 **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 prize of \$5,000. Postmark deadline for entries is **February 22, 2013**. For more information or to enroll, please visit <http://bit.ly/Levit2013>.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its sixth 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 more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition>. Deadline for submissions is **February 11, 2013**.

The **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 2013 Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar. The seminar is designed for attorneys and other professionals seeking a basic knowledge of municipal bond law and related municipal finance issues. The seminar will be held April 17-19, 2013 at the Swissotel Chicago in Chicago, Illinois. The 2013 seminar brochure and details will be available on the NABL website ([www.nabl.org](http://www.nabl.org)) in early February. [Click here](#) to view the 2012 seminar brochure. Please take a few minutes to review the [application and seminar](#)

**information.** Completed applications are due no later than **February 28, 2013.** For specific questions please contact [Linda Wyman](#), NABL Chief Operating Officer at (202) 503-3300.

**NEW** - The law firm of **Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard P.C.** is proud to offer eight (8) scholarships to deserving law school students who author winning essays on either the cerebral palsy or car accident topics. Awards can be used for tuition, supplies, or other school related expenses. A short essay is required and must be submitted by **March 15, 2013.** More details about the scholarship can be found at [www.SalviLaw.com/law-school-scholarship-essay-contest/](http://www.SalviLaw.com/law-school-scholarship-essay-contest/).

The **Center for Human Rights at Trinity Law School** announces its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual writing competition. The topic for this year's writing competition is "The Evolving Tension between the Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Religion, and Hate Speech and Blasphemy Laws." First place will award \$3,000, second place \$1,000 and third place \$500. Submissions are due on or before **March 25, 2013.** For further information please visit: <http://www.tls.edu/writing-competition>.

**NEW** - The **Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2013 Paul Faherty Tax Law Writing Competition. Awards include one grand prize of \$3,000 and two honorable mentions, each \$1,000. Topics may include any aspect of tax law. Submit papers by email to [aberkow@jmls.edu](mailto:aberkow@jmls.edu) by **Sunday, March 31, 2013.**

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship.** One full scholarship to attend the Sovereignty Symposium will be offered in her memory. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues by an application letter. There is no application form. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to enter is **April 1, 2013.**

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2013 Brief-Writing Award Competition. The Scribes Brief-Writing Committee solicits winning briefs from national moot-court competitions and selects the finest of those winning briefs. The winning author will be recognized at the Scribes annual meeting held during the ABA's meeting in San Francisco on August 9, 2013. For information on how submit a brief, please go visit <http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/2012-2013%20Brief%20Letter%20Web.pdf>. Deadline to submit a brief is **April 19, 2013.**

Entries for The Symposium XXVI **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) or contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013.**

**National Association of Women Lawyers** is seeking entries for its 2012-13 Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning

women's rights or the status of women in the law. Cash prize of \$500 will be awarded for first-place essay. Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**. Writing guidelines may be found at <http://nawl.timberlakepublishing.com/files/2013National%20Association%20of%20Women%20Lawyers%20Selma%20Moidel.pdf>.

**The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law** announces their annual law student writing competition. Entries may address any aspect of public or private sector labor and/or employment law relevant to the American labor and employment bar. First place: \$1500, second place, \$1000 and third place is \$500. Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. EDST, **May 15, 2013**. Rules may be found at <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/products/Writing%20Competition.aspx>.

The **American College of Employee Benefits Counsel** is pleased to announce the Ninth Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. Papers must deal with employee benefit topics. Cash prizes will be awarded for up to two winning papers. Deadline is **June 1, 2013**. For competition rules please go to [www.acebc.com](http://www.acebc.com).

**LexisNexis Matthew Bender** is pleased to announce the Fourteenth Annual James William Moore Federal Practice Award. The award is intended to recognize outstanding scholarship in federal and civil practice and procedure. Articles must be postmarked by **June 3, 2013**. Eligibility requirements can be found at <http://bit.ly/Moore-2013>.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. 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 contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **June 4, 2013**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2013 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, 2013**.

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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. **Deadline for submission for the spring 2013 semester is today, Monday, February 4, 2013.** Applications can be found on the ProBono TWEN page under Scholarships or contact RA Julia Null at [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

### SUMMER STUDY IN CHINA - INFORMATION MEETING

Date/Time: Wednesday, February 6, 12:00 p.m.

Location: Room 101 in Classroom Building

If you are interested in studying in China this summer, please join Professors Bob Hu and Vincent Johnson to learn about all the details of the program. We'll discuss the application, housing, internships, and travels. Bring your questions. Lunch will be provided. For questions, contact Professor Hu at [rhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhu@stmarytx.edu).

### HELP MEALS ON WHEELS, EAT FREE FOOD, AND LEARN MORE ABOUT *THE SCHOLAR*

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* needs your help. Come help us brighten someone's day, eat some **FREE FOOD**, and get to know more about *The Scholar* community. Join us in making cards for Meals on Wheels to distribute to its elderly clients on Valentine's Day. All supplies will be provided. This event will be held **Thursday, February 7, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** in the *Scholar* office, **Room 224** on the second floor of the Law Library. We look forward to seeing you.

### CELEBRATE THE CHINESE NEW YEAR

APALSA invites you to celebrate the Chinese New Year on **Thursday, February 7, 2013, 4:15 - 6:00 p.m. in Raba**. Donations are \$10 and include a festive Chinese buffet and beverage. Proceeds will benefit the China Pioneer Fund Scholarship. This event is co-sponsored by Law Ministry and the Student Bar Association. For questions please contact Chris Chaffee at [cchaffee3333@gmail.com](mailto:cchaffee3333@gmail.com).

## CLINIC APPLICANTS FOR SUMMER/FALL/SPRING 2013-14

Couldn't make it to the Clinic Information Sessions but still want to apply to the Clinical Education Programs? Check out our TWEN page "Clinic Applicants for Summer/Fall/Spring 2013-2014" For questions, please call Marisa Santos at 210.431.5703 or email [msantos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:msantos@stmarytx.edu). Remember, since Clinic enrollment is limited, **applications are due no later than February 8, 2013** to receive full consideration for a spot in Clinic. Applications received after February 8, 2013 will be considered on a rolling basis. For more information on the clinical programs please visit the Clinic website at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=centerForLegalAndSocialJustice>.

## LAW SCHOOL MARDI GRAS

Get your beads on and come celebrate Law School **Mardi Gras** on **Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 4:15 p.m. in the Law Plaza**. Food and beverages will be provided. This event is sponsored by Law Ministry and the Student Bar Association.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

The School of Law will observe **Ash Wednesday** on **February 13, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.** in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, **Alumni Room**. The Mass celebration will be about a half-hour long, followed by a Lenten lunch and will conclude in time for 1:00 p.m. classes. An **evening Ash Service** will be held at **5:00 p.m.** in the Law Courtyard. Everyone is invited to attend.

## MILITARY LAW ASSOCIATION VALENTINE DINNER COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT

Don't have a valentine? Valentine out of town? Valentine forgot to make reservations? Well don't worry; we have a Valentine event you will never forget! Come join the **Military Law Association** (MLA) community service event at the Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center on **Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.** The event will be located at the **Audie L. Murphy VA Medical Center, 7400 Merton Minter Blvd, 78229**. We will dine with patients and following dinner, we will participate in fun valentine activities. You can sign up on the TWEN MLA page. If you have any questions, please email [Juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:Juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com).

## FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION PROGRAM AND NETWORKING EVENT

Come meet our federal judges!

The **San Antonio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association** and St. Mary's University School of Law is pleased to welcome two distinguished alumnus to campus on **Thursday, February 28, 2013**. The Honorable **David Ezra** (J.D. 72'), Senior United States District Judge, and the Honorable **Craig Gargotta**, United States Bankruptcy Judge (J.D. 89'), will be speaking at St. Mary's University School of Law's **Alumni Room** from **4:00 - 5:00 p.m.** with a free catered

reception to follow from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Judge Ezra, who was confirmed as a United States Federal District Judge in 1987, recently joined the San Antonio Division of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, where he presides over both criminal and civil cases. Before joining the Western District of Texas, Judge Ezra earned the distinction of being the longest serving federal judge in Hawaii's history. Judge Gargotta was named a United States Bankruptcy Judge in 2010, and now presides in San Antonio. Recently appointed United States Magistrate Henry Bemporad, who previously served as Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Texas, will also be in attendance at this event.

This is a great opportunity for students to learn more about the federal judicial system. Both judges are excited to share their legal experiences and words of advice to students interested in pursuing a federal legal career. Students are also invited to attend the free catered reception immediately after the conclusion of the talk to meet the judges and other distinguished members of San Antonio's federal legal community. We hope to see you there.

### **NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED - "WOMEN IN LAW"**

Do you know a female St. Mary's University School of Law student with strong leadership qualities? If so, nominate her for the **Alma L. Lopez "Women in Law" Student Leadership Award**. Nominations are due by 12:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 6, 2013** in the Law Ministry Office, Raba Building, Room 105. Faculty, staff, students, and student organizations may nominate a student. Nominees will be asked to submit a resume. No self-nominations will be accepted. The award recipient and all nominees will be recognized at a reception for the Fourth Court of Appeals, following oral arguments on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. Contact Sister Grace Walle, FMI at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436.3063.

### **TOP 10% OF FIRST YEAR STUDENTS TO RECIEVE INVITATION TO JOIN THE *LAW JOURNAL***

On January 28, 2013, the faculty approved amendments to the bylaws of the *St. Mary's Law Journal*, which are effective immediately.

There are now two ways to become a Staff Writer on the *Law Journal*: (1) the Grade-On Selection Process and (2) the Write-On Competition.

*Grade-On Selection Process.* Juris doctorate students who earn a place on the Dean's List (calculated as the top ten percent of each section) at the end of their first semester of study will be invited to become Staff Writers on the *Law Journal* without the necessity of participating in the Write-On Competition. Invitations will be distributed by the Editor in Chief in hardcopy or electronic format during the Spring semester no later than April 1, and must be accepted by invitees in hardcopy or electronic format by a date set by the Editor in Chief.

*Write-On Competition Selection Process.* Students who do not Grade-On to the *Law Journal* may become Staff Writers by participating in the Write-On competition at the conclusion of the spring semester.

A student who accepts an invitation to become a Staff Writer will not become a Staff Writer until the student has completed the required courses listed in the bylaws and has satisfied Staff Writer Orientation requirements. Orientation occurs only once each year, normally in August.

Details about the Staff Writer selection process may be found in Part V of the *St. Mary's Law Journal* bylaws, which are posted on the website.

## **FEDERAL COURT JUDICIAL INTERNSHIPS IN SAN ANTONIO**

**Semesters: Summer 2013, Fall 2013, and Spring 2014**

**Deadline: 4:00 p.m., Wednesday February 13, 2013**

Applications are now being accepted for pre-graduation judicial internships with four 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.*

***Eligibility of Full-Time and Part-Time Students:*** Students may apply for any internship that will commence in a semester after the student has completed 31 hours of course work. Thus, a first-year, full-time student may apply for an internship that will take place in the summer between first and second year, or during any subsequent semester. A first-year, part-time student may applying for a judicial internship that commences in spring of the student's second year or later.

### **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 four-credit graded internship positions to one student during each semester.

The Honorable Edward C. Prado, a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, will offer two-credit pass/fail internship positions to one student during each semester.

### **The United States District Court**

At the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, one to three positions will be available each semester with the Honorable Xavier Rodriguez during each semester. 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 will earn two pass/fail credits.

### **The United States Magistrate Court**

At the United States Magistrate Court, one internship with the Honorable Pamela Mathy is available during each semester.

### **Applications**

Interested students should submit an application to Professor Vincent R. Johnson. Please give your application materials to Ms. Maribel Garcia 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. Maribel Garcia or on the law school website. The form asks a student to indicate which judges the student would like to be considered by and which semesters the student is available to serve in an internship. You only need to subject one form, regardless of the number of judges for which you are submitting applications

(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 (date; return address, judge's address, proper salutation (e.g., Dear Judge Garza). In terms of tone, the letter should be restrained, professional, factual, 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.

### **DIGITAL REPOSITORY BY THE LIBRARY IS OPEN**

The library is pleased to announce that a new service, Digital Repository, is ready for your visit at <http://www.stmarylaw.org>. The repository is a digital collection of locally produced contents, such as articles from the *Scholar*, *Law Notes*, the *Witan*, the library newsletter, and other law school publications. In the near future, we hope to add faculty writings and other contents to this collection. The library staff has worked on this project for the last couple of years. We are delighted that this has finally been completed. Your comments and suggestions are welcome as we continue to

improve this service. For questions or comments please contact Wilhelmina Randtke, Electronic Services Librarian, at [wrandtke@stmarytx.edu](mailto:wrandtke@stmarytx.edu).

## **DEFENSE COUNSEL OF SAN ANTONIO - STUDENT CHAPTER**

Defense Counsel of San Antonio (DCSA) Student Chapter is a new organization on campus looking for members. The Student Chapter of DCSA aims to get students involved with members of the local bar and bench. The DCSA will host a **reception for Judges**, on campus in the **Alumni Room on February 26, 2013 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** where the judges will lead a panel discussion followed by a reception and students will be able to engage with local attorneys and the judges. Additionally, DCSA Student Chapter will be implementing a **mentorship program** between member attorneys and students, where the attorneys will take students to hearings and introduce them to the judges. Dues for the semester will be \$15. If you are interested in membership or have questions, please email DCSAStudentChapter@gmail.com or contact the officers directly: Brandon Strey ([bstrey@gmail.com](mailto:bstrey@gmail.com)), Alexa Smith ([asmith33@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:asmith33@mail.stmarytx.edu)), or Gregg Gillian ([Gregg.Gillian@yahoo.com](mailto:Gregg.Gillian@yahoo.com)).

## **CAREER SERVICES WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU**

How may we better serve you? Please take this brief online survey to let us know. <https://law-stmarytx-csm.1symplicity.com/surveys/2013OCSStudentSurvey>.

## **CALLING ALL RUNNERS AND WALKERS**

The **Military Law Association (MLA)** will host its third annual **Long Mile 5K/10K** on **Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** The race will begin and end at the Alumni Athletic & Convocation Center on campus. The course will be a scenic and safe jaunt through campus, and will stay open until the last participant crosses the finish line. The event is open to the public, and will be family friendly, so please invite your friends and family to participate. Walkers are welcome in the 5K event. The race is the MLA's main fundraiser to benefit the Fisher Houses in San Antonio. The three Fisher Houses offer a home-away-from-home for families whose loved ones are receiving treatment at a military hospital. The MLA is also looking for volunteers to staff the race and cheer on our participants. Race registration is now open on [active.com](http://active.com), and volunteer sign up is available on the MLA TWEN page. For additional information, please contact Matt Blyth at [matt.blyth@gmail.com](mailto:matt.blyth@gmail.com) or Lisa Germano at [lisabeth.germano@gmail.com](mailto:lisabeth.germano@gmail.com).

## **SAVE THE DATE - SPRING JOB FAIRS**

Mark your calendar for the below Spring Job Fairs:

- **Metroplex Legal Job Fair in Dallas/Fort Worth – February 15, 2013**
- Austin Legal Job Fair in Austin – February 22, 2013
- El Paso Virtual Job Fair – applications due March 5, 2013

- Midland/Odessa Virtual Job Fair – applications due March 5, 2013
- Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day in Corpus Christi – March 8, 2013
- Houston Legal Job Fair in Houston – March 15, 2013
- Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg – March 22, 2013

If you are interested in the Public Service Career Day, El Paso, Midland/Odessa and Valley Job Fairs, please go to <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> to register.

The Metroplex, Austin, Corpus and Houston Job Fairs will be handled through St. Mary's Symplicity at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

### **OCS MINI GROUP CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS**

- February 7, 2013, 4:00 p.m. - Oil and Gas: Professor Laura Burney
- February 25, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Criminal Prosecution: Professor Schmolesky
- March 4, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Estate and Probate: Barrett Shipp, Esq.
- March 4, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Public Interest: Professor Kauffman
- March 18, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Family Law: Associate Dean Ana Novoa
- March 25, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Criminal Defense: Clinical Professor Stephanie Stevens

To sign up for a slot, email Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu). All slots are on a first come first serve basis. A wait list will be created after the slots are filled and more sessions will be added as needed.

### **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES (OCS) – SPRING 2013 PROGRAMMING**

Please RSVP for all programs in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS.

#### **Solo Practice Academy: Law Practice Management**

Monday, February 4, 2013

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

Refreshments will be served.

This will kick off a series of programs that center around issues which solo practitioners need to be aware of as they start their own practice. The first session will be on law practice management and will cover many of the topics such as Business Plan for Solo Practice, Entity Formation: SOS filing, Articles of Incorporation, Operating Agreement, tax-id, Budgets, Establishing bank accounts, Professional Liability Insurance, Satisfaction of CLE requirements, Occupation Tax, Bar Dues, Getting Business, Choosing a practice area, Billing Software, Which bar associations and groups to join? Self-assessment: Do you really want to be a solo?, Staying lean: Keeping the lid on overhead, and Books and Resources.

### **Networking Is For Everyone: Beyond “Working the Room”**

Wednesday, February 6, 2013

4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Make your own Nacho Bar will be offered.

Effective networking is an invaluable skill that, when done right, has the potential to be exponentially beneficial throughout your career span. This program is an interactive and innovative approach to what is largely considered a somewhat dreaded process. We will take a look at individual style differences and discuss effective strategies for each. The key to making networking sustainable is self-awareness and a strategy that works for YOU. Strategies that apply both online and in person will be covered. Michelle Nash, Talent Development Director for The Shannon Group in Washington, DC will present this program. She has presented nationally to law schools and law firms. This program is sponsored by Themis Bar Review.

### **Careers in International Law**

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

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

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 from law school to become international lawyers. Learn 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.

### **Military JAG Panel**

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

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

Dinner will be served.

This program will provide students with information and experiences from most JAG branches of the military. It will be co sponsored by the Military Law Students Association and OCS.

### **Alternative Careers Panel**

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

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

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.

### **WLA and BCWBA Speed Networking Event**

Thursday, February 21, 2013

4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Refreshments will be served.

The Women's Law Association, Bexar County Women's Bar Association and the OCS present



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

### **Solo Practice Academy: Cost Effective Legal Research for Solo Practitioners**

Monday, February 25, 2013

4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Law Library Room 217

Refreshments will be served.

This is the second session of our Solo Practice Academy series. It will go through Cost Effective Legal Research techniques for solo practitioners who do not have full and unlimited access to Westlaw and Lexis in their practices.

### **Patent Law Information Session**

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

The OCS and the Technology and Intellectual Property Student Group are sponsoring this session. Practicing Law Institute's (PLI) Director of Law School Relations and a Director of their Patent Bar Review Course, Mark Dighton, will be visiting our campus from New York City to discuss the patent bar exam and considerations for taking the exam as well as some information about the patent career field. Topics for discussion include:

- The latest info on the Patent Bar Exam
- Who is eligible to take the exam
- How it works, now that it's on computer
- When you should take it (you don't need to...and probably shouldn't...wait until you graduate)
- How and when the new Rules' changes coming out of the Patent Office will impact the Exam
- Recommendations on when and how to study for this very difficult exam
- Scholarships to PLI's other IP programs will also be discussed

## **JOIN THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

The **American Bar Association** can help you meet the challenges of law school and also prepare you 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.

### **INTERNSHIPS/EXTERNSHIPS SUMMER 2013**

*Looking to gain LEGAL EXPERIENCE and get ACADEMIC CREDIT?*

**ACT NOW!**

If you are interested in a Summer Practice Credit Program (a.k.a internship/externship), **START NOW** by finding a **non-profit or government job\*** (unpaid) on Symplicity or by using your own contacts.

Employers have already started posting their openings for Summer positions. Check out Symplicity now or use your own contacts to secure an eligible position. (For eligibility questions, please contact Amanda Rivas at [arivas@stmarytx.edu](mailto:arivas@stmarytx.edu).)

Summer opportunities posted on Symplicity NOW!

READ about the **Practice Credit Externship** (1, 2, or 3 credits) and **Practice Credit Independent Study Programs** (1 or 2 credits) at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=practiceCredit#home>

PLAN AHEAD: **The externship program requires a MANDATORY class before you start working.**

**Summer Classes: Saturday, May 11th** (Sum I or II) or  
**Friday, June 7th** (Sum II only).

Class details: Externship program ONLY!

Time - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Place - Center for Legal and Social Justice  
2507 N.W. 36th Street – (just off campus)

Lunch is provided.

Pre-Class reading is required.

**DISCLAIMER:** *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. So you may want to attend the class even if you are not formally registered and you are still trying to solidify a placement.*

\*\* For U.S. Attorney and Federal Public Defender Internships, contact Professor Schmolesky. \*\*  
For questions please contact: Amanda Rivas, Associate Director of Practice Credit Programs,  
arivas@stmarytx.edu or 210.431.5712

**NEW OFFICE HOURS** at the Career Service Office: **Monday, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** or **Thursday, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.** All other times, the PCP office is at the Center for Legal and Social Justice at 2507 N.W. 36<sup>th</sup> St.

## **MINISTRY SERVICES**

Liturgy and Eucharistic Celebrations are held at Chapel of Assumption as follows:

M/W/F – 12:15 p.m.

T/Thu – 12:30 p.m.

Sunday – 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

## **BIBLE STUDY CLASSES**

Bible study classes with Professor Addicott are ongoing this semester. The Bible study classes are non-denominational and expository in nature. Instruction is based on the original languages of Scripture, on a line-by-line basis in the context of historical reality and categorical doctrines. Professor Addicott was trained for 30 years under the direct ministry of R. B. Thieme, Jr. (1918-2009). Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law for details.

## **NOISE LEVEL**

If you are in the Law Classroom Building or in Raba while classes are in session, please be considerate of the students who are in class and **keep the noise level in the hall to a minimum.** Your fellow students thank you!

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

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** for student organizations 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 and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzalez at [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu).

The 2013 **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 prize of \$5,000. Postmark deadline for entries is **February 22, 2013**. For more information or to enroll, please visit <http://bit.ly/Levit2013>.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its sixth 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 more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition>. Deadline for submissions is **February 11, 2013**.

The **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 2013 Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar. The seminar is designed for attorneys and other professionals seeking a basic knowledge of municipal bond law and related municipal finance issues. The seminar will be held April 17-19, 2013 at the Swissotel Chicago in Chicago, Illinois. The 2013 seminar brochure and details will be available on the NABL website ([www.nabl.org](http://www.nabl.org)) in early February. [Click here](#) to view the 2012 seminar brochure. Please take a few minutes to review the [application and seminar information](#). **Completed applications are due no later than February 28, 2013**. For specific questions please contact [Linda Wyman](#), NABL Chief Operating Officer at (202) 503-3300.

**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 Labor Law. Submission deadline is **Monday, March 4, 2013**. For more information and submission guidelines, please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

The law firm of **Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard P.C.** is proud to offer eight (8) scholarships to deserving law school students who author winning essays on either the cerebral palsy or car accident topics. Awards can be used for tuition, supplies, or other school related expenses. A short essay is required and must be submitted by **March 15, 2013**. More details about the scholarship can be found at [www.SalviLaw.com/law-school-scholarship-essay-contest/](http://www.SalviLaw.com/law-school-scholarship-essay-contest/).

The **Center for Human Rights at Trinity Law School** announces its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual writing competition. The topic for this year's writing competition is "The Evolving Tension between the Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Religion, and Hate Speech and Blasphemy Laws." First place will award \$3,000, second place \$1,000 and third place \$500. Submissions are due on or before **March 25, 2013**. For further information please visit: <http://www.tls.edu/writing-competition>.

The **Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2013 Paul Faherty Tax Law Writing Competition. Awards include one grand prize of \$3,000 and two honorable mentions, each \$1,000. Topics may include any aspect of tax law. Submit papers by email to [aberkow@jmls.edu](mailto:aberkow@jmls.edu) by **Sunday, March 31, 2013**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. One full scholarship to attend the Sovereignty Symposium will be offered in her memory. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues by an application letter. There is no application form. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to enter is **April 1, 2013**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2013 Brief-Writing Award Competition. The Scribes Brief-Writing Committee solicits winning briefs from national moot-court competitions and selects the finest of those winning briefs. The winning author will be recognized at the Scribes annual meeting held during the ABA's meeting in San Francisco on August 9, 2013. For information on how submit a brief, please go visit <http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/2012-2013%20Brief%20Letter%20Web.pdf>. Deadline to submit a brief is **April 19, 2013**.

Entries for The Symposium XXVI **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) or contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**.

**National Association of Women Lawyers** is seeking entries for its 2012-13 Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law. Cash prize of \$500 will be awarded for first-place essay. Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**. Writing guidelines may be found at <http://nawl.timberlakepublishing.com/files/2013National%20Association%20of%20Women%20Lawyers%20Selma%20Moidel.pdf>.

**NEW** - The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** announces the 2013 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. 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>. Application deadline is May 1, 2013.

**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 5:00 p.m. EDST, **May 15, 2013**. Rules may be found at <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/products/Writing%20Competition.aspx>.

The **American College of Employee Benefits Counsel** is pleased to announce the Ninth Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. Papers must deal with employee benefit topics. Cash prizes will be awarded for up to two winning papers. Deadline is **June 1, 2013**. For competition rules please go to [www.acebc.com](http://www.acebc.com).

**LexisNexis Matthew Bender** is pleased to announce the Fourteenth Annual James William Moore Federal Practice Award. The award is intended to recognize outstanding scholarship in federal and civil practice and procedure. Articles must be postmarked by **June 3, 2013**. Eligibility requirements can be found at <http://bit.ly/Moore-2013>.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. 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 contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **June 4, 2013**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2013 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, 2013**.

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## LAW SCHOOL MARDI GRAS

Get your beads on and come celebrate Law School **Mardi Gras** on **Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 4:15 p.m. in the Law Plaza**. Food and beverages will be provided. This event is sponsored by Law Ministry and the Student Bar Association.

### 2013 FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER MOOT COURT COMPETITION FINAL RESULTS

The **Board of Advocates** would like to congratulate **Mariel Puryear** and **Courtney Miller** for winning this year's competition. The team of **Zachary Zurek** and **Matthew Powell** were finalists and our congratulations go out to them as well for being worthy adversaries.

The Board also congratulates the semi-finalist teams of **Brandon Mundt** and **Buddy Parsons**, and **Jamie Mathis** and **Ross Burch**. In addition, the Board would like to thank all student advocates for participating in this year's competition, as well as those volunteering their time to help judge and bailiff.

Finally, the Board would like to recognize the Federal Bar Association San Antonio Chapter for donating this year's awards of \$1,200 to the winning team, \$600 to the finalist team, and \$200 to the best advocate, Zachary Zurek.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

The School of Law will observe **Ash Wednesday** on **February 13, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.** in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, **Alumni Room**. The Mass celebration will be about a half-hour long, followed by a Lenten lunch and will conclude in time for 1:00 p.m. classes. An **evening Ash Service** will be held at **5:00 p.m.** in the Law Courtyard. Everyone is invited to attend.

### FEDERAL COURT JUDICIAL INTERNSHIPS IN SAN ANTONIO

**Semesters: Summer 2013, Fall 2013, and Spring 2014**

**Deadline: 4:00 p.m., Wednesday February 13, 2013**

Applications are now being accepted for pre-graduation judicial internships with four 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.*

**Eligibility of Full-Time and Part-Time Students:** Students may apply for any internship that will commence in a semester after the student has completed 31 hours of course work. Thus, a first-year, full-time student may apply for an internship that will take place in the summer between first

and second year, or during any subsequent semester. A first-year, part-time student may applying for a judicial internship that commences in spring of the student's second year or later.

### **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 four-credit graded internship positions to one student during each semester.

The Honorable Edward C. Prado, a Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, will offer two-credit pass/fail internship positions to one student during each semester.

### **The United States District Court**

At the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, one to three positions will be available each semester with the Honorable Xavier Rodriguez during each semester. 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 will earn two pass/fail credits.

### **The United States Magistrate Court**

At the United States Magistrate Court, one internship with the Honorable Pamela Mathy is available during each semester.

### **Applications**

Interested students should submit an application to Professor Vincent R. Johnson. Please give your application materials to Ms. Maribel Garcia 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. Maribel Garcia or on the law school website. The form asks a student to indicate which judges the student would like to be considered by and which semesters the student is available to serve in an internship. You only need to subject one form, regardless of the number of judges for which you are submitting applications

(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 (date; return address, judge's address, proper salutation (e.g., Dear Judge Garza). In terms of tone, the letter should be restrained, professional, factual, 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.

### **MILITARY LAW ASSOCIATION VALENTINE DINNER COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT**

Don't have a valentine? Valentine out of town? Valentine forgot to make reservations? Well don't worry; we have a Valentine event you will never forget! Come join the **Military Law Association (MLA)** community service event at the Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center on **Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.** The event will be located at the **Audie L. Murphy VA Medical Center, 7400 Merton Minter Blvd, 78229**. We will dine with patients and following dinner, we will participate in fun valentine activities. You can sign up on the TWEN MLA page. If you have any questions, please email [Juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:Juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com).

### **PANEL DISCUSSION - BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

San Antonio College is hosting a panel discussion on the Law and African-Americans in celebration of **Black History Month**. The theme is "The Continuing Viability of the Notion of Uniqueness of Perspective, Value of Diversity, and Facing the Challenges of the Future." The roundtable discussion topics are:

- The extent of diversity and minority participation in the law and its viability as a continuing value;
- The extent to which this perspective continues to be valued and/or threatened;
- The extent to which race is or is not a factor in the legal work that African-American and other minority groups engage in daily;
- Opportunities available to students considering attending law school and pursuing a career in the law, in both the private and public sphere;
- Barriers and opportunities facing the minority lawyer considering a career in the law;
- Recommendations for the student aspiring to attend law school and pursue a career in the law.

The event will also be broadcast and streamed live:

Title: Local African American Judges and Attorneys  
Participants: Hon. Carmen Kelsey, Hon. Andrew Carruthers, Lisa Tatum, T.K. Boyd, Stephanie Boyd, and Dexter Gilford.  
Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2013  
Time: 10:00 to 11:45 a.m. CST  
Duration: 1:45:00  
Link: <http://sacms.alamo.edu/mediasite/Viewer/?peid=81c217eed4944c52905628f0377c5dd01d>

The event is open to the public. Please call San Antonio College, Department of Criminal Justice for parking directions. Seating is limited (Nursing & Allied Health Complex NAHC 218 A & B: W. Evergreen and Howard Street). For additional information call 496-1313 or 486-0989.

### **INTERESTED IN HANDS-ON, REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE FOR COURSE CREDIT?**

Sponsored by the St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice, **Clinic and Practice Credit Program** students and alumni share how these courses were instrumental in preparing them for the demands of law practice.

Come find out why the ABA Standards Review Committee says that students in these courses “develop problem-solving skills, learn to exercise critical judgment, and enhance analytical thinking as they bring substantive law to bear on practice experience.”

If you are interested in a **hands-on, real life experiences practicing law**, and want to learn more about applying to our programs, we hope to see you there!

Experiential Learning Panel  
When: Thursday, February 21, 2013  
Where: Law Administration Building Atrium  
Time: 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.  
Lunch will be served!

For questions, please contact Nicole Monsibais at [nmonsibais@stmarytx.edu](mailto:nmonsibais@stmarytx.edu)

### **TEXAS BAR WORKSHOPS**

#### **Texas Bar Bootcamp**

On **Saturday, February 23, 2013**, the Office of Academic and Student Affairs will be holding a Bar Bootcamp. Topics covered in this workshop include:

- Overview of the Texas Bar Exam
- The Multistate Performance Test
- The Procedure and Evidence Exam

- The Multistate Bar Exam
- The Texas Essay Exam
- Multiple Choice Exam Tips
- Writing Tips
- Exam Taking Tips/Strategies

The workshop will be held in **LCB 104** from **10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Lunch will be provided. A minimum enrollment of 10 students is needed. To register, contact Office of Academic and Student Affairs at 210.431.4340 or email [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

### **Texas Bar Exam Multiple Choice Workshop**

Learn how to apply your knowledge the way the MBE portion of the bar exam will test it. You will get:

1. General overview with strategy on how to approach questions
2. Three- hour live lecture covering the most heavily-tested MBE topics
3. Question-based review with practice questions and answer explanations

Date: Saturday, March 2, 2013

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided

Location: Law Classroom Building, Room 104

Tuition: \$25.00. The first 45 students to enroll will pay only \$15.00

To enroll or for more information, please contact Patricia Solano at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.4340.

### **FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION PROGRAM AND NETWORKING EVENT**

Come meet our federal judges!

The **San Antonio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association** and St. Mary's University School of Law is pleased to welcome two distinguished alumnus to campus on **Thursday, February 28, 2013**. The Honorable **David Ezra** (J.D. 72'), Senior United States District Judge, and the Honorable **Craig Gargotta**, United States Bankruptcy Judge (J.D. 89'), will be speaking at St. Mary's University School of Law's **Alumni Room** from **4:00 - 5:00 p.m.** with a free catered reception to follow from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Judge Ezra, who was confirmed as a United States Federal District Judge in 1987, recently joined the San Antonio Division of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, where he presides over both criminal and civil cases. Before joining the Western District of Texas, Judge Ezra earned the distinction of being the longest serving federal judge in Hawaii's history. Judge Gargotta was named a United States Bankruptcy Judge in 2010, and now presides in San Antonio. Recently appointed United States Magistrate Henry Bemporad, who previously served

as Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Texas, will also be in attendance at this event.

This is a great opportunity for students to learn more about the federal judicial system. Both judges are excited to share their legal experiences and words of advice to students interested in pursuing a federal legal career. Students are also invited to attend the free catered reception immediately after the conclusion of the talk to meet the judges and other distinguished members of San Antonio's federal legal community. We hope to see you there.

### **EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS AND WRITING ASSISTANCE AT THE CENTER FOR TERRORISM LAW**

This Spring semester the Center for Terrorism Law will offer a variety of **educational seminars** that will be open to all interested law students. Seminars will cover the gamut of national security and international law topics: ranging from discussions of the Fellows' research projects to informational sessions on careers in the national security and international law fields, and including everything in between. Seminars will be approximately **one hour long**, and will be announced in future editions of the WITAN.

Fellows at the Center for Terrorism Law are holding "**open hours**" for all interested law students who would like some assistance with research, writing and citing, especially in the areas of national security and international law. No appointment necessary - just come by the Center for Terrorism Law Classroom at 102 Raba (near Computer Services) between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Mondays or 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.

Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law in Raba for more details on either of these programs. We hope to see you!

### **DEFENSE COUNSEL OF SAN ANTONIO - STUDENT CHAPTER**

Defense Counsel of San Antonio (DCSA) Student Chapter is a new organization on campus looking for members. The Student Chapter of DCSA aims to get students involved with members of the local bar and bench. The DCSA will host a **reception for Judges**, on campus in the **Alumni Room on February 26, 2013 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** where the judges will lead a panel discussion followed by a reception and students will be able to engage with local attorneys and the judges. Additionally, DCSA Student Chapter will be implementing a **mentorship program** between member attorneys and students, where the attorneys will take students to hearings and introduce them to the judges. Dues for the semester will be \$15. If you are interested in membership or have questions, please email DCSAStudentChapter@gmail.com or contact the officers directly: Brandon Strey ([bstrey@gmail.com](mailto:bstrey@gmail.com)), Alexa Smith ([asmith33@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:asmith33@mail.stmarytx.edu)), or Gregg Gillian ([Gregg\\_Gillian@yahoo.com](mailto:Gregg_Gillian@yahoo.com)).

## CALLING ALL RUNNERS AND WALKERS

The **Military Law Association (MLA)** will host its third annual **Long Mile 5K/10K** on **Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** The race will begin and end at the Alumni Athletic & Convocation Center on campus. The course will be a scenic and safe jaunt through campus, and will stay open until the last participant crosses the finish line. The event is open to the public, and will be family friendly, so please invite your friends and family to participate. Walkers are welcome in the 5K event. The race is the MLA's main fundraiser to benefit the Fisher Houses in San Antonio. The three Fisher Houses offer a home-away-from-home for families whose loved ones are receiving treatment at a military hospital. The MLA is also looking for volunteers to staff the race and cheer on our participants. Race registration is now open on [active.com](http://active.com), and volunteer sign up is available on the MLA TWEN page. For additional information, please contact Matt Blyth at [matt.blyth@gmail.com](mailto:matt.blyth@gmail.com) or Lisa Germano at [lisabeth.germano@gmail.com](mailto:lisabeth.germano@gmail.com).

## NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED - "WOMEN IN LAW"

Do you know a female St. Mary's University School of Law student with strong leadership qualities? If so, nominate her for the **Alma L. Lopez "Women in Law" Student Leadership Award**. Nominations are due by 12:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 6, 2013** in the Law Ministry Office, Raba Building, Room 105. Faculty, staff, students, and student organizations may nominate a student. Nominees will be asked to submit a resume. No self-nominations will be accepted. The award recipient and all nominees will be recognized at a reception for the Fourth Court of Appeals, following oral arguments on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. Contact Sister Grace Walle, FMI at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436.3063.

## 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 2013. 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 résumé and a cover letter to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224 of the Law Faculty Building. In the letter please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive two pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed two years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. The deadline for applications is **12 noon on Thursday, March 21, 2012**. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

## **TOP 10% OF FIRST YEAR STUDENTS TO RECEIVE INVITATION TO JOIN THE *LAW JOURNAL***

On January 28, 2013, the faculty approved amendments to the bylaws of the *St. Mary's Law Journal*, which are effective immediately.

There are now two ways to become a Staff Writer on the *Law Journal*: (1) the Grade-On Selection Process and (2) the Write-On Competition.

*Grade-On Selection Process.* Juris doctorate students who earn a place on the Dean's List (calculated as the top ten percent of each section) at the end of their first semester of study will be invited to become Staff Writers on the *Law Journal* without the necessity of participating in the Write-On Competition. Invitations will be distributed by the Editor in Chief in hardcopy or electronic format during the Spring semester no later than April 1, and must be accepted by invitees in hardcopy or electronic format by a date set by the Editor in Chief.

*Write-On Competition Selection Process.* Students who do not Grade-On to the *Law Journal* may become Staff Writers by participating in the Write-On competition at the conclusion of the spring semester.

A student who accepts an invitation to become a Staff Writer will not become a Staff Writer until the student has completed the required courses listed in the bylaws and has satisfied Staff Writer Orientation requirements. Orientation occurs only once each year, normally in August.

Details about the Staff Writer selection process may be found in Part V of the *St. Mary's Law Journal* bylaws, which are posted on the website.

## **CAREER SERVICES WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU**

How may we better serve you? Please take this brief online survey to let us know.  
<https://law-stmarytx-csm.1symplicity.com/surveys/2013OCSStudentSurvey>.

## **SAVE THE DATE - SPRING JOB FAIRS**

Mark your calendar for the below Spring Job Fairs:

- **Metroplex Legal Job Fair in Dallas/Fort Worth – February 15, 2013**
- Austin Legal Job Fair in Austin – February 22, 2013
- El Paso Virtual Job Fair – applications due March 5, 2013
- Midland/Odessa Virtual Job Fair – applications due March 5, 2013
- Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day in Corpus Christi – March 8, 2013
- Houston Legal Job Fair in Houston – March 15, 2013



- Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg – March 22, 2013

If you are interested in the Public Service Career Day, El Paso, Midland/Odessa and Valley Job Fairs, please go to <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> to register.

The Metroplex, Austin, Corpus and Houston Job Fairs will be handled through St. Mary's Symplicity at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

### **OCS MINI GROUP CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS**

- **February 25, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Criminal Prosecution: Professor Schmolesky**
- March 4, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Estate and Probate: Barrett Shipp, Esq.
- March 4, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Public Interest: Professor Kauffman
- March 18, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Family Law: Associate Dean Ana Novoa
- March 25, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Criminal Defense: Clinical Professor Stephanie Stevens

To sign up for a slot, email Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu). All slots are on a first come first serve basis. A wait list will be created after the slots are filled and more sessions will be added as needed.

### **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES (OCS) – SPRING 2013 PROGRAMMING**

Please RSVP for all programs in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS.

#### **Careers in International Law**

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

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

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 from law school to become international lawyers. Learn 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.

#### **Military JAG Panel**

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

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

Dinner will be served.

This program will provide students with information and experiences from most JAG branches of the military. It will be co sponsored by the Military Law Students Association and OCS.

**Alternative Careers Panel**

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

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

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.

**WLA and BCWBA Speed Networking Event**

Thursday, February 21, 2013

4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Refreshments will be served.

The Women's Law Association, Bexar County Women's Bar Association and the OCS present Speed-Networking. You've heard of speed-dating? Join us for a fun evening of networking and building connections with attorneys. Business attire is a must as you will meet attorneys from many different areas of practice. Come and take advantage of the opportunity to mix and mingle with essential contacts. In order to attend this event you must RSVP in the Events section of Symplicity under Workshops. Space is limited, sign-up now. This event is open to all students. The first hour from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. will be speed networking. The second hour from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. will be a networking reception.

**Solo Practice Academy: Cost Effective Legal Research for Solo Practitioners**

Monday, February 25, 2013

4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Law Library Room 217

Refreshments will be served.

This is the second session of our Solo Practice Academy series. It will go through Cost Effective Legal Research techniques for solo practitioners who do not have full and unlimited access to Westlaw and Lexis in their practices.

**Patent Law Information Session**

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

The OCS and the Technology and Intellectual Property Student Group are sponsoring this session. Practicing Law Institute's (PLI) Director of Law School Relations and a Director of their Patent Bar Review Course, Mark Dighton, will be visiting our campus from New York City to discuss the patent bar exam and considerations for taking the exam as well as some information about the patent career field. Topics for discussion include:

- The latest info on the Patent Bar Exam
- Who is eligible to take the exam
- How it works, now that it's on computer
- When you should take it (you don't need to...and probably shouldn't...wait until you graduate)

- How and when the new Rules' changes coming out of the Patent Office will impact the Exam
- Recommendations on when and how to study for this very difficult exam
- Scholarships to PLI's other IP programs will also be discussed

### **Solo Practice Academy: Setting Up a Virtual Office and Growing Your Practice with Social Media**

Monday, March 4, 2013

4:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Refreshments will be served.

Ralph Perez, a St. Mary's Law Alum who owns a bankruptcy firm in Corpus Christi will talk about how to set up a virtual office and how to effectively use social media to market your firm and grown your client base.

### **What do Transactional Lawyers do?**

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

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.

## **CLINIC APPLICANTS FOR SUMMER/FALL/SPRING 2013-14**

Couldn't make it to the Clinic Information Sessions but still want to apply to the **Clinical Education Programs**? Check out our TWEN page "Clinic Applicants for Summer/Fall/Spring 2013-2014" For questions, please call Marisa Santos at 210.431.5703 or email msantos@stmarytx.edu. **Applications are now being considered on a rolling basis.** For more information on the clinical programs please visit the Center for Legal and Social Justice Clinic website at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=centerForLegalAndSocialJustice>.

## **MINISTRY SERVICES**

Liturgy and Eucharistic Celebrations are held at Chapel of Assumption as follows:

M/W/F – 12:15 p.m.

T/Thu – 12:30 p.m.

Sunday – 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

**2013 SYMPOSIUM ON IMMIGRATION LAW:  
PRACTICE & POLICY IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY**

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice*, cordially invite all to the Immigration Symposium on **Friday, 5th of April 2013**. The focus of the Immigration Symposium will be on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates that surround the field. Our goal is to provide a strong CLE for local practitioners and a strong educational experience for current law students.

**Speakers:**

**Rosemary Vega**, Tausk & Vega Attorneys at Law  
*"Crime and Immigration: An Overview"*

**Nancy Shivers**, Shivers & Shivers  
Immigration and Nationality Law  
*"Naturalization Perils and Opportunities"*

**Professor Bill Ong Hing**, Professor Emeritus, UC Davis School of Law  
*"Prosecutorial Discretion"*

**Roberto Balli**, Board Certified Criminal Defense Attorney  
*"The Sentencing of Crimmigrants"*

**Johanna KP Dennis**, Associate Professor of Law, Southern University Law Center  
*"Imputing Parental Immigration Status and Residency for Undocumented Immigrant Children"*

**Professor Aaron S. Haas**, Dir. of Citizenship and Immigration Clinical Program  
Washington and Lee University School of Law  
*"Marginalization of Religious Persecution in U.S. Asylum Laws"*

**Joe Martinez Jr.**, Special Agent  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)  
*"ICE Audits: What Employers Must Do To Comply and be Prepared"*

**David R. Walding**, The Bernardo Kohler Center  
*"Special Immigrant Juvenile Status"*

**POC: Claudia Balli**, Symposium Editor [claudiavballi@yahoo.com](mailto:claudiavballi@yahoo.com)

## DIGITAL REPOSITORY BY THE LIBRARY IS OPEN

The library is pleased to announce that a new service, Digital Repository, is ready for your visit at <http://www.stmarylaw.org>. The repository is a digital collection of locally produced contents, such as articles from the *Scholar*, *Law Notes*, the *Witan*, the library newsletter, and other law school publications. In the near future, we hope to add faculty writings and other contents to this collection. The library staff has worked on this project for the last couple of years. We are delighted that this has finally been completed. Your comments and suggestions are welcome as we continue to improve this service. For questions or comments please contact Wilhelmina Randtke, Electronic Services Librarian, at [wrandtke@stmarytx.edu](mailto:wrandtke@stmarytx.edu).

## JOIN THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

The **American Bar Association** can help you meet the challenges of law school and also prepare you 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.

## BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Bible study classes with Professor Addicott are ongoing this semester. The Bible study classes are non-denominational and expository in nature. Instruction is based on the original languages of Scripture, on a line-by-line basis in the context of historical reality and categorical doctrines. Professor Addicott was trained for 30 years under the direct ministry of R. B. Thieme, Jr. (1918-2009). Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law for details.

## NOISE LEVEL

If you are in the Law Classroom Building or in Raba while classes are in session, please be considerate of the students who are in class and **keep the noise level in the hall to a minimum**. Your fellow students thank you!

## EVENT SET-UPS FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** for student organizations 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 and scholarships, please email Bebe Gonzalez at [bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu](mailto:bgonzalez4@stmarytx.edu).

The 2013 **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 prize of \$5,000. Postmark deadline for entries is **February 22, 2013**. For more information or to enroll, please visit <http://bit.ly/Levit2013>.

The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to announce its sixth 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 more information please visit the ACS website at <http://www.acslaw.org/cudahycompetition>. Deadline for submissions is **February 11, 2013**.

The **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 2013 Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar. The seminar is designed for attorneys and other professionals seeking a basic knowledge of municipal bond law and related municipal finance issues. The seminar will be held April 17-19, 2013 at the Swissotel Chicago in Chicago, Illinois. The 2013 seminar brochure and details will be available on the NABL website ([www.nabl.org](http://www.nabl.org)) in early February. [Click here](#) to view the 2012 seminar brochure. Please take a few minutes to review the [application and seminar information](#). **Completed applications are due no later than February 28, 2013**. For specific questions please contact [Linda Wyman](#), NABL Chief Operating Officer at (202) 503-3300.

The **National Law Review** (NLR) is pleased to announce they are accepting submissions for the NLR 2013 Law Student Writing Competition. Suggested topic is Labor Law. Submission

deadline is **Monday, March 4, 2013**. For more information and submission guidelines, please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

The law firm of **Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard P.C.** is proud to offer eight (8) scholarships to deserving law school students who author winning essays on either the cerebral palsy or car accident topics. Awards can be used for tuition, supplies, or other school related expenses. A short essay is required and must be submitted by **March 15, 2013**. More details about the scholarship can be found at [www.SalviLaw.com/law-school-scholarship-essay-contest/](http://www.SalviLaw.com/law-school-scholarship-essay-contest/).

**NEW** - The **Texas Energy Council** and the Brookhaven Geotechnology Institute are offering one-year scholarships up to \$2,500 in various disciplines. For more information, please go to <http://www.txenergycouncil.org/miscfiles/TEC%20scholarship%20instructions%202013.pdf> Deadline to enter is **March 22, 2013**.

The **Center for Human Rights at Trinity Law School** announces its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual writing competition. The topic for this year's writing competition is "The Evolving Tension between the Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Religion, and Hate Speech and Blasphemy Laws." First place will award \$3,000, second place \$1,000 and third place \$500. Submissions are due on or before **March 25, 2013**. For further information please visit: <http://www.tls.edu/writing-competition>.

The **Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2013 Paul Faherty Tax Law Writing Competition. Awards include one grand prize of \$3,000 and two honorable mentions, each \$1,000. Topics may include any aspect of tax law. Submit papers by email to [aberkow@jmls.edu](mailto:aberkow@jmls.edu) by **Sunday, March 31, 2013**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. One full scholarship to attend the Sovereignty Symposium will be offered in her memory. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues by an application letter. There is no application form. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to enter is **April 1, 2013**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2013 Brief-Writing Award Competition. The Scribes Brief-Writing Committee solicits winning briefs from national moot-court competitions and selects the finest of those winning briefs. The winning author will be recognized at the Scribes annual meeting held during the ABA's meeting in San Francisco on August 9, 2013. For information on how submit a brief, please go visit <http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/2012-2013%20Brief%20Letter%20Web.pdf>. Deadline to submit a brief is **April 19, 2013**.

**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. Entries must

be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 26, 2013**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information visit [www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith\\_doheny.pdf](http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf).

Entries for The Symposium XXVI **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) or contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**.

**National Association of Women Lawyers** is seeking entries for its 2012-13 Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law. Cash prize of \$500 will be awarded for first-place essay. Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**. Writing guidelines may be found at <http://nawl.timberlakepublishing.com/files/2013National%20Association%20of%20Women%20Lawyers%20Selma%20Moidel.pdf>.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** announces the 2013 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. 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>. Application deadline is May 1, 2013.

**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 5:00 p.m. EDST, **May 15, 2013**. Rules may be found at <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/products/Writing%20Competition.aspx>.

**NEW** - The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the 2013 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. Entries must be received by **May 31, 2013**. For more information on this writing completion, please visit the ILSTexas website at <http://www.ilstexas.org/International%20website%20scripts%20-%20do%20not%20touch%20!!!/Student%20Outreach/2013/contest2013.pdf>

The **American College of Employee Benefits Counsel** is pleased to announce the Ninth



Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. Papers must deal with employee benefit topics. Cash prizes will be awarded for up to two winning papers. Deadline is **June 1, 2013**. For competition rules please go to [www.acebc.com](http://www.acebc.com).

**NEW** - The **American Judges Association** (AJA) announces its Twenty-Fifth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Comparing Hearsay Rules in Different Courts." First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2013**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

**LexisNexis Matthew Bender** is pleased to announce the Fourteenth Annual James William Moore Federal Practice Award. The award is intended to recognize outstanding scholarship in federal and civil practice and procedure. Articles must be postmarked by **June 3, 2013**. Eligibility requirements can be found at <http://bit.ly/Moore-2013>.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. 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 contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **June 4, 2013**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2013 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, 2013**.

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## TEXAS BAR WORKSHOPS

### Texas Bar Bootcamp

On **Saturday, February 23, 2013**, the Office of Academic and Student Affairs will be holding a Bar Bootcamp. Topics covered in this workshop include:

- Overview of the Texas Bar Exam
- The Multistate Performance Test
- The Procedure and Evidence Exam
- The Multistate Bar Exam
- The Texas Essay Exam
- Multiple Choice Exam Tips
- Writing Tips
- Exam Taking Tips/Strategies

The workshop will be held in **LCB 104** from **10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Lunch will be provided. A minimum enrollment of 10 students is needed. To register, contact Office of Academic and Student Affairs at 210.431.4340 or email [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu).

### Texas Bar Exam Multiple Choice Workshop

Learn how to apply your knowledge the way the MBE portion of the bar exam will test it. You will get:

1. General overview with strategy on how to approach questions
2. Three- hour live lecture covering the most heavily-tested MBE topics
3. Question-based review with practice questions and answer explanations

Date: Saturday, March 2, 2013

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided

Location: Law Classroom Building, Room 104

Tuition: \$25.00. The first 45 students to enroll will pay only \$15.00

To enroll or for more information, please contact Patricia Solano at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.4340.

## PANEL DISCUSSION - BLACK HISTORY MONTH

San Antonio College is hosting a panel discussion on the Law and African-Americans in celebration of **Black History Month**. The theme is “The Continuing Viability of the Notion of Uniqueness of Perspective, Value of Diversity, and Facing the Challenges of the Future.” The

roundtable discussion topics are:

- The extent of diversity and minority participation in the law and its viability as a continuing value;
- The extent to which this perspective continues to be valued and/or threatened;
- The extent to which race is or is not a factor in the legal work that African-American and other minority groups engage in daily;
- Opportunities available to students considering attending law school and pursuing a career in the law, in both the private and public sphere;
- Barriers and opportunities facing the minority lawyer considering a career in the law;
- Recommendations for the student aspiring to attend law school and pursue a career in the law.

The event will also be broadcast and streamed live:

Title: Local African American Judges and Attorneys  
Participants: Hon. Carmen Kelsey, Hon. Andrew Carruthers, Lisa Tatum, T.K. Boyd, Stephanie Boyd, and Dexter Gilford.  
Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2013  
Time: 10:00 to 11:45 a.m. CST  
Duration: 1:45:00  
Link: <http://sacms.alamo.edu/mediasite/Viewer/?peid=81c217eed4944c52905628f0377c5dd01d>

The event is open to the public. Please call San Antonio College, Department of Criminal Justice for parking directions. Seating is limited (Nursing & Allied Health Complex NAHC 218 A & B: W. Evergreen and Howard Street). For additional information call 496-1313 or 486-0989.

### **INTERESTED IN HANDS-ON, REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE FOR COURSE CREDIT?**

Sponsored by the St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice, **Clinic and Practice Credit Program** students and alumni share how these courses were instrumental in preparing them for the demands of law practice.

Come find out why the ABA Standards Review Committee says that students in these courses “develop problem-solving skills, learn to exercise critical judgment, and enhance analytical thinking as they bring substantive law to bear on practice experience.”

If you are interested in a **hands-on, real life experiences practicing law**, and want to learn more about applying to our programs, we hope to see you there!

Experiential Learning Panel  
When: Thursday, February 21, 2013  
Where: Law Administration Building Atrium

Time: 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch will be served!

For questions, please contact Nicole Monsibais at [nmonsibais@stmarytx.edu](mailto:nmonsibais@stmarytx.edu)

## **LUNCH AT THE CLSJ**

Stop by for lunch and information at the **Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ)** on **Tuesday, February 26, 2013, 12:00 p.m.** Current clinical students come lunch with your colleagues, faculty and staff. Feel free to bring an interest new (non-clinic) law student friend with you.

## **FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION PROGRAM AND NETWORKING EVENT**

Come meet our federal judges!

The **San Antonio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association** and St. Mary's University School of Law is pleased to welcome two distinguished alumnus to campus on **Thursday, February 28, 2013**. The Honorable **David Ezra** (J.D. 72'), Senior United States District Judge, and the Honorable **Craig Gargotta**, United States Bankruptcy Judge (J.D. 89'), will be speaking at St. Mary's University School of Law's **Alumni Room** from **4:00 - 5:00 p.m.** with a free catered reception to follow from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Judge Ezra, who was confirmed as a United States Federal District Judge in 1987, recently joined the San Antonio Division of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, where he presides over both criminal and civil cases. Before joining the Western District of Texas, Judge Ezra earned the distinction of being the longest serving federal judge in Hawaii's history. Judge Gargotta was named a United States Bankruptcy Judge in 2010, and now presides in San Antonio. Recently appointed United States Magistrate Henry Bemporad, who previously served as Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Texas, will also be in attendance at this event.

This is a great opportunity for students to learn more about the federal judicial system. Both judges are excited to share their legal experiences and words of advice to students interested in pursuing a federal legal career. Students are also invited to attend the free catered reception immediately after the conclusion of the talk to meet the judges and other distinguished members of San Antonio's federal legal community. We hope to see you there.

## **EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS AND WRITING ASSISTANCE AT THE CENTER FOR TERRORISM LAW**

This Spring semester the Center for Terrorism Law will offer a variety of **educational seminars** that will be open to all interested law students. Seminars will cover the gamut of national security and international law topics: ranging from discussions of the Fellows' research projects to informational sessions on careers in the national security and international law fields, and including everything in between. Seminars will be approximately **one hour long**, and will be announced in

future editions of the WITAN.

Fellows at the Center for Terrorism Law are holding "**open hours**" for all interested law students who would like some assistance with research, writing and citing, especially in the areas of national security and international law. No appointment necessary - just come by the Center for Terrorism Law Classroom at 102 Raba (near Computer Services) between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Mondays or 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.

Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law in Raba for more details on either of these programs. We hope to see you!

### **DEFENSE COUNSEL OF SAN ANTONIO - STUDENT CHAPTER**

Defense Counsel of San Antonio (DCSA) Student Chapter is a new organization on campus looking for members. The Student Chapter of DCSA aims to get students involved with members of the local bar and bench. The DCSA will host a **reception for Judges**, on campus in the **Alumni Room on February 26, 2013 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** where the judges will lead a panel discussion followed by a reception and students will be able to engage with local attorneys and the judges. Additionally, DCSA Student Chapter will be implementing a **mentorship program** between member attorneys and students, where the attorneys will take students to hearings and introduce them to the judges. Dues for the semester will be \$15. If you are interested in membership or have questions, please email DCSAStudentChapter@gmail.com or contact the officers directly: Brandon Strey ([bstrey@gmail.com](mailto:bstrey@gmail.com)), Alexa Smith ([asmith33@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:asmith33@mail.stmarytx.edu)), or Gregg Gillian ([Gregg\\_Gillian@yahoo.com](mailto:Gregg_Gillian@yahoo.com)).

### **INFORMATION SESSION WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Director General of the U.S. Department of State will be speaking at St. Mary's University about her career and experience which will be followed by an open Q&A. Please join us on **Thursday, February 28, 2013, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.** in the University Center, **Conference Room A**. Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served from 12:00 - 12:15 p.m. Don't miss out on this rare opportunity to speak with the Director General of the U.S. Department of State. Please RSVP in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops.

### **CALLING ALL RUNNERS AND WALKERS**

The **Military Law Association** (MLA) will host its third annual **Long Mile 5K/10K** on **Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** The race will begin and end at the Alumni Athletic & Convocation Center on campus. The course will be a scenic and safe jaunt through campus, and will stay open until the last participant crosses the finish line. The event is open to the public, and will be family friendly, so please invite your friends and family to participate. Walkers are welcome in the 5K event. The race is the MLA's main fundraiser to benefit the Fisher Houses in San Antonio. The

three Fisher Houses offer a home-away-from-home for families whose loved ones are receiving treatment at a military hospital. The MLA is also looking for volunteers to staff the race and cheer on our participants. Race registration is now open on [active.com](http://active.com), and volunteer sign up is available on the MLA TWEN page. For additional information, please contact Matt Blyth at [matt.blyth@gmail.com](mailto:matt.blyth@gmail.com) or Lisa Germano at [lisabeth.germano@gmail.com](mailto:lisabeth.germano@gmail.com).

### **NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED - "WOMEN IN LAW"**

Do you know a female St. Mary's University School of Law student with strong leadership qualities? If so, nominate her for the **Alma L. Lopez "Women in Law" Student Leadership Award**. Nominations are due by 12:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 6, 2013** in the Law Ministry Office, Raba Building, Room 105. Faculty, staff, students, and student organizations may nominate a student. Nominees will be asked to submit a resume. No self-nominations will be accepted. The award recipient and all nominees will be recognized at a reception for the Fourth Court of Appeals, following oral arguments on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. Contact Sister Grace Walle, FMI at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436.3063.

### **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 2013. 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 résumé and a cover letter to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224 of the Law Faculty Building. In the letter please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive two pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed two years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. The deadline for applications is **12 noon on Thursday, March 21, 2012**. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

### **TOP 10% OF FIRST YEAR STUDENTS TO RECIEVE INVITATION TO JOIN THE *LAW JOURNAL***

On January 28, 2013, the faculty approved amendments to the bylaws of the *St. Mary's Law Journal*, which are effective immediately.

There are now two ways to become a Staff Writer on the *Law Journal*: (1) the Grade-On Selection Process and (2) the Write-On Competition.



*Grade-On Selection Process.* Juris doctorate students who earn a place on the Dean's List (calculated as the top ten percent of each section) at the end of their first semester of study will be invited to become Staff Writers on the *Law Journal* without the necessity of participating in the Write-On Competition. Invitations will be distributed by the Editor in Chief in hardcopy or electronic format during the Spring semester no later than April 1, and must be accepted by invitees in hardcopy or electronic format by a date set by the Editor in Chief.

*Write-On Competition Selection Process.* Students who do not Grade-On to the *Law Journal* may become Staff Writers by participating in the Write-On competition at the conclusion of the spring semester.

A student who accepts an invitation to become a Staff Writer will not become a Staff Writer until the student has completed the required courses listed in the bylaws and has satisfied Staff Writer Orientation requirements. Orientation occurs only once each year, normally in August.

Details about the Staff Writer selection process may be found in Part V of the *St. Mary's Law Journal* bylaws, which are posted on the website.

### **CAREER SERVICES WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU**

How may we better serve you? Please take this brief online survey to let us know. <https://law-stmarytx-csm.1symplicity.com/surveys/2013OCSStudentSurvey>.

### **SAVE THE DATE - SPRING JOB FAIRS**

Mark your calendar for the below Spring Job Fairs:

- **Austin Legal Job Fair in Austin – February 22, 2013**
- El Paso Virtual Job Fair – applications due March 5, 2013
- Midland/Odessa Virtual Job Fair – applications due March 5, 2013
- Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day in Corpus Christi – March 8, 2013
- Houston Legal Job Fair in Houston – March 15, 2013
- Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg – March 22, 2013

If you are interested in the Public Service Career Day, El Paso, Midland/Odessa and Valley Job Fairs, please go to <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> to register.

The Metroplex, Austin, Corpus and Houston Job Fairs will be handled through St. Mary's Symplicity at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

### **OCS MINI GROUP CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS**

- **February 25, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Criminal Prosecution: Professor Schmolesky**

- March 4, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Estate and Probate: Barrett Shipp, Esq.
- March 4, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Public Interest: Professor Kauffman
- March 18, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Family Law: Associate Dean Ana Novoa
- March 25, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Criminal Defense: Clinical Professor Stephanie Stevens

To sign up for a slot, email Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu). All slots are on a first come first serve basis. A wait list will be created after the slots are filled and more sessions will be added as needed.

## **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES (OCS) – SPRING 2013 PROGRAMMING**

Please RSVP for all programs in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS.

### **Alternative Careers Panel**

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

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

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.

### **WLA and BCWBA Speed Networking Event**

Thursday, February 21, 2013

4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Refreshments will be served.

The Women's Law Association, Bexar County Women's Bar Association and the OCS present Speed-Networking. You've heard of speed-dating? Join us for a fun evening of networking and building connections with attorneys. Business attire is a must as you will meet attorneys from many different areas of practice. Come and take advantage of the opportunity to mix and mingle with essential contacts. In order to attend this event you must RSVP in the Events section of Symplicity under Workshops. Space is limited, sign-up now. This event is open to all students. The first hour from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. will be speed networking. The second hour from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. will be a networking reception.

### **Solo Practice Academy: Cost Effective Legal Research for Solo Practitioners**

Monday, February 25, 2013

4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Law Library Room 217

Refreshments will be served.

This is the second session of our Solo Practice Academy series. It will go through Cost Effective Legal Research techniques for solo practitioners who do not have full and unlimited access to Westlaw and Lexis in their practices.

### **Patent Law Information Session**

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

The OCS and the Technology and Intellectual Property Student Group are sponsoring this session. Practising Law Institute's (PLI) Director of Law School Relations and a Director of their Patent Bar Review Course, Mark Dighton, will be visiting our campus from New York City to discuss the patent bar exam and considerations for taking the exam as well as some information about the patent career field. Topics for discussion include:

- The latest info on the Patent Bar Exam
- Who is eligible to take the exam
- How it works, now that it's on computer
- When you should take it (you don't need to...and probably shouldn't...wait until you graduate)
- How and when the new Rules' changes coming out of the Patent Office will impact the Exam
- Recommendations on when and how to study for this very difficult exam
- Scholarships to PLI's other IP programs will also be discussed

### **Solo Practice Academy: Setting Up a Virtual Office and Growing Your Practice with Social Media**

Monday, March 4, 2013

4:00 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Refreshments will be served.

Ralph Perez, a St. Mary's Law Alum who owns a bankruptcy firm in Corpus Christi will talk about how to set up a virtual office and how to effectively use social media to market your firm and grown your client base.

### **What do Transactional Lawyers do?**

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

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.

## **CLINIC APPLICANTS FOR SUMMER/FALL/SPRING 2013-14**

Couldn't make it to the Clinic Information Sessions but still want to apply to the **Clinical Education Programs**? Check out our TWEN page "Clinic Applicants for Summer/Fall/Spring 2013-2014" For questions, please call Marisa Santos at 210.431.5703 or email

msantos@stmarytx.edu. **Applications are now being considered on a rolling basis.** For more information on the clinical programs please visit the Center for Legal and Social Justice Clinic website at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=centerForLegalAndSocialJustice>.

### **MINISTRY SERVICES**

Liturgy and Eucharistic Celebrations are held at Chapel of Assumption as follows:

M/W/F – 12:15 p.m.

T/Thu – 12:30 p.m.

Sunday – 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

### **JOIN THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

The **American Bar Association** can help you meet the challenges of law school and also prepare you 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).

### **BIBLE STUDY CLASSES**

Bible study classes with Professor Addicott are ongoing this semester. The Bible study classes are non-denominational and expository in nature. Instruction is based on the original languages of Scripture, on a line-by-line basis in the context of historical reality and categorical doctrines. Professor Addicott was trained for 30 years under the direct ministry of R. B. Thieme, Jr. (1918-2009). Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law for details.

### **NOISE LEVEL**

If you are in the Law Classroom Building or in Raba while classes are in session, please be considerate of the students who are in class and **keep the noise level in the hall to a minimum.** Your fellow students thank you!

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

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** for student organizations 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**.

## IMMIGRATION SYMPOSIUM 2013

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice*, cordially invite all to the Immigration Symposium on **Friday, 5th of April 2013**. The focus of the Immigration Symposium will be on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates that surround the field. Our goal is to provide a strong CLE for local practitioners and a strong educational experience for current law students.

### Speakers:

#### **Benjamin T. Greer**

*“Human Trafficking: T-Visas and Ethical Concerns”*

#### **Rosemary Vega**, Tausk & Vega Attorneys at Law

*“Crime and Immigration: An Overview”*

#### **Nancy Shivers**, Shivers & Shivers

Immigration and Nationality Law

*“Naturalization Perils and Opportunities”*

#### **Professor Bill Ong Hing**, Professor Emeritus, UC Davis School of Law

*“Prosecutorial Discretion”*

#### **Roberto Balli**, Board Certified Criminal Defense Attorney

*“The Sentencing of Crimmigrants”*

#### **Johanna KP Dennis**, Associate Professor of Law, Southern University Law Center

*“Imputing Parental Immigration Status and Residency for Undocumented Immigrant Children”*

#### **Professor Aaron S. Haas**, Dir. of Citizenship and Immigration Clinical Program

Washington and Lee University School of Law

*“Marginalization of Religious Persecution in U.S. Asylum Laws”*

#### **Joe Martinez Jr.**, Special Agent

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

*“ICE Audits: What Employers Must Do To Comply and be Prepared”*

#### **David R. Walding**, The Bernardo Kohler Center

*“Special Immigrant Juvenile Status”*

**POC: Claudia Balli**, Symposium Editor [claudiavballi@yahoo.com](mailto:claudiavballi@yahoo.com) or

**Francisca Parra** @ [lawscholar@stmarytx.edu](mailto:lawscholar@stmarytx.edu)

## **ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL DISTINGUISHED COMMENTS**

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***

*Water Can Be for Drinking Again: Economic and Collaborative Solutions to a Texas Water Fight*

— Aaron Culp

*The Computer Fraud and Abuse Act: An Attractive but Risky Alternative to Texas Trade Secret Law*

— Paul Hanna

*Deep in the Heart of Texas: How Carbon Sequestration Will Affect Valuation of the Subsurface*

— Sarah Ann Lishman

*Texas Legislative Implications of Minors Accused of Sexting*

— Mallory Myers

*Power Play: An Examination of Texas's Anti-SLAPP Statute and Its Protection of Free Speech and Citizen Participation Through Accelerated Dismissal*

— Dena Richardson

### **PUBLICATION IN THE *ST. MARY'S JOURNAL ON LEGAL MALPRACTICE & ETHICS***

*Social Media and Online Legal Speed Dating? In Theory Yes, In Practice Maybe Not*

— Paige Thomas

*The Limited Power of the Bar to Protect Its Monopoly*

— Zach Zurek

### **CREDIT WITH HONORS**

*Confluence of International Security Law and Refugee Law in Turkey's Response to the Syrian Refugee Emergency*

— Elizabeth Germano

*Facebook in the Courtroom: A Guide to Introducing Social Media As Evidence*

— Rebecca Gorham

*Life without Parole for Juvenile Homicide Offenders*

— Sidney Mandella

*Please join us in congratulating these Staff Writers for their excellent work!*

## WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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

The 2013 **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 prize of \$5,000. Postmark deadline for entries is **February 22, 2013**. For more information or to enroll, please visit <http://bit.ly/Levit2013>.

The **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 2013 Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar. The seminar is designed for attorneys and other professionals seeking a basic knowledge of municipal bond law and related municipal finance issues. The seminar will be held April 17-19, 2013 at the Swissotel Chicago in Chicago, Illinois. The 2013 seminar brochure and details will be available on the NABL website ([www.nabl.org](http://www.nabl.org)) in early February. [Click here](#) to view the 2012 seminar brochure. Please take a few minutes to review the [application and seminar information](#). **Completed applications are due no later than February 28, 2013**. For specific questions please contact [Linda Wyman](#), NABL Chief Operating Officer at (202) 503-3300.

**NEW** - The **Aviation Law Section** of the **State Bar of Texas** is offering a \$2000 scholarship to a deserving second or third year law student pursuing the study of Aviation and Space Law. Deadline to apply is **March 1, 2013**.

The **National Law Review** (NLR) is pleased to announce they are accepting submissions for the NLR 2013 Law Student Writing Competition. Suggested topic is Labor Law. Submission deadline is **Monday, March 4, 2013**. For more information and submission guidelines, please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

**NEW** - American Bar Association Affordable Housing and Community Development writing Competition. Entry deadline is **March 8, 2013**. Prize is \$1,000. For more information, please go to [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/affordable\\_housing/2013\\_ah\\_writing\\_competition\\_guidelines.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/affordable_housing/2013_ah_writing_competition_guidelines.authcheckdam.pdf).

The law firm of **Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard P.C.** is proud to offer eight (8) scholarships to deserving law school students who author winning essays on either the cerebral palsy or car accident topics. Awards can be used for tuition, supplies, or other school related expenses. A short essay is required and must be submitted by **March 15, 2013**. More details about the scholarship can be found at [www.SalviLaw.com/law-school-scholarship-essay-contest/](http://www.SalviLaw.com/law-school-scholarship-essay-contest/).

The **Texas Energy Council** and the Brookhaven Geotechnology Institute are offering one-year scholarships up to \$2,500 in various disciplines. For more information, please go to <http://www.txenergycouncil.org/miscfiles/TEC%20scholarship%20instructions%202013.pdf>

Deadline to enter is **March 22, 2013**.

The **Center for Human Rights at Trinity Law School** announces its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual writing competition. The topic for this year's writing competition is "The Evolving Tension between the Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Religion, and Hate Speech and Blasphemy Laws." First place will award \$3,000, second place \$1,000 and third place \$500. Submissions are due on or before **March 25, 2013**. For further information please visit: <http://www.tls.edu/writing-competition>.

The **Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2013 Paul Faherty Tax Law Writing Competition. Awards include one grand prize of \$3,000 and two honorable mentions, each \$1,000. Topics may include any aspect of tax law. Submit papers by email to [aberkow@jmls.edu](mailto:aberkow@jmls.edu) by **Sunday, March 31, 2013**.

**NEW - Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation Scholarship** is offering several scholarships to law students. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2013**.

**NEW** - Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Law Student Writing Competition. Prize is \$1,500 and airfare/lodging to attend the ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2013**. Please visit <http://apps.americanbar.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=IL504000>.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. One full scholarship to attend the Sovereignty Symposium will be offered in her memory. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues by an application letter. There is no application form. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to enter is **April 1, 2013**.

**NEW** - The **Robert Masur Fellowship in Civil Liberties** is now accepting applications. Application packets must be RECEIVED by **Friday, April 5, 2013**. Emailed or faxed applications will not be accepted. The fellowship competition is open to first-year law students who intend to carry out significant activities during the summer (in between their first and second year) in the areas of civil rights and/or civil liberties. For more information on this opportunity, please visit [http://www.nationinstitute.org/prizes/1068/the\\_robert\\_masur\\_fellowship\\_in\\_civil\\_liberties/](http://www.nationinstitute.org/prizes/1068/the_robert_masur_fellowship_in_civil_liberties/).

**NEW** - **Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Admiralty & Maritime Law Committee** Annual Law Student Writing competition. \$500 prize and reimbursement to attend annual meeting. [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/marketing/tips/13\\_admiralty\\_law\\_student\\_writing\\_competition\\_rules.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/marketing/tips/13_admiralty_law_student_writing_competition_rules.authcheckdam.pdf). Deadline is **April 5, 2013**.

**NEW** - **Criminal Justice William Greenhalgh** Student Writing Competition. Topic is Social Media-Implications for Criminal Law, Practice and Procedure. Prize \$2000. Please visit [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal\\_justice/Greenhalgh\\_2013.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal_justice/Greenhalgh_2013.authcheckdam.pdf).



**NEW - Howard C. Schwab Memorila Essay Contest.** Prize is a certificate and possible publication in Family Law Quarterly and on the Section website. Deadline to request entry number is **April 12, 2013**. Essay is due April 26.

[http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family\\_law/resources/essay\\_contest.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law/resources/essay_contest.html).

The Law School Scholarship of the **Federal Bar Association-El Paso Chapter** (EPFBA) will award a \$2000 scholarship to an outstanding El Pasoan who will begin law school in Fall 2013. The award is based on academic achievement, community involvement, and dedication to the study of law. Please email [EPFBAScholars@gmail.com](mailto:EPFBAScholars@gmail.com) for more information or for an application please visit <http://www.fedbar.org/elpaso.html>. Deadline to apply is **April 19, 2013**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2013 Brief-Writing Award Competition. The Scribes Brief-Writing Committee solicits winning briefs from national moot-court competitions and selects the finest of those winning briefs. The winning author will be recognized at the Scribes annual meeting held during the ABA's meeting in San Francisco on August 9, 2013. For information on how submit a brief, please go visit <http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/2012-2013%20Brief%20Letter%20Web.pdf>. Deadline to submit a brief is **April 19, 2013**.

**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. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 26, 2013**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information visit [www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith\\_doheny.pdf](http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf).

**NEW** - Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Award Competition. Prize \$5,000 and possible publication. Entry deadline is May 1, 2013. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/administrative\\_law/initiatives\\_awards/gellhorn\\_sargentich\\_law\\_student\\_essay\\_competition.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/administrative_law/initiatives_awards/gellhorn_sargentich_law_student_essay_competition.html)

Entries for The Symposium XXVI **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) or contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**.

**National Association of Women Lawyers** is seeking entries for its 2012-13 Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law. Cash prize of \$500 will be awarded for first-place essay. Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**. Writing guidelines may be found at

<http://nawl.timberlakepublishing.com/files/2013National%20Association%20of%20Women%20Lawyers%20Selma%20Moidel.pdf>.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice** (AAJ) announces the 2013 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. 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>. Application deadline is May 1, 2013.

**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 5:00 p.m. EDT, **May 15, 2013**. Rules may be found at <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/products/Writing%20Competition.aspx>.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the 2013 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. Entries must be received by **May 31, 2013**. For more information on this writing completion, please visit the ILSTexas website at <http://www.ilstexas.org/International%20website%20scripts%20-%20do%20not%20touch%20!!!/Student%20Outreach/2013/contest2013.pdf>

The **American College of Employee Benefits Counsel** is pleased to announce the Ninth Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. Papers must deal with employee benefit topics. Cash prizes will be awarded for up to two winning papers. Deadline is **June 1, 2013**. For competition rules please go to [www.acebc.com](http://www.acebc.com).

The **American Judges Association** (AJA) announces its Twenty-Fifth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Comparing Hearsay Rules in Different Courts." First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2013**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

**LexisNexis Matthew Bender** is pleased to announce the Fourteenth Annual James William Moore Federal Practice Award. The award is intended to recognize outstanding scholarship in federal and civil practice and procedure. Articles must be postmarked by **June 3, 2013**. Eligibility requirements can be found at <http://bit.ly/Moore-2013>.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. 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 contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **June 4, 2013**.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce their twentieth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing*. The 2013 recipient of the Brown award will received \$10,000 for their winning paper. For contest guidelines and rules, please go to [www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm](http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm). Deadline for submission is **June 7, 2013**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2013 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, 2013**.

**NEW - Criminal Justice Citizen Amicus Brief Project**. Prize: \$500 and possible publication in a future Criminal Justice Section periodical. For more information please visit: [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal\\_justice/citizen\\_amicus.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal_justice/citizen_amicus.html)

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## **ST. MARY'S MOCK TRIAL TEAM IS FINALIST AT NTC REGIONAL COMPETITION**

Last week, two teams represented St. Mary's at the regional National Trial Competition in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The team of **Carlos Ocampo (3L) and Jason Rogers (3L)** went 3-0 in the preliminary rounds. They beat teams from Tulane, South Texas, Thurgood Marshall, with perfect ballots in every round. They beat another team from Thurgood Marshall in the semi-finals to advance to the finals, where they lost to a team from Texas Tech. The team of **Clint Bonn (3L), Amanda Finn (3L) and Nick Lawrence (2L)** went 1-2 in the preliminary rounds, defeating Loyola. The teams were coached by Mr. Matt Cole, of Cox Smith & Matthews.

This competition, which is sponsored by the **Texas Young Lawyers Association** and included 12 teams from Texas and Louisiana, is one the nation's premier mock trial competitions.

**Please join in congratulating our teams and their coach** on an outstanding showing at a national competition.

## **KUDOS**

Kudos to **Jennifer Hastedt, 3L** whose submission *The Role of Business in Mitigating E-Discovery Litigation Risk* was selected as the first runner-up in DISH Network's "Best in Class" eDiscovery Legal Research and Writing Competition. For her accomplishment, Ms. Hastedt received a \$1,000 cash prize. Congratulations Jennifer!

## **ST. MARY'S LAW JOURNAL AGAIN RANKS AMONG NATION'S TOP 25**

The new **Washington & Lee annual survey of law reviews** 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 #22 among 667 law reviews** published in the United States. The *Law Journal* was cited 75 times by American courts during the period covered by the survey (2005-2012).

**Tied at #22, the *St. Mary's Law Journal* ranked just ahead** of #24 Cardozo Law Review, #25 The University of Chicago Law Review, #26 Notre Dame Law Review, #27 Texas Tech Law Review, #27 Wisconsin Law Review, # 29 American University Law Review, #30 California Law Review, and #31 The George Washington Law Review.

The flagship law journals at NYU, Harvard, Columbia, Stanford, Michigan, Yale, and Virginia all appeared in the top ten.

The *St. Mary's Law Journal* **was also cited 417 times** in scholarly and professional articles during the survey period, placing it among the top 30% of the 970 American publications in that category.

## SPRING BREAK SERVICE TRIPS

Please attend an informational meeting on **Thursday, February 21, 2013** at 12:30, 3:00 or 4:00 p.m. or **Friday, February 22, 2013** at 11:00 a.m. in **Raba** to learn more about the upcoming **Spring Break Service Trips**.

The service trip to **New Orleans, Louisiana** will be **March 12-16** and will include work with the Louisiana Bar Foundation Access to Justice Program, Animal Court, and St. Paul's Homecoming Center house building.

The dates for the **South Texas** service trip will be **March 10-14** and includes projects working at Proyecto Azteca house building, hold a party for Colonias Children, Wills Clinic, Texas Rural Legal Aid, reception at Judge Israel Ramon's house with area alumni and an overnight trip to South Padre Island.

The service trip to **Dallas, Texas** will be **March 10-15** and includes work at Catholic Charities Legal Department, 102<sup>nd</sup> County Court at Law Judge Jay Bender in McKinney, Catholic Charities Community Service with children, reception at Dean Valencia's Dallas house with area alumni. All service trips will include hotel and gas stipend. Please contact Sister Grace Walle for more information at 210.436.3063 or [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ID RECOVERY PROGRAM

St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice is looking for **volunteers** to assist with the **ID Recovery Program** at Haven for Hope, San Antonio's largest homeless shelter. Obtaining an ID is particularly important to the homeless population as a picture ID is required to gain employment, housing, public benefits, cash a check, and the like. Lack of valid identification continues to be a large barrier to people experiencing homelessness.

Volunteers will work with current **student attorneys** and **supervising attorneys** at an office in Prospects Courtyard (PCY), Haven for Hope on Friday afternoons (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.) and the last two (2) Saturdays of each month (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) After a brief training and interview shadowing, volunteers will begin conducting interviews with clients on their own to determine what documentation is necessary to obtain a Texas State Identification Card. In addition to interview experience, volunteers will benefit from interacting with persons from a variety of backgrounds including persons experiencing homelessness, social workers, case managers, law student attorneys, and supervising attorneys. This is a great opportunity to earn pro bono hours, so please bring your pro bono tracking sheets for us to fill out.

If you are interested in volunteering and can commit to at least three (3) separate days please contact Jessica Sprague ([jsprague@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jsprague@stmarytx.edu)) or Trey Cammack at [tcammack3@yahoo.com](mailto:tcammack3@yahoo.com) for training, directions, and schedule.

## 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 [StephMay17@gmail.com](mailto:StephMay17@gmail.com) for more information.

## TEXAS BAR EXAM MULTIPLE CHOICE WORKSHOP

Learn how to apply your knowledge the way the MBE portion of the bar exam will test it. You will get:

1. General overview with strategy on how to approach questions
2. Three- hour live lecture covering the most heavily-tested MBE topics
3. Question-based review with practice questions and answer explanations

Date: Saturday, March 2, 2013

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided

Location: Law Classroom Building, Room 104

Tuition: \$25.00. The first 45 students to enroll will pay only \$15.00

To enroll or for more information, please contact Patricia Solano at [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) or 210.431.4340.

## LUNCH AT THE CLSJ

Stop by for lunch and information at the **Center for Legal and Social Justice (CLSJ)** on **Tuesday, February 26, 2013, 12:00 p.m.** Current clinical students come have lunch with your colleagues, faculty and staff. Feel free to bring an interested new (non-clinic) law student friend with you.

## FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION PROGRAM AND NETWORKING EVENT

Come meet our federal judges!

The **San Antonio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association** and St. Mary's University School of Law is pleased to welcome two distinguished alumnus to campus on **Thursday, February 28, 2013**. The Honorable **David Ezra** (J.D. 72'), Senior United States District Judge, and the Honorable **Craig Gargotta**, United States Bankruptcy Judge (J.D. 89'), will be speaking at St. Mary's University School of Law's **Alumni Room** from **4:00 - 5:00 p.m.** with a free catered reception to follow from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Judge Ezra, who was confirmed as a United States Federal District Judge in 1987, recently joined the San Antonio Division of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, where he presides over both criminal and civil cases. Before joining the Western District of Texas, Judge Ezra earned the distinction of being the longest serving federal judge in Hawaii's history. Judge Gargotta was named a United States Bankruptcy Judge in 2010, and now presides in



San Antonio.

This is a great opportunity for students to learn more about the federal judicial system. Both judges are excited to share their legal experiences and words of advice to students interested in pursuing a federal legal career. Students are also invited to attend the free catered reception immediately after the conclusion of the talk to meet the judges and other distinguished members of San Antonio's federal legal community. We hope to see you there.

### **EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS AND WRITING ASSISTANCE AT THE CENTER FOR TERRORISM LAW**

The Center for Terrorism Law is pleased to offer the following **educational seminars** open to all interested law students.

- Wed., March 6, 12:00 p.m. - Student Workshop: Bluebook Rule 21 International Materials
- Wed., March 20, 12 p.m. - Student Workshop: Al Qaeda in Yemen
- Fri., March 22, 12:30 p.m. - Student Workshop: Iran
- Tue., April 2, 12:00 p.m. - Distinguished Speaker Series: Hamas
- Fri., April 5, 12: 30 p.m. - Student Workshop: Rendition
- Fri., April 12, 12:30 p.m. - Career Day: Careers for lawyers related to National Security, International Law, Defense, and Law Enforcement

Seminars will be approximately one hour long, and will be held in the Center for Terrorism Law Classroom at 102 Raba (near Computer Services). New additions to the list will be announced in future editions of the WITAN.

Fellows at the Center for Terrorism Law are holding "**open hours**" for all interested law students who would like assistance with research, writing and citing, especially in the areas of national security and international law. No appointment is necessary. Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law Classroom at 102 Raba (near Computer Services) between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Mondays or 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.

### **DEFENSE COUNSEL OF SAN ANTONIO - STUDENT CHAPTER**

Defense Counsel of San Antonio (DCSA) Student Chapter is a new organization on campus looking for members. The Student Chapter of DCSA aims to get students involved with members of the local bar and bench. The DCSA will host a **reception for Judges**, on campus in the **Alumni Room on February 26, 2013 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** where the judges will lead a panel discussion followed by a reception and students will be able to engage with local attorneys and the judges. Additionally, DCSA Student Chapter will be implementing a **mentorship program** between member attorneys and students, where the attorneys will take students to hearings and introduce them to the judges. Dues for the semester will be \$15. If you are interested in membership or have questions, please email DCSAStudentChapter@gmail.com or contact the officers directly: Brandon Strey ([bstrey@gmail.com](mailto:bstrey@gmail.com)), Alexa Smith ([asmith33@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:asmith33@mail.stmarytx.edu)), or Gregg Gillian ([Gregg\\_Gillian@yahoo.com](mailto:Gregg_Gillian@yahoo.com)).

## **INFORMATION SESSION WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIRECTOR GENERAL**

Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Director General of the U.S. Department of State will be speaking at St. Mary's University about her career and experience which will be followed by an open Q&A. Please join us on **Thursday, February 28, 2013, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.** in the University Center, **Conference Room A**. Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served from 12:00 - 12:15 p.m. Don't miss out on this rare opportunity to speak with the Director General of the U.S. Department of State. Please RSVP in the Events Section of Symplicity under Workshops.

### **CALLING ALL RUNNERS AND WALKERS**

The **Military Law Association (MLA)** will host its third annual **Long Mile 5K/10K** on **Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.** The race will begin and end at the Alumni Athletic & Convocation Center on campus. The course will be a scenic and safe jaunt through campus, and will stay open until the last participant crosses the finish line. The event is open to the public, and will be family friendly, so please invite your friends and family to participate. Walkers are welcome in the 5K event. The race is the MLA's main fundraiser to benefit the Fisher Houses in San Antonio. The three Fisher Houses offer a home-away-from-home for families whose loved ones are receiving treatment at a military hospital. The MLA is also looking for volunteers to staff the race and cheer on our participants. Race registration is now open on [active.com](http://active.com), and volunteer sign up is available on the MLA TWEN page. For additional information, please contact Matt Blyth at [matt.blyth@gmail.com](mailto:matt.blyth@gmail.com) or Lisa Germano at [lisabeth.germano@gmail.com](mailto:lisabeth.germano@gmail.com).

### **NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED - "WOMEN IN LAW"**

Do you know a female St. Mary's University School of Law student with strong leadership qualities? If so, nominate her for the **Alma L. Lopez "Women in Law" Student Leadership Award**. Nominations are due by 12:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 6, 2013** in the Law Ministry Office, Raba Building, Room 105. Faculty, staff, students, and student organizations may nominate a student. Nominees will be asked to submit a resume. No self-nominations will be accepted. The award recipient and all nominees will be recognized at a reception for the Fourth Court of Appeals, following oral arguments on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. Contact Sister Grace Walle, FMI at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436.3063.

### **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 2013. 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 résumé and a cover letter to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224 of the Law Faculty Building. In the letter please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive two pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home

campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed two years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. The deadline for applications is **12 noon on Thursday, March 21, 2012**. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

### **HISPANIC LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

The **Hispanic Law Alumni Association** is proud to announce the availability of **law school scholarships** and **bar study grants** for 2L/3L students. The scholarship and grant awards will be based on merit and proven financial need. The completed applications are **due on March 25, 2013 no later than 5:00 p.m.**, by email attachment. Recipients of the awards and grants will be selected shortly thereafter by committee process and award monies will be disbursed at the annual Henry B. Gonzalez Awards Dinner. Any questions regarding the application process for either the scholarships or the grant should be directed to: Professor Mike Martinez, Jr. at [mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu).

### **CAREER SERVICES WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU**

How may we better serve you? Please take this brief online survey to let us know. <https://law-stmarytx-csm.1symplicity.com/surveys/2013OCSStudentSurvey>.

### **SAVE THE DATE - SPRING JOB FAIRS**

Mark your calendar for the below Spring Job Fairs:

- El Paso Virtual Job Fair – applications due March 5, 2013
- Midland/Odessa Virtual Job Fair – applications due March 5, 2013
- Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day in Corpus Christi – March 8, 2013
- Houston Legal Job Fair in Houston – March 15, 2013
- Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg – March 22, 2013

If you are interested in the Public Service Career Day, El Paso, Midland/Odessa and Valley Job Fairs, please go to <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> to register.

The Metroplex, Austin, Corpus and Houston Job Fairs will be handled through St. Mary's Symplicity at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

### **OCS MINI GROUP CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS**

- **March 4, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Estate and Probate: Barrett Shipp, Esq.**
- **March 4, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Public Interest: Professor Kauffman**
- March 18, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Family Law: Associate Dean Ana Novoa
- March 25, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Criminal Defense: Clinical Professor Stephanie Stevens

To sign up for a slot, email Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu). All slots are on a first come first serve basis. A wait list will be created after the slots are filled and more sessions will be added as needed.

## **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES (OCS) – SPRING 2013 PROGRAMMING**

Please RSVP for all programs in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS.

### **Solo Practice Academy: Cost Effective Legal Research for Solo Practitioners**

Monday, February 25, 2013

4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Law Library Room 217

Refreshments will be served.

This is the second session of our Solo Practice Academy series. It will go through Cost Effective Legal Research techniques for solo practitioners who do not have full and unlimited access to Westlaw and Lexis in their practices.

### **Patent Law Information Session**

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

The OCS and the Technology and Intellectual Property Student Group are sponsoring this session. Practicing Law Institute's (PLI) Director of Law School Relations and a Director of their Patent Bar Review Course, Mark Dighton, will be visiting our campus from New York City to discuss the patent bar exam and considerations for taking the exam as well as some information about the patent career field. Topics for discussion include:

- The latest info on the Patent Bar Exam
- Who is eligible to take the exam
- How it works, now that it's on computer
- When you should take it (you don't need to...and probably shouldn't...wait until you graduate)
- How and when the new Rules' changes coming out of the Patent Office will impact the Exam
- Recommendations on when and how to study for this very difficult exam
- Scholarships to PLI's other IP programs will also be discussed

### **Solo Practice Academy: Setting Up a Virtual Office and Growing Your Practice with Social Media**

Monday, March 4, 2013

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

Refreshments will be served.

Ralph Perez, a St. Mary's Law Alum who owns a bankruptcy firm in Corpus Christi will talk about how to set up a virtual office and how to effectively use social media to market your firm and grow your client base.

### **What do Transactional Lawyers do?**

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

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.

### **Solo Practice Academy: Topic TBD**

Monday, March 18, 2013

4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Law Library 217

Refreshments will be served.

This will be the fourth session in the Solo Practice Academy series. The topic is still being finalized and will be publicized shortly.

### **SABA Mentoring Event: The St. Mary's Criminal Justice Clinic**

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

**THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE CLASS OF 2013 STUDENTS.**

Stephanie Barclay Stevens will present: The Criminal Justice Clinic of St. Mary's University School of Law. MCLE credit: 1.0 hour. Co-Sponsors: San Antonio Bar Association, Mentoring Program, and St. Mary's University School of Law. 3L/4LEs: Please note in order for you to capture CLE before your license date you must figure out your license date, presumably November 2013, and go forward to your birth month and then back 1 year. The CLE must fall within that time to get credit for it.

### **TYLA Presentation: How to Get a Job After Law School: The Unclassified Story**

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

Classify:

1. To arrange or organize according to class or category.
2. To designate as confidential, secret, or top secret.

Were you a law student who didn't have the grades to participate in the On-Campus Interviewing process? Do you know a law student who is unable to find a job but who is at the top of his/her class? Do law students approach you asking what the "secret" is to finding employment upon graduation in 2013? Then "How to Get a Job After Law School: The Unclassified Story" is the lunch spot for you! The Law Student Outreach ("LSO") Committee for the Texas Young Lawyers Association will be presenting a luncheon seminar this spring semester 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.

### **Fall Recruitment Information Session**

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

4:00 - 4:30 p.m., Atrium

All Class of 2015 students interested in participating in Fall Recruitment should attend this session. It will give you important dates and deadlines and mandatory documents that must be signed to participate. This will be a short 30 minute session to go over the processes, important dates and deadlines, and other information needed to participate.

### **Judicial Clerkship Information Session**

**Wednesday, April 3, 2013**

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

Lunch will be served.

Do you think you have an interest in doing a judicial clerkship after graduation? If so, attend this session to learn about the application process on the state and federal level and the Office of Career Services Clerkship Mailing Program. Professors will be there to discuss the process and answer questions as well as some of your classmates who have gone through the process successfully.

### **CLINIC APPLICANTS FOR SUMMER/FALL/SPRING 2013-14**

Couldn't make it to the Clinic Information Sessions but still want to apply to the **Clinical Education Programs**? Check out our TWEN page "Clinic Applicants for Summer/Fall/Spring 2013-2014" For questions, please call Marisa Santos at 210.431.5703 or email msantos@stmarytx.edu. **Applications are now being considered on a rolling basis.** For more information on the clinical programs please visit the Center for Legal and Social Justice Clinic website at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=centerForLegalAndSocialJustice>.

### **CRITICAL THINKING FOR STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE LECTURE**

Katherine and Randolph Pherson are coming to Texas State University as part of their Distinguished Lecture series. The Pherson's are internationally recognized experts and leaders in the field of Strategic and Applied Intelligence Analysis. The lecture will be held on **Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.** on the campus of Texas State University, **LBJ Student Center Ballroom** and is free to the public. Their talk will focus on critical thinking applied to real-world problems. Attendance is limited to about 250 persons. A reception and meet-and-greet will be held after their presentation.

### **FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE**

Free **income tax assistance** is available for St. Mary's University **students and qualifying staff members** on **Tuesdays from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge**, University Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. Income tax assistance will take place only on Tuesdays, from February 26 - April 9, 2013. Clients should bring their social security card, driver's license and a copy of last year's tax return. This program is sponsored by VITA, Bill Greehey School of Business, St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice and Student Development Division.

## IMMIGRATION SYMPOSIUM 2013

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice*, cordially invite all to the Immigration Symposium on **Friday, 5th of April 2013**. The focus of the Immigration Symposium will be on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates that surround the field. Our goal is to provide a strong CLE for local practitioners and a strong educational experience for current law students.

### Speakers:

#### **Benjamin T. Greer**

*“Human Trafficking: T-Visas and Ethical Concerns”*

#### **Rosemary Vega, Tausk & Vega Attorneys at Law**

*“Crime and Immigration: An Overview”*

#### **Nancy Shivers, Shivers & Shivers**

Immigration and Nationality Law

*“Naturalization Perils and Opportunities”*

#### **Professor Bill Ong Hing, Professor Emeritus, UC Davis School of Law**

*“Prosecutorial Discretion”*

#### **Roberto Balli, Board Certified Criminal Defense Attorney**

*“The Sentencing of Crimmigrants”*

#### **Johanna KP Dennis, Associate Professor of Law, Southern University Law Center**

*“Imputing Parental Immigration Status and Residency for Undocumented Immigrant Children”*

#### **Professor Aaron S. Haas, Dir. of Citizenship and Immigration Clinical Program**

Washington and Lee University School of Law

*“Marginalization of Religious Persecution in U.S. Asylum Laws”*

#### **Joe Martinez Jr., Special Agent**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

*“ICE Audits: What Employers Must Do To Comply and be Prepared”*

#### **David R. Walding, The Bernardo Kohler Center**

*“Special Immigrant Juvenile Status”*

**POC: Claudia Balli, Symposium Editor [claudiavballi@yahoo.com](mailto:claudiavballi@yahoo.com) or  
Francisca Parra @ [law scholar@stmarytx.edu](mailto:law scholar@stmarytx.edu)**

## 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SBA - LAW ALUMNI CHARITY GOLF OPEN

**Who:** You and anyone you know!

**What:** 4 person scramble benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters!

**When:** March 2, 2013

**Time:** Registration, lunch, and warm up will begin at 12:00 p.m. Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** The Quarry Golf Club, San Antonio, TX

**Why:** Don't miss the tax deductible fun afternoon, benefitting local charities and networking in your company!

**Email:** Catherine Schneider [caschneider1021@gmail.com](mailto:caschneider1021@gmail.com) or  
Kate Dewan [kate.dewan@gmail.com](mailto:kate.dewan@gmail.com) with any questions!

### Entry Fees

**Single Player Entry Fee** (includes lunch, tournament, dinner)..... \$100

**Single Student Fee** (includes lunch, tournament, dinner).....\$65

*(All players will enjoy lunch, dinner, drinks, and gift bag in addition to tournament participation)*

### Sponsorship Levels

**Supreme Court Sponsor** .....\$1,000

- One team of four players
- Name on Banner
- Hole Sponsorship – sign at hole designating sponsorship
- Contest Sponsorship
- Recognition as Sponsor at Awards Ceremony

**Appeals Court Sponsor** .....\$600

- One team of four players
- Name on Banner
- Hole Sponsorship – sign at hole designating sponsorship
- Recognition as Sponsor at Awards Ceremony

**District Court Sponsor** .....\$400

- One team of four players
- Recognition as Sponsor at Awards Ceremony

### A la Carte

**Hole Sponsorship** .....\$200

**Contest Sponsorship** .....\$200

- Closest to the Pin
- Longest Drive
- Straightest Drive

- Longest Putt

**Hole & Contest Sponsorship** .....\$300

### Food and Drink

**Lunch Sponsor** .....\$1,000  
(recognition at awards ceremony)

**Drink Cart Sponsor** .....\$1,000  
(banner on drink cart and recognition at awards)

### Donation Levels

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2L .....\$201-500

3L .....\$501 – up

Please make checks payable to “**Student Bar Association**”

Mail Checks to:

Catherine Schneider  
One Camino Santa Maria  
Attn: Student Bar Association  
San Antonio, TX 78228

### OR

Give check to any SBA member.  
We are also in the process of setting up a  
Paypal account!



## MINISTRY SERVICES

Liturgy and Eucharistic Celebrations are held at Chapel of Assumption as follows:

M/W/F – 12:15 p.m.

T/Thu – 12:30 p.m.

Sunday – 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

## JOIN THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

The **American Bar Association** can help you meet the challenges of law school and also prepare you 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).

## BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Bible study classes with Professor Addicott are ongoing this semester. The Bible study classes are non-denominational and expository in nature. Instruction is based on the original languages of Scripture, on a line-by-line basis in the context of historical reality and categorical doctrines. Professor Addicott was trained for 30 years under the direct ministry of R. B. Thieme, Jr. (1918-2009). Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law for details.

## NOISE LEVEL

If you are in the Law Classroom Building or in Raba while classes are in session, please be considerate of the students who are in class and **keep the noise level in the hall to a minimum**. Your fellow students thank you!

## EVENT SET-UPS FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** for student organizations 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, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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

The **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 2013 Fundamentals of Municipal Bond Law Seminar. The seminar is designed for attorneys and other professionals seeking a basic knowledge of municipal bond law and related municipal finance issues. The seminar will be held April 17-19, 2013 at the Swissotel Chicago in Chicago, Illinois. [Click here](#) to view the 2012 seminar brochure. Please take a few minutes to review the [application and seminar information](#). **Completed applications are due no later than February 28, 2013.** For specific questions please contact [Linda Wyman](#), NABL Chief Operating Officer at (202) 503-3300.

The **Aviation Law Section** of the **State Bar of Texas** is offering a \$2000 scholarship to a deserving second or third year law student pursuing the study of Aviation and Space Law. Deadline to apply is **March 1, 2013**.

The **National Law Review** (NLR) is pleased to announce they are accepting submissions for the NLR 2013 Law Student Writing Competition. Suggested topic is Labor Law. Submission deadline is **Monday, March 4, 2013**. For more information and submission guidelines, please visit <http://www.natlawreview.com/NLR-law-student-writing-competition>.

American Bar Association Affordable Housing and Community Development writing Competition. Entry deadline is **March 8, 2013**. Prize is \$1,000. For more information, please go to [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/affordable\\_housing/2013\\_ah\\_writing\\_competition\\_guidelines.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/affordable_housing/2013_ah_writing_competition_guidelines.authcheckdam.pdf).

The law firm of **Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard P.C.** is proud to offer eight (8) scholarships to students who author winning essays on either the cerebral palsy or car accident topics. Awards can be used for tuition, supplies, or other school related expenses. A short essay is required and must be submitted by **March 15, 2013**. More details about the scholarship can be found at [www.SalviLaw.com/law-school-scholarship-essay-contest/](http://www.SalviLaw.com/law-school-scholarship-essay-contest/).

The **Texas Energy Council** and the Brookhaven Geotechnology Institute are offering one-year scholarships up to \$2,500 in various disciplines. For more information, please go to <http://www.txenergycouncil.org/miscfiles/TEC%20scholarship%20instructions%202013.pdf> Deadline to enter is **March 22, 2013**.

The **Center for Human Rights at Trinity Law School** announces its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual writing competition. The topic for this year's writing competition is "The Evolving Tension between the Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Religion, and Hate Speech and Blasphemy Laws." First place will award \$3,000, second place \$1,000 and third place \$500. Submissions are due on or before **March 25, 2013**. For further information please visit: <http://www.tls.edu/writing-competition>.

The **Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2013 Paul Faherty Tax Law Writing Competition. Awards include one grand prize of \$3,000 and two honorable mentions, each \$1,000. Topics may include any aspect of tax law. Submit papers by email to [aberkow@jmls.edu](mailto:aberkow@jmls.edu) by **Sunday, March 31, 2013**.

**Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation Scholarship** is offering several scholarships to law students. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2013**.

**Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Law Student Writing Competition.** Prize is \$1,500 and airfare/lodging to attend the ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2013**. Please visit <http://apps.americanbar.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=IL504000>.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. One full scholarship to attend the Sovereignty Symposium will be offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues by an application letter. There is no application form. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to enter is **April 1, 2013**.

The **Robert Masur Fellowship in Civil Liberties** is now accepting applications. Application packets must be RECEIVED by **Friday, April 5, 2013**. Emailed or faxed applications will not be accepted. The fellowship competition is open to first-year law students who intend to carry out significant activities during the summer (in between their first and second year) in the areas of civil rights and/or civil liberties. For more information on this opportunity, please visit [http://www.nationinstitute.org/prizes/1068/the\\_robert\\_masur\\_fellowship\\_in\\_civil\\_liberties/](http://www.nationinstitute.org/prizes/1068/the_robert_masur_fellowship_in_civil_liberties/).

**Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Admiralty & Maritime Law Committee Annual Law Student Writing competition.** \$500 prize and reimbursement to attend annual meeting. [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/marketing/tips/13\\_admiralty\\_law\\_student\\_writing\\_comp\\_rules.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/marketing/tips/13_admiralty_law_student_writing_comp_rules.authcheckdam.pdf). Deadline is **April 5, 2013**.

**Criminal Justice William Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition.** Topic is Social Media-Implications for Criminal Law, Practice and Procedure. Prize \$2000. Please visit [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal\\_justice/Greenhalgh\\_2013.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal_justice/Greenhalgh_2013.authcheckdam.pdf).

**Howard C. Schwab Memorila Essay Contest.** Prize is a certificate and possible publication in Family Law Quarterly and on the Section website. Deadline to request entry number is **April 12, 2013**. Essay is due April 26. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family\\_law/resources/essay\\_contest.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law/resources/essay_contest.html).

**NEW** - 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 eligibility, selection criteria, application, or for more information please go to the website at <http://www.innsforcourt.org/inns/tjohnwardinn/>. Applications will be accepted through **April 15, 2013**.

The Law School Scholarship of the **Federal Bar Association-El Paso Chapter (EPFBA)** will award a \$2000 scholarship to an outstanding El Pasoan who will begin law school in Fall 2013.

The award is based on academic achievement, community involvement, and dedication to the study of law. Please email [EPFBAScholars@gmail.com](mailto:EPFBAScholars@gmail.com) for more information or for an application please visit <http://www.fedbar.org/el Paso.html>. Deadline to apply is **April 19, 2013**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2013 Brief-Writing Award Competition. The Scribes Brief-Writing Committee solicits winning briefs from national moot-court competitions and selects the finest of those winning briefs. The winning author will be recognized at the Scribes annual meeting held during the ABA's meeting in San Francisco on August 9, 2013. For information on how to submit a brief, please go visit <http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/2012-2013%20Brief%20Letter%20Web.pdf>. Deadline to submit a brief is **April 19, 2013**.

**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. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 26, 2013**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information visit [www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith\\_doheny.pdf](http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf).

Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Award Competition. Prize \$5,000 and possible publication. Entry deadline is May 1, 2013. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/administrative\\_law/initiatives\\_awards/gellhorn\\_sargentich\\_law\\_student\\_essay\\_competition.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/administrative_law/initiatives_awards/gellhorn_sargentich_law_student_essay_competition.html)

Entries for The Symposium XXVI **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) or contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**.

**National Association of Women Lawyers** is seeking entries for its 2012-13 Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law. Cash prize of \$500 will be awarded for first-place essay. Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**. Writing guidelines may be found at <http://nawl.timberlakepublishing.com/files/2013National%20Association%20of%20Women%20Lawyers%20Selma%20Moidel.pdf>.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** announces the 2013 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. 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>. Application deadline is **May 1, 2013**.

**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 5:00 p.m. EDST, **May 15, 2013**. Rules may be found at <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/products/Writing%20Competition.aspx>.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the 2013 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. Entries must be received by **May 31, 2013**. For more information on this writing completion, please visit the ILSTexas website at <http://www.ilstexas.org/International%20website%20scripts%20-%20do%20not%20touch%20!!!/Student%20Outreach/2013/contest2013.pdf>

The **American College of Employee Benefits Counsel** is pleased to announce the Ninth Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. Papers must deal with employee benefit topics. Cash prizes will be awarded for up to two winning papers. Deadline is **June 1, 2013**. For competition rules please go to [www.acebc.com](http://www.acebc.com).

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Fifth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of “Comparing Hearsay Rules in Different Courts.” First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2013**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

**LexisNexis Matthew Bender** is pleased to announce the Fourteenth Annual James William Moore Federal Practice Award. The award is intended to recognize outstanding scholarship in federal and civil practice and procedure. Articles must be postmarked by **June 3, 2013**. Eligibility requirements can be found at <http://bit.ly/Moore-2013>.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. 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 contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **June 4, 2013**.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce their twentieth

annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing*. The 2013 recipient of the Brown award will receive \$10,000 for their winning paper. For contest guidelines and rules, please go to [www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm](http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm). Deadline for submission is **June 7, 2013**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2013 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, 2013**.

**Criminal Justice Citizen Amicus Brief Project**. Prize: \$500 and possible publication in a future Criminal Justice Section periodical. For more information please visit: [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal\\_justice/citizen\\_amicus.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal_justice/citizen_amicus.html)

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## **NEGOTIATIONS TEAMS PLACE FIRST AND SECOND AT NATIONAL COMPETITION**

St. Mary's School of Law sent two teams this past weekend to the **Robert R. Merhige National Environmental Negotiation Competition** in Richmond, Virginia. The team of **Andrew Jones** and **David Kilgore** are the national champions of this competition. Further, the second team of **J. Dean Craig** and **Mary Pietrazek**, claimed 2nd place. It was an all St. Mary's for the final round. The Merhige competition was held at the University of Richmond Law School in honor of the late United States District Court Judge. Please join us in congratulating and thanking the two teams, their coach, **Dr. Allen Craddock** and **Ms. Susan Kilgore** who assisted him, for this wonderful showing.

## **JESSUP INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

This past weekend, St. Mary's competed in the United States Super Regionals for the 2013 **Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition**. Now in its 54th year, Jessup is the world's largest moot court competition, with participants from over 550 law schools in more than 80 countries. Our region hosted 22 law schools. The team, coached by Ms. Marion Reilly, consisted of **Bradley (Ryan) Byrd, Meagan Scott, Rachel Felderhoff Jordan, Nick Guinn, and Deepak Ahluwalia**. They advanced into the quarter final rounds (besting a number of good teams, including Vanderbilt and Tulane) and received two very notable awards. First, **Rachel Felderhoff Jordan was named the Best Advocate in the competition**. With over approximately one hundred advocates vying for this title, Rachel's success was both hard-earned and well-deserved. Second, the efforts of our brief writers, Meagan Scott and Rachel Felderhoff Jordan, culminated in a **Top Ten Best Memorial award**. Please join us in congratulating and thanking our team and their coach, **Ms. Marion Reilly**, for all of their efforts on behalf of St. Mary's.

## **2013 RENNA AND JEFF EMBRY MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION FINAL RESULTS**

The St. Mary's School of Law **Board of Advocates** would like to congratulate the team of **Juan Castro** and **Alison Williams** in winning this year's competition. The team of **Charles Ocampo** and **Krystine Ramon** were runners up, and Charles Ocampo was awarded Best Speaker for the final round. The Board would also like to **thank all student advocates** for participating in this year's competition, as well as those who volunteered their time to help judge, witness, and bailiff. We would like to extend a special thank you to our final round judges: **Justice David Puryear, Judge Antonia Arteaga**, and U.S. Attorney **John Paniszczyn**. We look forward to another great competition next year.

There will be one more on-campus advocacy competition this semester; the **Jimmy Derrick Moot Court Competition**. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 13, 2013. More details to follow.

## 2013 COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Please stop in the Law Administration building, Atrium, on *Tuesday, March 5, between 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.* **AND** *Wednesday, March 6, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.* to place your graduation apparel order. Orders for tams, gowns and hoods **must be made on-campus on either of these dates**. Otherwise, students must visit their store location, 5118 San Pedro Ave., or order by telephone, 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 16, 2013**.

Orders for graduation invitations and announcements are made on-line at [www.herffjones.com](http://www.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 are delivered directly to the graduates’ address listed on the order.

Please visit <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/pdf/EventSheet2013.pdf> for a complete schedule of activities and events leading to 2013 law school commencement.

## 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 2013. 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 résumé and a cover letter to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224 of the Law Faculty Building. In the letter please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive two pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed two years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. The deadline for applications is **12 noon on Thursday, March 21, 2012**. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

## 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 [StephMay17@gmail.com](mailto:StephMay17@gmail.com) for more information.

## IMMIGRATION SYMPOSIUM 2013

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice*, cordially invite all to the Immigration Symposium on **Friday, 5th of April 2013**. The focus of the Immigration Symposium will be on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates that surround the field. Our goal is to provide a strong CLE for local practitioners and a strong educational experience for current law students.

### Speakers:

#### **Benjamin T. Greer**

*“Human Trafficking: T-Visas and Ethical Concerns”*

#### **Rosemary Vega**, Tausk & Vega Attorneys at Law

*“Crime and Immigration: An Overview”*

#### **Nancy Shivers**, Shivers & Shivers

Immigration and Nationality Law

*“Naturalization Perils and Opportunities”*

#### **Professor Bill Ong Hing**, Professor Emeritus, UC Davis School of Law

*“Prosecutorial Discretion”*

#### **Roberto Balli**, Board Certified Criminal Defense Attorney

*“The Sentencing of Crimmigrants”*

#### **Johanna KP Dennis**, Associate Professor of Law, Southern University Law Center

*“Imputing Parental Immigration Status and Residency for Undocumented Immigrant Children”*

#### **Professor Aaron S. Haas**, Dir. of Citizenship and Immigration Clinical Program

Washington and Lee University School of Law

*“Marginalization of Religious Persecution in U.S. Asylum Laws”*

#### **Joe Martinez Jr.**, Special Agent

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

*“ICE Audits: What Employers Must Do To Comply and be Prepared”*

#### **David R. Walding**, The Bernardo Kohler Center

*“Special Immigrant Juvenile Status”*

**POC: Claudia Balli**, Symposium Editor [claudiavballi@yahoo.com](mailto:claudiavballi@yahoo.com) or

**Francisca Parra** @ [lawscholar@stmarytx.edu](mailto:lawscholar@stmarytx.edu)

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The Volume 15 Editorial Board of the *The Scholar* is  
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*Please join us in congratulating the Volume 16 Board on this momentous  
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The Editorial Board of the *The Scholar* is proud to recognize the following distinguished Comments:

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*The Underrepresentation of Hispanic Women in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fields: What Can Be Done to Curie the Problem?*

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— Taylor Pack Ellis

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— Mariel Puryear

**Credit with Honors:**

*If it Walks like a Duck, Quacks like a Duck, and Looks like a Duck, It's a Duck: Manipulating Assumption of Risk and Contributory Negligence to Apply in Texas Nonsubscriber Causes of Action*

— Lara Brock

*Teach the Women Well: Why Education is the Key to Ending Modern Day Slavery of Women and Girls*

— Katie Drummond

*Rural Poverty: Overcoming Legal Obstacles to Meaningful Reform*

— Jonathan Whisenhunt

*Please join us in congratulating our Staff Writers for their dedication to producing excellent work while advocating for those without a voice in our community!*

## **STAFF WRITERS FOR *THE SCHOLAR***

On February 25, 2013, the faculty **approved amendments** to the bylaws of *The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice*, which are effective immediately.

There are now **two ways to become a Staff Writer** on *The Scholar*: (1) the Grade-On Selection Process and (2) the 1L Brief Submission (or alternative 2L writing sample) and Interview Process.

**Grade-On Selection Process.** Juris doctorate students who earn a place on the Dean's List (calculated as the top ten percent of each section) at the end of their first semester of study will be invited to become Staff Writers on *The Scholar* without the necessity of participating in the 1L Brief Submission and Interview Process. Invitations will be distributed by the Editor in Chief in hardcopy or electronic format during the Spring semester, and must be accepted by invitees in hardcopy or electronic format by a date set by the Editor in Chief.

**1L Brief Submission and Interview Process.** Students who do not Grade-On to *The Scholar* may become Staff Writers by participating in the 1L Brief Submission (or alternative 2L writing sample) and Interview Process during the spring semester.

## **INTERESTED IN *THE SCHOLAR*?**

*The Scholar, St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* will co-host an event with Kaplan the week of **March 25**. All 1Ls and 2Ls interested in writing for *The Scholar* should look for flyers and announcements the week after Spring Break announcing day, time, and location!

*The Scholar* will also host their annual Open House the week of March 25. All 1Ls and 2Ls interested in learning more about *The Scholar* can drop by and talk with current Staff Writers, current Board Members and next year's Board Members about the organization and the application process. There will be two available times to attend, one mid-day, and one later in the afternoon. Please look for flyers and announcements the week after Spring Break announcing day, time, and location!

## **ST. MARY'S LAW SCHOOL PROBONO CLINIC**

Attention 1L Students!!! Applications for ProBono Clinic Student Coordinator are now available. Both applications and descriptions for the coordinator positions are on the ProBono Clinics/Community Service TWEN page. Applications will be due on Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.; however you are welcome to turn the application in early. Interviews will be scheduled after once the application has been submitted. If you have any questions please feel free to email [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

## **ST. MARY'S LAW SCHOOL PROBONO CLINIC ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS GRADUATING IN MAY**

Are you eligible to receive a ProBono Service Certificate at graduation? Have you submitted all of your ProBono and Community Service hours to the ProBono Research Assistant? You should have received an email with your current hours. All tracking forms must be submitted to the ProBono Research Assistant by **March 31<sup>st</sup>** in order to be eligible for the ProBono Service Certificate. If you have not received an email with your hours OR you have not submitted all hours worked, please email [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ID RECOVERY PROGRAM**

St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice is looking for **volunteers** to assist with the **ID Recovery Program** at Haven for Hope, San Antonio's largest homeless shelter. Obtaining an ID is particularly important to the homeless population as a picture ID is required to gain employment, housing, public benefits, cash a check, and the like. Lack of valid identification continues to be a large barrier to people experiencing homelessness.

Volunteers will work with current **student attorneys** and **supervising attorneys** at an office in Prospects Courtyard (PCY), Haven for Hope on Friday afternoons (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.) and the last two (2) Saturdays of each month (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) After a brief training and interview shadowing, volunteers will begin conducting interviews with clients on their own to determine what documentation is necessary to obtain a Texas State Identification Card. In addition to interview experience, volunteers will benefit from interacting with persons from a variety of backgrounds including persons experiencing homelessness, social workers, case managers, law student attorneys, and supervising attorneys. This is a great opportunity to earn pro bono hours, so please bring your pro bono tracking sheets for us to fill out.

If you are interested in volunteering and can commit to at least three (3) separate days please contact Jessica Sprague ([jsprague@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jsprague@stmarytx.edu)) or Trey Cammack at [tcammack3@yahoo.com](mailto:tcammack3@yahoo.com) for training, directions, and schedule.

### **EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS AND WRITING ASSISTANCE AT THE CENTER FOR TERRORISM LAW**

The Center for Terrorism Law is pleased to offer the following **educational seminars** open to all interested law students.

- Wed., March 6, 12:00 p.m. - Student Workshop: Bluebook Rule 21 International Materials
- Wed., March 20, 12 p.m. - Student Workshop: Al Qaeda in Yemen
- Fri., March 22, 12:30 p.m. - Student Workshop: Iran
- Tue., April 2, 12:00 p.m. - Distinguished Speaker Series: Hamas



- Fri., April 5, 12: 30 p.m. - Student Workshop: Rendition
- Fri., April 12, 12:30 p.m. - Career Day: Careers for lawyers related to National Security, International Law, Defense, and Law Enforcement

Seminars will be approximately one hour long, and will be held in the Center for Terrorism Law Classroom at 102 Raba (near Computer Services). New additions to the list will be announced in future editions of the WITAN.

Fellows at the Center for Terrorism Law are holding "**open hours**" for all interested law students who would like assistance with research, writing and citing, especially in the areas of national security and international law. No appointment is necessary. Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law Classroom at 102 Raba (near Computer Services) between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Mondays or 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.

### **NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED - "WOMEN IN LAW"**

Do you know a female St. Mary's University School of Law student with strong leadership qualities? If so, nominate her for the **Alma L. Lopez "Women in Law" Student Leadership Award**. Nominations are due by 12:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 6, 2013** in the Law Ministry Office, Raba Building, Room 105. Faculty, staff, students, and student organizations may nominate a student. Nominees will be asked to submit a resume. No self-nominations will be accepted. The award recipient and all nominees will be recognized at a reception for the Fourth Court of Appeals, following oral arguments on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. Contact Sister Grace Walle, FMI at [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu) or 210.436.3063.

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

Join Women's Law Association (WLA) for a fun "**service and social**" afternoon! All students are invited to join WLA members who will be working with "Love for Paws," an animal rescue agency on **Saturday, March 23, 2013, 10:00 a.m. —2:00 p.m.** located at **110 Sun Valley Dr. , Spring Branch, TX, 78070**. All are welcome afterwards for a poolside barbeque. Special thanks to the 1L Senators of Women's Law Association for coordinating these programs. Participating students will receive hours towards their community service certificate. Contact Julia Null at [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com) for more information.

**Elections for the 2013-2014 WLA Executive Board** will soon commence. Applications and descriptions for Board positions will be posted on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. All 1L, 2L, and Evening Students are welcome to apply. **Applications will be due on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you have any questions about the election process, contact Julia Null at [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com).

## 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 March 4th.** The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the **Barristers' Ball** on Friday, April 19, 2013. These applications will also be used, in part, to determine the recipients of the various faculty awards for outstanding advocacy. Please note that seeking or obtaining advice or assistance from any faculty member (full-time, visiting, or adjunct) other than the Chair of the Advocacy Committee (Professor Schlueter) concerning your application or its contents is strictly prohibited. **All completed applications must be returned to Professor Schlueter's office no later than NOON on Monday, March 25, 2013.**

## HISPANIC LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The **Hispanic Law Alumni Association** is proud to announce the availability of **law school scholarships** and **bar study grants** for 2L/3L students. The scholarship and grant awards will be based on merit and proven financial need. The completed applications are **due on March 25, 2013 no later than 5:00 p.m.**, by email attachment. Recipients of the awards and grants will be selected shortly thereafter by committee process and award monies will be disbursed at the annual Henry B. Gonzalez Awards Dinner. Any questions regarding the application process for either the scholarships or the grant should be directed to: Professor Mike Martinez, Jr. at [mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu).

## CAREER SERVICES WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU

How may we better serve you? Please take this brief online survey to let us know. <https://law-stmarytx-csm.1symplicity.com/surveys/2013OCSStudentSurvey>.

## SAVE THE DATE - SPRING JOB FAIRS

Mark your calendar for the below Spring Job Fairs:

- El Paso Virtual Job Fair – applications due March 5, 2013
- Midland/Odessa Virtual Job Fair – applications due March 5, 2013
- Corpus Christi Legal Interview Day in Corpus Christi – March 8, 2013
- Houston Legal Job Fair in Houston – March 15, 2013
- Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg – March 22, 2013

If you are interested in the Public Service Career Day, El Paso, Midland/Odessa and Valley Job Fairs, please go to <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> to register.

The Metroplex, Austin, Corpus and Houston Job Fairs will be handled through St. Mary's Symplicity at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

### **OCS MINI GROUP CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS**

- **March 18, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Family Law: Associate Dean Ana Novoa**
- **March 25, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Criminal Defense: Clinical Professor Stephanie Stevens**

To sign up for a slot, please email Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu). All slots are on a first come first serve basis. A wait list will be created after the slots are filled and more sessions will be added as needed.

### **OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES (OCS) – SPRING 2013 PROGRAMMING**

Please RSVP for all programs in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS.

#### **Solo Practice Academy: Setting Up a Virtual Office and Growing Your Practice with Social Media**

Monday, March 4, 2013

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

Refreshments will be served.

Ralph Perez, a St. Mary's Law Alum who owns a bankruptcy firm in Corpus Christi will talk about how to set up a virtual office and how to effectively use social media to market your firm and grown your client base.

#### **What do Transactional Lawyers do?**

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

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.

#### **Solo Practice Academy: The Business of Developing Clients - You Can't Set Up a Practice Without IT.**

Monday, March 18, 2013

4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Atrium

Refreshments will be served.

This will be the fourth session in the Solo Practice Academy series. Jane Fritz, a Business Development Coach for Lawyers will provide information about ways attorney can achieve their

business development objectives. She will offer creative and novel ways to get in front of the people you want to talk to, and manage the fear of “selling” yourself to obtain clients.

**SABA Mentoring Event: The St. Mary's Criminal Justice Clinic**

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE CLASS OF 2013 STUDENTS.

Stephanie Barclay Stevens will present: The Criminal Justice Clinic of St. Mary's University School of Law. MCLE credit: 1.0 hour. Co-Sponsors: San Antonio Bar Association, Mentoring Program, and St. Mary's University School of Law. 3L/4LEs: Please note in order for you to capture CLE before your license date you must figure out your license date, presumably November 2013, and go forward to your birth month and then back 1 year. The CLE must fall within that time to get credit for it.

**TYLA Presentation: How to Get a Job After Law School: The Unclassified Story**

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

Classify:

1. To arrange or organize according to class or category.
2. To designate as confidential, secret, or top secret.

Were you a law student who didn't have the grades to participate in the On-Campus Interviewing process? Do you know a law student who is unable to find a job but who is at the top of his/her class? Do law students approach you asking what the “secret” is to finding employment upon graduation in 2013? Then “How to Get a Job After Law School: The Unclassified Story” is the lunch spot for you! The Law Student Outreach (“LSO”) Committee for the Texas Young Lawyers Association will be presenting a luncheon seminar this spring semester 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.

**Fall Recruitment Information Session**

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

4:00 - 4:30 p.m., Atrium

All Class of 2015 students interested in participating in Fall Recruitment should attend this session. It will give you important dates and deadlines and mandatory documents that must be signed to participate. This will be a short 30 minute session to go over the processes, important dates and deadlines, and other information needed to participate.

## **Judicial Clerkship Information Session**

**Wednesday, April 3, 2013**

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

Lunch will be served.

Do you think you have an interest in doing a judicial clerkship after graduation? If so, attend this session to learn about the application process on the state and federal level and the Office of Career Services Clerkship Mailing Program. Professors will be there to discuss the process and answer questions as well as some of your classmates who have gone through the process successfully.

## **CLINIC APPLICANTS FOR SUMMER/FALL/SPRING 2013-14**

Couldn't make it to the Clinic Information Sessions but still want to apply to the **Clinical Education Programs**? Check out our TWEN page "Clinic Applicants for Summer/Fall/Spring 2013-2014" For questions, please call Marisa Santos at 210.431.5703 or email msantos@stmarytx.edu. **Applications are now being considered on a rolling basis.** For more information on the clinical programs please visit the Center for Legal and Social Justice Clinic website at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=centerForLegalAndSocialJustice>.

## **CRITICAL THINKING FOR STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE LECTURE**

Katherine and Randolph Pherson are coming to Texas State University as part of their Distinguished Lecture series. The Pherson's are internationally recognized experts and leaders in the field of Strategic and Applied Intelligence Analysis. The lecture will be held on **Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.** on the campus of Texas State University, **LBJ Student Center Ballroom** and is free to the public. Their talk will focus on critical thinking applied to real-world problems. Attendance is limited to about 250 persons. A reception and meet-and-greet will be held after their presentation.

## **FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE**

Free **income tax assistance** is available for St. Mary's University **students and qualifying staff members** on **Tuesdays from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge**, University Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. Income tax assistance will take place only on Tuesdays, from February 26 - April 9, 2013. Clients should bring their social security card, driver's license and a copy of last year's tax return. This program is sponsored by VITA, Bill Greehey School of Business, St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice and Student Development Division.

## **JOIN THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

The **American Bar Association** can help you meet the challenges of law school and also prepare you 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).

## MINISTRY SERVICES

Liturgy and Eucharistic Celebrations are held at Chapel of Assumption as follows:

M/W/F – 12:15 p.m.

T/Thu – 12:30 p.m.

Sunday – 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

## BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Bible study classes with Professor Addicott are ongoing this semester. The Bible study classes are non-denominational and expository in nature. Instruction is based on the original languages of Scripture, on a line-by-line basis in the context of historical reality and categorical doctrines. Professor Addicott was trained for 30 years under the direct ministry of R. B. Thieme, Jr. (1918-2009). Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law for details.

## NOISE LEVEL

If you are in the Law Classroom Building or in Raba while classes are in session, please be considerate of the students who are in class and **keep the noise level in the hall to a minimum**. Your fellow students thank you!

## EVENT SET-UPS FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** for student organizations 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**.

## THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The National Association of Law Students with Disabilities (NALSWD) will host its 2013 conference **March 22-24, 2013** in Kasbeer Hall, Corboy Law Center, at Loyola University of Chicago School of Law. NALSWD is a coalition of law students dedicated to disability advocacy and the achievement of equal access, inclusion, diversity and non-discrimination in legal education and in the legal profession. Please visit [www.nalswd.org](http://www.nalswd.org) for additional information and registration.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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

American Bar Association Affordable Housing and Community Development writing

Competition. Entry deadline is **March 8, 2013**. Prize is \$1,000. For more information, please go to [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/affordable\\_housing/2013\\_ah\\_writing\\_competition\\_guidelines.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/affordable_housing/2013_ah_writing_competition_guidelines.authcheckdam.pdf).

The **Hispanic National Bar Association Legal Education Fund** (Fund) and Special Counsel, Inc. announce the creation of the Special Counsel Law School Scholarship Program. The Fund will award three 3-year scholarships of \$7,500 to deserving Hispanic students. The application period will close at 12:00 a.m. EST on **March 11, 2013**. For more information please visit <http://www.hnbafund.org/Scholarships/ScholarshipInformation.aspx>.

The law firm of **Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard P.C.** is proud to offer eight (8) scholarships to students who author winning essays on either the cerebral palsy or car accident topics. Awards can be used for tuition, supplies, or other school related expenses. A short essay is required and must be submitted by **March 15, 2013**. More details about the scholarship can be found at [www.SalviLaw.com/law-school-scholarship-essay-contest/](http://www.SalviLaw.com/law-school-scholarship-essay-contest/).

The **Texas Energy Council** and the Brookhaven Geotechnology Institute are offering one-year scholarships up to \$2,500 in various disciplines. For more information, please go to <http://www.txenergycouncil.org/miscfiles/TEC%20scholarship%20instructions%202013.pdf>. Deadline to enter is **March 22, 2013**.

The **Center for Human Rights at Trinity Law School** announces its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual writing competition. The topic for this year's writing competition is "The Evolving Tension between the Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Religion, and Hate Speech and Blasphemy Laws." First place will award \$3,000, second place \$1,000 and third place \$500. Submissions are due on or before **March 25, 2013**. For further information please visit: <http://www.tls.edu/writing-competition>.

The **Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2013 Paul Faherty Tax Law Writing Competition. Awards include one grand prize of \$3,000 and two honorable mentions, each \$1,000. Topics may include any aspect of tax law. Submit papers by email to [aberkow@jmls.edu](mailto:aberkow@jmls.edu) by **Sunday, March 31, 2013**.

**Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation Scholarship** is offering several scholarships to law students. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2013**.

**Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Law** Student Writing Competition. Prize is \$1,500 and airfare/lodging to attend the ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2013**. Please visit <http://apps.americanbar.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=IL504000>.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. One full scholarship to attend the Sovereignty Symposium will be offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues by an application letter. There is no application form. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-

9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to enter is **April 1, 2013**.

The **Robert Masur Fellowship in Civil Liberties** is now accepting applications. Application packets must be RECEIVED by **Friday, April 5, 2013**. Emailed or faxed applications will not be accepted. The fellowship competition is open to first-year law students who intend to carry out significant activities during the summer (in between their first and second year) in the areas of civil rights and/or civil liberties. For more information on this opportunity, please visit [http://www.nationinstitute.org/prizes/1068/the\\_robert\\_masur\\_fellowship\\_in\\_civil\\_liberties/](http://www.nationinstitute.org/prizes/1068/the_robert_masur_fellowship_in_civil_liberties/).

**Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Admiralty & Maritime Law Committee** Annual Law Student Writing competition. \$500 prize and reimbursement to attend annual meeting. [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/marketing/tips/13\\_admiralty\\_law\\_student\\_writing\\_comp\\_rules.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/marketing/tips/13_admiralty_law_student_writing_comp_rules.authcheckdam.pdf). Deadline is **April 5, 2013**.

**Criminal Justice William Greenhalgh** Student Writing Competition. Topic is Social Media-Implications for Criminal Law, Practice and Procedure. Prize \$2000. Please visit [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal\\_justice/Greenhalgh\\_2013.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal_justice/Greenhalgh_2013.authcheckdam.pdf).

**Howard C. Schwab Memorila Essay Contest**. Prize is a certificate and possible publication in Family Law Quarterly and on the Section website. Deadline to request entry number is **April 12, 2013**. Essay is due April 26. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family\\_law/resources/essay\\_contest.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law/resources/essay_contest.html).

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 eligibility, selection criteria, application, or for more information please go to the website at <http://www.innsofcourt.org/inns/tjohnwardinn/>. Applications will be accepted through **April 15, 2013**.

The Law School Scholarship of the **Federal Bar Association-El Paso Chapter** (EPFBA) will award a \$2000 scholarship to an outstanding El Pasoan who will begin law school in Fall 2013. The award is based on academic achievement, community involvement, and dedication to the study of law. Please email [EPFBAScholars@gmail.com](mailto:EPFBAScholars@gmail.com) for more information or for an application please visit <http://www.fedbar.org/elpaso.html>. Deadline to apply is **April 19, 2013**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2013 Brief-Writing Award Competition. The Scribes Brief-Writing Committee solicits winning briefs from national moot-court competitions and selects the finest of those winning briefs. The winning author will be recognized at the Scribes annual meeting held during the ABA's meeting in San Francisco on August 9, 2013. For information on how to submit a brief, please go visit <http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/2012-2013%20Brief%20Letter%20Web.pdf>. Deadline to submit a brief is **April 19, 2013**.



**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. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 26, 2013**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556. For more information visit [www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing\\_competitions/smith\\_doheny.pdf](http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/writing_competitions/smith_doheny.pdf).

Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Award Competition. Prize \$5,000 and possible publication. Entry deadline is May 1, 2013. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/administrative\\_law/initiatives\\_awards/gellhorn\\_sargentich\\_law\\_student\\_essay\\_competition.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/administrative_law/initiatives_awards/gellhorn_sargentich_law_student_essay_competition.html)

Entries for The Symposium XXVI **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) or contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**.

**National Association of Women Lawyers** is seeking entries for its 2012-13 Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law. Cash prize of \$500 will be awarded for first-place essay. Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**. Writing guidelines may be found at <http://nawl.timberlakepublishing.com/files/2013National%20Association%20of%20Women%20Lawyers%20Selma%20Moidel.pdf>.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice (AAJ)** announces the 2013 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. 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>. Application deadline is **May 1, 2013**.

**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 5:00 p.m. EDST, **May 15, 2013**. Rules may be found at <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/products/Writing%20Competition.aspx>.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the 2013 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. Entries must be received by **May 31, 2013**. For more information on this writing completion, please visit the ILSTexas website at <http://www.ilstexas.org/International%20website%20scripts%20-%20do%20not%20touch%20!!!/Student%20Outreach/2013/contest2013.pdf>

The **American College of Employee Benefits Counsel** is pleased to announce the Ninth Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. Papers must deal with employee benefit topics. Cash prizes will be awarded for up to two winning papers. Deadline is **June 1, 2013**. For competition rules please go to [www.acebc.com](http://www.acebc.com).

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Fifth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of “Comparing Hearsay Rules in Different Courts.” First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2013**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

**LexisNexis Matthew Bender** is pleased to announce the Fourteenth Annual James William Moore Federal Practice Award. The award is intended to recognize outstanding scholarship in federal and civil practice and procedure. Articles must be postmarked by **June 3, 2013**. Eligibility requirements can be found at <http://bit.ly/Moore-2013>.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **June 4, 2013**.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce their twentieth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing*. The 2013 recipient of the Brown award will received \$10,000 for their winning paper. For contest guidelines and rules, please go to [www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm](http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm). Deadline for submission is **June 7, 2013**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2013 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, 2013**.

**Criminal Justice Citizen Amicus Brief Project**. Prize: \$500 and possible publication in a future Criminal Justice Section periodical. For more information please visit: [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal\\_justice/citizen\\_amicus.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal_justice/citizen_amicus.html).

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## REGISTRATION MEETINGS FOR 1LS

If you are a first year student (rising to second year), please make plans to attend one of the **mandatory** registration meetings listed below. The meetings give you useful information about academic advising, registration procedures, and the Texas Bar exam.

- Thursday, March 21, 11:00 a.m. in LC 104
- Wednesday, March 27, 11:00 a.m. in LC 104
- Thursday, March 28 (following the Friday class schedule), 11:00 a.m. in LC 104

## REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2013 and FALL 2013

Rising 3L Register for Summer 2013 and Fall 2013

Those students who have earned **40 hours or more at the end of fall** will register:

**April 1 beginning at 8:00 a.m. through midnight April 6, 2013.**

Registration for the summer intersessions will take place during this time as well.

Rising 2L Register for Summer 2013 and Fall 2013

Those students who have earned **15 through 39 hours at the end of the fall** will register:

**April 8 beginning at 8:00 a.m. through midnight April 13, 2013.**

Registration for the summer intersessions will take place at this time as well.

All students will have an opportunity to change or register for Summer 2013 and Fall 2013

**April 15 beginning at 8:00 a.m. through midnight April 20, 2013.**

**To determine when you may register, count the number of hours earned at the end of the fall 2012 semester. Current hours for the spring semester do not figure into the count.**

Registration for the winter intersession will take place in October of 2013.

Please check to ensure there are no holds on your registration account. If there is a hold, contact the office that placed the hold. The Law School cannot remove holds. If there are any questions, please email Catherine Mery at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu).

## COURSE ADVISING

Are you wondering about what courses to take and how to structure your schedule this summer and fall? **Course advising** appointments with the Office of Academic and Student Affairs are now available. Please email [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) or come by **Raba 106** to make your appointment.

## BAR SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS

Students who are taking the Texas bar in February 2014 and who want to take the Bar Skills Preparation Class should contact Professor Tullos at [ktullos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ktullos@stmarytx.edu) for information on enrollment.

## FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENTS

The **Fourth Court of Appeals** will hear oral arguments in two appeals on **Tuesday, March 19, 2013** beginning at **9:00 a.m.** in the Nicholas L. Ribis Court Room. The following cases will be presented:

04-12-00524-CV, R Vernard Grice v. Alamo Community College. Panel: Chief Justice Catherine Stone, Justice Marialyn Barnard and Justice Luz Elena Chapa.

04-12-00407-CV, Russell Equestrian Center, Inc., John William Russell, Individually & DBA Russell Equestrian Center, and Shane Brasher Russell v. Samantha Miller AKA Samantha Parker. Panel: Justice Karen Angelini, Justice Sandee Bryan Marion and Justice Patricia O. Alvarez.

A luncheon will follow in the **Law Alumni Room** with the Justice of the Fourth Court of Appeals and presentation of the St. Mary's University School of Law "**Women Leaders**" Award, and Chief Justice (Ret.) Alma L. Lopez "**Women in Law**" Award.

## PRESENTATION BY MARY KAY, INC. LEGAL COUNSEL

The Institute on Chinese Law & Business is pleased to announce a presentation by **Ms. Wendy Wang**, a legal counsel for **Mary Kay Inc.** and the chief lawyer of Mary Kay China, Inc. based in Shanghai. The presentation will be held on **Thursday, March 21, 2013, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**. Ms. Wang, who has worked and lived in China for the past seven years, will share her experience and observations based on her practice in China. All law students and faculty are invited to attend. Lunch will be provided. For questions, please contact Professor Bob Hu at email: [rhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhu@stmarytx.edu).

## STUDENT WITNESSES NEEDED FOR NATIONAL TRIAL COMPETITION (NTC)

This year the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) is hosting the **finals of the National Trial Competition (NTC)** in San Antonio **April 4-6, 2013**. The NTC is one of the oldest and most prestigious law school mock trial competitions in the nation. TYLA sponsors the NTC with the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Over 150 law schools compete in 14 regional competitions throughout the year and the top two teams from each region advance to the national competition here in San Antonio. During the three days of competition the teams will compete in mock trials at the Bexar County Courthouse.

**Each round needs volunteers to participate as witnesses.** Each witness is given a script to follow and will be testify during the mock trial.

SAYLA is organizing the witnesses for the competition. I am hoping that some of your students may be interested in volunteering. The judges are all local volunteer attorneys and judges and this can be a great opportunity to work with and observe not only the best law students in the country but with the local legal community.

The rounds will be held:

**Thursday, April 4: 8:30 - Noon**  
**Thursday, April 4: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.**  
**Friday, April 5: 8:30 - Noon**

Each volunteer can sign up on the SAYLA website at [www.sayla.org/ntc](http://www.sayla.org/ntc). After a person is signed up they will receive additional information about volunteering. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the San Antonio Young Lawyers Association and also connect with members of the local bar. Some of the best advocacy teams in the country will be competing.

### **2013 COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION**

Please visit <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/pdf/EventSheet2013.pdf> for a complete schedule of activities and events leading to 2013 law school commencement.

### **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 2013. 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 résumé and a cover letter to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224 of the Law Faculty Building. In the letter please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive two pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed two years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. The deadline for applications is **12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2012**. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

## IMMIGRATION SYMPOSIUM 2013

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice*, cordially invite all to the Immigration Symposium on **Friday, 5th of April 2013**. The focus of the Immigration Symposium will be on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates that surround the field. Our goal is to provide a strong CLE for local practitioners and a strong educational experience for current law students.

### Speakers:

#### **Benjamin T. Greer**

*“Human Trafficking: T-Visas and Ethical Concerns”*

#### **Rosemary Vega**, Tausk & Vega Attorneys at Law

*“Crime and Immigration: An Overview”*

#### **Nancy Shivers**, Shivers & Shivers

Immigration and Nationality Law

*“Naturalization Perils and Opportunities”*

#### **Professor Bill Ong Hing**, Professor Emeritus, UC Davis School of Law

*“Prosecutorial Discretion”*

#### **Roberto Balli**, Board Certified Criminal Defense Attorney

*“The Sentencing of Crimmigrants”*

#### **Johanna KP Dennis**, Associate Professor of Law, Southern University Law Center

*“Imputing Parental Immigration Status and Residency for Undocumented Immigrant Children”*

#### **Professor Aaron S. Haas**, Dir. of Citizenship and Immigration Clinical Program

Washington and Lee University School of Law

*“Marginalization of Religious Persecution in U.S. Asylum Laws”*

#### **Joe Martinez Jr.**, Special Agent

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

*“ICE Audits: What Employers Must Do To Comply and be Prepared”*

#### **David R. Walding**, The Bernardo Kohler Center

*“Special Immigrant Juvenile Status”*

**POC: Claudia Balli**, Symposium Editor [claudiavballi@yahoo.com](mailto:claudiavballi@yahoo.com) or

**Francisca Parra** @ [lawscholar@stmarytx.edu](mailto:lawscholar@stmarytx.edu)



## INTERESTED IN *THE SCHOLAR*?

*The Scholar*, *St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* will co-host an event with Kaplan the week of **March 25**. All 1Ls and 2Ls interested in writing for *The Scholar* should look for flyers and announcements the week after Spring Break announcing day, time, and location!

*The Scholar* will also host their annual Open House the week of March 25. All 1Ls and 2Ls interested in learning more about *The Scholar* can drop by and talk with current Staff Writers, current Board Members and next year's Board Members about the organization and the application process. There will be two available times to attend, one mid-day, and one later in the afternoon. Please look for flyers and announcements the week after Spring Break announcing day, time, and location!

## ST. MARY'S LAW SCHOOL PROBONO CLINIC

Attention 1L Students!!! Applications for ProBono Clinic Student Coordinator are now available. Both applications and descriptions for the coordinator positions are on the ProBono Clinics/Community Service TWEN page. Applications will be due on Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.; however you are welcome to turn the application in early. Interviews will be scheduled after once the application has been submitted. If you have any questions please feel free to email [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

## ST. MARY'S LAW SCHOOL PROBONO CLINIC ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS GRADUATING IN MAY

Are you eligible to receive a ProBono Service Certificate at graduation? Have you submitted all of your ProBono and Community Service hours to the ProBono Research Assistant? You should have received an email with your current hours. All tracking forms must be submitted to the ProBono Research Assistant by **March 31<sup>st</sup>** in order to be eligible for the ProBono Service Certificate. If you have not received an email with your hours OR you have not submitted all hours worked, please email [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ID RECOVERY PROGRAM

St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice is looking for **volunteers** to assist with the **ID Recovery Program** at Haven for Hope, San Antonio's largest homeless shelter. Obtaining an ID is particularly important to the homeless population as a picture ID is required to gain employment, housing, public benefits, cash a check, and the like. Lack of valid identification continues to be a large barrier to people experiencing homelessness.

Volunteers will work with current **student attorneys** and **supervising attorneys** at an office in Prospects Courtyard (PCY), Haven for Hope on Friday afternoons (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.) and the last

two (2) Saturdays of each month (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) After a brief training and interview shadowing, volunteers will begin conducting interviews with clients on their own to determine what documentation is necessary to obtain a Texas State Identification Card. In addition to interview experience, volunteers will benefit from interacting with persons from a variety of backgrounds including persons experiencing homelessness, social workers, case managers, law student attorneys, and supervising attorneys. This is a great opportunity to earn pro bono hours, so please bring your pro bono tracking sheets for us to fill out.

If you are interested in volunteering and can commit to at least three (3) separate days please contact Jessica Sprague ([jsprague@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jsprague@stmarytx.edu)) or Trey Cammack at [tcammack3@yahoo.com](mailto:tcammack3@yahoo.com) for training, directions, and schedule.

### **EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS AND WRITING ASSISTANCE AT THE CENTER FOR TERRORISM LAW**

The Center for Terrorism Law is pleased to offer the following **educational seminars** open to all interested law students.

- Wednesday, March 20, 12:30 p.m. - Student Workshop: Al Qaeda in Yemen
- Friday, March 22, 12:30 p.m. - Student Workshop: Iran
- Tuesday, April 2, 12:30 p.m. - Distinguished Speaker Series: Hamas
- Friday, April 5, 12:30 p.m. - Student Workshop: Rendition
- Friday, April 12, 12:30 p.m. - Career Day: Careers for lawyers related to National Security, International Law, Defense, and Law Enforcement

Seminars will be approximately one hour long, and will be held in the **Center for Terrorism Law Classroom at 102 Raba** (near Computer Services). New additions to the list will be announced in future editions of the WITAN.

Fellows at the Center for Terrorism Law are holding "**open hours**" for all interested law students who would like some assistance with research, writing and citing, especially in the areas of national security and international law. No appointment is necessary - just come by the Center for Terrorism Law Classroom at 102 Raba (near Computer Services) between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Mondays or 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.

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

Join Women's Law Association (WLA) for a fun "**service and social**" afternoon! All students are invited to join WLA members who will be working with "Love for Paws," an animal rescue agency on **Saturday, March 23, 2013, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** located at **110 Sun Valley Dr., Spring Branch, TX, 78070**. All are welcome afterwards for a poolside barbeque. Special thanks to the 1L Senators of Women's Law Association for coordinating these programs.

Participating students will receive hours towards their community service certificate. Contact Julia Null at [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com) for more information.

**Elections for the 2013-2014 WLA Executive Board** will soon commence. Applications and descriptions for Board positions will be posted on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. All 1L, 2L, and Evening Students are welcome to apply. **Applications will be due on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you have any questions about the election process, contact Julia Null at [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com).

### **ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATIONS**

The **Order of Barristers** is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills. The Order — which is open only to third-year law students — provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools. St. Mary's School of Law is permitted to select up to ten new members each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the faculty Advocacy Committee, **LF 270**. The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the **Barristers' Ball** on Friday, April 19, 2013. These applications will also be used, in part, to determine the recipients of the various faculty awards for outstanding advocacy. Please note that seeking or obtaining advice or assistance from any faculty member (full-time, visiting, or adjunct) other than the Chair of the Advocacy Committee (Professor Schlueter) concerning your application or its contents is strictly prohibited. **All completed applications must be returned to Professor Schlueter's office no later than NOON on Monday, March 25, 2013.**

### **HISPANIC LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

The **Hispanic Law Alumni Association** is proud to announce the availability of **law school scholarships** and **bar study grants** for 2L/3L students. The scholarship and grant awards will be based on merit and proven financial need. The completed applications are **due on March 25, 2013 no later than 5:00 p.m.**, by email attachment. Recipients of the awards and grants will be selected shortly thereafter by committee process and award monies will be disbursed at the annual Henry B. Gonzalez Awards Dinner. Any questions regarding the application process for either the scholarships or the grant should be directed to: Professor Mike Martinez, Jr. at [mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu).

### **CAREER SERVICES WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU**

How may we better serve you? Please take this brief online survey to let us know. <https://law-stmarytx-csm.1simplicity.com/surveys/2013OCSStudentSurvey>.

## SAVE THE DATE - SPRING JOB FAIRS

Mark your calendar for the following Spring Job Fairs:

- Houston Legal Job Fair in Houston – March 15, 2013
- Rio Grande Valley Job Fair in Edinburg – March 22, 2013

If you are interested in the Public Service Career Day, El Paso, Midland/Odessa and Valley Job Fairs, please go to <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/> to register.

The Metroplex, Austin, Corpus and Houston Job Fairs will be handled through St. Mary's Symplicity at <https://law-stmarytx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

## OCS MINI GROUP CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS

- **March 18, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Family Law: Associate Dean Ana Novoa**
- **March 25, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Criminal Defense: Clinical Professor Stephanie Stevens**

To sign up for a slot, please email Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu). All slots are on a first come first serve basis. A wait list will be created after the slots are filled and more sessions will be added as needed.

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES (OCS) – SPRING 2013 PROGRAMMING

Please RSVP for all programs in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS.

### **Solo Practice Academy: The Business of Developing Clients - You Can't Set Up a Practice Without IT.**

Monday, March 18, 2013

4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Atrium

Refreshments will be served.

This will be the fourth session in the Solo Practice Academy series. Jane Fritz, a Business Development Coach for Lawyers will provide information about ways attorney can achieve their business development objectives. She will offer creative and novel ways to get in front of the people you want to talk to, and manage the fear of “selling” yourself to obtain clients.

### **SABA Mentoring Event: The St. Mary's Criminal Justice Clinic**

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

**THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE CLASS OF 2013 STUDENTS.**

Stephanie Barclay Stevens will present: The Criminal Justice Clinic of St. Mary's University School

of Law. MCLE credit: 1.0 hour. Co-Sponsors: San Antonio Bar Association, Mentoring Program, and St. Mary's University School of Law. 3L/4LEs: Please note in order for you to capture CLE before your license date you must figure out your license date, presumably November 2013, and go forward to your birth month and then back 1 year. The CLE must fall within that time to get credit for it.

**TYLA Presentation: How to Get a Job After Law School: The Unclassified Story**

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

Classify:

1. To arrange or organize according to class or category.
2. To designate as confidential, secret, or top secret.

Were you a law student who didn't have the grades to participate in the On-Campus Interviewing process? Do you know a law student who is unable to find a job but who is at the top of his/her class? Do law students approach you asking what the "secret" is to finding employment upon graduation in 2013? Then "How to Get a Job After Law School: The Unclassified Story" is the lunch spot for you! The Law Student Outreach ("LSO") Committee for the Texas Young Lawyers Association will be presenting a luncheon seminar this spring semester 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.

**Fall Recruitment Information Session**

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

4:00 - 4:30 p.m., Atrium

All Class of 2015 students interested in participating in Fall Recruitment should attend this session. It will give you important dates and deadlines and mandatory documents that must be signed to participate. This will be a short 30 minute session to go over the processes, important dates and deadlines, and other information needed to participate.

**Judicial Clerkship Information Session**

**Wednesday, April 3, 2013**

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

Lunch will be served.

Do you think you have an interest in doing a judicial clerkship after graduation? If so, attend this session to learn about the application process on the state and federal level and the Office of Career Services Clerkship Mailing Program. Professors will be there to discuss the process and answer questions as well as some of your classmates who have gone through the process successfully.

## **CLINIC APPLICANTS FOR SUMMER/FALL/SPRING 2013-14**

Couldn't make it to the Clinic Information Sessions but still want to apply to the **Clinical Education Programs**? Check out our TWEN page "Clinic Applicants for Summer/Fall/Spring 2013-2014" For questions, please call Marisa Santos at 210.431.5703 or email msantos@stmarytx.edu. **Applications are now being considered on a rolling basis.** For more information on the clinical programs please visit the Center for Legal and Social Justice Clinic website at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=centerForLegalAndSocialJustice>.

## **CRITICAL THINKING FOR STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE LECTURE**

Katherine and Randolph Pherson are coming to Texas State University as part of their Distinguished Lecture series. The Pherson's are internationally recognized experts and leaders in the field of Strategic and Applied Intelligence Analysis. The lecture will be held on **Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.** on the campus of Texas State University, **LBJ Student Center Ballroom** and is free to the public. Their talk will focus on critical thinking applied to real-world problems. Attendance is limited to about 250 persons. A reception and meet-and-greet will be held after their presentation.

## **FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE**

Free **income tax assistance** is available for St. Mary's University **students and qualifying staff members** on **Tuesdays from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge**, University Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. Income tax assistance will take place only on Tuesdays, from February 26 - April 9, 2013. Clients should bring their social security card, driver's license and a copy of last year's tax return. This program is sponsored by VITA, Bill Greehey School of Business, St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice and Student Development Division.

## **JOIN THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

The **American Bar Association** can help you meet the challenges of law school and also prepare you 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).

## **MINISTRY SERVICES**

Liturgy and Eucharistic Celebrations are held at Chapel of Assumption as follows:

M/W/F – 12:15 p.m.

T/Thu – 12:30 p.m.

Sunday – 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

## BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Bible study classes with Professor Addicott are ongoing this semester. The Bible study classes are non-denominational and expository in nature. Instruction is based on the original languages of Scripture, on a line-by-line basis in the context of historical reality and categorical doctrines. Professor Addicott was trained for 30 years under the direct ministry of R. B. Thieme, Jr. (1918-2009). Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law for details.

## NOISE LEVEL

If you are in the Law Classroom Building or in Raba while classes are in session, please be considerate of the students who are in class and **keep the noise level in the hall to a minimum**. Your fellow students thank you!

## EVENT SET-UPS FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** for student organizations 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**.

## THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The National Association of Law Students with Disabilities (NALSWD) will host its 2013 conference **March 22-24, 2013** in Kasbeer Hall, Corboy Law Center, at Loyola University of Chicago School of Law. NALSWD is a coalition of law students dedicated to disability advocacy and the achievement of equal access, inclusion, diversity and non-discrimination in legal education and in the legal profession. Please visit [www.nalswd.org](http://www.nalswd.org) for additional information and registration.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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

The law firm of **Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard P.C.** is proud to offer eight (8) scholarships to students who author winning essays on either the cerebral palsy or car accident topics. Awards can be used for tuition, supplies, or other school related expenses. A short essay is required and must be submitted by **March 15, 2013**. More details about the scholarship can be found at [www.SalviLaw.com/law-school-scholarship-essay-contest/](http://www.SalviLaw.com/law-school-scholarship-essay-contest/).

The **Texas Energy Council** and the Brookhaven Geotechnology Institute are offering one-year scholarships up to \$2,500 in various disciplines. For more information, please go to

<http://www.txenergycouncil.org/miscfiles/TEC%20scholarship%20instructions%202013.pdf>

Deadline to enter is **March 22, 2013**.

The **Center for Human Rights at Trinity Law School** announces its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual writing competition. The topic for this year's writing competition is "The Evolving Tension between the Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Religion, and Hate Speech and Blasphemy Laws." First place will award \$3,000, second place \$1,000 and third place \$500. Submissions are due on or before **March 25, 2013**. For further information please visit: <http://www.tls.edu/writing-competition>.

The **Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2013 Paul Faherty Tax Law Writing Competition. Awards include one grand prize of \$3,000 and two honorable mentions, each \$1,000. Topics may include any aspect of tax law. Submit papers by email to [aberkow@jmls.edu](mailto:aberkow@jmls.edu) by **Sunday, March 31, 2013**.

**Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation Scholarship** is offering several scholarships to law students. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2013**.

**Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Law Student Writing Competition**. Prize is \$1,500 and airfare/lodging to attend the ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2013**. Please visit <http://apps.americanbar.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=IL504000>.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. One full scholarship to attend the Sovereignty Symposium will be offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues by an application letter. There is no application form. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to enter is **April 1, 2013**.

The **Robert Masur Fellowship in Civil Liberties** is now accepting applications. Application packets must be RECEIVED by **Friday, April 5, 2013**. Emailed or faxed applications will not be accepted. The fellowship competition is open to first-year law students who intend to carry out significant activities during the summer (in between their first and second year) in the areas of civil rights and/or civil liberties. For more information on this opportunity, please visit [http://www.nationinstitute.org/prizes/1068/the\\_robert\\_masur\\_fellowship\\_in\\_civil\\_liberties/](http://www.nationinstitute.org/prizes/1068/the_robert_masur_fellowship_in_civil_liberties/).

**Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Admiralty & Maritime Law Committee Annual Law Student Writing competition**. \$500 prize and reimbursement to attend annual meeting. [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/marketing/tips/13\\_admiralty\\_law\\_student\\_writing\\_comp\\_rules.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/marketing/tips/13_admiralty_law_student_writing_comp_rules.authcheckdam.pdf). Deadline is **April 5, 2013**.

**Criminal Justice William Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition**. Topic is Social Media-Implications for Criminal Law, Practice and Procedure. Prize \$2000. Please visit [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal\\_justice/Greenhalgh\\_2013.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal_justice/Greenhalgh_2013.authcheckdam.pdf).



The **Southwest Juvenile Defender Center** (SWJDC) is accepting applications for the seventh annual Napoleon Beazley Defender Award. The award is for a 2012-13 graduating law student who is committed to working on behalf of the defense of children in the Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah region. Applications must include a resume, two letters of recommendation, and an essay of no more than 500 words that states why the applicant should receive the award. All applications will be reviewed by the Napoleon Beazley Defender Award Committee and must be received by April 8, 2013 by 5:00 p.m. For more information please visit [http://childrenandthelawblog.com/?p=1984&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+childrenandthelawblog%2Frss+%28Children+and+the+Law+Blog%29](http://childrenandthelawblog.com/?p=1984&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+childrenandthelawblog%2Frss+%28Children+and+the+Law+Blog%29)

**Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest.** Prize is a certificate and possible publication in Family Law Quarterly and on the Section website. Deadline to request entry number is **April 12, 2013**. Essay is due April 26.  
[http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family\\_law/resources/essay\\_contest.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law/resources/essay_contest.html).

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 eligibility, selection criteria, application, or for more information please go to the website at <http://www.innsofcourt.org/inns/tjohnwardinn/>. Applications will be accepted through **April 15, 2013**.

The Law School Scholarship of the **Federal Bar Association-El Paso Chapter** (EPFBA) will award a \$2000 scholarship to an outstanding El Pasoan who will begin law school in Fall 2013. The award is based on academic achievement, community involvement, and dedication to the study of law. Please email [EPFBAScholars@gmail.com](mailto:EPFBAScholars@gmail.com) for more information or for an application please visit <http://www.fedbar.org/elpaso.html>. Deadline to apply is **April 19, 2013**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2013 Brief-Writing Award Competition. The Scribes Brief-Writing Committee solicits winning briefs from national moot-court competitions and selects the finest of those winning briefs. The winning author will be recognized at the Scribes annual meeting held during the ABA's meeting in San Francisco on August 9, 2013. For information on how submit a brief, please go visit <http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/2012-2013%20Brief%20Letter%20Web.pdf>. Deadline to submit a brief is **April 19, 2013**.

**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. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 26, 2013**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, 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).

Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Award Competition. Prize \$5,000 and possible publication. Entry deadline is May 1, 2013. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/administrative\\_law/initiatives\\_awards/gellhorn\\_sargentich\\_law\\_student\\_essay\\_competition.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/administrative_law/initiatives_awards/gellhorn_sargentich_law_student_essay_competition.html)

Entries for The Symposium XXVI **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) or contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**.

**National Association of Women Lawyers** is seeking entries for its 2012-13 Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law. Cash prize of \$500 will be awarded for first-place essay. Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**. Writing guidelines may be found at <http://nawl.timberlakepublishing.com/files/2013National%20Association%20of%20Women%20Lawyers%20Selma%20Moidel.pdf>.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice** (AAJ) announces the 2013 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. 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>. Application deadline is **May 1, 2013**.

**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 5:00 p.m. EDST, **May 15, 2013**. Rules may be found at <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/products/Writing%20Competition.aspx>.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the 2013 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. Entries must be received by **May 31, 2013**. For more information on this writing completion, please visit the ILSTexas website at <http://www.ilstexas.org/International%20website%20scripts%20-%20do%20not%20touch%20!!!/Student%20Outreach/2013/contest2013.pdf>

The **American College of Employee Benefits Counsel** is pleased to announce the Ninth

Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. Papers must deal with employee benefit topics. Cash prizes will be awarded for up to two winning papers. Deadline is **June 1, 2013**. For competition rules please go to [www.acebc.com](http://www.acebc.com).

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Fifth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of “Comparing Hearsay Rules in Different Courts.” First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2013**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

**LexisNexis Matthew Bender** is pleased to announce the Fourteenth Annual James William Moore Federal Practice Award. The award is intended to recognize outstanding scholarship in federal and civil practice and procedure. Articles must be postmarked by **June 3, 2013**. Eligibility requirements can be found at <http://bit.ly/Moore-2013>.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **June 4, 2013**.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce their twentieth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing*. The 2013 recipient of the Brown award will received \$10,000 for their winning paper. For contest guidelines and rules, please go to [www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm](http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm). Deadline for submission is **June 7, 2013**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2013 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, 2013**.

**Criminal Justice Citizen Amicus Brief Project**. Prize: \$500 and possible publication in a future Criminal Justice Section periodical. For more information please visit: [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal\\_justice/citizen\\_amicus.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal_justice/citizen_amicus.html).

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## FLORIDA STATE MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

A mock trial team of **Gregg Gallian** (2L), **Alyssa Saenz** (2L), **Matthew Powell** (2L), and **Brendan Holm** (3L) traveled to Tallahassee, Florida last weekend to compete in Florida State University's inaugural **National Mock Trial Competition**. Please join in congratulating the team, and their coach, **Mr. Ken Bell**, on their success in distinguishing themselves a quarterfinalist before suffering a loss to The University of Charleston. Gregg Gallian was recognized as having the best overall cross examination in the tournament with almost perfect scores in each round. This adds to the success that the School's advocacy teams have had this semester and we thank them for their hard work.

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

Last weekend, two mock teams representing St. Mary's traveled to Houston, Texas to compete in the Regional competition for the **American Association for Justice** (AAJ). One team consisting of **Marshall Ramirez** (3L), **Joe Patton** (2L), **Dante Dominguez** (2L), and **Jason Rogers** (3L) competed against SMU, Baylor, and South Texas, beating both SMU and South Texas. A second team of **Jerry Lott** (3L), **Brandon Strej** (3L), **David Runcie** (2L), and **Albert Garcia** (3L) competed against Wesleyan, Thurgood Marshall, and SMU, beating both Wesleyan and Thurgood Marshall to go into the third round as the #2 seeded team in the tournament. That team missed advancing to the semi-final round by three points. Please join us in congratulating and thanking these two teams and their coach, **Ms. Nicole Thornbro** for their outstanding efforts at representing St. Mary's.

## REGISTRATION MEETINGS FOR 1LS

If you are a first year student (rising to second year), please make plans to attend one of the **mandatory registration meetings** listed below. The meetings give you useful information about academic advising, registration procedures, and the Texas Bar exam.

- Thursday, March 21, 11:00 a.m. in LC 104
- Wednesday, March 27, 11:00 a.m. in LC 104
- Thursday, March 28 (following the Friday class schedule), 11:00 a.m. in LC 104

## REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2013 and FALL 2013

Rising 3L Register for Summer 2013 and Fall 2013

Those students who have earned **40 hours or more at the end of fall** will register:

**April 1 beginning at 8:00 a.m. through midnight April 6, 2013.**

Registration for the summer intersessions will take place during this time as well.

Rising 2L Register for Summer 2013 and Fall 2013

Those students who have earned **15 through 39 hours at the end of the fall** will register:

**April 8 beginning at 8:00 a.m. through midnight April 13, 2013.**

Registration for the summer intersessions will take place at this time as well.

All students will have an opportunity to change or register for Summer 2013 and Fall 2013

**April 15 beginning at 8:00 a.m. through midnight April 20, 2013.**

**To determine when you may register, count the number of hours earned at the end of the fall 2012 semester. Current hours for the spring semester do not figure into the count.**

Registration for the winter intersession will take place in October of 2013.

Please check to ensure there are no holds on your registration account. If there is a hold, contact the office that placed the hold. The Law School cannot remove holds. If there are any questions, please email Catherine Mery at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu).

## **COURSE ADVISING**

Are you wondering about what courses to take and how to structure your schedule this summer and fall? **Course advising** appointments with the Office of Academic and Student Affairs are now available. Please email [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) or come by **Raba 106** to make your appointment.

## **BAR SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS**

Students who are taking the Texas bar in February 2014 and who want to take the Bar Skills Preparation Class should contact Professor Tullos at [ktullos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ktullos@stmarytx.edu) for information on enrollment.

## **FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS TO HEAR ORAL ARGUMENTS**

The **Fourth Court of Appeals** will hear oral arguments in two appeals on **Tuesday, March 19, 2013** beginning at **9:00 a.m.** in the Nicholas L. Ribis Court Room. The following cases will be presented:

04-12-00524-CV, R Vernard Grice v. Alamo Community College. Panel: Chief Justice Catherine Stone, Justice Marialyn Barnard and Justice Luz Elena Chapa.

04-12-00407-CV, Russell Equestrian Center, Inc., John William Russell, Individually & DBA Russell Equestrian Center, and Shane Brasher Russell v. Samantha Miller AKA Samantha Parker. Panel: Justice Karen Angelini, Justice Sandee Bryan Marion and Justice Patricia O. Alvarez.

A luncheon will follow in the **Law Alumni Room** with the Justice of the Fourth Court of Appeals and presentation of the St. Mary's University School of Law "**Women Leaders**" Award, and Chief Justice (Ret.) Alma L. Lopez "**Women in Law**" Award.

## **PRESENTATION BY MARY KAY, INC. LEGAL COUNSEL**

The Institute on Chinese Law & Business is pleased to announce a presentation by **Ms. Wendy Wang**, a legal counsel for **Mary Kay, Inc.** and the chief lawyer of Mary Kay China, Inc. based in Shanghai. The presentation will be held on **Thursday, March 21, 2013, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**. Ms. Wang, who has worked and lived in China for the past seven years, will share her experience and observations based on her practice in China. All law students and faculty are invited to attend. Lunch will be provided. For questions, please contact Professor Bob Hu at email: [rhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhu@stmarytx.edu).

## **INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION**

The **International Law Association** cordially invites all law students to a presentation by Rick Lorenz on **Monday, March 25, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in LF 205**. Rick will talk about building a career in international law. His career has spanned the globe as an advisor to US troops in Africa and UN peacekeepers in Kosovo and on environmental law in Iraq. Space is limited, so the favor of reply is requested using the signup sheet on the ILA TWEN page. For questions or further information please contact Tyler Lowe at [tlowe1@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:tlowe1@mail.stmarytx.edu). Lunch will be provided.

## **STUDENT WITNESSES NEEDED FOR NATIONAL TRIAL COMPETITION (NTC)**

This year the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) is hosting the **finals of the National Trial Competition (NTC)** in San Antonio **April 4-6, 2013**. During the three days of competition the teams will compete in mock trials at the Bexar County Courthouse. **Each round needs volunteers to participate as witnesses**. San Antonio Young Lawyers Association (SAYLA) is organizing the witnesses for the competition. The judges are all local volunteer attorneys and judges and this can be a great opportunity to work with and observe not only the best law students in the country but with the local legal community.

The rounds will be held:

**Thursday, April 4: 8:30 - Noon**  
**Thursday, April 4: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.**  
**Friday, April 5: 8:30 - Noon**

Each volunteer can sign up on the SAYLA website at [www.sayla.org/ntc](http://www.sayla.org/ntc). After a person is signed up they will receive additional information about volunteering. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the SAYLA and also connect with members of the local bar. Some of the best advocacy teams in the country will be competing.



## 2013 COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Please visit <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/pdf/EventSheet2013.pdf> for a complete schedule of activities and events leading to 2013 law school commencement.

### 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 2013. 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 résumé and a cover letter to Professor Schmolesky in Room 224 of the Law Faculty Building. In the letter please indicate if you have any preference for first or second summer session. Students will receive two pass/fail credits upon successful completion of the program that requires a minimum of 120 hours of work. Students will receive credit as if for a course offered on the home campus rather than transient credit and accepted students will be required to pay tuition to the law school for their participation in the program. Preference will be given to students who have completed two years of law school, but students who have completed their first year may apply. The deadline for applications is **12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2012**. Students who have previously expressed an interest in this program should reaffirm their interest by contacting Professor Schmolesky in writing.

### ATTENTION 1L & 2LE STUDENTS: JOURNAL INFORMATION SESSIONS & HAPPY HOUR

*The St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 45 Editorial Board is seeking qualified applicants to serve as Staff Writers for the 2013-2014 academic year. There are now two ways to become a *Journal* Staff Writer: (1) the grade-on selection process, and (2) the write-on competition.

Students who received an invitation to join *Journal* by making the Fall 2012 Dean's List should return their acceptance to the *Journal* office by **April 1, 2013**. In addition to the grade-on selection process, students may become a Staff Writer by entering the write-on competition. Applicants will complete a write-on packet, which will be distributed on the last day of 1L finals – Friday, May 10.

**For more information about the *Journal* and the write-on competition, please attend one of three information sessions on Monday, April 1 at 5:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room, Tuesday, April 2 at 12:30 p.m. in LC 103, or Thursday, April 4 at noon in the Alumni Room. The *Journal* Editorial Board will also host a happy hour on Thursday, April 4 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at The Friendly Spot Ice House for 1L and 2LE students who are interested in becoming *Journal* Staff Writers.**

## IMMIGRATION SYMPOSIUM 2013

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice*, cordially invite all to the Immigration Symposium on **Friday, 5th of April 2013**. The focus of the Immigration Symposium will be on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates that surround the field. Our goal is to provide a strong CLE for local practitioners and a strong educational experience for current law students.

### Speakers:

#### **Benjamin T. Greer**

*“Human Trafficking: T-Visas and Ethical Concerns”*

#### **Rosemary Vega, Tausk & Vega Attorneys at Law**

*“Crime and Immigration: An Overview”*

#### **Nancy Shivers, Shivers & Shivers**

Immigration and Nationality Law

*“Naturalization Perils and Opportunities”*

#### **Professor Bill Ong Hing, Professor Emeritus, UC Davis School of Law**

*“Prosecutorial Discretion”*

#### **Roberto Balli, Board Certified Criminal Defense Attorney**

*“The Sentencing of Crimmigrants”*

#### **Johanna KP Dennis, Associate Professor of Law, Southern University Law Center**

*“Imputing Parental Immigration Status and Residency for Undocumented Immigrant Children”*

#### **Professor Aaron S. Haas, Dir. of Citizenship and Immigration Clinical Program**

Washington and Lee University School of Law

*“Marginalization of Religious Persecution in U.S. Asylum Laws”*

#### **Joe Martinez Jr., Special Agent**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

*“ICE Audits: What Employers Must Do To Comply and be Prepared”*

#### **David R. Walding, The Bernardo Kohler Center**

*“Special Immigrant Juvenile Status”*

**POC: Claudia Balli, Symposium Editor [claudiavballi@yahoo.com](mailto:claudiavballi@yahoo.com) or  
Francisca Parra @ [law scholar@stmarytx.edu](mailto:law scholar@stmarytx.edu)**

## **THE SCHOLAR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* will host a **happy hour**, sponsored by Kaplan, on **Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**, from **5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**, at the **Quarry Hofbrau Beergarden**. All St. Mary's Law students are invited and encouraged to attend to find out more information about *The Scholar*. The Volume 15 Editorial Board and Staff Writers, as well as the Volume 16 Editorial Board will be there, ready to answer any questions about the application process and what it's like to be a Staff Writer for *The Scholar*.

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* will host their annual **Open House** on **Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** in the *Scholar* office, **room 224** in the Law Library. There will be two available times to attend the event: come by between **11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** or **5:00 – 6:00 p.m.** and pick up some Chick-fil-A before class. All 1Ls and 2Ls interested in becoming Volume 16 Staff Writers for *The Scholar* are encouraged to attend. Staff Writer applications for Volume 16 will be available to pick up at the Open House, and the Volume 15 Editorial Board and Staff Writers, as well as the Volume 16 Editorial Board will be there, ready to answer any questions about the application process and what it's like to be a Staff Writer for *The Scholar*.

**Staff Writer Applications** for *The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* will be available starting March 27<sup>th</sup>. Applications can be picked up at the Open House on March 27. Applications can also be found on *The Scholar* TWEN page. **Applications are due Friday, April 5, 2013 by 5:00 p.m.** Interviews will be held April 12–14.

## **ST. MARY'S LAW SCHOOL PROBONO CLINIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Attention 1L Students!!! Applications for ProBono Clinic Student Coordinator are now available. Both applications and descriptions for the coordinator positions are on the ProBono Clinics/Community Service TWEN page. Applications will be due on **Friday, March 29, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.**; however you are welcome to turn the application in early. Interviews will be scheduled after once the application has been submitted. If you have any questions please feel free to email [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

## **PRO BONO CERTIFICATES FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS**

**Are you eligible to receive a ProBono Service Certificate at graduation?** Have you submitted all of your ProBono and Community Service hours to the ProBono Research Assistant? You should have received an email with your current hours. All tracking forms must be submitted to the ProBono Research Assistant by **March 31, 2013** in order to be eligible for the ProBono Service Certificate. If you have not received an email with your hours OR you have not submitted all hours worked, please email [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

## THE AT&T EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE AWARD FOR 1L AND 2L STUDENTS

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. Deadline for submission is **Friday, April 19, 2013**. Applications can be found on the ProBono TWEN page under Scholarships or you can contact RA Julia Null at [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com) for more information.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ID RECOVERY PROGRAM

St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice is looking for **volunteers** to assist with the **ID Recovery Program** at Haven for Hope, San Antonio's largest homeless shelter. Obtaining an ID is particularly important to the homeless population as a picture ID is required to gain employment, housing, public benefits, cash a check, and the like. Lack of valid identification continues to be a large barrier to people experiencing homelessness.

Volunteers will work with current **student attorneys** and **supervising attorneys** at an office in Prospects Courtyard (PCY), Haven for Hope on Friday afternoons (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.) and the last two (2) Saturdays of each month (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) After a brief training and interview shadowing, volunteers will begin conducting interviews with clients on their own to determine what documentation is necessary to obtain a Texas State Identification Card. In addition to interview experience, volunteers will benefit from interacting with persons from a variety of backgrounds including persons experiencing homelessness, social workers, case managers, law student attorneys, and supervising attorneys. This is a great opportunity to earn pro bono hours, so please bring your pro bono tracking sheets for us to fill out.

If you are interested in volunteering and can commit to at least three (3) separate days please contact Jessica Sprague ([jsprague@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jsprague@stmarytx.edu)) or Trey Cammack at [tcammack3@yahoo.com](mailto:tcammack3@yahoo.com) for training, directions, and schedule.

## EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS AND WRITING ASSISTANCE AT THE CENTER FOR TERRORISM LAW

The Center for Terrorism Law is pleased to offer the following **educational seminars** open to all interested law students.

- Wednesday, March 20, 12:30 p.m. - Student Workshop: Al Qaeda in Yemen
- Friday, March 22, 12:30 p.m. - Student Workshop: Iran

- Tuesday, April 2, 12:30 p.m. - Distinguished Speaker Series: Hamas
- Friday, April 5, 12:30 p.m. - Student Workshop: Rendition
- Friday, April 12, 12:30 p.m. - Career Day: Careers for lawyers related to National Security, International Law, Defense, and Law Enforcement

Seminars will be approximately one hour long, and will be held in the **Center for Terrorism Law Classroom at 102 Raba** (near Computer Services). New additions to the list will be announced in future editions of the WITAN.

Fellows at the Center for Terrorism Law are holding "**open hours**" for all interested law students who would like some assistance with research, writing and citing, especially in the areas of national security and international law. No appointment is necessary - just come by the Center for Terrorism Law Classroom at 102 Raba (near Computer Services) between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Mondays or 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.

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

Join the Women's Law Association (WLA) for a fun "**service and social**" afternoon! All students are invited to join WLA members who will be working with "Love for Paws," an animal rescue agency on **Saturday, March 23, 2013, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** located at **110 Sun Valley Dr., Spring Branch, TX, 78070**. All are welcome afterwards for a poolside barbeque. Special thanks to the 1L Senators of Women's Law Association for coordinating these programs. Participating students will receive hours towards their community service certificate. Contact Julia Null at [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com) for more information.

**Elections for the 2013-2014 WLA Executive Board** will soon commence. Applications and descriptions for Board positions will be posted on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. All 1L, 2L, and Evening Students are welcome to apply. **Applications will be due on Monday, April 1, 2013**. If you have any questions about the election process, contact Julia Null at [juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com](mailto:juliaelizabethnull@gmail.com).

### **ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATIONS**

The **Order of Barristers** is a national honorary organization whose purpose is the encouragement of oral advocacy and brief writing skills. The Order – which is open only to third-year law students – provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools. St. Mary's School of Law is permitted to select up to ten new members each year. If you are interested in being considered for The Order of Barristers, please pick up an application from Professor Dave Schlueter, Chairman of the faculty Advocacy Committee, **LF 270**. The faculty's Advocacy Committee will review and select the new members and announce their names at the **Barristers' Ball** on Friday, April 19, 2013. These applications will also be used, in part, to determine the recipients of the various faculty awards for outstanding advocacy. Please note that seeking or obtaining advice or assistance from any faculty member (full-time, visiting, or adjunct) other than the Chair of the Advocacy Committee (Professor Schlueter) concerning your application or its contents is strictly prohibited. **All completed applications must be returned to**

**Professor Schlueter's office no later than NOON on Monday, March 25, 2013.**

## **HISPANIC LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

The **Hispanic Law Alumni Association** is proud to announce the availability of **law school scholarships** and **bar study grants** for 2L/3L students. The scholarship and grant awards will be based on merit and proven financial need. The completed applications are **due on March 25, 2013 no later than 5:00 p.m.**, by email attachment. Recipients of the awards and grants will be selected shortly thereafter by committee process and award monies will be disbursed at the annual Henry B. Gonzalez Awards Dinner. Any questions regarding the application process for either the scholarships or the grant should be directed to: Professor Mike Martinez, Jr. at [mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu).

## **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. 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 happens only once a year and the commitment is only a few hours on **Saturday, April 13, 2013**. The seminars will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. but volunteers have the choice of either an 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. 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).

## **CAREER SERVICES WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU**

How may we better serve you? Please take this brief online survey to let us know. <https://law-stmarytx-csm.1symplicity.com/surveys/2013OCSStudentSurvey>.

## **SPRING JOB FAIR**

Mark your calendar for the **Rio Grande Valley Job Fair** in Edinburg – March 22, 2013. To register, please go to <https://law-tx-csm.symplicity.com/students/>.

## OCS MINI GROUP CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS

- **March 18, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Family Law: Associate Dean Ana Novoa**
- **March 25, 2013, 12:00 p.m. - Criminal Defense: Clinical Professor Stephanie Stevens**

To sign up for a slot, please email Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu). All slots are on a first come first serve basis. A wait list will be created after the slots are filled and more sessions will be added as needed.

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES (OCS) – SPRING 2013 PROGRAMMING

Please RSVP for all programs in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS.

### **Solo Practice Academy: The Business of Developing Clients - You Can't Set Up a Practice Without IT.**

Monday, March 18, 2013

4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Atrium

Refreshments will be served.

This will be the fourth session in the Solo Practice Academy series. Jane Fritz, a Business Development Coach for Lawyers will provide information about ways attorney can achieve their business development objectives. She will offer creative and novel ways to get in front of the people you want to talk to, and manage the fear of “selling” yourself to obtain clients.

### **SABA Mentoring Event: The St. Mary's Criminal Justice Clinic**

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE CLASS OF 2013 STUDENTS.

Stephanie Barclay Stevens will present: The Criminal Justice Clinic of St. Mary's University School of Law. MCLE credit: 1.0 hour. Co-Sponsors: San Antonio Bar Association, Mentoring Program, and St. Mary's University School of Law. 3L/4LEs: Please note in order for you to capture CLE before your license date you must figure out your license date, presumably November 2013, and go forward to your birth month and then back 1 year. The CLE must fall within that time to get credit for it.

### **TYLA Presentation: How to Get a Job After Law School: The Unclassified Story**

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

Classify:

1. To arrange or organize according to class or category.
2. To designate as confidential, secret, or top secret.

Were you a law student who didn't have the grades to participate in the On-Campus Interviewing process? Do you know a law student who is unable to find a job but who is at the top of his/her

class? Do law students approach you asking what the “secret” is to finding employment upon graduation in 2013? Then “How to Get a Job After Law School: The Unclassified Story” is the lunch spot for you! The Law Student Outreach (“LSO”) Committee for the Texas Young Lawyers Association will be presenting a luncheon seminar this spring semester 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.

### **Fall Recruitment Information Session**

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

4:00 - 4:30 p.m., Atrium

All Class of 2015 students interested in participating in Fall Recruitment should attend this session. It will give you important dates and deadlines and mandatory documents that must be signed to participate. This will be a short 30 minute session to go over the processes, important dates and deadlines, and other information needed to participate.

### **All-Star Sports and Entertainment Law Panel**

Thursday, March 28, 2013

5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Dinner will be served.

Interested in learning about a career in sports and entertainment law? Do you know 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. Panelists will include: Ricky Anderson, attorney for comedians Steve Harvey, Monique, singer Yolanda Adams and many other celebrities; Daryl Washington, attorney for radio personality Michael Baisden; Tommy Calvert, Radio Host; and Moderator, attorney Danielle Hargrove. This event is cosponsored by the Black Law Students Association and the Office of Career Services.

### **Judicial Clerkship Information Session**

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

Do you think you have an interest in doing a judicial clerkship after graduation? If so, attend this session to learn about the application process on the state and federal level and the Office of Career Services Clerkship Mailing Program. Professors will be there to discuss the process and answer questions as well as some of your classmates who have gone through the process successfully.

## **CLINIC APPLICANTS FOR SUMMER/FALL/SPRING 2013-14**

Couldn't make it to the Clinic Information Sessions but still want to apply to the **Clinical Education Programs**? Check out our TWEN page “Clinic Applicants for Summer/Fall/Spring 2013-2014” For questions, please call Marisa Santos at 210.431.5703 or email



msantos@stmarytx.edu. **Applications are now being considered on a rolling basis.** For more information on the clinical programs please visit the Center for Legal and Social Justice Clinic website at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=centerForLegalAndSocialJustice>.

## **CRITICAL THINKING FOR STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE LECTURE**

Katherine and Randolph Pherson are coming to Texas State University as part of their Distinguished Lecture series. The Pherson's are internationally recognized experts and leaders in the field of Strategic and Applied Intelligence Analysis. The lecture will be held on **Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.** on the campus of Texas State University, **LBJ Student Center Ballroom** and is free to the public. Their talk will focus on critical thinking applied to real-world problems. Attendance is limited to about 250 persons. A reception and meet-and-greet will be held after their presentation.

## **FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE**

Free **income tax assistance** is available for St. Mary's University **students and qualifying staff members** on **Tuesdays from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge**, University Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. Income tax assistance will take place only on Tuesdays, from February 26 - April 9, 2013. Clients should bring their social security card, driver's license and a copy of last year's tax return. This program is sponsored by VITA, Bill Greehey School of Business, St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice and Student Development Division.

## **JOIN THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

The **American Bar Association** can help you meet the challenges of law school and also prepare you 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).

## **MINISTRY SERVICES**

Liturgy and Eucharistic Celebrations are held at Chapel of Assumption as follows:

M/W/F – 12:15 p.m.

T/Thu – 12:30 p.m.

Sunday – 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

## **BIBLE STUDY CLASSES**

Bible study classes with Professor Addicott are ongoing this semester. The Bible study classes are non-denominational and expository in nature. Instruction is based on the original languages of Scripture, on a line-by-line basis in the context of historical reality and categorical

doctrines. Professor Addicott was trained for 30 years under the direct ministry of R. B. Thieme, Jr. (1918-2009). Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law for details.

## **NOISE LEVEL**

If you are in the Law Classroom Building or in Raba while classes are in session, please be considerate of the students who are in class and **keep the noise level in the hall to a minimum**. Your fellow students thank you!

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

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** for student organizations 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**.

## **THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

The National Association of Law Students with Disabilities (NALSWD) will host its 2013 conference **March 22-24, 2013** in Kasbeer Hall, Corboy Law Center, at Loyola University of Chicago School of Law. NALSWD is a coalition of law students dedicated to disability advocacy and the achievement of equal access, inclusion, diversity and non-discrimination in legal education and in the legal profession. Please visit [www.nalswd.org](http://www.nalswd.org) for additional information and registration.

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

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

The **Texas Energy Council** and the Brookhaven Geotechnology Institute are offering one-year scholarships up to \$2,500 in various disciplines. For more information, please go to <http://www.txenergycouncil.org/miscfiles/TEC%20scholarship%20instructions%202013.pdf> Deadline to enter is **March 22, 2013**.

The **Center for Human Rights at Trinity Law School** announces its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual writing competition. The topic for this year's writing competition is "The Evolving Tension between the Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Religion, and Hate Speech and Blasphemy Laws." First place will award \$3,000, second place \$1,000 and third place \$500. Submissions are due on or before **March 25, 2013**. For further information please visit: <http://www.tls.edu/writing-competition>.

The **Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2013 Paul Faherty Tax Law Writing Competition. Awards include one grand prize of \$3,000 and two honorable mentions, each \$1,000. Topics may include any

aspect of tax law. Submit papers by email to [aberkow@jmls.edu](mailto:aberkow@jmls.edu) by **Sunday, March 31, 2013**.

**Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation Scholarship** is offering several scholarships to law students. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2013**.

**Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Law Student Writing Competition.** Prize is \$1,500 and airfare/lodging to attend the ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2013**. Please visit <http://apps.americanbar.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=IL504000>.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. One full scholarship to attend the Sovereignty Symposium will be offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues by an application letter. There is no application form. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to enter is **April 1, 2013**.

The **Robert Masur Fellowship in Civil Liberties** is now accepting applications. Application packets must be RECEIVED by **Friday, April 5, 2013**. Emailed or faxed applications will not be accepted. The fellowship competition is open to first-year law students who intend to carry out significant activities during the summer (in between their first and second year) in the areas of civil rights and/or civil liberties. For more information on this opportunity, please visit [http://www.nationinstitute.org/prizes/1068/the\\_robert\\_masur\\_fellowship\\_in\\_civil\\_liberties/](http://www.nationinstitute.org/prizes/1068/the_robert_masur_fellowship_in_civil_liberties/).

**Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Admiralty & Maritime Law Committee Annual Law Student Writing competition.** \$500 prize and reimbursement to attend annual meeting. [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/marketing/tips/13\\_admiralty\\_law\\_student\\_writing\\_competition\\_rules.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/marketing/tips/13_admiralty_law_student_writing_competition_rules.authcheckdam.pdf). Deadline is **April 5, 2013**.

**Criminal Justice William Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition.** Topic is Social Media-Implications for Criminal Law, Practice and Procedure. Prize \$2000. Please visit [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal\\_justice/Greenhalgh\\_2013.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal_justice/Greenhalgh_2013.authcheckdam.pdf).

The **Southwest Juvenile Defender Center (SWJDC)** is accepting applications for the seventh annual Napoleon Beazley Defender Award. The award is for a 2012-13 graduating law student who is committed to working on behalf of the defense of children in the Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah region. Applications must include a resume, two letters of recommendation, and an essay of no more than 500 words that states why the applicant should receive the award. All applications will be reviewed by the Napoleon Beazley Defender Award Committee and must be received by April 8, 2013 by 5:00 p.m. For more information please visit [http://childrenandthelawblog.com/?p=1984&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+childrenandthelawblog%2Frss+%28Children+and+the+Law+Blog%29](http://childrenandthelawblog.com/?p=1984&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+childrenandthelawblog%2Frss+%28Children+and+the+Law+Blog%29)

**Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest.** Prize is a certificate and possible publication in Family Law Quarterly and on the Section website. Deadline to request entry number is **April 12, 2013**. Essay is due April 26.

[http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family\\_law/resources/essay\\_contest.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law/resources/essay_contest.html).

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 eligibility, selection criteria, application, or for more information please go to the website at <http://www.innsforcourt.org/inns/tjohnwardinn/>. Applications will be accepted through **April 15, 2013**.

The Law School Scholarship of the **Federal Bar Association-El Paso Chapter (EPFBA)** will award a \$2000 scholarship to an outstanding El Pasoan who will begin law school in Fall 2013. The award is based on academic achievement, community involvement, and dedication to the study of law. Please email [EPFBAScholars@gmail.com](mailto:EPFBAScholars@gmail.com) for more information or for an application please visit <http://www.fedbar.org/el Paso.html>. Deadline to apply is **April 19, 2013**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2013 Brief-Writing Award Competition. The Scribes Brief-Writing Committee solicits winning briefs from national moot-court competitions and selects the finest of those winning briefs. The winning author will be recognized at the Scribes annual meeting held during the ABA's meeting in San Francisco on August 9, 2013. For information on how to submit a brief, please go visit <http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/2012-2013%20Brief%20Letter%20Web.pdf>. Deadline to submit a brief is **April 19, 2013**.

**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. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 26, 2013**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, 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).

Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Award Competition. Prize \$5,000 and possible publication. Entry deadline is May 1, 2013. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/administrative\\_law/initiatives\\_awards/gellhorn\\_sargentich\\_law\\_student\\_essay\\_competition.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/administrative_law/initiatives_awards/gellhorn_sargentich_law_student_essay_competition.html)

Entries for The Symposium XXVI **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) or contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**.

**National Association of Women Lawyers** is seeking entries for its 2012-13 Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law. Cash prize of \$500 will be awarded for first-place essay. Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**. Writing guidelines may be found at <http://nawl.timberlakepublishing.com/files/2013National%20Association%20of%20Women%20Lawyers%20Selma%20Moidel.pdf>.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice** (AAJ) announces the 2013 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. 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>. Application deadline is **May 1, 2013**.

**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 5:00 p.m. EDST, **May 15, 2013**. Rules may be found at <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/products/Writing%20Competition.aspx>.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the 2013 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. Entries must be received by **May 31, 2013**. For more information on this writing completion, please visit the ILSTexas website at <http://www.ilstexas.org/International%20website%20scripts%20-%20do%20not%20touch%20!!!/Student%20Outreach/2013/contest2013.pdf>

The **American College of Employee Benefits Counsel** is pleased to announce the Ninth Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. Papers must deal with employee benefit topics. Cash prizes will be awarded for up to two winning papers. Deadline is **June 1, 2013**. For competition rules please go to [www.acebc.com](http://www.acebc.com).

The **American Judges Association** (AJA) announces its Twenty-Fifth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Comparing Hearsay Rules in Different Courts." First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2013**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

**LexisNexis Matthew Bender** is pleased to announce the Fourteenth Annual James William Moore Federal Practice Award. The award is intended to recognize outstanding scholarship in federal and civil practice and procedure. Articles must be postmarked by **June 3, 2013**. Eligibility

requirements can be found at <http://bit.ly/Moore-2013>.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **June 4, 2013**.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce their twentieth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing*. The 2013 recipient of the Brown award will received \$10,000 for their winning paper. For contest guidelines and rules, please go to [www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm](http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm). Deadline for submission is **June 7, 2013**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2013 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, 2013**.

**Criminal Justice Citizen Amicus Brief Project**. Prize: \$500 and possible publication in a future Criminal Justice Section periodical. For more information please visit: [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal\\_justice/citizen\\_amicus.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal_justice/citizen_amicus.html).

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## LINDA AND DAVE SCHLUETER FIRST-YEAR MOOT COURT COMPETITORS

On behalf of the Board of Advocates, **congratulations to all participants** in the Linda and Dave Schlueter First-Year Moot Court Competition. Thank you all for your hard work and for making the preliminary rounds of the competition a success. Also, the Board of Advocates would like to extend their thanks to the student judges who took time from their busy schedules to judge the preliminary rounds. Thank you for your time.

The Board of Advocates invites everyone to the final round of the competition to watch **Lindsay Forbes** and **Leslie McCombs**, representing the Petitioner, versus **Francesca Di Troia** and **Travis Donald**, representing the Respondent. The finals will be **Monday, March 25 at 11:30 a.m.** in the **Nicholas L. Ribis Courtroom (Law Classroom 102)**. We look forward to seeing you there.

## INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION

The **International Law Association** cordially invites all law students to a presentation by Rick Lorenz on **Monday, March 25, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in LF 205**. Rick will talk about building a career in international law. His career has spanned the globe as an advisor to US troops in Africa and UN peacekeepers in Kosovo and on environmental law in Iraq. Space is limited, so the favor of reply is requested using the signup sheet on the ILA TWEN page. For questions or further information please contact Tyler Lowe at [tlowe1@mail.stmarytx.edu](mailto:tlowe1@mail.stmarytx.edu). Lunch will be provided.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT *THE SCHOLAR*

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* will host a **happy hour**, sponsored by Kaplan, on **Monday, March 25, 2013, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**, at the **Quarry Hofbrau Beergarden**. All St. Mary's Law students are invited and encouraged to attend to find out more information about *The Scholar*. The Volume 15 Editorial Board and Staff Writers, as well as the Volume 16 Editorial Board will be there, ready to answer any questions about the application process and what it's like to be a Staff Writer for *The Scholar*.

## ORDER OF BARRISTERS APPLICATIONS DUE

Completed applications to the Order of Barristers are due to Professor Schlueter's office, LF270 **no later than NOON on Monday, March 25, 2013**. The Order – which is open only to third-year students – provides national recognition for individuals who have excelled in advocacy and service at their respective schools.

## HAAA SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE

Completed applications for the Hispanic Law Alumni Association (HAAA) law school scholarship and bar study grants for 2L/3L students are **due Monday, March 25, 2013 no later than 5:00 p.m.** by email attachment to Professor Mike Martinez, Jr. at [mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu](mailto:mmartinez17@stmarytx.edu).

## REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2013 and FALL 2013

Rising 3L Register for Summer 2013 and Fall 2013

Those students who have earned **40 hours or more at the end of fall** will register:

**April 1 beginning at 8:00 a.m. through midnight April 6, 2013.**

Registration for the summer intersessions will take place during this time as well.

Rising 2L Register for Summer 2013 and Fall 2013

Those students who have earned **15 through 39 hours at the end of the fall** will register:

**April 8 beginning at 8:00 a.m. through midnight April 13, 2013.**

Registration for the summer intersessions will take place at this time as well.

All students will have an opportunity to change or register for Summer 2013 and Fall 2013

**April 15 beginning at 8:00 a.m. through midnight April 20, 2013.**

**To determine when you may register, count the number of hours earned at the end of the fall 2012 semester. Current hours for the spring semester do not figure into the count.**

Registration for the winter intersession will take place in October of 2013.

Please check to ensure there are no holds on your registration account. If there is a hold, contact the office that placed the hold. The Law School cannot remove holds. If there are any questions, please email Catherine Mery at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu).

## REGISTRATION MEETINGS FOR 1LS

If you are a first year student (rising to second year), please make plans to attend one of the **mandatory** registration meetings listed below. The meetings give you useful information about academic advising, registration procedures, and the Texas Bar exam.

- Wednesday, March 27, 11:00 a.m. in LC 104
- Thursday, March 28 (following the Friday class schedule), 11:00 a.m. in LC 104

## COURSE ADVISING

Are you wondering about what courses to take and how to structure your schedule this summer and fall? **Course advising** appointments with the Office of Academic and Student Affairs are now available. Please email [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) or come by **Raba 106** to make your appointment.

## BAR SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS

Students who are taking the Texas Bar in February 2014 and who want to take the Bar Skills Preparation Class should contact Professor Tullos at [ktullos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ktullos@stmarytx.edu) for information on

enrollment.

### **APALSA GENERAL MEETING THIS WEEK**

The Asian Pacific American Law Student Association (APALSA) will have a general meeting on **Tuesday, March 26, 2013, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** in the **Atrium** of the Law Administration Building. Officer elections will be addressed. **Lunch** will be provided. An RSVP by the end of the day would be appreciated so that enough food is ordered. An RSVP is NOT necessary for meeting attendance. Anyone who may be interested in participating in APALSA next year is invited to attend.

### **WESTLAW TRAINING ON COST-EFFECTIVE RESEARCH**

The way to succeed as a law clerk or associate is to make yourself invaluable as a legal researcher. The way to do this is to complete every project you are given promptly and thoroughly. **Cost--Effective Research** training on Westlaw and WestlawNext will help you. It shows you the fastest and best ways to find and organize the information you need and the real-world cost of your legal research. Invest just 30 minutes of your time in Cost-Effective Research training, and you'll earn benefits throughout your career - starting immediately with 1000 WestlawRewards® Points. Learn more and sign up for training at [lawschool.westlaw.com](http://lawschool.westlaw.com). Two classes will be held on **Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** at **11:00 a.m.** and **12:00 p.m.** in Law Library 106 (the A/V room).

### **BUILD YOUR OWN SUNDAE NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH DAY**

**National Law Student Mental Health Day** is this week **Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**. In observance of this day, the Student Bar Association, the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, and Student Psychological and Testing Services will host “**Build Your Own Sundae**” from **4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** on the **Law Plaza**. Information about “Growing Healthy Relationships” will be available at the event.

### **ADVOCACY PANEL PRESENTED BY THE BOARD OF ADVOCATES**

The **Board of Advocates** is proud to present the 2013 Advocacy Panel on March 27<sup>th</sup> from **12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room**. Representatives from the EAP Moot Court, Mock Trial, and Negotiations teams as well as the Board of Advocates will be on hand to discuss advocacy opportunities available to 2L and 3L St. Mary’s Law students. Each representative will provide a presentation on their respective advocacy opportunities. There will be time for questions afterward. This panel will be especially beneficial to current 1Ls interested in learning about all of the advocacy options that St. Mary’s has to offer. Lunch will be served. We look forward to seeing you at the 2013 Advocacy Panel. For questions or more information about the event please contact Meagan Scott at [meaganscott87@gmail.com](mailto:meaganscott87@gmail.com) or come by the Board of Advocates office in Raba.

## FALL 2013 ACADEMIC SCHOLAR APPLICANTS WANTED

The **Office of Academic and Student Affairs** invite students who will be 2Ls and 3Ls in good standing during the Fall 2013 semester to apply for these paid positions. Academic Scholars provide supplemental skills-based lectures to 1Ls throughout the Fall semester. Applications are available in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs in Raba 106. Please submit your completed application to our office in hard copy no later than **April 12, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.**

### 2013 INNSBRUCK PROGRAM

If you plan to attend the **2013 Innsbruck Program**, please submit your application (online or hard copy) as soon as possible. The **\$100 deposit is not due until May 1**, but contact information is needed for all prospective participants. The faculty for this year's program includes Professors R. Flint, Hardberger, Marks and Pomeroy. For details about the program, please see one of the program directors, Professors Reams and Cochran.

### INNSBRUCK SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are still available for the 2013 Innsbruck Program. Applications for the **Sarah Thompson Scholarship** must be submitted by **March 28 at 5:00 p.m.** Applications are available from bulletin boards on campus or from Sr. Grace Walle. Applications for the **Emiliano Infante Segrera Scholarship** are due **May 1 at 5:00 p.m.** Please see Professor Reamey for details.

### STUDENT WITNESSES NEEDED FOR NATIONAL TRIAL COMPETITION (NTC)

This year the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) is hosting the **finals of the National Trial Competition (NTC)** in San Antonio **April 4-6, 2013**. During the three days of competition the teams will compete in mock trials at the Bexar County Courthouse. **Each round needs volunteers to participate as witnesses.** San Antonio Young Lawyers Association (SAYLA) is organizing the witnesses for the competition. The judges are all local volunteer attorneys and judges and this can be a great opportunity to work with and observe not only the best law students in the country but with the local legal community.

The rounds will be held:

**Thursday, April 4: 8:30 - Noon**  
**Thursday, April 4: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.**  
**Friday, April 5: 8:30 - Noon**

Each volunteer can sign up on the SAYLA website at [www.sayla.org/ntc](http://www.sayla.org/ntc). After a person is signed up they will receive additional information about volunteering. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the SAYLA and also connect with members of the local bar. Some of the best advocacy teams in the country will be competing.

## 2013 COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Please visit <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/pdf/EventSheet2013.pdf> for a complete schedule of activities and events leading to 2013 law school commencement.

### ATTENTION 1L & 2LE STUDENTS JOURNAL INFORMATION SESSIONS & HAPPY HOUR

*The St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 45 Editorial Board is seeking qualified applicants to serve as Staff Writers for the 2013-2014 academic year. There are now two ways to become a *Journal* Staff Writer: (1) the grade-on selection process, and (2) the write-on competition.

Students who received an invitation to join *Journal* by making the Fall 2012 Dean's List should return their acceptance to the *Journal* office by April 1. In addition to the grade-on selection process, students may become a Staff Writer by entering the write-on competition. Applicants will complete a write-on packet, which will be distributed on the last day of 1L finals – Friday, May 10.

**For more information about the *Journal* and the write-on competition, please attend one of three information sessions on Monday, April 1 at 5:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room, Tuesday, April 2 at 12:30 p.m. in LC 103, or Thursday, April 4 at noon in the Alumni Room. The *Journal* Editorial Board will also host a happy hour on Thursday, April 4 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at The Friendly Spot Ice House for 1L and 2LE students who are interested in becoming *Journal* Staff Writers.**

### THE SCHOLAR OPEN HOUSE AND APPLICATIONS

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* will host their annual **Open House** on **Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** in the *Scholar* office, **room 224** in the Law Library. There will be two available times to attend the event: come by between **11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** or **5:00 – 6:00 p.m.** and pick up some Chick-fil-A before class. All 1Ls and 2Ls interested in becoming Volume 16 Staff Writers for *The Scholar* are encouraged to attend. Staff Writer applications for Volume 16 will be available to pick up at the Open House, and the Volume 15 Editorial Board and Staff Writers, as well as the Volume 16 Editorial Board will be there, ready to answer any questions about the application process and what it's like to be a Staff Writer for *The Scholar*.

**Staff Writer Applications** for *The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* will be available starting **March 27<sup>th</sup>**. Applications can be picked up at the Open House on March 27. Applications can also be found on *The Scholar* TWEN page. **Applications are due Friday, April 5, 2013 by 5:00 p.m.** Interviews will be held April 12–14.

### PROBONO CLINIC STUDENT COORDINATOR APPLICATIONS

Attention 1L Students! Applications for ProBono Clinic Student Coordinator are now

available. Applications and descriptions for the coordinator positions are posted on the ProBono Clinics/Community Service TWEN page. Applications are due **Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** at **5:00 p.m.** Interviews will be scheduled as applications are submitted. If you have any questions, please email [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com).

## **IMMIGRATION SYMPOSIUM 2013**

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice*, cordially invite all to the Immigration Symposium on **Friday, 5th of April 2013**. The focus of the Immigration Symposium will be on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates that surround the field. Our goal is to provide a strong CLE for local practitioners and a strong educational experience for current law students.

### **Speakers:**

#### **Benjamin T. Greer**

*“Human Trafficking: T-Visas and Ethical Concerns”*

#### **Rosemary Vega, Tausk & Vega Attorneys at Law**

*“Crime and Immigration: An Overview”*

#### **Nancy Shivers, Shivers & Shivers**

Immigration and Nationality Law

*“Naturalization Perils and Opportunities”*

#### **Professor Bill Ong Hing, Professor Emeritus, UC Davis School of Law**

*“Prosecutorial Discretion”*

#### **Roberto Balli, Board Certified Criminal Defense Attorney**

*“The Sentencing of Crimmigrants”*

#### **Johanna KP Dennis, Associate Professor of Law, Southern University Law Center**

*“Imputing Parental Immigration Status and Residency for Undocumented Immigrant Children”*

#### **Professor Aaron S. Haas, Dir. of Citizenship and Immigration Clinical Program**

Washington and Lee University School of Law

*“Marginalization of Religious Persecution in U.S. Asylum Laws”*

#### **Joe Martinez Jr., Special Agent**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

*“ICE Audits: What Employers Must Do To Comply and be Prepared”*

**David R. Walding**, The Bernardo Kohler Center  
*“Special Immigrant Juvenile Status”*

**POC: Claudia Balli**, Symposium Editor [claudiavballi@yahoo.com](mailto:claudiavballi@yahoo.com) or  
**Francisca Parra** @ [lawscholar@stmarytx.edu](mailto:lawscholar@stmarytx.edu)

**ST. MARY’S LAW SCHOOL PROBONO CLINIC**  
**ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS GRADUATING IN MAY**

Are you eligible to receive a *ProBono Service Certificate* at graduation? Have you submitted **all** of your ProBono and Community Service hours to the ProBono Research Assistant? Tracking forms must be submitted to the ProBono Research Assistant no later than **March 31<sup>st</sup>** in order to be eligible for the ProBono Service Certificate. By now, you should have received an email with your current hours. If you have not received an email with your hours OR if you have not submitted all hours you have worked, please email [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com). Below is a list of those students who are eligible. If your name is not on this list, please ensure you email the ProBono RA immediately.

<b><u>DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE</u></b>	Alberto Carlos Garcia	George Abraham Posada
Anietie Maureen-Ann Akpan	Jessie Lynn Garner	Krystine Nicole Ramon
Bart Aldrich	Jeramie J. A. Gertz	Shellie Renee Reyes
Matthew Thomas Allen	Casey Robert Goodman	Carlos Navarrete Rodriguez
Kellie Blaise Anderson	Nicholas Adam Guinn	David Rodriguez
Hutton T. Ask	Elizabeth O. Gutierrez	Jason Alan Rogers
Jasser Abraham Awad	Brittany Nicole Hannah	Melissa Salinas
Claudia Valdez Balli	Gary Chadwick Harlow	Emily Faye Schools
Amanda Jayne Sorem Batsche	Jason B. Hebert	Christina Leigh Schwennsen
Kenneth Michael Best	Alexander R. F. Hellerstedt	Chance L. Shoemake
Matthew Blyth	Amber Holmes	Abbigail N. Smith
Rebecca Lynn Brown	Brittany Jane Hudson	Susan J. Stahlman
Bradley Ryan Byrd	Melissa Kay Jeffries Cuadrado	Cara Leann Surell
Thomas N. Cammack, III	Andrew E. Jones IV	Kim Terán
Shaun D. Carpenter	Mary Kathryn Kahrhoff	Angel H. Tomasino
Hallye Elizabeth Casey	David Kilgore	Marcie Anne Trevino
Jessica Renee Castilleja	Elizabeth R. Kopecki	Ann Kathryn Watson
Juan R. Castro Jr.	Keith Kee Wan Lee	Whitney Anne Watson
Erin Rae Clegg	Thomas Mark Lew	Carlos Jay Whetten López
Boris Corak	Lauren Lluveras	Joseph Michael Wilkinson
J. Dean Craig	Jennifer Jean Longfellow	Alison R. Williams
James G. Cramp	Susan Elizabeth MacCabe	Kortney Kay Williams
Joshua Davila	Laura Nolan Maetzold	Aurial LaShell Wood
Jordan M. Davisson	Antionette Presha Mays	Gregory Brian Yost
Anthony Rene De La O	Rachel Catherine Meals	Jennifer Ann Zarka
César de León	Fátima Lucía Menéndez	Bethel Tewolde Zehaie
Robert D. Dittman	Trisha Marie Morales Padia	Amy Leigh Zetzman
Richard Estrada III	Irene Carmen Faulkner Morris	
Jennifer N. Fields	Dominic Joseph Negrón	<b><u>MASTER OF LAWS</u></b>
Amanda C. Finn	Jaclyn Rose Pargas	Norma Elia Rodriguez

## **THE AT&T EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE AWARD FOR 1L AND 2L STUDENTS**

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. Deadline for submission is **Friday, April 19, 2013**. Applications can be found on the ProBono TWEN page under Scholarships or you can contact RA Julia Null at [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com) for more information.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ID RECOVERY PROGRAM**

St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice is looking for **volunteers** to assist with the **ID Recovery Program** at Haven for Hope, San Antonio's largest homeless shelter. Obtaining an ID is particularly important to the homeless population as a picture ID is required to gain employment, housing, public benefits, cash a check, and the like. Lack of valid identification continues to be a large barrier to people experiencing homelessness.

Volunteers will work with current **student attorneys** and **supervising attorneys** at an office in Prospects Courtyard (PCY), Haven for Hope on Friday afternoons (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.) and the last two (2) Saturdays of each month (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) After a brief training and interview shadowing, volunteers will begin conducting interviews with clients on their own to determine what documentation is necessary to obtain a Texas State Identification Card. In addition to interview experience, volunteers will benefit from interacting with persons from a variety of backgrounds including persons experiencing homelessness, social workers, case managers, law student attorneys, and supervising attorneys. This is a great opportunity to earn pro bono hours, so please bring your pro bono tracking sheets for us to fill out.

If you are interested in volunteering and can commit to at least three (3) separate days please contact Jessica Sprague ([jsprague@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jsprague@stmarytx.edu)) or Trey Cammack at [tcammack3@yahoo.com](mailto:tcammack3@yahoo.com) for training, directions, and schedule.

## **EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS AND WRITING ASSISTANCE AT THE CENTER FOR TERRORISM LAW**

The Center for Terrorism Law is pleased to offer the following **educational seminars** open to all interested law students.

- **Tuesday, April 2, 12:30 p.m. - Distinguished Speaker Series: Hamas**
- **Friday, April 5, 12:30 p.m. - Student Workshop: Rendition**



- Friday, April 12, 12:30 p.m. - Career Day: Careers for lawyers related to National Security, International Law, Defense, and Law Enforcement

Seminars will be approximately one hour long, and will be held in the **Center for Terrorism Law Classroom at 102 Raba** (near Computer Services). New additions to the list will be announced in future editions of the WITAN.

Fellows at the Center for Terrorism Law are holding "**open hours**" for all interested law students who would like some assistance with research, writing and citing, especially in the areas of national security and international law. No appointment is necessary - just come by the Center for Terrorism Law Classroom at 102 Raba (near Computer Services) between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Mondays or 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.

### **COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROGRAM ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The **Community Justice Program (CJP)** is having its **Fourth Annual Golf Tournament** on **Thursday, April 11, 2013**. The CJP needs volunteers to come out and help with registration and organization of the event. Please consider helping the CJP – you can earn community service hours while spending the day outdoors at the Quarry. Not bad! Registration begins at noon on Thursday, April 11 and the shotgun start is at 1:00 p.m. The event will be held at the **Quarry Golf Club at 444 E. Basse Rd**. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Matt Blyth at [matt.blyth@gmail.com](mailto:matt.blyth@gmail.com), or [847.744.0164](tel:847.744.0164).

### **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. Student volunteers will have the opportunity to listen in on seminars and meet the attorneys as part of assisting with operations. The commitment is only a few hours on **Saturday, April 13, 2013**. The seminars will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and volunteers have the choice of either an 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. 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).

### **CAREER SERVICES WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU**

How may we better serve you? Please take this brief online survey to let us know. <https://law-stmarytx-csm.1symplicity.com/surveys/2013OCSStudentSurvey>.

## OCS MINI GROUP CAREER COUNSELING SESSIONS

Clinical Professor **Stephanie Stevens** will address Criminal Defense on **Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.** Please email Anndria Flores at [aflores11@stmarytx.edu](mailto:aflores11@stmarytx.edu) if you are interested in attending today's group career counseling session.

### OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES (OCS) – SPRING 2013 PROGRAMMING

Please RSVP for all programs in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS.

#### **TYLA Presentation: How to Get a Job After Law School: The Unclassified Story**

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

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

Lunch will be served.

Classify:

1. To arrange or organize according to class or category.

2. To designate as confidential, secret, or top secret.

Were you a law student who didn't have the grades to participate in the On-Campus Interviewing process? Do you know a law student who is unable to find a job but who is at the top of his/her class? Do law students approach you asking what the "secret" is to finding employment upon graduation in 2013? Then "How to Get a Job After Law School: The Unclassified Story" is the lunch spot for you! The Law Student Outreach ("LSO") Committee for the Texas Young Lawyers Association will be presenting a luncheon seminar this spring semester 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.

#### **Fall Recruitment Information Session**

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

4:00 - 4:30 p.m., Atrium

All Class of 2015 students interested in participating in Fall Recruitment should attend this session. It will give you important dates and deadlines and mandatory documents that must be signed to participate. This will be a short 30 minute session to go over the processes, important dates and deadlines, and other information needed to participate.

#### **All-Star Sports and Entertainment Law Panel**

Thursday, March 28, 2013

5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Law Alumni Room

Dinner will be served.

Interested in learning about a career in sports and entertainment law? Do you know 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. Panelists will include: Ricky Anderson, attorney for comedians Steve Harvey,

Monique, singer Yolanda Adams and many other celebrities; Daryl Washington, attorney for radio personality Michael Baisden; Tommy Calvert, Radio Host; and Moderator, attorney Danielle Hargrove. This event is cosponsored by the Black Law Students Association and the Office of Career Services.

### **Judicial Clerkship Information Session**

**Wednesday, April 18, 2013**

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

Lunch will be served.

Do you think you have an interest in doing a judicial clerkship after graduation? If so, attend this session to learn about the application process on the state and federal level and the Office of Career Services Clerkship Mailing Program. Professors will be there to discuss the process and answer questions as well as some of your classmates who have gone through the process successfully.

### **CLINIC APPLICANTS FOR SUMMER/FALL/SPRING 2013-14**

Couldn't make it to the Clinic Information Sessions but still want to apply to the **Clinical Education Programs**? Check out our TWEN page "Clinic Applicants for Summer/Fall/Spring 2013-2014" For questions, please call Marisa Santos at 210.431.5703 or email msantos@stmarytx.edu. **Applications are now being considered on a rolling basis.** For more information on the clinical programs please visit the Center for Legal and Social Justice Clinic website at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=centerForLegalAndSocialJustice>.

### **CRITICAL THINKING FOR STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE LECTURE**

Katherine and Randolph Pherson are coming to Texas State University as part of their Distinguished Lecture series. The Pherson's are internationally recognized experts and leaders in the field of Strategic and Applied Intelligence Analysis. The lecture will be held on **Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.** on the campus of Texas State University, **LBJ Student Center Ballroom** and is free to the public. Their talk will focus on critical thinking applied to real-world problems. Attendance is limited to about 250 persons. A reception and meet-and-greet will be held after their presentation.

### **FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE**

Free **income tax assistance** is available for St. Mary's University **students and qualifying staff members** on **Tuesdays from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge**, University Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. Income tax assistance will take place only on Tuesdays, from February 26 - April 9, 2013. Clients should bring their social security card, driver's license and a copy of last year's tax return. This program is sponsored by VITA, Bill Greehey School of Business, St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice and Student Development Division.

### **JOIN THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

The **American Bar Association** can help you meet the challenges of law school and also prepare you 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).

## **MINISTRY SERVICES**

### **Holy Week Mass Schedule**

Tuesday, March 26, 2013 – Reconciliation Service, 4:00 p.m., Assumption Chapel  
Holy Thursday, March 28 – Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper, 7:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel  
Good Friday, March 29 – Good Friday Liturgy, 3:00 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel  
Saturday, March 30 – Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m., Guadalupe Chapel  
Easter Sunday, March 31 – Mass, 11:00 a.m., Assumption Chapel

## **BIBLE STUDY CLASSES**

Bible study classes with Professor Addicott are ongoing this semester. The Bible study classes are non-denominational and expository in nature. Instruction is based on the original languages of Scripture, on a line-by-line basis in the context of historical reality and categorical doctrines. Professor Addicott was trained for 30 years under the direct ministry of R. B. Thieme, Jr. (1918-2009). Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law for details.

## **NOISE LEVEL**

If you are in the Law Classroom Building or in Raba while classes are in session, please be considerate of the students who are in class and **keep the noise level in the hall to a minimum**. Your fellow students thank you!

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

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** for student organizations 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, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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

The **Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits** at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the 2013 Paul Faherty Tax Law Writing Competition. Awards

include one grand prize of \$3,000 and two honorable mentions, each \$1,000. Topics may include any aspect of tax law. Submit papers by email to [aberkow@jmls.edu](mailto:aberkow@jmls.edu) by **Sunday, March 31, 2013**.

**Dallas Hispanic Law Foundation Scholarship** is offering several scholarships to law students. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2013**.

**Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Law Student Writing Competition.** Prize is \$1,500 and airfare/lodging to attend the ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Deadline to apply is **April 1, 2013**. Please visit <http://apps.americanbar.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=IL504000>.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship**. One full scholarship to attend the Sovereignty Symposium will be offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and contribution to Native American legal issues by an application letter. There is no application form. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to enter is **April 1, 2013**.

The **Robert Masur Fellowship in Civil Liberties** is now accepting applications. Application packets must be RECEIVED by **Friday, April 5, 2013**. Emailed or faxed applications will not be accepted. The fellowship competition is open to first-year law students who intend to carry out significant activities during the summer (in between their first and second year) in the areas of civil rights and/or civil liberties. For more information on this opportunity, please visit [http://www.nationinstitute.org/prizes/1068/the\\_robert\\_masur\\_fellowship\\_in\\_civil\\_liberties/](http://www.nationinstitute.org/prizes/1068/the_robert_masur_fellowship_in_civil_liberties/).

**Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Admiralty & Maritime Law Committee Annual Law Student Writing competition.** \$500 prize and reimbursement to attend annual meeting. [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/marketing/tips/13\\_admiralty\\_law\\_student\\_writing\\_competition\\_rules.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/marketing/tips/13_admiralty_law_student_writing_competition_rules.authcheckdam.pdf). Deadline is **April 5, 2013**.

**Criminal Justice William Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition.** Topic is Social Media-Implications for Criminal Law, Practice and Procedure. Prize \$2000. Please visit [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal\\_justice/Greenhalgh\\_2013.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal_justice/Greenhalgh_2013.authcheckdam.pdf).

The **Southwest Juvenile Defender Center (SWJDC)** is accepting applications for the seventh annual Napoleon Beazley Defender Award. The award is for a 2012-13 graduating law student who is committed to working on behalf of the defense of children in the Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah region. Applications must include a resume, two letters of recommendation, and an essay of no more than 500 words that states why the applicant should receive the award. All applications will be reviewed by the Napoleon Beazley Defender Award Committee and must be received by April 8, 2013 by 5:00 p.m. For more information please visit [http://childrenandthelawblog.com/?p=1984&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+childrenandthelawblog%2Frs+28Children+and+the+Law+Blog%29](http://childrenandthelawblog.com/?p=1984&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+childrenandthelawblog%2Frs+28Children+and+the+Law+Blog%29)

**Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest.** Prize is a certificate and possible publication

in Family Law Quarterly and on the Section website. Deadline to request entry number is **April 12, 2013**. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family\\_law/resources/essay\\_contest.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law/resources/essay_contest.html). Essay is due April 26.

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 eligibility, selection criteria, application, or for more information please go to the website at <http://www.innsocourt.org/inns/tjohnwardinn/>. Applications will be accepted through **April 15, 2013**.

The Law School Scholarship of the **Federal Bar Association-El Paso Chapter** (EPFBA) will award a \$2000 scholarship to an outstanding El Pasoan who will begin law school in Fall 2013. The award is based on academic achievement, community involvement, and dedication to the study of law. Please email [EPFBAScholars@gmail.com](mailto:EPFBAScholars@gmail.com) for more information or for an application please visit <http://www.fedbar.org/el Paso.html>. Deadline to apply is **April 19, 2013**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2013 Brief-Writing Award Competition. The Scribes Brief-Writing Committee solicits winning briefs from national moot-court competitions and selects the finest of those winning briefs. The winning author will be recognized at the Scribes annual meeting held during the ABA's meeting in San Francisco on August 9, 2013. For information on how to submit a brief, please go visit <http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/2012-2013%20Brief%20Letter%20Web.pdf>. Deadline to submit a brief is **April 19, 2013**.

**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. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 26, 2013**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, 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).

Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Award Competition. Prize \$5,000 and possible publication. Entry deadline is May 1, 2013. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/administrative\\_law/initiatives\\_awards/gellhorn\\_sargentich\\_law\\_student\\_essay\\_competition.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/administrative_law/initiatives_awards/gellhorn_sargentich_law_student_essay_competition.html).

Entries for The Symposium XXVI **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) or contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**.

**NEW** - IT-Lex, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to educational, literary, and scientific advancement in the field of technology law, is proud to announce its first Technology Law Writing Competition. Top three winning submissions will receive \$5,000, \$1,000, \$500. For more information, please visit [www.it-lex.org/writing-contest](http://www.it-lex.org/writing-contest). Deadline to apply is **May 1, 2013**.

**National Association of Women Lawyers** is seeking entries for its 2012-13 Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law. Cash prize of \$500 will be awarded for first-place essay. Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**. Writing guidelines may be found at <http://nawl.timberlakepublishing.com/files/2013National%20Association%20of%20Women%20Lawyers%20Selma%20Moidel.pdf>.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice** (AAJ) announces the 2013 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. 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>. Application deadline is **May 1, 2013**.

**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 5:00 p.m. EDST, **May 15, 2013**. Rules may be found at <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/products/Writing%20Competition.aspx>.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the 2013 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. Entries must be received by **May 31, 2013**. For more information on this writing completion, please visit the ILSTexas website at <http://www.ilstexas.org/International%20website%20scripts%20-%20do%20not%20touch%20!!!/Student%20Outreach/2013/contest2013.pdf>

The **American College of Employee Benefits Counsel** is pleased to announce the Ninth Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. Papers must deal with employee benefit topics. Cash prizes will be awarded for up to two winning papers. Deadline is **June 1, 2013**. For competition rules please go to [www.acebc.com](http://www.acebc.com).

The **American Judges Association** (AJA) announces its Twenty-Fifth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Comparing Hearsay Rules in Different Courts." First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2013**. For more information, please see

<http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

**LexisNexis Matthew Bender** is pleased to announce the Fourteenth Annual James William Moore Federal Practice Award. The award is intended to recognize outstanding scholarship in federal and civil practice and procedure. Articles must be postmarked by **June 3, 2013**. Eligibility requirements can be found at <http://bit.ly/Moore-2013>.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **June 4, 2013**.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce their twentieth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing*. The 2013 recipient of the Brown award will received \$10,000 for their winning paper. For contest guidelines and rules, please go to [www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm](http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm). Deadline for submission is **June 7, 2013**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2013 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, 2013**.

**Criminal Justice Citizen Amicus Brief Project**. Prize: \$500 and possible publication in a future Criminal Justice Section periodical. For more information please visit: [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal\\_justice/citizen\\_amicus.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal_justice/citizen_amicus.html).



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## **2013 LINDA AND DAVE SCHLUETER FIRST-YEAR MOOT COURT COMPETITION WINNERS**

The winners of 2013 Linda and Dave Schlueter First-Year Moot Court Competition were **Lindsay Forbes and Leslie McCombs. Francesca Di Troia and Travis Donald** were the runners up, with Lindsay Forbes recognized as the Best Speaker in the final round.

The **Board of Advocates** would like to thank the below donors for their support and judges for their time:

### **DONORS**

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Honorable Edward C. Prado  
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Honorable David A. Ezra

## **REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2013 and FALL 2013**

Rising 3L Register for Summer 2013 and Fall 2013

Those students who have earned **40 hours or more at the end of fall** will register:

**April 1 beginning at 8:00 a.m. through midnight April 6, 2013.**

Registration for the summer intersessions will take place during this time as well.

Rising 2L Register for Summer 2013 and Fall 2013

Those students who have earned **15 through 39 hours at the end of the fall** will register:

**April 8 beginning at 8:00 a.m. through midnight April 13, 2013.**

Registration for the summer intersessions will take place at this time as well.

All students will have an opportunity to change or register for Summer 2013 and Fall 2013

**April 15 beginning at 8:00 a.m. through midnight April 20, 2013.**

**To determine when you may register, count the number of hours earned at the end of the fall 2012 semester. Current hours for the spring semester do not figure into the count.**

Registration for the winter intersession will take place in October of 2013.

Please check to ensure there are no holds on your registration account. If there is a hold, contact the office that placed the hold. The Law School cannot remove holds. If there are any questions, please email Catherine Mery at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu).

## **COURSE ADVISING**

Are you wondering about what courses to take and how to structure your schedule this summer and fall? **Course advising** appointments with the Office of Academic and Student Affairs

are now available. Please email [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) or come by **Raba 106** to make your appointment.

### **LAST CHANCE TO SUBMIT FOR PROBONO/COMMUNITY SERVICE CERTIFICATE ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS GRADUATING IN MAY**

Are you eligible to receive a ProBono Service Certificate at graduation? Have you submitted all of your ProBono and Community Service hours to the ProBono Research Assistant? If you have not, this is your last opportunity to do so. Please email [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com) immediately. The deadline has passed; however we still will take them if you email by **Wednesday, April 3, 2013**.

### **TEXAS LAWYERS CONCERNED FOR LAWYERS CONVENTION**

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual **Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers Convention** will be held in San Antonio on May 31 - June 2, 2013. Law students, who are affected by substance abuse issues, mental health challenges, or both, can receive a scholarship to attend this convention, which offers information sessions, networking, and six hours of ethics CLE credit. Interested students should contact the Texas Lawyers Assistance Project (TLAP) at 1.800.343.8527. Information shared with TLAP is confidential. For more information, contact the Office of Academic and Student Affairs at 210.436.3541.

### **BAR SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS**

Students who are taking the Texas Bar in February 2014 and who want to take the Bar Skills Preparation Class should contact Professor Tullos at [ktullos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ktullos@stmarytx.edu) for information on enrollment.

### **FALL 2013 ACADEMIC SCHOLAR APPLICANTS WANTED**

The **Office of Academic and Student Affairs** invite students who will be 2Ls and 3Ls in good standing during the Fall 2013 semester to apply for these paid positions. Academic Scholars provide supplemental skills-based lectures to 1Ls throughout the Fall semester. Applications are available in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs in Raba 106. Please submit your completed application to our office in hard copy no later than **April 12, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.**

### **2013 INNSBRUCK PROGRAM**

If you plan to attend the **2013 Innsbruck Program**, please submit your application (online or hard copy) as soon as possible. The **\$100 deposit is not due until May 1**, but contact information is needed for all prospective participants. The faculty for this year's program includes Professors R. Flint, Hardberger, Marks and Pomeroy. For details about the program, please see one of the program directors, Professors Reams and Cochran.

## INNSBRUCK SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are still available for the 2013 Innsbruck Program. Applications are available from bulletin boards on campus or from Sr. Grace Walle. The **Emiliano Infante Segrera Scholarship** applications are due **May 1 at 5:00 p.m.** Please see Professor Reamey for details.

### STUDENT WITNESSES NEEDED FOR NATIONAL TRIAL COMPETITION

The National Trial Competition (NTC), is being hosted on **April 4-6** this year in San Antonio, **at the Bexar County Courthouse and Bexar County Justice Center.** NTC is the preeminent mock trial competition in the country, in which 150 different law schools compete every year.

The Texas Young Lawyers Association and San Antonio Young Lawyers Association are looking for law students to act as witnesses for the competition. **If you volunteer to witness, you will receive BOA credit hours and receive Trial Advocacy observation hours.**

This year the case is a criminal case, and when you play your part on the witness stand you may be a criminal, a victim, a detective assigned to the case, or even a witness to a crime—or possibly even a grieving spouse, a murderer, a white collar criminal, or a crime scene investigator. You will be provided a deposition beforehand, and then prepped by the competing team at the competition.

There are four preliminary championship rounds scheduled as follows:

- (1) Round 1: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2013;
- (2) Round 2: 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2013;
- (3) Round 3: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2013; and
- (4) Round 4: 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2013.

**We are requesting your help and assistance.** Before the competition, you will receive by email additional details about the competition, including a copy of your character's deposition. You will also be prepped for your role immediately before the trial. During the trial, witnesses will use the information in their deposition to testify in open court.

**CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO SIGN UP!** If you are interested in serving as a Witness in one or more of the championship rounds, please click here: [Judges, Bailiffs and Witnesses Link](#). Your help is needed and appreciated in making this a fantastic event.

### 2013 COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Please visit <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/pdf/EventSheet2013.pdf> for a complete schedule of activities and events leading to 2013 law school commencement.

## EAP MOOT COURT TEAM TRYOUTS

The **External Advocacy Program (EAP) Moot Court Team** represents St. Mary's at state, regional and national moot court competitions throughout the country. St. Mary's teams have competed in every major city in Texas and numerous cities outside the state, including New York, Chicago, Washington D.C., Toronto, Boston, St. Louis, New Orleans, Las Vegas, Atlanta and San Diego.

Since the inception of the EAP, advocates on the **EAP Moot Court Team have won numerous national, state and regional tournaments, making the EAP Moot Court Team the most successful external competition team at St. Mary's.** Along the way, St. Mary's students have been individually recognized as well, receiving numerous brief and advocacy awards, including Best Brief in Texas (twice) and Best Advocate in the region, state and nation (twice).

If you would like to have the opportunity to add your name to the distinguished list of St. Mary's advocates that have brought recognition to themselves and to this law school, and if you are interested in representing St. Mary's nationally and competing against the best advocates from the best law schools in the country, please sign up for a time-slot on TWEN, bring a resume and be prepared to present a 10-minute oral argument from the First Year Moot Court problem (you choose the side you would like to present-there will be no rebuttal). There will be a short interview following your presentation.

If you are interested in joining the EAP Moot Court Program as a brief writer, please bring a resume and a writing sample to the tryouts. *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, but do need to reserve a time slot so that you can be interviewed.

Tryouts will take place Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday April 13<sup>th</sup> in LL 106.

All candidates should come to the tryouts in dress appropriate for appellate argument. Candidates will likely be videotaped. Contact Coach Ricky Poole, [rpoole@alamocityattorney.com](mailto:rpoole@alamocityattorney.com) or Meagan Scott, [meaganscott87@gmail.com](mailto:meaganscott87@gmail.com), 832. 257.9177 with any questions.

## TRYOUTS FOR 2013-14 EAP MOCK TRIAL TEAMS

If you want to become one of the St. Mary's graduates who is comfortable walking into a courtroom the day after being licensed, then consider **trying out for the law school's mock trial teams.** The teams travel to regional and national competitions across the United States to compete against other schools. If you are interested, complete an application and sign up for a 15 minute interview with the coaches. You will be expected to prepare a ten-minute oral presentation on a topic of your choosing. It can consist of a personal story or an argument from one of the in school competitions. Applications can be obtained at Professor Schlueter's office, LFB 270, where the interview timeslots will also be posted. **Your completed application must be returned to**

**Professor Schlueter's office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.** Interviews will be held on the evenings of April 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>.

Students are coached by practicing attorneys and receive intensive training on how to become effective advocates and successful trial lawyers. Advocates can expect to become proficient in applying the Federal Rules of Evidence to complex fact scenarios. Students are coached extensively on how to competently and professionally conduct motions in limine, opening statements, direct examinations, cross examinations, and closing arguments. Additionally, students will learn to confidently respond to objections and handle the admission of all types of evidentiary documents and statements.

### **ATTENTION 1L & 2LE STUDENTS JOURNAL INFORMATION SESSIONS & HAPPY HOUR**

*The St. Mary's Law Journal* Volume 45 Editorial Board is seeking qualified applicants to serve as Staff Writers for the 2013-2014 academic year. There are now two ways to become a *Journal* Staff Writer: (1) the grade-on selection process, and (2) the write-on competition.

Students who received an invitation to join *Journal* by making the Fall 2012 Dean's List should return their acceptance to the *Journal* office by April 1. In addition to the grade-on selection process, students may become a Staff Writer by entering the write-on competition. Applicants will complete a write-on packet, which will be distributed on the last day of 1L finals – Friday, May 10.

**For more information about the *Journal* and the write-on competition, please attend one of three information sessions on Monday, April 1 at 5:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room, Tuesday, April 2 at 12:30 p.m. in LC 103, or Thursday, April 4 at noon in the Alumni Room. The *Journal* Editorial Board will also host a happy hour on Thursday, April 4 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at The Friendly Spot Ice House for 1L and 2LE students who are interested in becoming *Journal* Staff Writers.**

### **THE SCHOLAR STAFF WRITER APPLICATIONS**

**Staff Writer Applications** for *The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice* are now available. Applications can also be found on *The Scholar* TWEN page. **Applications are due Friday, April 5, 2013 by 5:00 p.m.** Interviews will be held April 12–14.

### **FIESTA FAREWELL**

Class of 2013 – Almost Law Alumni

All students, faculty and staff are invited to Fiesta Farewell on **Monday, April 15, 2013** at 12:00 p.m. in the **Law School Plaza**. 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.

## IMMIGRATION SYMPOSIUM 2013

*The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice*, cordially invite all to the Immigration Symposium on **Friday, 5th of April 2013**. The focus of the Immigration Symposium will be on the practical aspects of immigration law and the current policy debates that surround the field. Our goal is to provide a strong CLE for local practitioners and a strong educational experience for current law students.

### Speakers:

#### **Benjamin T. Greer**

*“Human Trafficking: T-Visas and Ethical Concerns”*

#### **Rosemary Vega, Tausk & Vega Attorneys at Law**

*“Crime and Immigration: An Overview”*

#### **Nancy Shivers, Shivers & Shivers**

Immigration and Nationality Law

*“Naturalization Perils and Opportunities”*

#### **Professor Bill Ong Hing, Professor Emeritus, UC Davis School of Law**

*“Prosecutorial Discretion”*

#### **Roberto Balli, Board Certified Criminal Defense Attorney**

*“The Sentencing of Crimmigrants”*

#### **Johanna KP Dennis, Associate Professor of Law, Southern University Law Center**

*“Imputing Parental Immigration Status and Residency for Undocumented Immigrant Children”*

#### **Professor Aaron S. Haas, Dir. of Citizenship and Immigration Clinical Program**

Washington and Lee University School of Law

*“Marginalization of Religious Persecution in U.S. Asylum Laws”*

#### **Joe Martinez Jr., Special Agent**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

*“ICE Audits: What Employers Must Do To Comply and be Prepared”*

#### **David R. Walding, The Bernardo Kohler Center**

*“Special Immigrant Juvenile Status”*

**POC: Claudia Balli, Symposium Editor [claudiavballi@yahoo.com](mailto:claudiavballi@yahoo.com) or  
Francisca Parra @ [lawscholar@stmarytx.edu](mailto:lawscholar@stmarytx.edu)**



## **A RETURN TO CIVILITY – IN THE COURTROOM AND BEYOND**

The Board of Advocates and Phi Delta Phi invite you to join us on **Tuesday, April 16** from **12:00 – 1:00 pm** in the **Alumni Room** for a presentation on the practical ways to deal with uncivil conduct by opposing counsel, clients, and yes—even judges. The presentation will be given by **Justice Patricia Alvarez** of the 4<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals and **Lamont Jefferson**, Vice President of the American Board of Trial Advocates, San Antonio Chapter. Lunch will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **2013 JIMI DERRICK CONSTITUTIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

The St. Mary's **Board of Advocates** will host the **2013 Jimi Derrick Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition** on **Saturday, April 13, 2013**. 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. Look for the BOA table in the Law Classroom Building or stop by the BOA Office to sign up. The Problem will be released to competitors on Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

This year the topic will be:

What standard should be used to determine whether the First Amendment protects speech communicated by a public school teacher in the classroom?

## **THE AT&T EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE AWARD FOR 1L AND 2L STUDENTS**

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. Deadline for submission is **Friday, April 19, 2013**. Applications can be found on the ProBono TWEN page under Scholarships or you can contact RA Julia Null at [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com) for more information.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ID RECOVERY PROGRAM**

St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice is looking for **volunteers** to assist with the **ID Recovery Program** at Haven for Hope, San Antonio's largest homeless shelter. Obtaining an ID is particularly important to the homeless population as a picture ID is required to gain employment, housing, public benefits, cash a check, and the like. Lack of valid identification continues to be a large barrier to people experiencing homelessness.

Volunteers will work with current **student attorneys** and **supervising attorneys** at an office in Prospects Courtyard (PCY), Haven for Hope on Friday afternoons (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.) and the last two (2) Saturdays of each month (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) After a brief training and interview shadowing, volunteers will begin conducting interviews with clients on their own to determine what documentation is necessary to obtain a Texas State Identification Card. In addition to interview experience, volunteers will benefit from interacting with persons from a variety of backgrounds including persons experiencing homelessness, social workers, case managers, law student attorneys, and supervising attorneys. This is a great opportunity to earn pro bono hours, so please bring your pro bono tracking sheets for us to fill out.

If you are interested in volunteering and can commit to at least three (3) separate days please contact Jessica Sprague ([jsprague@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jsprague@stmarytx.edu)) or Trey Cammack at [tcammack3@yahoo.com](mailto:tcammack3@yahoo.com) for training, directions, and schedule.

### **EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR AT THE CENTER FOR TERRORISM LAW**

**On Friday, April 5, at 12:30 p.m.**, the Center for Terrorism Law is pleased to offer an educational seminar on **Rendition** open to all interested law students. The seminar will be approximately one hour long, and will be held in the Center for Terrorism Law Classroom, LF102 in Raba (near Computer Services). **This will be the last seminar offered this Spring semester.** Please join us if you can.

Fellows at the Center for Terrorism Law are holding "**open hours**" for all interested law students who would like some assistance with research, writing and citing, especially in the areas of national security and international law. No appointment is necessary - just come by the Center for Terrorism Law Classroom, LF102 in Raba (near Computer Services) between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Mondays or 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.

Please stop by the Center for Terrorism Law in Raba for more details on either of these programs. We hope to see you soon.

### **COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROGRAM ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The **Community Justice Program (CJP)** is having its **Fourth Annual Golf Tournament** on **Thursday, April 11, 2013**. The CJP needs volunteers to come out and help with registration and organization of the event. Please consider helping the CJP – you can earn community service hours while spending the day outdoors at the Quarry. Not bad! Registration begins at noon on Thursday, April 11 and the shotgun start is at 1:00 p.m. The event will be held at the **Quarry Golf Club** at **444 E. Basse Rd**. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Matt Blyth at [matt.blyth@gmail.com](mailto:matt.blyth@gmail.com), or [847.744.0164](tel:847.744.0164).

## 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. Student volunteers will have the opportunity to listen in on seminars and meet the attorneys as part of assisting with operations. The commitment is only a few hours on **Saturday, April 13, 2013**. The seminars will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and volunteers have the choice of either an 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. 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).

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES (OCS) – SPRING 2013 PROGRAMMING

Please RSVP for all programs in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS.

### Judicial Clerkship Information Session

**Thursday, April 18, 2013**

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

Lunch will be served.

Do you think you have an interest in doing a judicial clerkship after graduation? If so, attend this session to learn about the application process on the state and federal level and the Office of Career Services Clerkship Mailing Program. Professors will be there to discuss the process and answer questions as well as some of your classmates who have gone through the process successfully.

## CLINIC APPLICANTS FOR SUMMER/FALL/SPRING 2013-14

Couldn't make it to the Clinic Information Sessions but still want to apply to the **Clinical Education Programs**? Check out our TWEN page "Clinic Applicants for Summer/Fall/Spring 2013-2014" For questions, please call Marisa Santos at 210.431.5703 or email [msantos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:msantos@stmarytx.edu). **Applications are now being considered on a rolling basis.** For more information on the clinical programs please visit the Center for Legal and Social Justice Clinic website at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=centerForLegalAndSocialJustice>.

## FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Free **income tax assistance** is available for St. Mary's University **students and qualifying staff members** on **Tuesdays from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge**, University Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. Income tax assistance will take place only on Tuesdays, from February 26 - April 9, 2013. Clients should bring their social security card, driver's license and a copy of last year's tax return. This program is sponsored by VITA, Bill Greehey School of Business, St. Mary's Center for Legal

and Social Justice and Student Development Division.

## JOIN THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

The **American Bar Association** can help you meet the challenges of law school and also prepare you 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).

## BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Bible study classes with Professor Addicott are ongoing this semester. The Bible study classes are non-denominational and expository in nature. Instruction is based on the original languages of Scripture, on a line-by-line basis in the context of historical reality and categorical doctrines. Professor Addicott was trained for 30 years under the direct ministry of R. B. Thieme, Jr. (1918-2009). Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law for details.

## NOISE LEVEL

If you are in the Law Classroom Building or in Raba while classes are in session, please be considerate of the students who are in class and **keep the noise level in the hall to a minimum**. Your fellow students thank you!

## EVENT SET-UPS FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** for student organizations 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, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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

The **Robert Masur Fellowship in Civil Liberties** is now accepting applications. Application packets must be RECEIVED by **Friday, April 5, 2013**. Emailed or faxed applications will not be accepted. The fellowship competition is open to first-year law students who intend to carry out significant activities during the summer (in between their first and second year) in the areas of civil rights and/or civil liberties. For more information on this opportunity, please visit [http://www.nationinstitute.org/prizes/1068/the\\_robert\\_masur\\_fellowship\\_in\\_civil\\_liberties/](http://www.nationinstitute.org/prizes/1068/the_robert_masur_fellowship_in_civil_liberties/).

**Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Admiralty & Maritime Law Committee** Annual Law Student Writing competition. \$500 prize and reimbursement to attend annual meeting. [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/marketing/tips/13\\_admiralty\\_law\\_student\\_writing\\_comp\\_rules.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/marketing/tips/13_admiralty_law_student_writing_comp_rules.authcheckdam.pdf). Deadline is **April 5, 2013**.

**Criminal Justice William Greenhalgh** Student Writing Competition. Topic is Social Media-Implications for Criminal Law, Practice and Procedure. Prize \$2000. Please visit [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal\\_justice/Greenhalgh\\_2013.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/criminal_justice/Greenhalgh_2013.authcheckdam.pdf).

The **Southwest Juvenile Defender Center** (SWJDC) is accepting applications for the seventh annual Napoleon Beazley Defender Award. The award is for a 2012-13 graduating law student who is committed to working on behalf of the defense of children in the Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah region. Applications must include a resume, two letters of recommendation, and an essay of no more than 500 words that states why the applicant should receive the award. All applications will be reviewed by the Napoleon Beazley Defender Award Committee and must be received by April 8, 2013 by 5:00 p.m. For more information please visit [http://childrenandthelawblog.com/?p=1984&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+childrenandthelawblog%2Frss+%28Children+and+the+Law+Blog%29](http://childrenandthelawblog.com/?p=1984&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+childrenandthelawblog%2Frss+%28Children+and+the+Law+Blog%29)

**Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest**. Prize is a certificate and possible publication in Family Law Quarterly and on the Section website. Deadline to request entry number is **April 12, 2013**. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family\\_law/resources/essay\\_contest.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law/resources/essay_contest.html). Essay is due April 26.

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 eligibility, selection criteria, application, or for more information please go to the website at <http://www.innsofcourt.org/inns/tjohnwardinn/>. Applications will be accepted through **April 15, 2013**.

The Law School Scholarship of the **Federal Bar Association-El Paso Chapter** (EPFBA) will award a \$2000 scholarship to an outstanding El Pasoan who will begin law school in Fall 2013. The award is based on academic achievement, community involvement, and dedication to the study of law. Please email [EPFBAScholars@gmail.com](mailto:EPFBAScholars@gmail.com) for more information or for an application please visit <http://www.fedbar.org/elpaso.html>. Deadline to apply is **April 19, 2013**.

**Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers** is pleased to announce its 2013 Brief-Writing Award Competition. The Scribes Brief-Writing Committee solicits winning briefs from national moot-court competitions and selects the finest of those winning briefs. The winning author will be recognized at the Scribes annual meeting held during the ABA's meeting in San Francisco on August 9, 2013. For information on how to submit a brief, please go visit <http://www.scribes.org/sites/default/files/2012-2013%20Brief%20Letter%20Web.pdf>. Deadline to submit a brief is **April 19, 2013**.

**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. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., **Friday, April 26, 2013**. Submit Entries to: Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition, Notre Dame Law School, 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).

**NEW** - Federal Bar Association, Southern District of Texas Chapter, Blask Fellowship Grants for Summer Federal Interns now being accepted. Grants of at least \$2,000 are available for a limited number of law students who serve as legal interns for a minimum of six weeks during the summer of 2013 in the offices of a federal court or agency located within the Southern District of Texas. Send resume with GPA and class rank together with a letter: identifying your federal employer(s), date(s) of employment, and other stipends or awards received and any paid employment either during the school year or planned for the summer; describing your interest in federal public service; and discussing any special circumstances you would like considered to: [Fba.southtx@gmail.com](mailto:Fba.southtx@gmail.com). Deadline to apply is **Monday, April 29, 2013**.

Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Award Competition. Prize \$5,000 and possible publication. Entry deadline is May 1, 2013. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/administrative\\_law/initiatives\\_awards/gellhorn\\_sargentich\\_law\\_student\\_essay\\_competition.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/administrative_law/initiatives_awards/gellhorn_sargentich_law_student_essay_competition.html).

Entries for The Symposium XXVI **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) or contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**.

IT-Lex, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to educational, literary, and scientific advancement in the field of technology law, is proud to announce its first Technology Law Writing Competition. Top three winning submissions will receive \$5,000, \$1,000, \$500. For more information, please visit [www.it-lex.org/writing-contest](http://www.it-lex.org/writing-contest). Deadline to apply is **May 1, 2013**.

**National Association of Women Lawyers** is seeking entries for its 2012-13 Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law. Cash prize of \$500 will be awarded for first-place essay. Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**. Writing guidelines may be found at <http://nawl.timberlakepublishing.com/files/2013National%20Association%20of%20Women%20Lawyers%20Selma%20Moidel.pdf>.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice** (AAJ) announces the 2013 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. 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>. Application deadline is **May 1, 2013**.

**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 5:00 p.m. EDST, **May 15, 2013**. Rules may be found at <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/products/Writing%20Competition.aspx>.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the 2013 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. Entries must be received by **May 31, 2013**. For more information on this writing completion, please visit the ILSTexas website at <http://www.ilstexas.org/International%20website%20scripts%20-%20do%20not%20touch%20!!!/Student%20Outreach/2013/contest2013.pdf>

The **American College of Employee Benefits Counsel** is pleased to announce the Ninth Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. Papers must deal with employee benefit topics. Cash prizes will be awarded for up to two winning papers. Deadline is **June 1, 2013**. For competition rules please go to [www.acebc.com](http://www.acebc.com).

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Fifth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Comparing Hearsay Rules in Different Courts." First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2013**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

**LexisNexis Matthew Bender** is pleased to announce the Fourteenth Annual James William Moore Federal Practice Award. The award is intended to recognize outstanding scholarship in federal and civil practice and procedure. Articles must be postmarked by **June 3, 2013**. Eligibility requirements can be found at <http://bit.ly/Moore-2013>.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **June 4, 2013**.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce their twentieth

annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing*. The 2013 recipient of the Brown award will received \$10,000 for their winning paper. For contest guidelines and rules, please go to [www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm](http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm). Deadline for submission is **June 7, 2013**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2013 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, 2013**.

**Criminal Justice Citizen Amicus Brief Project**. Prize: \$500 and possible publication in a future Criminal Justice Section periodical. For more information please visit: [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal\\_justice/citizen\\_amicus.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal_justice/citizen_amicus.html).



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## MOOT COURT EXCELS AT FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION COMPETITION

Over the weekend, the EAP Moot Court Team traveled to Washington, D.C. for the 16th Annual Federal Bar Association **Thurgood A. Marshall Memorial Moot Court Competition**. The tournament included forty-five (45) teams from law schools all across the country and featured judges representing all of the federal circuits in the United States.

Two teams competed on behalf of St. Mary's: **Meagan Scott** (3L) and **Rachel Felderhoff Jordan** (3L) and **Stephen Bachran** (2L) and **Raven Bady** (2L). St. Mary's was *the only law school* out of those competing that had *both* of its teams break to the Octo-Finals of the tournament. In fact, the teams continued their success into the Quarter-Finals round, with both Scott/Jordan and Bachran/Bady reaching the "Elite Eight" at the competition.

This is the second year in a row that two of the top eight teams at this esteemed national tournament have been from St. Mary's. We are extremely proud of these students. Please join us in **congratulating them and their coach Ricky Poole**, on their great success.

## REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2013 and FALL 2013

Rising 2L Register for Summer 2013 and Fall 2013

Those students who have earned **15 through 39 hours at the end of the fall** will register:

**April 8 beginning at 8:00 a.m. through midnight April 13, 2013.**

Registration for the summer intersessions will take place at this time as well.

All students will have an opportunity to change or register for Summer 2013 and Fall 2013

**April 15 beginning at 8:00 a.m. through midnight April 20, 2013.**

**To determine when you may register, count the number of hours earned at the end of the fall 2012 semester. Current hours for the spring semester do not figure into the count.**

Registration for the winter intersession will take place in October of 2013.

Please check to ensure there are no holds on your registration account. If there is a hold, contact the office that placed the hold. The Law School cannot remove holds. If there are any questions, please email Catherine Mery at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu).

## 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. Student volunteers will have the opportunity to listen in on seminars and meet the attorneys as part of assisting with operations. The commitment is only a few hours on **Saturday, April 13, 2013**. The seminars will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and volunteers have the choice of either an 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. 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).

### **FIESTA FAREWELL**

Class of 2013 – Almost Law Alumni

All students, faculty and staff are invited to Fiesta Farewell on **Monday, April 15, 2013** at 12:00 p.m. in the **Law School Plaza**. 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.

### **COURSE ADVISING**

Are you wondering about what courses to take and how to structure your schedule this summer and fall? **Course advising** appointments with the Office of Academic and Student Affairs are now available. Please email [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) or come by **Raba 106** to make your appointment.

### **DONATE YOUR STUDY MATERIALS**

If you have study materials that you will not want after the end of this semester, please **consider donating** them to the **Office of Academic and Student Affairs**. Materials such as commercial outlines, commercial flashcards, CDs, and books such as Examples and Explanations or Nutshells will be accepted. All donations may be dropped off at the office, **Raba 106**. The students who will benefit from these materials in the future thank you for your generosity!

### **GRADUATION CORDS FOR PHI DELTA PHI**

**3L's**: Graduation cords are in! You can pick up graduation cords for \$10 (exact cash or check) with Yvonne Olfers. She has a list of those students eligible for cords.

**Potential New Initiates** - Phi Delta Phi is an invitation only honor's society. Invitations have gone out. Please check your St. Mary's email and campus mail box for a formal invitation. The invitation outlines the procedure for joining Phi Delta Phi. If you did not receive an invitation and believe you qualify, please check the PDP bulletin board in the Law Classroom Building for instruction on how to verify your qualification. Questions? Please email [stmarypdp@gmail.com](mailto:stmarypdp@gmail.com).

## **MIXER WITH ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY**

The Catholic Lawyers' Guild of San Antonio invites interested students to a mixer with the St. Thomas More Legal Society on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at Mama Margies on IH-10 & Wurzbach. Please RSVP to Monica Trollinger at: [monica.trollinger@swri.org](mailto:monica.trollinger@swri.org).

## **USHERS NEEDED FOR CLASS OF 2013 GRADUATION CEREMONY**

Please volunteer to be an usher at the **law school graduation** on **Saturday, May 18, 2013** located in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center. Ushers will be invited to attend the graduation reception at the St. Anthony Hotel immediately following graduation. Please e-mail [StephMay17@gmail.com](mailto:StephMay17@gmail.com) for more information.

## **ORIENTATION LEADERS NEEDED FOR 1L ORIENTATION**

Help welcome the new Class of 2016 to St. Mary's! Volunteer to be an Orientation Leader this August during 1L Orientation. Please e-mail [StephMay17@gmail.com](mailto:StephMay17@gmail.com) for more information.

## **TEXAS LAWYERS CONCERNED FOR LAWYERS CONVENTION**

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual **Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers Convention** will be held in San Antonio on May 31 - June 2, 2013. Law students, who are affected by substance abuse issues, mental health challenges, or both, can receive a scholarship to attend this convention, which offers information sessions, networking, and six hours of ethics CLE credit. Interested students should contact the Texas Lawyers Assistance Project (TLAP) at 1.800.343.8527. Information shared with TLAP is confidential. For more information, contact the Office of Academic and Student Affairs at 210.436.3541.

## **BAR SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS**

Students who are taking the Texas Bar in February 2014 and who want to take the Bar Skills Preparation Class should contact Professor Tullos at [ktullos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ktullos@stmarytx.edu) for information on enrollment.

## **FALL 2013 ACADEMIC SCHOLAR APPLICANTS WANTED**

The **Office of Academic and Student Affairs** invite students who will be 2Ls and 3Ls in good standing during the Fall 2013 semester to apply for these paid positions. Academic Scholars provide supplemental skills-based lectures to 1Ls throughout the Fall semester. Applications are available in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs in Raba 106. Please submit your completed application to our office in hard copy no later than **April 12, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.**

## INNSBRUCK DEADLINES

May 1 is the deadline to register for Innsbruck courses and pay the \$100 registration fee, which is credited toward tuition. It's not too late to apply.

May 1 is also the deadline to apply for the Emiliano Infante Segrera Scholarship, which will be awarded to one or more Innsbruck students. A description of the scholarship appears on the Innsbruck web page under "Tuition." See Professor Reamey for details.

## 2013 COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Please visit <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/pdf/EventSheet2013.pdf> for a complete schedule of activities and events leading to 2013 law school commencement.

## MILITARY LAW ASSOCIATION TO HOST SPEAKER

On **Tuesday, April 16, at 12:00 p.m. in the Atrium**, the Military Law Association will host CPT. Mabis from the Office of the Chief of Military Justice to speak on "The Military Justice System and A JAG's Role When Deployed." Please mark your calendar to attend. Seating is on a first come first served basis.

## A RETURN TO CIVILITY – IN THE COURTROOM AND BEYOND

The Board of Advocates and Phi Delta Phi invite you to join us on **Tuesday, April 16** from **12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** for a presentation on the practical ways to deal with uncivil conduct by opposing counsel, clients, and yes—even judges. The presentation will be given by **Justice Patricia Alvarez** of the 4<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals and **Lamont Jefferson**, Vice President of the American Board of Trial Advocates, San Antonio Chapter. Lunch will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

## 2013 JIMI DERRICK CONSTITUTIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The St. Mary's **Board of Advocates** will host the **2013 Jimi Derrick Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition** on **Saturday, April 13, 2013**. 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. Look for the BOA table in the Law Classroom Building or stop by the BOA Office to sign up.

This year the topic will be:

What standard should be used to determine whether the First Amendment protects speech communicated by a public school teacher in the classroom?

## THE AT&T EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE AWARD FOR 1L AND 2L STUDENTS

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. Deadline for submission is **Friday, April 19, 2013**. Applications can be found on the ProBono TWEN page under Scholarships or you can contact RA Julia Null at [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com) for more information.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ID RECOVERY PROGRAM

St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice is looking for **volunteers** to assist with the **ID Recovery Program** at Haven for Hope, San Antonio's largest homeless shelter. Obtaining an ID is particularly important to the homeless population as a picture ID is required to gain employment, housing, public benefits, cash a check, and the like. Lack of valid identification continues to be a large barrier to people experiencing homelessness.

Volunteers will work with current **student attorneys** and **supervising attorneys** at an office in Prospects Courtyard (PCY), Haven for Hope on Friday afternoons (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.) and the last two (2) Saturdays of each month (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) After a brief training and interview shadowing, volunteers will begin conducting interviews with clients on their own to determine what documentation is necessary to obtain a Texas State Identification Card. In addition to interview experience, volunteers will benefit from interacting with persons from a variety of backgrounds including persons experiencing homelessness, social workers, case managers, law student attorneys, and supervising attorneys. This is a great opportunity to earn pro bono hours, so please bring your pro bono tracking sheets for us to fill out.

If you are interested in volunteering and can commit to at least three (3) separate days please contact Jessica Sprague ([jsprague@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jsprague@stmarytx.edu)) or Trey Cammack at [tcammack3@yahoo.com](mailto:tcammack3@yahoo.com) for training, directions, and schedule.

## COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROGRAM ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The **Community Justice Program (CJP)** is having its **Fourth Annual Golf Tournament** on **Thursday, April 11, 2013**. The CJP needs volunteers to come out and help with registration and organization of the event. Please consider helping the CJP – you can earn community service hours while spending the day outdoors at the Quarry. Not bad! Registration begins at noon on Thursday, April 11 and the shotgun start is at 1:00 p.m. The event will be held at the **Quarry Golf Club** at **444 E. Basse Rd**. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Matt Blyth at [matt.blyth@gmail.com](mailto:matt.blyth@gmail.com), or [847.744.0164](tel:847.744.0164).

## 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

### Other Benefits

- All members receive the *Austin Lawyer*, a monthly newsletter

### The Bottom Line

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).

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES (OCS) – SPRING 2013 PROGRAMMING

Please RSVP for all programs in the Events Section of SYMPLICITY under WORKSHOPS.

### Cost Effective and Efficient Research Classes

**Wednesday, April 10, 2013**

11:15 - 11:45 a.m. and 12:15 - 12:45 p.m., Atrium

Courtesy of Lexis, lunch will be served.

Learn to research efficiently while being cost effective. The class will cover basic pricing schemes which will influence your research method to be cost effective. This is great for summer associates or graduating students seeking to branch out on their own. Also, find out how much it could cost you to have Lexis if you go solo.

### Judicial Clerkship Information Session

**Thursday, April 18, 2013**

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

Lunch will be served.

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**Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest.** Prize is a certificate and possible publication in Family Law Quarterly and on the Section website. Deadline to request entry number is **April 12, 2013**. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family\\_law/resources/essay\\_contest.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law/resources/essay_contest.html). Essay is due April 26.

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 eligibility, selection criteria, application, or for more information please go to the website at <http://www.innsofcourt.org/inns/tjohnwardinn/>. Applications will be accepted through **April 15, 2013**.

The Law School Scholarship of the **Federal Bar Association-El Paso Chapter** (EPFBA) will award a \$2000 scholarship to an outstanding El Pasoan who will begin law school in Fall 2013. The award is based on academic achievement, community involvement, and dedication to the study of law. Please email [EPFBAScholars@gmail.com](mailto:EPFBAScholars@gmail.com) for more information or for an application please visit <http://www.fedbar.org/el Paso.html>. Deadline to apply is **April 19, 2013**.

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Federal Bar Association, Southern District of Texas Chapter, Blask Fellowship Grants for Summer Federal Interns now being accepted. Grants of at least \$2,000 are available for a limited

number of law students who serve as legal interns for a minimum of six weeks during the summer of 2013 in the offices of a federal court or agency located within the Southern District of Texas. Send resume with GPA and class rank together with a letter: identifying your federal employer(s), date(s) of employment, and other stipends or awards received and any paid employment either during the school year or planned for the summer; describing your interest in federal public service; and discussing any special circumstances you would like considered to: [Fba.southtx@gmail.com](mailto:Fba.southtx@gmail.com). Deadline to apply is **Monday, April 29, 2013**.

Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Award Competition. Prize \$5,000 and possible publication. Entry deadline is May 1, 2013. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/administrative\\_law/initiatives\\_awards/gellhorn\\_sargentich\\_law\\_student\\_essay\\_competition.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/administrative_law/initiatives_awards/gellhorn_sargentich_law_student_essay_competition.html).

Entries for The Symposium XXVI **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) or contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**.

IT-Lex, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to educational, literary, and scientific advancement in the field of technology law, is proud to announce its first Technology Law Writing Competition. Top three winning submissions will receive \$5,000, \$1,000, \$500. For more information, please visit [www.it-lex.org/writing-contest](http://www.it-lex.org/writing-contest). Deadline to apply is **May 1, 2013**.

**National Association of Women Lawyers** is seeking entries for its 2012-13 Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law. Cash prize of \$500 will be awarded for first-place essay. Entries must be received by **May 1, 2013**. Writing guidelines may be found at <http://nawl.timberlakepublishing.com/files/2013National%20Association%20of%20Women%20Lawyers%20Selma%20Moidel.pdf>.

The Women Trial Lawyers Caucus of the **American Association for Justice** (AAJ) announces the 2013 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. 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>. Application deadline is **May 1, 2013**.

**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 5:00 p.m. EDST, **May 15, 2013**. Rules may be found at <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/products/Writing%20Competition.aspx>.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the 2013 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. Entries must be received by **May 31, 2013**. For more information on this writing completion, please visit the ILSTexas website at <http://www.ilstexas.org/International%20website%20scripts%20-%20do%20not%20touch%20!!!/Student%20Outreach/2013/contest2013.pdf>

The **American College of Employee Benefits Counsel** is pleased to announce the Ninth Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. Papers must deal with employee benefit topics. Cash prizes will be awarded for up to two winning papers. Deadline is **June 1, 2013**. For competition rules please go to [www.acebc.com](http://www.acebc.com).

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Fifth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of “Comparing Hearsay Rules in Different Courts.” First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2013**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

**LexisNexis Matthew Bender** is pleased to announce the Fourteenth Annual James William Moore Federal Practice Award. The award is intended to recognize outstanding scholarship in federal and civil practice and procedure. Articles must be postmarked by **June 3, 2013**. Eligibility requirements can be found at <http://bit.ly/Moore-2013>.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition. Prizes include \$750 for the first-place winner, \$500 for the second-place winner and \$250 for the third-place winner. The competition rules and intent to enter form are available online at <http://www.law.uconn.edu/node/9541>. The deadline to enter is **June 3, 2013**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **June 4, 2013**.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce their twentieth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing*. The 2013 recipient of the Brown award will received \$10,000 for their winning paper. For contest guidelines and rules, please go to [www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm](http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm). Deadline for submission is **June 7, 2013**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The

American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2013 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, 2013**.

**NEW** - 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**.

**Criminal Justice Citizen Amicus Brief Project.** Prize: \$500 and possible publication in a future Criminal Justice Section periodical. For more information please visit: [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal\\_justice/citizen\\_amicus.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal_justice/citizen_amicus.html).

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## **FIESTA FAREWELL**

Class of 2013 – Almost Law Alumni

All students, faculty and staff are invited to Fiesta Farewell on **Monday, April 15, 2013** at 12:00 p.m. in the **Law School Plaza**. 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 appropriately. Pictures will be available for sale.

## **REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2013 and FALL 2013**

**All students** may change or register for Summer 2013 and Fall 2013 classes on **April 15** beginning at **8:00 a.m. through midnight April 20, 2013**. Registration for the winter intersession will take place in October of 2013. Please check to ensure there are no holds on your registration account. If there is a hold, contact the office that placed the hold. The Law School cannot remove holds. If there are any questions, please email Catherine Mery at [cmery@stmarytx.edu](mailto:cmery@stmarytx.edu).

## **TECHNOLOGY SURVEY**

We want to hear from you! The **Annual Student Technology Survey** provides St. Mary's University with insight into the technical needs of students. This is an opportunity for Law Students to give input as to what is working well, and what additional options are needed. Four participants will be randomly selected to **win a \$25 gift certificate** from the Bookstore. Please click or copy and paste the below link into your browser to take the survey.

[http://stmarys.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_1AZSTBxxyAr5aGV](http://stmarys.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1AZSTBxxyAr5aGV)

## **STUDENT LOCKERS**

Students, it is time to **renew** your rental locker agreement. Please stop by the Student Bar Association, room 106D in Raba to renew your agreement. If you will not be renewing your agreement, please **return your locker key no later Friday, May 10, 2013**. All lockers will be emptied on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Third year students who need their locker for bar purposes, please email [d\\_andreas01@yahoo.com](mailto:d_andreas01@yahoo.com) so that your locker items are not discarded.

## **COURSE ADVISING**

Are you wondering about what courses to take and how to structure your schedule this summer and fall? **Course advising** appointments with the Office of Academic and Student Affairs are now available. Please email [academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@stmarytx.edu) or come by **Raba 106** to make your appointment.



## **DONATE YOUR STUDY MATERIALS**

If you have study materials that you will not want after the end of this semester, please **consider donating** them to the **Office of Academic and Student Affairs**. Materials such as commercial outlines, commercial flashcards, CDs, and books such as Examples and Explanations or Nutshells will be accepted. All donations may be dropped off at the office, **Raba 106**. The students who will benefit from these materials in the future thank you for your generosity!

## **GRADUATION CORDS FOR PHI DELTA PHI**

**3L's:** Graduation cords are in! You can pick up graduation cords for \$10 (exact cash or check) with Yvonne Olfers. She has a list of those students eligible for cords.

**Potential New Initiates** - Phi Delta Phi is an invitation only honor's society. Invitations have gone out. Please check your St. Mary's email and campus mail box for a formal invitation. The invitation outlines the procedure for joining Phi Delta Phi. If you did not receive an invitation and believe you qualify, please check the PDP bulletin board in the Law Classroom Building for instruction on how to verify your qualification. Questions? Please email [stmarypdp@gmail.com](mailto:stmarypdp@gmail.com).

## **MIXER WITH ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY**

The Catholic Lawyers' Guild of San Antonio invites interested students to a mixer with the St. Thomas More Legal Society on **Wednesday, April 17, 2013, 6:00 p.m.** at **Mama Margie's Mexican Café** on IH-10 & Wurzbach Road. Please RSVP to Monica Trollinger at: [monica.trollinger@swri.org](mailto:monica.trollinger@swri.org).

## **USHERS NEEDED FOR CLASS OF 2013 GRADUATION CEREMONY**

Please volunteer to be an usher at the **law school graduation on Saturday, May 18, 2013** located in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center. Ushers will be invited to attend the graduation reception at the St. Anthony Hotel immediately following graduation. Please e-mail [StephMay17@gmail.com](mailto:StephMay17@gmail.com) for more information.

## **ORIENTATION LEADERS NEEDED FOR 1L ORIENTATION**

Help welcome the new Class of 2016 to St. Mary's! Volunteer to be an Orientation Leader this August during 1L Orientation. Please e-mail [StephMay17@gmail.com](mailto:StephMay17@gmail.com) for more information.

## **BAR SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS**

Students who are taking the Texas Bar in February 2014 and who want to take the Bar Skills Preparation Class should contact Professor Tullos at [ktullos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ktullos@stmarytx.edu) for information on enrollment.

## INNSBRUCK DEADLINES

May 1 is the deadline to register for Innsbruck courses and pay the \$100 registration fee, which is credited toward tuition. It's not too late to apply.

May 1 is also the deadline to apply for the Emiliano Infante Segrera Scholarship, which will be awarded to one or more Innsbruck students. A description of the scholarship appears on the Innsbruck web page under "Tuition." See Professor Reamey for details.

## 2013 COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Please visit <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/pdf/EventSheet2013.pdf> for a complete schedule of activities and events leading to 2013 law school commencement.

## MILITARY LAW ASSOCIATION TO HOST SPEAKER

On **Tuesday, April 16, at 12:00 p.m. in the Atrium**, the Military Law Association will host CPT. Mabis from the Office of the Chief of Military Justice to speak on "The Military Justice System and A JAG's Role When Deployed." Please mark your calendar to attend. Seating is on a first come first served basis.

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The Board of Advocates and Phi Delta Phi invite you to join us on **Tuesday, April 16** from **12:00 – 1:00 p.m.** in the **Alumni Room** for a presentation on the practical ways to deal with uncivil conduct by opposing counsel, clients, and yes—even judges. The presentation will be given by **Justice Patricia Alvarez** of the 4<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals and **Lamont Jefferson**, Vice President of the American Board of Trial Advocates, San Antonio Chapter. Lunch will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

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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. Deadline for submission is **Friday, April 19, 2013.** Applications can be found on the ProBono TWEN page under Scholarships or you can contact RA Julia Null at [stmarysprobono@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysprobono@gmail.com) for more information.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ID RECOVERY PROGRAM**

St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice is looking for **volunteers** to assist with the **ID Recovery Program** at Haven for Hope, San Antonio's largest homeless shelter. Obtaining an ID is particularly important to the homeless population as a picture ID is required to gain employment, housing, public benefits, cash a check, and the like. Lack of valid identification continues to be a large barrier to people experiencing homelessness.

Volunteers will work with current **student attorneys** and **supervising attorneys** at an office in Prospects Courtyard (PCY), Haven for Hope on Friday afternoons (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.) and the last two (2) Saturdays of each month (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) After a brief training and interview shadowing, volunteers will begin conducting interviews with clients on their own to determine what documentation is necessary to obtain a Texas State Identification Card. In addition to interview experience, volunteers will benefit from interacting with persons from a variety of backgrounds including persons experiencing homelessness, social workers, case managers, law student attorneys, and supervising attorneys. This is a great opportunity to earn pro bono hours, so please bring your pro bono tracking sheets for us to fill out.

If you are interested in volunteering and can commit to at least three (3) separate days please contact Jessica Sprague ([jsprague@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jsprague@stmarytx.edu)) or Trey Cammack at [tcammack3@yahoo.com](mailto:tcammack3@yahoo.com) for training, directions, and schedule.

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The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual **Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers Convention** will be held in San Antonio on May 31 - June 2, 2013. Law students, who are affected by substance abuse issues, mental health challenges, or both, can receive a scholarship to attend this convention, which offers information sessions, networking, and six hours of ethics CLE credit. Interested students should contact the Texas Lawyers Assistance Project (TLAP) at 1.800.343.8527. Information shared with TLAP is confidential. For more information, contact the Office of Academic and Student Affairs at 210.436.3541.

## **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

#### **Other Benefits**

- All members receive the *Austin Lawyer*, a monthly newsletter

#### **The Bottom Line**

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).

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- comprehensive material for **legal, finance, business, and news** research
- **federal dockets and filings**, including all material found in **PACER**
- **case law** and **statutes** similar to Westlaw and Lexis Nexis
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### Why use Bloomberg Law?

- You can use it **over the summer**.
- You can use it **doing paid work** for a private employer.
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### How to register your Bloomberg Law account:

1. Go to **<http://bloomberglaw.com/activate>**.
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3. Click "Submit."
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## NEW LIBRARY SERVICES FOR STUDENTS PHONE CHARGE STATION AND SHREDDERS

We are pleased to announce that the library has recently purchased **two paper shredders** and a **cell-phone charging station** for use by students. The charging station is mounted on the wall by the printers in the Computer Lab. The shredders can shred paper, CDs, and other similar items. One shredder is located in the copy room on the second floor, and the other is located in the first floor copy room next to the stairwell. Next time you have confidential papers to discard, please use the shredder for appropriate disposal. For comments or questions, email Robert Hu at [rhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhu@stmarytx.edu).

## TECHNOLOGY SURVEY

We want to hear from you! The **Annual Student Technology Survey** provides St. Mary's University with insight into the technical needs of students. This is an opportunity for Law Students to give input as to what is working well, and what additional options are needed. Four participants

will be randomly selected to **win a \$25 gift certificate** from the Bookstore. Please click or copy and paste the below link into your browser to take the survey.

[http://stmarys.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_1AZSTBxxyAr5aGV](http://stmarys.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1AZSTBxxyAr5aGV)

## **STUDENT LOCKERS**

Students, it is time to **renew** your rental locker agreement. Please stop by the Student Bar Association, room 106D in Raba to renew your agreement. If you will not be renewing your agreement, please **return your locker key no later Friday, May 10, 2013**. All lockers will be emptied on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Third year students who need their locker for bar purposes, please email [d\\_andreas01@yahoo.com](mailto:d_andreas01@yahoo.com) so that your locker items are not discarded.

## **DONATE YOUR STUDY MATERIALS**

If you have study materials that you will not want after the end of this semester, please **consider donating** them to the **Office of Academic and Student Affairs**. Materials such as commercial outlines, commercial flashcards, CDs, and books such as Examples and Explanations or Nutshells will be accepted. All donations may be dropped off at the office, **Raba 106**. The students who will benefit from these materials in the future thank you for your generosity!

## **GRADUATION CORDS FOR PHI DELTA PHI**

**3L's:** Graduation cords are in! You can pick up graduation cords for \$10 (exact cash or check) with Yvonne Olfers. She has a list of those students eligible for cords.

**Potential New Initiates** - Phi Delta Phi is an invitation only honor's society. Invitations have gone out. Please check your St. Mary's email and campus mail box for a formal invitation. The invitation outlines the procedure for joining Phi Delta Phi. If you did not receive an invitation and believe you qualify, please check the PDP bulletin board in the Law Classroom Building for instruction on how to verify your qualification. Questions? Please email [stmarypdp@gmail.com](mailto:stmarypdp@gmail.com).

## **USHERS NEEDED FOR CLASS OF 2013 GRADUATION CEREMONY**

Please volunteer to be an usher at the **law school graduation on Saturday, May 18, 2013** located in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center. Ushers will be invited to attend the graduation reception at the St. Anthony Hotel immediately following graduation. Please e-mail [StephMay17@gmail.com](mailto:StephMay17@gmail.com) for more information.

## **ORIENTATION LEADERS NEEDED FOR 1L ORIENTATION**

Help welcome the new Class of 2016 to St. Mary's! Volunteer to be an Orientation Leader this August during 1L Orientation. Please e-mail [StephMay17@gmail.com](mailto:StephMay17@gmail.com) for more information.

## BAR SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS

Students who are taking the Texas Bar in February 2014 and who want to take the Bar Skills Preparation Class should contact Professor Tullos at [ktullos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ktullos@stmarytx.edu) for information on enrollment.

## INNSBRUCK DEADLINES

**May 1 is the deadline** to register for Innsbruck courses and pay the \$100 registration fee, which is credited toward tuition. It's not too late to apply.

**May 1 is also the deadline** to apply for the Emiliano Infante Segrera Scholarship, which will be awarded to one or more Innsbruck students. A description of the scholarship appears on the Innsbruck web page under "Tuition." See Professor Reamey for details.

## 2013 COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Please visit <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/pdf/EventSheet2013.pdf> for a complete schedule of activities and events leading to 2013 law school commencement.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ID RECOVERY PROGRAM

St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice is looking for **volunteers** to assist with the **ID Recovery Program** at Haven for Hope, San Antonio's largest homeless shelter. Obtaining an ID is particularly important to the homeless population as a picture ID is required to gain employment, housing, public benefits, cash a check, and the like. Lack of valid identification continues to be a large barrier to people experiencing homelessness.

Volunteers will work with current **student attorneys** and **supervising attorneys** at an office in Prospects Courtyard (PCY), Haven for Hope on Friday afternoons (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.) and the last two (2) Saturdays of each month (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) After a brief training and interview shadowing, volunteers will begin conducting interviews with clients on their own to determine what documentation is necessary to obtain a Texas State Identification Card. In addition to interview experience, volunteers will benefit from interacting with persons from a variety of backgrounds including persons experiencing homelessness, social workers, case managers, law student attorneys, and supervising attorneys. This is a great opportunity to earn pro bono hours, so please bring your pro bono tracking sheets for us to fill out.

If you are interested in volunteering and can commit to at least three (3) separate days please contact Jessica Sprague ([jsprague@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jsprague@stmarytx.edu)) or Trey Cammack at [tcammack3@yahoo.com](mailto:tcammack3@yahoo.com) for training, directions, and schedule.

## TEXAS LAWYERS CONCERNED FOR LAWYERS CONVENTION

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual **Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers Convention** will be held in San Antonio on May 31 - June 2, 2013. Law students, who are affected by substance abuse issues, mental health challenges, or both, can receive a scholarship to attend this convention, which offers information sessions, networking, and six hours of ethics CLE credit. Interested students should contact the Texas Lawyers Assistance Project (TLAP) at 1.800.343.8527. Information shared with TLAP is confidential. For more information, contact the Office of Academic and Student Affairs at 210.436.3541.

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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
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### **Other Benefits**

- All members receive the *Austin Lawyer*, a monthly newsletter

### **The Bottom Line**

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).

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Couldn't make it to the Clinic Information Sessions but still want to apply to the **Clinical Education Programs**? Check out our TWEN page "Clinic Applicants for Summer/Fall/Spring 2013-2014" For questions, please call Marisa Santos at 210.431.5703 or email [msantos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:msantos@stmarytx.edu). **Applications are now being considered on a rolling basis.** For more information on the clinical programs please visit the Center for Legal and Social Justice Clinic website at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=centerForLegalAndSocialJustice>.

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Bible study classes with Professor Addicott are ongoing this semester. The Bible study classes are non-denominational and expository in nature. Instruction is based on the original languages of Scripture, on a line-by-line basis in the context of historical reality and categorical doctrines. Professor Addicott was trained for 30 years under the direct ministry of R. B. Thieme, Jr. (1918-2009). Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law for details.

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## **BARRISTER'S BALL 2013**

The 2013 Barrister's Ball **was a great success** and a wonderful time was had by everyone who attended. Congratulations to the winners and for those who missed the Ball, awards will be placed in the student boxes. On behalf of the Board of Advocates, **thank you** to everyone who attended and helped make the 2013 Barrister's Ball a success.

### **ST. MARY'S BOARD OF ADVOCATES JIMI DERRICK MOOT COURT COMPETITION RESULTS**

The family of **Jimi Derrick** established a **memorial competition** as a tribute to their son who was a second year law student at St. Mary's School of Law who passed away in 2002.

On Saturday April 13, 2013 **eighteen individuals competed** and debated whether the Constitution's Double Jeopardy Clause is violated when a trial court sua sponte vacates a guilty plea and forced the defendant to stand trial.

The final round judges included the Honorable Judge Jason Pulliam, Judge Michael Mery, and Judge Xavier Rodriguez presiding.

The winner was **Rachel Felderhoff Jordan** a 3L, against finalist and 1L **Hannah Cottrill**. Best 2L advocate was **Courtney Miller**.

On behalf of the Board of Advocates **congratulations to the winners** and a big **thank you to all the competitors, judges and bailiffs** for helping to make this competition a success. A special thanks to the family of Jimi Derrick for making this competition possible and their loyal commitment to the advancement of advocacy at St. Mary's.

### **BOARD OF ADVOCATES**

#### **New Inductees**

The Board of Advocates would like to congratulate the newest inductees into the Order of the Barristers:

Hallye Elizabeth Casey  
Juan Castro  
J. Dean Craig  
Amanda C. Finn  
Nick Guinn  
Andrew E. Jones IV  
Rachel Marie Felderhoff Jordan  
Charles Ocampo  
Jason Alan Rogers  
Meagan T. Scott

The Board is also proud to welcome their new members for the 2013-2014 school year:

Chandler Bowen  
Brandon Cook  
Meagan Enriquez  
Kate Ferrell  
Bianca Frisaura  
Omar Gomez  
Christina Ivy  
Mauricio Martinez  
Kimberly Meyer  
Charles Peters  
Landry Redding

### **INNSBRUCK DEADLINES**

**May 1 is the deadline** to register for Innsbruck courses and pay the \$100 registration fee, which is credited toward tuition. It's not too late to apply.

**May 1 is also the deadline** to apply for the Emiliano Infante Segrera Scholarship, which will be awarded to one or more Innsbruck students. A description of the scholarship appears on the Innsbruck web page under "Tuition." See Professor Reamey for details.

### **MASS FOR BLESSING OF LAW GRADUATES**

The regularly scheduled **11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at Assumption Chapel** will include a blessing of Law School Graduates. Several of the liturgical ministers for Mass that morning will include graduating 3Ls. Please join us in praying for our graduates as they begin Bar preparation and continue pursuing future careers. Open to all students, faculty and staff.

### **LEGAL RESEARCH ACCOUNTS FOR SUMMER: BLOOMBERG LAW**

The School of Law recently received access to Bloomberg Law. This is a new database launched by Bloomberg which will compete with Westlaw and Lexis Nexis as a **high end legal research tool**. It includes:

- comprehensive material for **legal, finance, business, and news** research
- **federal dockets and filings**, including all material found in **PACER**
- **case law** and **statutes** similar to Westlaw and Lexis Nexis
- ability to update case law research with BCite, similar to Shepard's or Key Cite

#### **Why use Bloomberg Law?**

- You can use it **over the summer**.
- You can use it **doing paid work** for a private employer.

- New grads can use Bloomberg Law for **6 months after graduation**.

### **How to register your Bloomberg Law account:**

1. Go to **<http://bloomberglaw.com/activate>**.
2. Fill out the required information. Leave activation code blank. You do **not** need an activation code. You must use your St. Mary's email address ending in stmarytx.edu or @mail.stmarytx.edu. (For what law school you attend, select "St. Mary's University School of Law" from the drop down menu.)
3. Click "Submit."
4. Check your email account for the confirmation email from Bloomberg. Click the link in that email. If you do not receive a user account within 3 days, then contact Electronic Services Librarian, Wilhelmina Randtke (wrandtke@stmarytx.edu; 210.436.3512) for assistance.

### **NEW LIBRARY SERVICES FOR STUDENTS PHONE CHARGE STATION AND SHREDDERS**

We are pleased to announce that the library has recently purchased **two paper shredders** and a **cell-phone charging station** for use by students. The charging station is mounted on the wall by the printers in the Computer Lab. The shredders can shred paper, CDs, and other similar items. One shredder is located in the copy room on the second floor, and the other is located in the first floor copy room next to the stairwell. Next time you have confidential papers to discard, please use the shredder for appropriate disposal. For comments or questions, email Robert Hu at [rhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhu@stmarytx.edu).

### **TECHNOLOGY SURVEY**

We want to hear from you! The **Annual Student Technology Survey** provides St. Mary's University with insight into the technical needs of students. This is an opportunity for Law Students to give input as to what is working well, and what additional options are needed. Four participants will be randomly selected to **win a \$25 gift certificate** from the Bookstore. Please click or copy and paste the below link into your browser to take the survey.

[http://stmarys.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_1AZSTBxsyAr5aGV](http://stmarys.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1AZSTBxsyAr5aGV)

### **STUDENT LOCKERS**

Students, it is time to **renew** your rental locker agreement. Please stop by the Student Bar Association, room 106D in Raba to renew your agreement. If you will not be renewing your agreement, please **return your locker key no later Friday, May 10, 2013**. All lockers will be emptied on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Third year students who need their locker for bar purposes, please email [d\\_andreas01@yahoo.com](mailto:d_andreas01@yahoo.com) so that your locker items are not discarded.

## **DONATE YOUR STUDY MATERIALS**

If you have study materials that you will not want after the end of this semester, please **consider donating** them to the **Office of Academic and Student Affairs**. Materials such as commercial outlines, commercial flashcards, CDs, and books such as Examples and Explanations or Nutshells will be accepted. All donations may be dropped off at the office, **Raba 106**. The students who will benefit from these materials in the future thank you for your generosity!

## **GRADUATION CORDS FOR PHI DELTA PHI**

**3L's:** Graduation cords are in! You can pick up graduation cords for \$10 (exact cash or check) with Yvonne Olfers. She has a list of those students eligible for cords.

**Potential New Initiates** - Phi Delta Phi is an invitation only honor's society. Invitations have gone out. Please check your St. Mary's email and campus mail box for a formal invitation. The invitation outlines the procedure for joining Phi Delta Phi. If you did not receive an invitation and believe you qualify, please check the PDP bulletin board in the Law Classroom Building for instruction on how to verify your qualification. Questions? Please email [stmarypdp@gmail.com](mailto:stmarypdp@gmail.com).

## **USHERS NEEDED FOR CLASS OF 2013 GRADUATION CEREMONY**

Please volunteer to be an usher at the **law school graduation on Saturday, May 18, 2013** located in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center. Ushers will be invited to attend the graduation reception at the St. Anthony Hotel immediately following graduation. Please e-mail [StephMay17@gmail.com](mailto:StephMay17@gmail.com) for more information.

## **ORIENTATION LEADERS NEEDED FOR 1L ORIENTATION**

Help welcome the new Class of 2016 to St. Mary's! Volunteer to be an Orientation Leader this August during 1L Orientation. Please e-mail [StephMay17@gmail.com](mailto:StephMay17@gmail.com) for more information.

## **BAR SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS**

Students who are taking the Texas Bar in February 2014 and who want to take the Bar Skills Preparation Class should contact Professor Tullos at [ktullos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:ktullos@stmarytx.edu) for information on enrollment.

## **2013 COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION**

Please visit <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/pdf/EventSheet2013.pdf> for a complete schedule of activities and events leading to 2013 law school commencement.



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ID RECOVERY PROGRAM**

St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice is looking for **volunteers** to assist with the **ID Recovery Program** at Haven for Hope, San Antonio's largest homeless shelter. Obtaining an ID is particularly important to the homeless population as a picture ID is required to gain employment, housing, public benefits, cash a check, and the like. Lack of valid identification continues to be a large barrier to people experiencing homelessness.

Volunteers will work with current **student attorneys** and **supervising attorneys** at an office in Prospects Courtyard (PCY), Haven for Hope on Friday afternoons (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.) and the last two (2) Saturdays of each month (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) After a brief training and interview shadowing, volunteers will begin conducting interviews with clients on their own to determine what documentation is necessary to obtain a Texas State Identification Card. In addition to interview experience, volunteers will benefit from interacting with persons from a variety of backgrounds including persons experiencing homelessness, social workers, case managers, law student attorneys, and supervising attorneys. This is a great opportunity to earn pro bono hours, so please bring your pro bono tracking sheets for us to fill out.

If you are interested in volunteering and can commit to at least three (3) separate days please contact Jessica Sprague ([jsprague@stmarytx.edu](mailto:jsprague@stmarytx.edu)) or Trey Cammack at [tcammack3@yahoo.com](mailto:tcammack3@yahoo.com) for training, directions, and schedule.

## **TEXAS LAWYERS CONCERNED FOR LAWYERS CONVENTION**

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual **Texas Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers Convention** will be held in San Antonio on May 31 - June 2, 2013. Law students, who are affected by substance abuse issues, mental health challenges, or both, can receive a scholarship to attend this convention, which offers information sessions, networking, and six hours of ethics CLE credit. Interested students should contact the Texas Lawyers Assistance Project (TLAP) at 1.800.343.8527. Information shared with TLAP is confidential. For more information, contact the Office of Academic and Student Affairs at 210.436.3541.

## **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

#### **Other Benefits**

- All members receive the *Austin Lawyer*, a monthly newsletter

#### **The Bottom Line**

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).

### **CLINIC APPLICANTS FOR SUMMER/FALL/SPRING 2013-14**

Couldn't make it to the Clinic Information Sessions but still want to apply to the **Clinical Education Programs**? Check out our TWEN page "Clinic Applicants for Summer/Fall/Spring 2013-2014" For questions, please call Marisa Santos at 210.431.5703 or email [msantos@stmarytx.edu](mailto:msantos@stmarytx.edu). **Applications are now being considered on a rolling basis.** For more information on the clinical programs please visit the Center for Legal and Social Justice Clinic website at <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/index.php?site=centerForLegalAndSocialJustice>.

### **JOIN THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

The **American Bar Association** can help you meet the challenges of law school and also prepare you 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).

### **BIBLE STUDY CLASSES**

Bible study classes with Professor Addicott are ongoing this semester. The Bible study classes are non-denominational and expository in nature. Instruction is based on the original languages of Scripture, on a line-by-line basis in the context of historical reality and categorical doctrines. Professor Addicott was trained for 30 years under the direct ministry of R. B. Thieme, Jr. (1918-2009). Stop by the Center for Terrorism Law for details.

### **NOISE LEVEL**

If you are in the Law Classroom Building or in Raba while classes are in session, please be considerate of the students who are in class and **keep the noise level in the hall to a minimum.** Your fellow students thank you!

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

**Work Order requests for event set-ups** for student organizations 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, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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

**The 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 5:00 p.m. EDST, **May 15, 2013**. Rules may be found at <http://www.laborandemploymentcollege.org/products/Writing%20Competition.aspx>.

The **International Law Section of the State Bar of Texas** is sponsoring the 2013 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. Entries must be received by **May 31, 2013**. For more information on this writing completion, please visit the ILSTexas website at <http://www.ilstexas.org/International%20website%20scripts%20-%20do%20not%20touch%20!!!/Student%20Outreach/2013/contest2013.pdf>

The **American College of Employee Benefits Counsel** is pleased to announce the Ninth Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition. Papers must deal with employee benefit topics. Cash prizes will be awarded for up to two winning papers. Deadline is **June 1, 2013**. For competition rules please go to [www.acebc.com](http://www.acebc.com).

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** announces its Twenty-Fifth Annual Law Student Essay Competition. Essays submitted must be under the category of "Comparing Hearsay Rules in Different Courts." First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,500, and third prize is \$1,000. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2013**. For more information, please see <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>.

**LexisNexis Matthew Bender** is pleased to announce the Fourteenth Annual James William Moore Federal Practice Award. The award is intended to recognize outstanding scholarship in federal and civil practice and procedure. Articles must be postmarked by **June 3, 2013**. Eligibility requirements can be found at <http://bit.ly/Moore-2013>.

The **University of Connecticut Law School** announces their legal writing competition. Prizes include \$750 for the first-place winner, \$500 for the second-place winner and \$250 for the third-place winner. The competition rules and intent to enter form are available online at <http://www.law.uconn.edu/node/9541>. The deadline to enter is **June 3, 2013**.

Applications are now being accepted for the Sovereignty Symposium XXVI **Ed Edmondson Scholarship**. One-hundred (100) Symposium tuition only scholarships are being offered. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship in a simple letter of application. For further information please contact Julie Rorie at (405) 556-9371 or email [julie.rorie@oscn.net](mailto:julie.rorie@oscn.net). Deadline to apply is **June 4, 2013**.

The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** is pleased to announce their twentieth annual *Brown Award* to recognize *Excellence in Legal Writing*. The 2013 recipient of the Brown award will receive \$10,000 for their winning paper. For contest guidelines and rules, please go to [www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm](http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm). Deadline for submission is **June 7, 2013**.

**The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship** and The American College of Tax Counsel are pleased to announce the 2013 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, 2013**.

The **Committee on Animals and the Law** of the **New York State Bar Association** announce the Fifth Annual Student Writing Competition. Articles in any area of animal law are being accepted. The first place winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and second place will receive \$500 scholarship. Deadline to enter is **July 1, 2013**. For rules please visit [http://www.nysba.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Student\\_Writing\\_Competition](http://www.nysba.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Student_Writing_Competition).

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**.

**NEW** - 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**.